



BIOGRAPHIC DATA

BRAZIL

Col Lauro Rocca DIEGUEZ
October 1967

(U) NAME: Col Lauro Rocca Dieguez (dee-YEA-guez), Army.

(U) POSITION: Commander, 2d Infantry Battalion, Santos, State of São Paulo, since Sep 1967.

(C/NFD) SIGNIFICANCE: He has an excellent service reputation and is widely respected for integrity and professional competence. His career assignments have brought him in close contact with U.S. personnel and he has excellent prospects for advancement in rank and position in the Brazilian Armed Forces. He served in Washington, D.C. (May 1965-Jun 1967), as Assistant Military Attaché, Advisor to the Inter-American Defense Board, Secretary of the Brazilian Delegation to the Joint Brazil-United States Defense Commission and as Military Advisor to the Brazilian Delegation at the United Nations. During this assignment, he was concerned with disarmament and the collection of information on peaceful uses of atomic energy for the future economic development of Brazil. He was first in his class at the Military Academy (1941) and at the Army Command and General Staff School (about 1953); all his field grade promotions have been for merit. He has been recommended for the U.S. Legion of Merit (Legionnaire).



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(C/NFD) POLITICS:

(C/NFD) International: Strongly anti-Communist. Nationalistic and primarily oriented toward Brazil. He is very friendly toward the United States and cooperates with U.S. personnel. As Secretary of the Brazilian Delegation to the Joint Brazil-United States Defense Commission and Military Advisor to the Brazilian Delegation at the United Nations (1965-1967), he appeared to support U.S. policies and he is credited with significantly promoting closer U.S.-Brazilian relations.

(C) Internal: Right-of-center in outlook, he played a leading role in the ousting of João Goulart from the Presidency in Apr 1964 and in the subsequent elimination of corrupt and subversive elements from the government.

(C) PERSONAL DATA:

(U) Birth: 2 Oct 1920 in São Luis, Maranhão, Brazil.

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(C) Family: Wife, Erony Korff Dieguez (married 27 Mar 1945; Caucasian; Roman Catholic; short, somewhat plump; attractive and vivacious). Child: Gilda (f), born 21 Apr 1946.

(C) Description: Slender build (5'7", 130 lbs), erect posture; black hair, brown eyes, fair complexion; oval face. Trim, neat appearance. Quiet, reserved, and somewhat withdrawn. Lives modestly, well within his means. Drinks in moderation; does not smoke.

(U) Languages: Native Portuguese, fair Spanish, some English.

(U) Religion: Roman Catholic.

(U) Decorations: Brazilian Order of Military Merit (Knight), Military Medal (Silver Clasp), War Medal, Peacemaker Medal, Marshal Hermes Study Medal (Gold with 1 Wreath).

(U) CIVIL EDUCATION: Military Preparatory School, Rio de Janeiro.

(U) CAREER:

1938-1941	- Cadet, Military Academy. Appointed Probationary 2d Lt in Infantry, 4 Dec 1941.
1942	- Promoted to 2d Lt, 25 Aug 1942.
1943	- Promoted to 1st Lt, 25 Dec 1943.
1946	- Promoted to Capt, 25 Dec 1946.
?	- Student, Officers Advanced School.
1953	- Promoted to Maj, 25 Jul 1953.
?	- Student, General Staff Course, Army Command and General Staff School.
?	- Instructor, Military Academy.
1954	- 1st Light Infantry Battalion, from Feb 1954.
1955	- 17th Infantry Regiment, Jul-Nov 1955.
1955	- 1st Infantry Regiment.
?	- Assistant Secretary to Commander, 3d Army.
1956	- Headquarters, 9th Military Region, Campo Grande, from Mar 1956.
1957	- Assistant Secretary to Commander, 9th Military Region.
1961	- Promoted to Lt Col, 25 Aug 1961.
?	- Instructor, Officers Advanced School.
1964-1965	- Instructor, Army Command and General Staff School. Concurrently, Staff Officer, National Intelligence Service.
1965-1967	- Assistant Military Attaché, 27 May 1965-9 Jun 1967. Concurrently, Advisor, Inter-American Defense Board,

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Secretary to the Brazilian Delegation to Joint Brazil-United States Defense Commission, Washington, D.C., 20 May 1965-8 Jun 1967, and Military Advisor to the Brazilian Delegation to the United Nations, New York City. Visited Peru, Chile, Bolivia, and Ecuador with Inter-American Defense Board member, Mar 1966. Promoted to Col, 25 Apr 1966.

1967-Present

- Commander, 2d Infantry Battalion, Santos, State of São Paulo, from Sep 1967.

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