



BIOGRAPHIC DATA

BRAZIL

Rear Adm Armando Zenha de FIGUEIREDO
June 1965

NAME: Rear Adm Armando Zenha de Figueiredo

POSITION: Director, Naval Shipyard, Rio de Janeiro, since 1964.

SIGNIFICANCE: Resigned, 15 Jan 1965, in protest over President Castello Branco's decision to put naval aviation equipment under Air Force control. Leader of "hard-line" group which wants to prevent professional politicians from taking over government. Influenced by ex-Adm Heck. Highly respected by superiors and subordinates, has large following among junior officers. Very knowledgeable on shipyard functions and management. Two of his senior-officer promotions were for merit.

POLITICS:

International: Pro-U.S. Said Latin American military favorable to U.S. action in Dominican Republic. Stated Uruguay is to Brazil as Dominican Republic is to U.S.

Internal: Anti-Goulart. One of 14 Admirals protesting Minister of Navy's refusal to deal with Communist influence and lack of discipline in Navy, Oct 1963.

PERSONAL DATA:

Birth: 19 Apr 1908 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Family: Wife, Odette Girao de Figueiredo.

Languages: Native Portuguese, very little English.

Description: Tall, athletic build, height 6'1", weight 170 pounds. Dark complexion, black hair, brown eyes. Neat, youthful, military bearing. Doesn't smoke; moderate drinker (Scotch). Sail-boating enthusiast. Quiet, difficult to talk to, not strong personality.

Decorations: Italian Order of Merit (Knight), Brazilian Military Medal (Silver Clasp), Order of Naval Merit (Knight), War Services Medal (2 Stars), War Medal, Northeast Naval Force Medal (Bronze). Returned Order of Naval Merit to Minister of Navy Suzano, 10 Dec 1962, as

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expression of disapproval of indiscriminate awarding of medals to people of questionable character.

U CIVIL EDUCATION: Primary (1916-1920) and secondary (1921-1924) schooling, Burlamaqui Moura School, Rio de Janeiro.

C CAREER:

1925-1930	- Cadet, Naval Academy. Commissioned Ensign, 11 Dec 1930.
1932	- Promoted to Lt (j.g.), 15 Sept.
1934	- Promoted to Lt, 30 Aug.
?	- Student, Armament Specialization Course.
1944	- Promoted to LCdr, 29 Dec.
?	- Student, Junior Command Course, Naval War School.
1950	- Promoted to Cdr, 30 Dec.
?	- Student, Senior Command Course, Naval War School.
1952	- Navy duty in U.S.
1954	- Promoted to Capt, 20 Oct.
1956	- Instructor, Naval War School, Rio de Janeiro. Observer visit to Amphibious Base, Little Creek, Virginia, 29 Oct, and Marine Corps Base, Camp Le Jeune, North Carolina, for Amphibious Exercise 1-56, 11 Nov.
1960	- Directorate of Personnel (awaiting assignment), Dec. Rank: Rear Adm.
1961	- Commandant, 6th Naval District, Ladario, from 28 Feb.
1961	- Directorate of Personnel (awaiting assignment), from Dec.
1962-1963	- Student, Superior War School, Rio de Janeiro, from 28 Jan 1962.
1963	- Sub-Chief for Navy, Armed Forces General Staff, from 8 Aug.
1964	- Interim Minister of Navy and Chief of Naval Staff with 3 other admirals, Apr.
1964-Present	- Director, Naval Shipyard, Rio de Janeiro. Visited Long Beach Naval Shipyard, California, May 1965.

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