

Mr. Secretary of State,

July 9th,

Wishes for Brazil, etc.

I thank you very much for your kind words.

TOAST GIVEN BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL RELATIONS

OF BRAZIL DURING THE DINNER OFFERED BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE

AMBASSADOR OF GREAT BRITAIN, AT THE BRITISH EMBASSY IN

BRASÍLIA, JULY 9TH, 1985.

It is a pleasure to have you here tonight.

The British Government is pleased to have you here tonight.

And

I am confident that the ties between us

will continue to grow and prosper.

Thank you very much.

MR. SECRETARY OF STATE,

LADY HOWE,

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR KIND WORDS. IT IS A

FORTUNATE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HERE WITH YOU TONIGHT, IN

CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH OFFER A PRIVILEGED OCCASION TO RECALL OUR

RICH PAST AND THE CLOSE ANGLO-BRAZILIAN RELATIONSHIP.

THE DYNAMIC NATURE OF THIS RELATIONSHIP HAS ITS

SOURCE IN THE CONQUESTS AND IDEALS OF HISTORY AND IS ENHANCED BY

THE RENOWNED BRITISH ABILITY TO CONCILIATE TRADITION AND

INNOVATION.

I AM CONVINCED THAT THE IDEALS WE SHARE IN HAVING

OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS INTENSIFIED WILL SOON MATERIALIZE IN NEW

PROJECTS FOR THE FUTURE.

THE TRADITIONAL ANGLO-BRAZILIAN COOPERATION ACQUIRES
NEW MEANING AND SCOPE IN VIEW OF THE TROUBLED PRESENT WORLD
AFFAIRS. THERE IS A NEED FOR POSITIVE SIGNS OF UNDERSTANDING,
OF WHICH THE DENSE DIALOGUE WE PRACTICE IS A GOOD EXAMPLE.
DURING THE MEETINGS WE HAVE HELD, WE WERE ABLE TO ANALYSE NOT
ONLY BILATERAL MATTERS, BUT ALSO THE MAIN CURRENT EVENTS, IN A
STRAIGHTFORWARD AND USEFUL EXCHANGE OF OPINIONS.

MR. SECRETARY OF STATE,

YOUR EXCELLENCY AND LADY HOWE HONOR US BY

EXTENDING YOUR VISIT TO OTHER AREAS OF OUR COUNTRY, IN AN
ILLUSTRATION OF THE INTEREST YOU HAVE FOR BRAZIL. YOU WILL FIND
A VARIETY OF CUSTOMS AND LANDSCAPES, AND, CERTAINLY, SOME
OF THE BASIC TRAITS, WHICH POINT TO THE UNITY OF ALL
BRAZILIANS, WILL NOT GO UNNOTICED. TO THESE TRAITS MAY I ADD THE
DETERMINATION WE SHARE TO OVERCOME THE ADVERSITIES OF THE PRESENT

ECONOMIC CRISIS AND TO ACCOMPLISH THE BUILDING OF A MODERN
ECONOMY, CAPABLE OF FACING BOTH INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL CHALLENGES AS WE
APPROACH THE END OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY.

IF YOU TAKE THIS TO HEART, AMONG YOUR IMPRESSIONS
OF BRAZIL, YOUR VISIT, MR. SECRETARY OF STATE, FROM OUR POINT

OF VIEW, WILL HAVE ATTAINED AN IMPORTANT GOAL.

I PROPOSE A TOAST TO THE WELL BEING OF THE PEOPLE
OF GREAT BRITAIN AND TO THE HEALTH OF YOUR EXCELLENCY AND OF
LADY HOWE .

THANK YOU.