

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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MEMORANDUM FOR: DR. KISSINGER

FROM: ARNOLD NACHMANOFF *AN*

SUBJECT: Your Meeting with Brazilian President Medici
Wednesday, December 8 - 5:15 pm, Blair House

You are scheduled to call upon President Medici for a chat at Blair House on Wednesday, December 8, at 5:15 pm. I will accompany you. Foreign Minister Gibson and Ambassador Castro probably also will be present. One of them will probably interpret.

I have had several reports from the Brazilians that President Medici was extremely pleased with his meeting with the President. General Walters' notes on the meeting between the two Presidents are at Tab A. (I will convert them into appropriate memcons.) As you will see, the discussion focussed largely on relations with Brazil and the Brazilian military, and hemispheric problems. The President only touched briefly on global matters, and there was virtually no discussion of bilateral problems.

During the meeting in the Cabinet Room this morning, Secretary Rogers provided a lengthy description of the India-Pakistan situation and the steps we have taken with respect to the conflict. He dealt less fully with Vietnam, and noted the growing conflict in the UN between the Soviets and Communist China. He also discussed the new economic program, implying that the surcharge would be lifted for Latin America one way or another before long. After Foreign Minister Gibson noted that Brazil would continue to take a hard line on Cuba, Secretary Rogers reaffirmed our position against any change in the OAS sanctions against Cuba.

Our briefing paper for the President is attached at Tab B for your background information. Following are some suggested Talking Points for your discussion with President Medici.

Your main purpose in meeting with Medici should be to:

- give recognition to Brazil's aspirations for major power status; and
- reiterate the importance we place on the maintenance and strengthening of our traditionally close relations with Brazil.

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As openers, you may want to refer to your visit to Brazil and note that you know from firsthand experience what an impressive country Brazil is.

In your conversation with Medici, you will want to concentrate primarily on global policy. President Medici will be particularly interested in hearing your impressions from your recent trips to China and your personal perspective on the upcoming Presidential trips to China and the USSR and their significance to the world situation. He will want to discuss further with you Brazil's potential role in our general international strategy and within the world community. Medici will also again emphasize the need for establishing a means for future consultation and coordination of U. S. and Brazilian policies.

You will want to:

- agree that Brazil can play an important role in the world community;
- agree on the need for continuing consultations on matters of mutual interest;
- stress the need for coordination in particular on hemispheric problems. You may also wish to note that Brazil can play a useful role in the Hemisphere in furtherance of our mutual interests.
- emphasize that, with regard to our bilateral problems, we must make a concerted effort to see that we do not allow our differences (e. g., on the 200-mile limit, trade matters) to interfere with the maintenance of our close overall relationship, which is of utmost political importance.

You may also wish to ask Medici to expand upon his comments to the President on the hemispheric situation, particularly with regard to Cuba, Chile and Uruguay.

You should also note that you have seen the draft press statement worked out with President Medici's staff, and that it does not present any problems from our point of view. You assume the two Presidents will want to discuss and agree on the statement at Thursday's meeting. (Statement at Tab C)

Attachments:

- Tab A -- Gen. Walters' notes (EYES ONLY) --no copy made
- Tab B -- cc Briefing Paper for President (Log #35373)
- Tab C -- Draft Statement on Talks

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Draft Statement on Talks

The visit of President Medici to Washington provided an excellent opportunity for conversations in depth between the heads of state of two of the largest and most populous nations of the western hemisphere. Talks between President Medici and President Nixon were conducted in an atmosphere of warm friendship, and both agreed that recent world developments made their frank exchanges most timely and mutually profitable.

Their discussions covering the broad aspects of the international situation were particularly significant and timely in the light of President Nixon's upcoming meetings with other world leaders. There was a coincidence of evaluations and views on many of the issues of world significance affecting as they do the interests of both nations. They reviewed actions taken and contemplated to bring greater order to the international monetary system

to further international trade and development.

The two Presidents consulted closely on important hemispheric issues, recognizing the need for continuing and intensified cooperation among the nations of the region with respect to economic and social development, as well as their common security interests. They agreed that the primary goal of an era of peace and prosperity for the region can be achieved only by cooperation, which in turn must be founded on the principles of freedom and self-determination. Recognizing the imperative of social and economic progress, they fully appreciate the need for continued vigilance by all nations against external subversion and intervention.

The Presidents extensively reviewed relations between the United States and Brazil. Bilateral relationships, embracing all facets including common security interests and political, economic military, scientific, and cultural matters, were discussed in the spirit of the traditionally close and friendly ties between the two countries. The meetings provided an excellent basis for continued and intensified cooperation between the two nations over a wide range of matters which both Presidents consider of primary importance.

The two Presidents also discussed the impressive economic progress made by Brazil under the leadership of President Medici -- progress which has marked Brazil as one of the most rapidly developing nations of the world.

The conversations were particularly marked by the two Presidents' mutual grasp and understanding of problems and issues facing both nations. Their talks provided not only an opportunity for a review of past and present relations, but, importantly, established a firm basis for continuing consultations in the future on world, hemispheric and bilateral problems of mutual concern.