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SUBJECT : Collection of Biographic Information on Potential Leaders

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The process of screening the INR/CS/BR files on the persons named in the Porto Alegre Potential Leaders Biographic Reporting List (PLBRL) has been completed, and comments and information from several other government components have been received. Attached is a chart showing that although some information was available on most of these persons, most essential data on all persons were completely lacking. The "X" marks indicate information already available in BR files. The "evaluation" category is designed to include such things as the following: personality and character description, mannerisms and idiosyncrasies, strengths and weaknesses, attitudes toward the United States and other countries, views on domestic issues, current influence, significant friends and associates. Current and expanded comments under this category are always welcome on all "potential leaders."

One particularly important category on the chart is the one designating "membership in organizations." This is intended to pick up information on active membership in youth, student, and other organizations with political significance; cultural associations; nationalist movements; pertinent religious groups, etc.--the kind of information that would make possible more accurate analysis and some interesting research on leadership development. It has been pointed out that there is a standard, but unproved, hypothesis

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that a significant number of national leaders got their start in the leadership of some such organization. For this reason, it is hoped that special attention will be given to collecting information in this area.

When biographic reports are submitted on PLBRL figures, the Department would greatly appreciate it if the preparing officers would label them as such. This will facilitate the keeping of records on responses to the program.

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