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ON NOV. 11, ACCORDING TO THE PRESTIGIOUS "O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO", AN UNIDENTIFIED HIGH SOURCE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES AND ENERGY MADE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

"WE KNOW HOW TO RESIST ANY AND ALL US PRESSURES BECAUSE BRAZIL ALSO TRIED, IN A FRIENDLY WAY, TO REACH AN AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES. AT THE START OF 1974, BETWEEN

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JANUARY AND MARCH, WE TRIED TO EXPLAIN THAT THE US COULD

DO GOOD BUSINESS IF IT HELPED US IN OUR PROGRAM. IN OUR  
MINISTRY THE SUBJECT WAS TABOO FOR A PERIOD OF EIGHT MONTHS; IT  
REPRESENTED A FOCAL POINT OF TENSIONS, WITH THE GOVERNMENT  
FEARFUL THAT THE SUBJECT WOULD BE MADE PUBLIC. BUT THE  
AMERICANS WERE VERY TOUGH WITH US AND WE HAD TO LEAVE THEM  
ASIDE, DESPITE ALL THE THREATS AND REPRISALS WHICH UNHAPPILY  
RESULTED AND WILL RESULT UNTIL NO ONE KNOWS WHEN.

"OUR NUCLEAR PROGRAM WILL CONTINUE, AT LEAST TO THE  
EXTENT IT DEPENDS ON US, AGAINST ALL INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL  
PRESSURES. THE GERMANS KNOW THAT WE ACTED WITH SERIOUSNESS  
INSIGNING THE AGREEMENT. WE DO NOT WANT THE ATOMIC BOMB.  
WE WANT TO BE INDEPENDENT, TO CONSTRUCT OUR FUTURE, AND TO  
PREVENT (THE EFFECTS OF) ANY FUTURE WORLD PETROLEUM AND ENERGY  
CRISIS. BRAZIL WILL NOT GIVE WAY.

"WE UNDERTOOK A REVOLUTION (I.E., THE 1964 CHANGE OF  
GOVERNMENT) WITH GREAT REPERCUSSIONS AND WITH AMERICAN  
SYMPATHY IN ORDER TO DEFEAT IN LATIN AMERICA COMMUNISM  
AND OPPRESSIVE LEFTISM, WHICH HAD TAKEN HOLD ON THE  
CONTINENT. BUT THE REVOLUTION WAS MADE ALSO BECAUSE WE  
WANTED TO BE A RESPECTED COUNTRY; WE WANTED AND WE WANT  
TO MAKE OUR OWN REACTORS. AND WHAT DO WE SEE WITH DISTRESS?  
THE AMERICANS, OUR ALLIES, ARE BEHAVING IN A WAY WORSE  
THAN THAT OF OUR COMMON ENEMIES, THE RUSSIANS."  
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