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1. IN THE COURSE OF MY CALL IN SAO PAULO ON VICE ADMIRAL SYLVIA FIGUEIREDO, CONSIXNAVDIS, LATTER SPOKE AT LENGTH AND ALMOST EMOTIONALLY IN SUPPORT OF US-BRAZILIAN COOPERATION IN NAVAL AND OTHER MILITARY FIELDS. EMPHASIZING DIVIDENDS WHICH THIS HAS PAID IN PAST, HE GAVE EXTENSIVE SURVEY CURRENT DANGEROUS POTENTIALITIES IN LATIN AMERICA, INCLUDING ANDEAN STATES AND URUGUAY (CONCERNING WHICH HE AND OTHER BRAZILIAN MILITARY ARE DEEPLY CONCERNED), WHICH MIGHT GIVE RISE TO DESIRABILITY COOPERATION IN FUTURE.

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2. SPEAKING OF CHILE, ADMIRAL MENTIONED THAT CHILEAN NAVY, WHILE PROFESSIONALLY EXCEPTIONALLY COMPETENT, HAD BEEN SOFTENED UP TO DEGREE IT DID NOT OR COULD NOT TAKE EFFECTIVE ACTION TO PREVENT ALLENDIZATION OF CHILE. HE SAID THERE WERE STILL NUMEROUS CHILEAN NAVAL OFFICERS WHO WERE AGAINST THE PRESENT SITUATION AND SOME WERE IN TOUCH WITH BRAZILIAN NAVY. THEY RECENTLY TOLD BRAZILIANS THAT SOME FIFTY SOVIETS HAD ALREADY ESTABLISHED THEMSELVES ON EASTER ISLAND. SINCE I HAD NOT HEARD THIS REPORT FROM OTHER SOURCES, AND ADMIRAL SEEMED QUITE V POSITIVE REGARDING VALIDITY OF HIS INFORMATION, I AM TRANSMITTING TI FOR INFORMATION ADDRESSEES. GP-3
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