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**Telegram from the Consul of the US in Sao Paulo to
the Department of State, 'Brazilian Centrifuge
Program'**

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Summary:

Information about the classified Brazilian centrifuge program.

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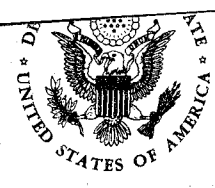
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SUBJECT: BRAZILIAN CENTRIFUGE PROGRAM

1. DURING VISIT INSTITUTO PESQUISAS TECNOLOGICAS MAY 16
SCIATT OBTAINED FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON BRAZILIAN CENTRIFUGE
PROGRAM:

- A. THREE BRAZILIAN CENTRIFUGES ARE LOCATED AT IPT AND HAVE RPTHAVE BEEN USED TO PRODUCE RESEARCH QUANTITIES URANIUM ENRICHED TO AT LEAST ONE PERCENT.
- B. BRAZILIAN CENTRIFUGE PROGRAM IS QUOTE CLASSIFIED UNQUOTE IN BRAZIL AND IS CONSIDERED SECRET PROGRAM WITH NATIONAL SECURITY IMPLICATIONS. THIS STATUS WAS REPORTEDLY ACCORDED PROGRAM SHORTLY AFTER BRAZILIANS LEARNED ORIGINAL US-DUTCH-GERMAN CLASSIFICATION CENTRIFUGE WORK.
- 2. CENTRIFUGES HAVE BEEN MODIFIED ONCE AND ARE NOW UNDER-GOING FURTHER MODIFICATIONS. DETAILS WITHHELD FROM SCIATT DURING VISIT BUT LAYOUT EQUIPMENT AND NATURE OF WORK VISIBLE WOULD SEEM INDICATE CURRENT MODIFICATIONS CONCENTRATING ON BEARINGS. IN ADJOINING LABORATORY NOTED EVIDENCE WORK HAD BEEN IN PROGRESS USING FIBRE GLASS.
- 3. IPT CURRENTLY HAS AT LEAST FOUR TECHNICIANS, TWO CHEMICAL ENGINEERS, AND ONE MECHANICAL ENGINEER WORKING ON PROJECT.

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4. IPT SCHEDULE BEGIN SHORTLY PROJECT DESIGN STUDY FOR CASCADE TO BE BUILT IN LOCATION NOT YET SELECTED. VICE DIRECTOR INSTITUTO INDICATED THEY HAD RECOMMENDED BELO HORIZONTE AS SITE.

5. IPT CLAIMS HAVE CAPABILITY BUILD ADDITIONAL MODIFIED MACHINES ON SITE WITH ALL BRAZILIAN PARTS. BOND

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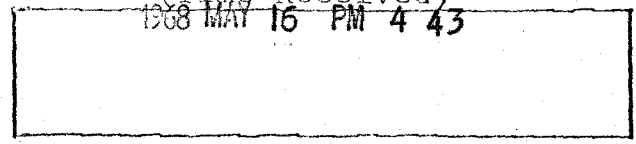
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