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15. SUMMARY:

(U) IR forwards biographic information on ADM Eddy Sampaio ESPELLET who assumed the position of Director General of Naval Material, 27 December 1974.

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1. (U) DD Form 1396-1 on  
ADM Eddy Sampaio ESPELLET  
1 cy, 3 pp  
2. (C/NFD) DD Form 1396-  
1s on ADM ESPELLET, 1 cy  
2 pp  
3. (U) Photo of ADM  
ESPELLET, 1 cy w/o neg.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE BIOGRAPHIC REPORT

GENERAL INFORMATION			
1. COUNTRY <b>BRAZIL</b>		2. DATE OF INFORMATION (Yr, mo, day) <b>75 Jun</b>	3. DATE OF REPORT (Yr, mo, day)
4. NAME a. FULL NAME (Give full name in Roman letters, in natural order, and with natural capitalization. Underline surname, or, if known by name(s) other than surname, underline same. Give phonetic pronunciation of name as appropriate). <b>Eddy Sampaio Espellet</b>			
b. NAME OR NAMES BY WHICH INDIVIDUAL PREFERS TO BE ADDRESSED (1) IN OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE: <b>Admiral Espellet</b> (2) ORALLY AT OFFICIAL GATHERINGS: <b>Admiral Espellet</b>			
5. FULL NAME IN NATIVE ALPHABET <b>N/A</b>			
6. VARIANTS, ALIASES, OR NICKNAMES <b>None</b>			
7. POSITION a. PRESENT POSITION <b>Chief of Naval Material</b> <b>(Diretor Geral do Material da Marinha)</b>			b. DATE ASSUMED POSITION (Year, month, day) <b>1974 Dec 27</b>
c. RANK/TITLE (In English and Native language) <b>Admiral (Almirante-de-Esquadra)</b>			d. DATE OF RANK (Yr, mo, day) <b>1974 Nov 25</b>
e. SERVICE <b>Navy</b>		f. BRANCH OF SERVICE <b>Line</b>	
8. DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH (Town, State, Province, Country) <b>1919 Aug 10, Pelotas, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil</b>			9. SEX <b>Male</b>
10. PRESENT ADDRESS (including unit location if applicable) <b>Rua São Francisco Sa 160</b> <b>Rio de Janeiro, RJ</b>			TELEPHONE NO <b>257 6777</b>
11. NATIONALITY <b>Brazilian</b>	12. RACE <b>Caucasian</b>		13. PHOTO SUBMITTED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
14. CITIZENSHIP (Indicate dual citizenship where applicable) <b>Brazilian</b>			15. RELIGION <b>Catholic</b> <input type="checkbox"/> PRACTICING <input type="checkbox"/> NONPRACTICING <b>Unk</b>
16. TITLES AND HONORIFICS (Prince, Doctor, Pandit, etc). <b>None known</b>			17. MARITAL STATUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MARRIED <input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE <input type="checkbox"/> DIVORCED <input type="checkbox"/> WIDOWED
PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION			
18. AGE <b>56</b>	19. BEARD <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	MUSTACHE <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	20. TEETH (Natural) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
21. PROMINENT OR UNUSUAL FEATURES (Moles, scars, birthmarks, etc) <b>None</b>			
22. COLOR EYES <b>Brown</b>	23. COLOR HAIR <b>Grey/white</b>	24. BALD <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	25. HEIGHT <b>5'10"</b>
26. WEIGHT <b>Approx 190 lbs</b>		27. BUILD (Small, medium, large) <b>Medium</b>	
28. POSTURE <b>Erect</b>		29. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RIGHT HANDED <input type="checkbox"/> LEFT HANDED	
30. PHYSICAL DEFECTS <b>None</b>		31. GENERAL STATE OF HEALTH <b>Excellent</b>	
32. HARD OF HEARING <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO		33. GLASSES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
PERSONAL BACKGROUND			
34. CIVIL EDUCATION (List schools, location(s), major course, degree(s), honors, and inclusive dates (Year, month, day). <b>Not known</b>			
35. LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY (Include dialects, degree of fluency, and ability to act as translator/interpreter). <b>Enlish - Excellent</b> <b>French - Excellent</b> <b>Spanish - Excellent</b>			
36. TRAVEL (List countries, dates, and purpose). <b>USA - 1944 - Philadelphia, ship transfer</b> <b>France - 1960-61 - French Naval War College</b> <b>Argentina - Oct 1964 - Inter-American Conference of Naval Academy Directors</b> <b>Canal Zone/Panama - 1967 - BRAZNAV War College visit</b> <b>USA - 1971-73 - Naval Attache to USA and Canada</b>			

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37. MILITARY SERVICE (a. List military career in chronological order. Include: Military schooling; promotions; demotions; foreign service; units served with and position held; location of school or unit; retired or reserve status.)  
(b. List awards and decorations together with circumstances surrounding any unusual award/decoration.)

a. Career

Sep 60 - Dec 62	French Naval War College
23 Dec 62-10 Oct 63	Chief of Staff, Destroyer Flotilla
10 Oct 63- 7 Apr 64	Director CENIMAR (Naval Intell Center)
23 May 64-12 Dec 65	Superintendent of Instruction, Naval Academy
12 Dec 65-11 Feb 66	Minister of Navy Cabinet
11 Feb 66-14 Mar 67	Commanding Officer MINAS GERAIS
14 Mar 67-13 Sep 68	BRAZNAV War College (Superior Course)
13 Sep 68-28 Nov 69	Commander, Enlisted Training Center (CIAW)
28 Dec 69-Dec 70	Naval Assistant to Armed Forces War College
20 Jan 71-21 Mar 73	Naval Attache, USA and Canada
21 Aug 73-16 Apr 74	Director of Naval Training and Education
16 Apr 74-27 Dec 74	Commander-in-Chief, Fleet
27 Dec 74-Present	Director of Naval Material

Promotions

31 Jan 41 ENS  
6 Nov 42 LTJG  
24 Nov 44 LT  
22 Mar 52 LCDR  
28 Sep 55 CDR  
3 Sep 62 CAPT  
4 Sep 68 RADM  
31 Dec 71 VADM  
25 Nov 74 ADM

Professional Schooling

Naval Academy  
Naval War College (Command & Staff Course)  
Naval War College (Superior Course)  
French Naval War College  
Cours Supérieur Interarmées (France)  
Superior War College (Superior Course)  
Various engineering and tactical courses

b. Decorations

Naval War Medal	Pacificator Medal - Officer Degree
Naval Merit - Officer Degree	Air Force Order of Merit
Contental Medal od Maria Quiteira de Jesus	War Force Medal
Military Service Medal - Gold	
Northeast Naval Force - Silver	
Santos Dumont	
Etoile Noire (France)	
Military Merit Cavaleiro Degree	

38. EMPLOYMENT OTHER THAN MILITARY SERVICE (List employers, positions, skills, locations, and inclusive dates (Year, month, day).)

None

39. MEMBERSHIP IN ORGANIZATIONS (Professional, social, military, others give inclusive dates (Year, month, day).)

Clube Naval, Rio de Janeiro

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None known

41. PREFERENCES (Personal preference in food, drink, tobacco, entertainment, sports, hobbies.)

Used to smoke pipes - half and half mixture, now is rarely seen at social events without a cigar. Drinks Scotch moderately.

42. PUBLISHED WORKS (Title of article or book; if article, name of publication appearing in, date published, publisher.)

None known

SPOUSE - FAMILY

43. FULL NAME OF SPOUSE

Léa Hannequim Espellet

44. MAIDEN NAME OF SPOUSE

Not known

45. DATE (Year, month, day) AND PLACE OF BIRTH Unk

46. NATIONALITY (Indicate dual citizenship where applicable)

Brazilian

47. RACE

Caucasian

48. RELIGION Catholic

☐ PRACTICING

☐ NONPRACTICING

Unk

49. BACKGROUND (Education; languages; preference in food and drink; hobbies; preference in entertainment; special interests; professional societies.)

Not known

50. CHILDREN (Names, sex, ages, marital status, other items of interest such as schools, health, military service.)

None

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1. COUNTRY <b>BRAZIL</b>	2. FULL NAME OF SUBJECT <b>Eddy Sampaio Espellet</b>	3. DATE OF INFORMATION (Yr, mo, day) <b>75 Jun</b>
<p><b>GUIDANCE:</b> This supplementary information will be attached to DD Form 1396 - 1. This supplement has been designed to prevent the disclosure of sensitive information to foreign nationals and to provide for a collector's assessment of subject. Sensitive information of an operational nature which must be tightly controlled (paragraph 7b, DIAI 58 - 13) should not be included in this supplement. Where practicable, the following information will be furnished:</p>		
<p>51. POLICE RECORD (Other than minor violations).</p> <p>None</p>		
<p>52. RELIGION - Effect of subject's religion or religious connections on his actions, military advancement, political views, etc.</p> <p>Religion has no known effect on ADM ESPELLET's attitudes or actions.</p>		
<p>53. ACQUAINTANCES AND RELATIVES - Apparent influence of acquaintances and relatives on subject's views or career.</p> <p>ADM ESPELLET's acquaintances and relatives exert no known influence on his views or career.</p>		
<p>54. CHARACTER - Subject's character, strengths and weaknesses, intelligence, loyalty, judgment, ability to communicate, leadership ability, and influence. Significance of individual in shaping international policies of his country.</p> <p>ADM ESPELLET is an energetic, professional naval officer. His staff, many of whom have been associated with him over several tours, is absolutely loyal. He exhibits a broad outlook and understanding of Brazilian problems. Although subject has no known political aspirations, in his present position he has a hand in formulating at least naval procurement policy. In future assignments he may have stronger influence upon general naval policy and maritime affairs.</p>		
<p>55. POLITICAL ORIENTATION - Attitude towards United States and other countries. Remarks and actions of subject toward representatives of the United States and its allies, and to representatives of nonaligned nations and Communist bloc nationals. Political activities and attitudes, important political contacts, party affiliations, potential political influence in country in the event of a change in government.</p> <p>ADM ESPELLET is well disposed toward the United States. This, however, does not infer that he is in favor of automatic agreement with the U.S. on all issues. On any issue he can be expected to carefully consider all aspects and come to a Brazilian conclusion. He does not want BRAZNAV to copy the U.S. Navy exactly. He has had exposure to several navies, including the navies of France and Canada, and considers some of their policies worthwhile.</p>		
<p>Classified by AALUSNA SUBJECT TO GENERAL DECLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 11652. AUTOMATICALLY DOWNGRADED AT TWO YEAR INTERVALS. DECLASSIFIED ON 31 Dec 81 -&gt; Encl 21 6809 018575</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>GROUP-3 DOWNGRADED AT 10 YEAR INTERVALS; NOT AUTOMATICALLY DECLASSIFIED</p> </div>		

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ADM ESPELLET presents a healthy robust appearance. His uniform and civilian clothes are always immaculate.

57. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON SPOUSE - Spouse's political views, appearance, personality, attitude toward United States and other countries, influence on husband. Spouse's family connections influencing the husband's career.

ADM ESPELLET's wife, Dona Léa, is an attractive pleasant woman about 5'5" tall. She enjoyed her U.S. tour and is well disposed toward the U.S.

58. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

a. Length of time collector has known subject and frequency of contact(s). Indicate how much of the information is based on the collector's own observation. Indicate other sources for information on subject.

AALUSNA has had infrequent contact with ADM ESPELLET during the past year. About 20% of the information in this report is based on own observation, 50% on DAO files, and 30% on BRAZNAV official publications.

b. Best ways of gaining subject's confidence and exerting influence on him.

ADM ESPELLET, an extremely competent naval officer himself, respects competence in others. A direct, frank approach is the best manner in dealing with him.

c. Military reputation, competence, and significance. Include financial status, dependence on personal or political connections for military position. Reputation in own service, collector's own assessment of military competence, and military and/or political potential of subject.

ADM ESPELLET enjoys an outstanding professional reputation and is considered by Brazilian Navy officers to be in the running for one of the top three Navy positions. RO considers subject very intelligent and well informed. He is an open, communicative person.

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