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 TAGS: ETRD, EINV, PREL, BR, US
 SUBJECT: INFORMATICS: GAZETA MERCANTIL ARTICLE ON THE
 SECTION 301 INFORMATICS CASE

1. THE APRIL 1 GAZETA MERCANTIL CARRIED A FRONT PAGE ARTICLE BY JOSE CASADO ON THE SECTION 301 INFORMATICS CASE. ACCORDING TO CASADO, WHO WAS WRITING FROM WASHINGTON, THERE IS A CONSENSUS WITHIN THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION THAT THE INFORMATICS CASE IS "SYMBOLIC" AND SYNTHESIZES THE U. S. POSITION ON COMMERCIAL RELATIONS WITH BRAZIL.

2. CASADO AFFIRMS THAT THE U. S. DOES NOT HAVE MANY ALTERNATIVES IN THE CASE. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION ON WHAT THE U. S. CAN DO, CASADO QUOTES AN UNNAMED MEMBER OF THE WHITE HOUSE ECONOMIC STAFF AS SAYING, "IN REALITY, ALMOST NOTHING. WE ANALYZED THE RETALIATION OPTIONS AND ARRIVED AT THE CONCLUSION THAT IN ALMOST ALL THE OPTIONS, THE GREATEST DAMAGE WILL BE BORNE BY NORTH AMERICAN COMPANIES INSTALLED IN BRAZIL".

3. CASADO WARNS THAT THE LACK OF GOOD OPTIONS DOES NOT PREVENT RETALIATION. THE UNNAMED WHITE HOUSE STAFFER AGAIN IS QUOTED AS SAYING, "ON THE CONTRARY, WE WILL DO SOMETHING, ALTHOUGH WE DO NOT KNOW YET WHAT THAT WILL BE. IF WE DO NOT RETALIATE, WE WILL BE UNDERMINING TEN YEARS OF DIFFICULT NEGOTIATIONS WITH JAPAN AND OTHER ASIATIC COUNTRIES WHICH FINALLY RESPECT OUR RIGHTS TO MARKET ACCESS AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY PROTECTION OF INFORMATICS PRODUCTS".

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