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MEMORANDUM

The Brazilian Charge d'Affaires called this morning to see if we could give him any further information about the reference to "the location of the Brazilian infantry division" in the telegram from "the Director" to "Grant", mentioned in the Royal Commission's Interim Report of March 2nd. He said that the bulk of the Brazilian division had returned to Brazil on July 19th, 1945. Their return had been attended by a good deal of publicity and national celebration, and it was curious that a military intelligence enquiry of August should have asked about its whereabouts. It was true that there were some remaining Brazilian units still in Italy awaiting transportation until September, and the enquiry might refer to movements of this remainder.

I told Mr. Ribeiro that I thought it unlikely that progress of the judicial enquiry would throw any further light on this particular point, but promised to enquire on his behalf what the exact date was on which this message had been despatched from Moscow and received here.

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