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TO IMMEDIATE BRASILIA

TELEGRAM NUMBER 179 OF 9 JUNE,

INFO PRIORITY UKMIS GENEVA AND MODUK (DS 11 AND SCPL)

MY TELNO 176: LIEUTENANT COMMANDER ASTIZ

- 1. IN THE EVENT THE BRAZILIANS WERE UNABLE TO ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR ASTIZ DURING THE FLIGHT AND WE HAVE THEREFORE ARRANGED TO PUT HIM ON A BRITISH CALEDONIAN FLIGHT (BR 661) LEAVING AT 2100 HOURS TOMORROW AND ARRIVING AT RIO AT 0535 LOCAL. THE BRAZILIANS HAVE ACCEPTED RESPONSIBILITY FOR HIS CUSTODY AS SOON AS HE LANDS IN BRAZIL. SINCE THE PLANE STAGES THROUGH RECIFE WE HAVE ASKED THE BRAZILIAN EMBASSY TO ENSURE THAT HE DOES NOT DISEMBARK THERE, AND THAT APPROPRIATE RECEPTION ARRANGEMENTS ARE MADE AT RIO. THE BRAZILIAN EMBASSY HERE HAS ACCEPTED THESE ARRANGEMENTS, SUBJECT TO FIANL CONFIRMATION, BUT YOU MAY WISH TO CHECK WITH THE ITAMARATY (MINISTER SARDENBERG IN THE MINISTER'S OFFICE HAS BEEN DEALING WITH THE SUBJECT).
- 2. ASTIZ WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN UNARMED ESCORT, MAJOR PETER ANDREWS, WHO HAS BEEN WITH HIM SINCE ASCENSION. PLEASE ASK RIO TO MEET AND ACCOMMODATE HIM. ANDREWS WILL RETURN TO THE UK A DAY OR TWO LATER.
- 3. THE SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS STILL APPLY AND NO STATEMENT WILL BE MADE TO THE PRESS UNTIL THE PLANE HAS LEFT.

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