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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

DATE: April 28, 1970

SUBJECT: Fate of "Sergio"  
PARTICIPANTS: Miller N. Hudson, Jr., Scientific Attaché, Amembassy RIO  
University of Rio de Janeiro Student  
PLACE: Street corner near SCIATT's Residence  
REF: SCIATT MemCons of 2/28/70 & 4/8/70, Subjects: Alleged  
Torture by Government Officials & Recent Developments  
in Scientific Community

Tuesday evening I was called by a student from the University of Rio de Janeiro whom I have known for about two years and who hopes to go to the States soon to do his graduate work. (He has a Fellowship contingent on proving proficiency in English.) The student asked to meet with me immediately (he lives within about three blocks of my residence). Upon meeting with the student the first question he asked was "Have you been contacted by Sergio?" After responding "No" we engaged in about 20 or 30 minutes of conversation during which it developed that the student "knew" that Sergio had gone to <sup>the</sup> São Paulo area to work with "underground groups". When the news broke in the paper concerning the raid on the fazenda near São Paulo, the student became anxious concerning Sergio's fate. His inquiries with his own sources in Rio led him to believe that Sergio was probably either dead or imprisoned by the police, "permanently this time", unless perchance he had made contact with me. When I inquired why Sergio would contact me the student replied "you should know," he trusts you, Mr. Hudson.

The student was apparently convinced that if Sergio did not contact me in the immediate future that death or imprisonment was certain. The student, who has been a conservative supporter of the 1964 Revolution with his fellow classmates, was extremely agitated and threatened to join a terrorist group himself. Naturally I told him he would be "a fool to do so", and suggested he get his English in shape and get to work becoming an oceanographer. It is hard to evaluate what influence this advice may have on him.

Out of perhaps a total of a hundred science and engineering students in the original group to which this student belonged and with whom I had relatively frequent contact a year ago, the number of students who still contact me regularly has now been reduced to less than a dozen.

SCIATT: M. Hudson, Jr.: ael 4/30/70

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