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15. SUMMARY:

1. (C-NFD) Source is a USAF officer who had ample opportunity to observe and converse with subject in both academic and social environments while subject attended Air Command and Staff College. Subject was quite talkative and able to converse on a wide range of subjects, providing a sound basis for evaluating his personality and character.

2. (C-NFD) Subject is considered highly intelligent, a dedicated officer, and a natural leader. He was an instructor at the Brazilian Air Force equivalent of the USAF Air Command and Staff College prior to the CONUS training tour; he anticipated an additional two years in that capacity after returning to Brazil from ACSC. He apparently was promoted to Colonel immediately after arriving in CONUS (see his autobiography).

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GENERAL INFORMATION

1. COUNTRY BRAZIL		2. DATE OF INFORMATION (Yr, mo, day) 69/02/14		3. DATE OF REPORT (Yr, mo, day) 69/04/16	
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). Friedrich Wolfgang Derschum					
b. NAME OR NAMES BY WHICH INDIVIDUAL PREFERS TO BE ADDRESSED (1) IN OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE: (2) ORALLY AT OFFICIAL GATHERINGS:					
5. FULL NAME IN NATIVE ALPHABET					
6. VARIANTS, ALIASES, OR NICKNAMES					
7. POSITION a. PRESENT POSITION				b. DATE ASSUMED POSITION (Year, month, day)	
c. RANK/TITLE (In English and Native language) Lt Col Col. (indication but no positive confirmation of promotion in 1968)				d. DATE OF RANK (Yr, mo, day) 63/04/20 68/06/12 (autobiog)	
e. SERVICE Brazilian Air Force			f. BRANCH OF SERVICE		
8. DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH (Town, State, Province, Country) 23/06/20 Rio De Janeiro, Brazil					9. SEX male
10. PRESENT ADDRESS (Including unit location if applicable)				TELEPHONE NO	
11. NATIONALITY Brazilian		12. RACE		13. PHOTO SUBMITTED ☒ YES ☐ NO	
14. CITIZENSHIP (Indicate dual citizenship where applicable) Brazilian				15. RELIGION Protestant ☐ PRACTICING ☐ NONPRACTICING	
16. TITLES AND HONORIFICS (Prince, Doctor, Pandit, etc).				17. MARITAL STATUS ☒ MARRIED ☐ SINGLE ☐ DIVORCED ☐ WIDOWED	
PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION					
18. AGE		19. BEARD ☐ YES ☒ NO		20. TEETH (Natural) ☐ YES ☒ NO	
21. PROMINENT OR UNUSUAL FEATURES (Moles, scars, birthmarks, etc).					
22. COLOR EYES Hazel		23. COLOR HAIR brown		24. BALD ☐ YES ☒ NO	
25. HEIGHT 5'7"		26. WEIGHT 168		27. BUILD (Small, medium, large)	
28. POSTURE		29. ☐ RIGHT HANDED ☐ LEFT HANDED		30. PHYSICAL DEFECTS	
31. GENERAL STATE OF HEALTH		32. HARD OF HEARING ☐ YES ☐ NO		33. GLASSES ☐ YES ☐ NO	
PERSONAL BACKGROUND					
34. CIVIL EDUCATION. (List schools, location(s), major course, degree(s), honors, and inclusive dates (Year, month, day). Elementary Rio de Janeiro 1930 - 1932 " & Jr High Sao Paulo 1932 - 1939 (Jr High in "Olinda Schule") Senior High Salvador 1939 - 1942 (grad)					
35. LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY (Include dialects, degree of fluency, and ability to act as translator/interpreter). Portugese - native German - practically native Spanish - good at reading, fair at writing and speaking (subject's evaluation) English - excellent					
36. TRAVEL (List countries, dates, and purpose). see item 37 for CONUS visits.					

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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.)

1943 - 1945 Cadet, Brazilian Air Force Academy, Afonsos Field, Rio de Janeiro (graduated as "Aspirant" in Dec 45). As Cadet flew on some anti-submarine patrols.
 1946 - 1948 Pilot (Vega Ventura and Typhoon), Recife AFB
 1948 - 1950 B-25 Pilot transition then Instructor Pilot, Recife
 1950 - 1955 Instructor and various admin positions, Aeronautical Specialist School, Curitiba (Parana State)
 1955 (duties not stated), Fifth Air Zone HQ, Porto Alegre (Rio Grande do Sul State)
 1955 - 1961 Instructor plus, Aeronautical School, Curitiba
 1961 - 1962 Student, Communication and Traffic Control School, San Jose dos Campos
 1962 - 1965 Chief of Second Air Zone Communication and Traffic Control System, Recife
 1965 - 1968 Student then Instructor, Brazilian Air Force Command and Staff College, Rio

CONUS Visits:

1956 C-82 transition, Fairchild plant at Hagerstown, Md, (three months); also visited Miami, Washington DC, New York and Charleston.
 1964 Familiarization visits to FAA Washington DC and New York and to NAFTIC Atlantic City.

24 Jun 68 - 16 Aug 68 Allied Officer Familiarization Course (AU), Maxwell AFB (actually arrived Maxwell on 10 Jun 68)
 26 Aug 68 - 14 Dec 68 Air Command and Staff College (AU), Maxwell AFB
 6 Jan 69 - 14 Feb 69 Academic Instructor Course (AU), Maxwell AFB

Flying Status:

Pilot, Instrument qualified. 5380 hours, almost all in multi-engine conventional (no jet). Last qualified in C-47.

Career progression:

1946 2 Lt
 1948 1 Lt
 1951 Capt
 1958 Major
 1963 Lt Col
 1968 Col (no positive confirmation available in form of Special Orders)

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

Early 1939 - mid to late 1942, half days as "Architectural Drawer Beginner" in uncle's engineering office in Salvador (afternoons in senior High School).

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

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40. U.S. ACQUAINTANCES AND RELATIVES (Name, position or occupation of relatives, domicile, nature and duration of relationship. Include U.S. military or other U.S. official acquaintances/relatives under this item.)

Sponsor while at Maxwell AFB in 1968-69: Maj Rudolf H Schorsch, USAF
Seminar advisor in AOFC: Maj William R Threlkeld, USAF
Faculty advisor in ACSC: Maj James A Hargrove, USAF
Seminar associates in ACSC: (see Seminar Roster)

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

Drinks scotch but also fond of beer. Tends to drink a little too much but his wife normally applied the brakes before it got out of hand.

Non-smoker.

No apparent preference in food or in music, etc. (he claims music as hobby)

Claims fishing as favorite sport. Also indicates interest in tennis and volleyball (but admits in his autobiography that he hasn't done much physical training for a long time).

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

SPOUSE - FAMILY

43. FULL NAME OF SPOUSE

Elizabeth Maria Scholz Derschum

44. MAIDEN NAME OF SPOUSE

presumably Scholz

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

(40 per FTPTR dated 8 May 68)

46. NATIONALITY (Indicate dual citizenship where applicable)

Brazilian (second generation)

47. RACE

48. RELIGION

☐ PRACTICING

☐ NONPRACTICING

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

Attractive woman "who shows her age but doesn't seem to mind."

Well like by wives of subjects academic associates. Enjoyed the social functions.

Non-drinker.

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

Frederico Guilherme male 17
Juliane female 15

(ages per FTPTR)

Also claims mother-in-law, age 76, as dependent.

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51. POLICE RECORD (Other than minor violations).		
52. RELIGION - Effect of subject's religion or religious connections on his actions, military advancement, political views, etc.		
53. ACQUAINTANCES AND RELATIVES - Apparent influence of acquaintances and relatives on subject's views or career.		
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. Natural leader. Uses sound, logical arguments to support his concepts and exert positive influence. Able to talk intelligently on wide range of subjects (including those which might get discussed at social gatherings). Quite talkative. Only weakness noticed was tendency to drink a little too much at social gatherings while at Maxwell AFB (the atmosphere is certainly conducive to that). Highly cooperative and an excellent student at the Air University.		
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. Definitely pro-United States; thoroughly enjoyed all aspects of his stay in CONUS. Proud of his country (but made no attempt to sell it as better than the U.S.)		

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56. PERSONAL APPEARANCE - Appraisal of subject's dress, personal habits, mannerisms, eccentricities, peculiarities of speech and gait, prominent or unusual physical features, e.g., teeth, eyes, shape of face, complexion, tendency toward balding, etc.

High forehead (balding).

Usually well dressed and neat.

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.

Exerted good influence at times subject appeared to be over-imbibing.

Apparently she has many relatives in Brazil; her family migrated from Germany to Brazil in the 1850s.

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.

Approximately four months of regular academic and frequent social contact.

Autobiography written as academic exercise in AOFC is particularly informative and provides additional insight into character and personality.

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

Held in high esteem. Highly competent. Natural leader.

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From: AOFC SCIS C (Col. Friedrich Wolfgang Derschum)

Subject: Autobiography

To: Maj William R. Threlkeld, Seminar Advisor

1. I was born June 20, 1923, in Rio de Janeiro, the former capital of Brazil. I practically don't remember anything about the first years of my life. I only remember that I soon began to move, from Rio to Blumenau, then to Sao Paulo City, again to Blumenau and afterwards to Niteroi, the capital of the state of Rio de Janeiro. I later found out that the main reason for that steady movement was the illness of my mother, who contracted tuberculosis after having her third child, my little brother Hans. I lost my mother when I was four years old, and three years later my father also died, so I became an orphan. Therefore, I can affirm that my childhood was not one of the happiest. But on the other hand, I can state that I was happier than many other orphans because, from that time on, I was educated and grew up in the houses of several relatives of my mother, who all lived in Brazil. I never knew any relative of my father because he was the only one who came to Brazil in 1911, where he had married my mother. Now then, with seven years, I began to live with my aunt in Rio de Janeiro.

2. In Rio de Janeiro I started my education. There I went to an elementary school for two years before I moved again to Sao Paulo, in 1932, where I lived with my grandmother till 1939. There I completed my elementary education and attended the equivalent of junior high school

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in a German college named "Olinda Schule". I shifted my lodging once again, to another aunt's house, in Salvador, capital of the state of Bahia, in February 1939. There I attended the senior high school of the state every afternoon. During the morning hours I worked at the engineering office of my uncle as an architectural drawer beginner; I was fortunate in assimilating much of his knowledge. In the middle of 1942, at the age of 19 years, I decided to become independent, and so I began my preparation for the admittance examination to our Air Force Academy in Rio de Janeiro. In December '42 I graduated from senior high school and also, at the same time, was approved for admittance to the Academy. I remember that during my whole youth I always was interested in matters concerning flying; it held a strong attraction for me and that was probably the main reason why I chose a military air career.

3. The Brazilian Air Force Academy is located on Afonsos Field in Rio de Janeiro, so I returned again to the city of my birth, in 1943. I spent three years there studying and practicing flight instructions as a cadet. I remember that my first solo flight in a little Fairchild T-19 was the most exciting experience I ever had. I graduated in December 1945, after the end of WWII. Therefore, the only participation we cadets had in that war were several patrol flights over the South Atlantic against the possible presence of German submarines, which appeared frequently on our coast.

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4. I graduated as an Aspirant of Lieutenant and was assigned to Recife AFB where I arrived in February '46. There, initially, I made a bomber flight course and became operational in B-34 and B-34A (Vega Ventura and Typhoon). I also held several different administrative and command positions at the base. Eight months later I was promoted to Second Lieutenant, and in 1948, I became a First Lieutenant. During that year I completed my B-25 flight course, and as a result, I was nominated flight instructor. In '50 I was moved to the Aeronautical Specialist School in Curitiba, capital of the Parana State. The city of Curitiba is 1000 feet high, lies in the Southern Region of Brazil, and is a pretty cold area during winter time. There I remained until 1961 with only a little interruption of one year, 1955, when I was assigned to the headquarters of the Fifth Air Zone in Porto Alegre, capital of the Rio Grande do Sul State. During that period of eleven years I was promoted twice: Captain in 1951; Major in 58. I occupied nearly all of the administration positions of the school. I also acted as an instructor. In 1952 I made my "Flight Officer Perfection Course", the equivalent of SOS from the Air University. Also, during that period, I made my first trip to the United States of America in 1956, where I had the opportunity to go to Miami, Washington D. C., New York, Charleston and Hagerstown. Hagerstown had the plant of Fairchild C-82 where we spent most of the three months in study and flight training. Then we flew the C-82 to Brazil. It was a memorable flight for us because we crossed the Caribbean Sea.

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During the year of 1962 I made a specialization course in Communication and Traffic Control at S. Jose dos Campos by our Air Engineer University. I graduated with distinction, and in addition, for two and a half years, I was assigned as Chief of the Communication and Traffic Control System of the Second Air Zone, located at Recife. So I came back to Recife a second time in my military career, not as a bachelor, but as a married man. There, in 1963, I was promoted to the rank of Lt Col. Next year, because of my specialization, I visited, during January, the whole installation of the FAA in the Washington D. C. and New York area. I also visited the NAFIC Center in Atlantic City. It was very interesting for me, and I learned a lot. In 1965 I moved again to Rio de Janeiro, where I took my Command and Staff Course. After I was graduated, I was selected to remain as an instructor of the Command and Staff College of the Brazilian Air Force. Therefore, when I completed two years as an instructor, I got the chance to be selected, after an English examination, for the Command and Staff College of the Air University from the USAF. I arrived at Maxwell on tenth June, and two days after my arrival I was fortunate to be promoted to a full Colonel's rank.

5. After I return to my country, I have to remain as an instructor of our Air Command and Staff College for two years more. Afterwards, I hope to become a commander of one of our Air Force Bases in the Northeast area.

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6. I married in 1950 in Blumenau. My wife's name is Elizabeth and she also had a German father. Her mother is a first generation Brazilian from a German family who came to Brazil in the early 1850's. As a result of my marriage, I have two children; a son, Frederico Guilherme, who is now seventeen years old; and a daughter, Juliane, who is still fifteen years old.

7. My favorite sport is fishing, but I also like tennis and volleyball. I suspect that I am out of practice at the present time because it's been a long time since I had my last chance to train a little.

FRIEDRICH W. DERSCHUM
Colonel, B.A.F.

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