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 INFO : Amconsul SALVADOR

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Department: Pass copies Defense, NASA & DISTRICT

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FROM : Amembassy RIO DE JANEIRO

DATE: November 20, 1963

SUBJECT : Negative Report on UFO (Unidentified Flying Object)
 Reportedly Sighted Near Salvador, Bahia on November 8, 1964.
 REF : Embtel 94 to Amconsul Salvador (to SecState 1054) of
 November 14, 1963.

Information copies of the above Embtel were sent to the Department with the request that they be passed to Defense (for the Air Force) and NASA.

Mr. Harold Midkiff, the Consul in Salvador, replied by telegram No. 157 of November 14 to the above cited Embtel; as follows:

"Story of strange object descending in region of Conde Bahia apparently fabricated in Rio no such objects seen by anyone in the area according to newspaper reporters and others who rushed there before investigation reports were received Secretary Public Security speculated object might be weather balloon but no such sighting verified."

In addition, he forwarded by pouch also on November 14 two newspaper clippings from Salvadoran journals which substantiate the above message, respectively Diario de Noticias of November 9, and the Jornal da Bahia of November 11. The first of these states that the Ministry of Aeronautics categorically denies that there was any "strange object" in Conde. The other is entitled "The Airship that wasn't there".

According to the Jornal da Bahia reporter, the only newsworthy aspect of the episode is that it produced an astounding by-product: he sent a telegram to his paper from the federal telegraphic office in Conde - by an old morse code transmitter -

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Clearances: AA:RDKalb (in substance)

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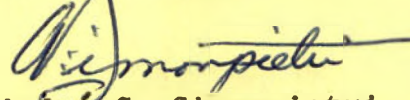
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and five minutes later he had a reply from Salvador.

For the Ambassador:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Simonpietri', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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