

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 29, 1974

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT'S FILE

FROM: Brent Scowcroft

SUBJECT: Meeting with Minister of Foreign Affairs of Brazil, Antonio Francisco Azeredo da Silveira, on Sunday, September 29, 1974, 9:45 a.m. in the Oval Office.

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Minister of Foreign Affairs Antonio Francisco Azeredo da Silveira, Brazil
Secretary Kissinger
Brazilian Ambassador Joao Augusto de Araujo Castro
Lt. Gen. Brent Scowcroft

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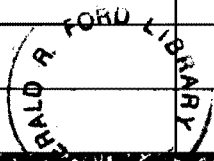
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Lieutenant General Brent Scowcroft

The first part of the meeting was an exchange of information about Brazil, in which the high professional quality of Brazil's military forces and foreign service was noted. Foreign Minister Silveira said he hoped that President Ford would come to Brazil some day, and the President said he would like to see more of Latin America, including Brazil. The President spoke highly of Brazil's development program and control of inflation.

There was an exchange of comments about the situation in the Middle East, in which both sides noted their efforts to impress upon the Arabs the importance of a responsible position.

The discussion turned to Cuba. Castro's recent strongly anti-United States speech was noted. Both sides noted that Castro's behavior could affect their vote at the Quito Rio Pact meeting. The Foreign Minister and the President said that a suspension of OAS sanctions would not automatically entail a lifting of each country's own embargo on Cuban contacts. Both expressed the concern about appearing to yield to Cuba.

President Ford agreed to mention in the public statement following the meeting how impressed he was with Brazil's economic progress.

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NSC MEMO, 11/24/88, STATE DEPT. GUIDELINES *state review 3/9/04*
BY *lha*, NARA, DATE *5/5/04*

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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ATTACHMENT

October 29, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Mr. George S. Springsteen
Executive Secretary
Department of State

SUBJECT: Summary Memcon of President's Meeting
with Brazilian Foreign Minister, September 29

Attached for your information is a summary memorandum of the President's
September 29 conversation with Foreign Minister Silveira.


Jeanne M. Davis
Staff Secretary

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Maybe you can sign off for Brent
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ACTION
October 15, 1974

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MEMORANDUM FOR: GENERAL SCOWCROFT
FROM: STEPHEN LOW *se*
SUBJECT: Memcon -- President Ford's Meeting with
Brazilian Foreign Minister Silveira on
September 29

1. Attached at Tab A for initialing for the President's Files is a retyped version of the President's meeting with Foreign Minister Silveira.
2. Attached at Tab B is a "summary" version of the meeting which our Embassy and State have asked for. If you approve, we will arrange to have it forwarded to them.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That you initial the Memorandum for the President's Files at Tab A.
2. That you approve our forwarding the Summary Memorandum at Tab B to State and our Embassy.

Approve *se* Disapprove _____



Attachments:

- Tab A -- Memcon for President's Files
- Tab B -- Summary memo (for State & Embassy)

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Dr. Henry A. Kissinger, Secretary of State and
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