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2. (U) ARMY PROMOTES IN GENERAL OFFICER BRACKET

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15.--1. (U) THE FOLLOWING ARMY PROMOTIONS WERE ANNOUNCED BY THE PRESIDENCY OF THE REPUBLIC ON 31 MARCH 1974:

A. TO GENERAL OF THE ARMY (FOUR-STARS): EULER BENTES MONTEIRO, FRITZ AZEVEDO, MANSO, VENITIUS NAZARETH, NOTARE.

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B. TO MAJOR GENERAL: SAMUEL AUGUSTO ALVES /CORREA;
ANTONIO HAMILTON /MOURAO; LUIZ SERFF /SELLMANN; DARCY LAZARO;
ANTONIO /BANDEIRA; ANTONIO CARLOS DE ANDRADA /SERPA; HUGO DE
ANDRADE /ABREU;

C. TO BRIGADIER GENERAL: ADYR FIUZA DE /CASTRO; JOSE
MAGALHAES DA /SILVEIRA; CARLOS XAVIER DE /MIRANDA; LOURIVAL
MASSA DA /COSTA; CELSO DOS SANTOS /MEYER; LAURO ROCCA /DIEGUEZ;
HERALDO TAVARES /ALVES; SYLVIO OCTAVIO DO ESPITITO /SANTO;
LEONIDAS PIRES /GONCALVES; JORGE SA FREIRE DE /PINHO;

2. (C) THE FOUR-STAR SELECTIONS ARE ALL HIGHLY THOUGHT OF,
WITH THE 57-YEAR-OLD EULER BEING THE YOUNGEST FOUR-STAR GENERAL
IN RECENT YEARS. HE WILL BECOME CHIEF OF THE ARMY'S GENERAL
SERVICES DEPARTMENT. GEN. FRITZ, MOST RECENTLY DEPUTY COMMANDANT
OF THE SUPERIOR WAR SCHOOL, IS SCHEDULED TO TAKE COMMAND OF THE
IV ARMY. FRITZ RECENTLY SUFFERED A MILD HEART ATTACK BUT HAS
RECOVERED WELL. THE THIRD CHOICE, VENITIUS, IS FROM THE CORPS
OF ENGINEERS AND HAS BEEN HEAD OF CIVIL WORKS. HE WILL BE THE
NEW HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING AND COMMUNICATIONS.
THE SURPRISE IN THE FOUR-STAR AREA WAS THE PASSOVER OF MG ADOLPHO
JOAO DE PAULO COUTO, CURRENTLY COMMANDING THE 6TH ARMY DIVISION
AT PORTO ALEGRE. PAULO COUTO IS AN INTELLECTUAL, BUT HAS NOT
BEEN EFFECTIVE IN HIS CURRENT ASSIGNMENT OR IN SUCH PREVIOUS
CHALLENGING DUTIES AS COMMANDANT OF THE COMMAND AND GENERAL
STAFF SCHOOL AND COMMANDANT OF THE MILITARY ACADEMY.

3. (C) THE MAJOR GENERAL LIST WAS CONSPICUOUS BECAUSE OF THE
PASSOVER OF BG FERRARO, LONG-TIME COMMANDANT OF THE GUANABARA
STATE MILITIA, WHO WAS DISDAINED BECAUSE OF HANKY-PANKY WITH
OFFICIAL FUNDS AND A SUBORDINATES' WIFE. YET ANOTHER PASSOVER
WAS OBESE GEN. AUGUSTO CID DE CAMARGO OSORIO. CID HAS BEEN A
LAZY GENERAL OFFICER AND HE HAD THE ADDITIONAL STIGMA OF HAVING
BEEN A PROTEGE OF THE NOW-RETIRED BUT STILL DESPISED GEN.
PORTELLA, CHIEF OF THE LATE PRESIDENT COSTA E SILVA'S MILITARY
HOUSEHOLD. EVEN THOUGH DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE ARMY GENERAL STAFF
GEN. MOURAO MADE THE LIST, SOURCES WITHIN THE HIGH COMMAND
SAID THAT HE CAME WITHIN A WHISKER OF BEING PASSED OVER. HE
TOO IS CONSIDERED LAZY. THE CHIEF OF PRESIDENT GEISEL'S
MILITARY HOUSEHOLD, GEN. HUGO DE ABREU WAS A POPULAR MAKE, AS
WAS GEN. SAMUEL, CURRENT BRAZILIAN MILITARY ATTACHE IN
WASHINGTON. THE FORMER CHIEF OF THE FEDERAL POLICE, GEN.
BANDEIRA, WAS PROMOTED AND HE WILL COMMAND THE 4TH MILITARY
REGION IN JUIZ DE FORA, STATE OF MINAS GERAIS. NEWLY-PROMOTED
MG DARCY LAZARO IS SCHEDULED TO TAKE COMMAND OF THE ARMY'S
BRASILIA GARRISON.

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4. (C) AS ALWAYS, THE GREATEST EXCITEMENT WAS IN THE COLONEL TO BG AREA. THIS LIST REFLECTS THE HIGH PROFESSIONAL QUALITY OF THE COLONELS COMING INTO THE ZONE OF CONSIDERATION. TWO OF THE TEN SELECTEES ARE PROGEGES OF GEN. FROYA, NEWLY-ASSIGNED ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF. THEY ARE BG FIUZA AND BG CELSO MEYER. THE ARMY MINISTER PLACED HIS CHIPS SUCCESSFULLY ON BG ESPIRITO SANTO, HIS LONGTIME AIDE. FORMER PRESIDENT MEDICI IS PLEASED BECAUSE HIS CLOSE FRIEND AND FREQUENT SUBORDINATE, COL. DIEGUEZ, WAS PROMOTED. ENGINEER COLONEL MASSA, IS THE GRANDFATHER OF THE LOT AT AGE 58. HE WAS SECRETARY OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL UNDER BOTH THE COSTA E SILVA AND MEDICI ADMINISTRATIONS AND IS VERY WELL LIKED. A RATHER WEAK MAKE, BG XAVIER, IS THE PROTEGE OF MG DILERMANDO GOMES MONTEIRO, VICE CHIEF OF THE SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND A GEISEL FAVORITE. NEW BG LEONIDAS IS A DASHING FIGURE WHO HAS LONG BEEN IDENTIFIED WITH GEN. REYNALDO MELLO DE ALMEIDA. BG HERALDO IS A COMPETENT CAVALRY-MAN WHO WAS "PUSHED" BY GEN. CORREA, CHIEF OF THE TRAINING AND RESEARCH DEPARTMENT. BG SILVEIRA PROBABLY OWES HIS PROMOTION TO BG FIGUEIREDO, CHIEF OF THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE, AND BG PINHO WAS "SPONSORED" BY GEN. AVILA, COMMANDER OF THE II ARMY.

5. (C) IT IS ALMOST CERTAIN THAT THE NEW GENERALS WILL BE ASSIGNED AS FOLLOWS:

- CELSU MEYER TO DIV. ARTILLERY COMMANDER, 2ND ARMY DIV., SANTOS (SAO PAULO)
- XAVIER TO COMMAND OF THE 6TH ARMORED INF. BRIGADE, SANTO MARIA (RIO GRANDE DO SUL)
- HERALDO TO COMMAND OF THE 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION, SANTIAGO (RIO GRANDE DO SUL)
- LEONIDAS TO CHIEF OF STAFF, I ARMY, RIO DE JANEIRO (GUANABARA)
- FIUZA CONFIRMED AS COMMANDER, GUANABAA STATE MILITIA
- ESPIRITO SANTO TO COMMAND OF THE 4TH INFANTRY BRIGADE BELO HORIZONTE (MINAS GERAIS)
- DIEGUEZ TO COMMAND OF THE 2ND MIXED BRIGADE, CORUMBA (MATO GROSSO)

ASSIGNMENTS FOR MASSA, SILVEIRA, AND PINHO ARE NOT YET KNOWN. COMMENT: (C) PRESIDENT GEISEL ADHERED TO THE SEQUENCE SUBMITTED BY THE ARMY HIGH COMMAND. THERE ARE INDICATIONS, HOWEVER, THAT HE WILL NOT DO SO IN THE FUTURE, THEREBY ADDING BOTH HIS VERY PERSONAL TOUCH TO THE PROMOTION PROCESS AS WELL AS AN AIR OF DEEP SUSPENSE.

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