

SURVEY OF MINERAL RESOURCES

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EXCELLENCY:

I have the honor to refer to conversations which have taken place between representatives of the Government of the United States of America and representatives of the Government of the United States of Brazil regarding the desirability of continuing the cooperative program established in 1940 for the study of Brazilian mineral resources by means of geological investigations, prospecting, beneficiation tests and related projects and for the purpose of furthering scientific collaboration between geologists, engineers, and metallurgists of the two countries in various projects relating to the mining economies of the two countries.

It is my understanding that these conversations have resulted in agreement upon a program for the joint study of Brazilian mineral resources to be carried on by the Bureau of Mines and the Geological Survey of the Department of the Interior on behalf of the Government of the United States of America and by the Departamento Nacional da Produção Mineral do Ministério da Agricultura on behalf of the Government of the United States of Brazil, in accordance with the following principles and procedures:

1. *General Purposes*—The Government of the United States of America, through the Bureau of Mines and the Geological Survey of the Department of the Interior, and the Government of the United States of Brazil, through the Departamento Nacional da Produção Mineral do Ministério da Agricultura, agree:

(a) To make appraisals of the mineral resources of Brazil by means of geological and mineralogical studies, with special emphasis upon the principal minerals which form part of the trade between the United States of America and Brazil and upon those minerals, not yet produced in great quantity in Brazil, which may enter into such trade in the future.