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Repercussions from Recent Colonel Promotions

Recent promotions from Colonel to Brigadeiro have just been announced for the following:

Col. Martinho Candido dos Santos, presently occupying the position of Air Attache in Canada.

Col. Oswaldo Balloussier, assigned to the National War College.

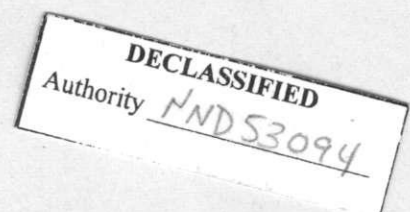
Col. Anysio Botelho, Chief of Staff of the 4th Air Zone.

In promoting these officers to general rank, the President passed over several senior officers obviously due to their past political activities and present leanings. As a result repercussions within the Brazilian Air Force will possibly occur. The most serious of which could be the removal through resignation of the Air Minister. It is understood that the Air Minister recommended strict adherence to seniority in filling the three vacancies. If true, this could seriously weaken the Air Minister's position.

COMMENTS OF THE REPORTING OFFICER:

Whether or not Air Minister FLEIUSS will feel obligated to submit his resignation is a matter of speculation. Present opinion is that he will not.

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
AREA REPORT CONCERNS Brazil		
AGENCY OF ORIGIN CAirA, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	DATE OF REPORT 1 Jun 1955	JUL 5 1955 BZ Bio D242850 Balloussier
SOURCE OF INFORMATION FAB	DATE OF INFORMATION Current	
PREPARING OFFICER Lt. Col. David L. Willetts, AAirA	EVALUATION B-2	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) IR-240-54; IR-35-55; 1P-BAIR; Air Intel Eval Record, dtd. 7 Mar 55, fr AFOIN-2D2.		
SUBJECT Present Position of Colonel Oswaldo Balloussier		
SUMMARY (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112a.) In accordance with request contained in Air Intelligence Evaluation Record, dated 7 March 1955, from AFOIN-2D2 (IR-35-55), on the present position held by Colonel Oswaldo Balloussier, it is not positive when he assumed his duties in the Superior War College (Division of Studies) but it is approximately 31 August 1954.		
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DAVID L. WILLETTS Lt. Colonel, USAF Assistant Air Attache		
APPROVED: Robert C. Rogers ROBERT C. ROGERS Colonel, USAF Air Attache		
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AA, Brazil

Lt. Col. David L. Willetts

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What is the present position held by Col. Oswaldo BALLOUSSIER? Your above referenced IR-35-55 states that on 12 Jan 55 Col. BALLOUSSIER assumed the additional duty of BAF Representative of the Galeao Factory. IR-240-54, dtd 2 Sep 54, states that in Aug 54 he was relieved as Director of the Institute of Technology. No subsequent reports have been received concerning the post held by this officer.

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Extracted from IR-22-54, dtd 29 January 1954

During a recent visit to Sao Jose dos Campos, Air Attache and reporter met the Institute of Technology's new commander, FAB Colonel Oswaldo BALLOUSSIER. Commander of Afonsos Air Base until his new assignment two months ago, Colonel BALLOUSSIER is an engineer of high repute. He is considered by USAF personnel in the JBUSMC to be pro-American, but he is also pro-French, being of French antecedents and having received his training in aeronautical engineering in French schools. He appears to be friendly, if reserved, and is famous throughout FAB for his photographic memory. When more biographical data are available, a Who's Who on this officer will be prepared.

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Balloussier

referred as Col.

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IR-240-54 dtd 2 Sep 54

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
SUBJECT WHO'S WHO REPORT on Lt. Colonel Oswaldo Balloussier		
AREA REPORTED ON Brazil	FROM (Agency) Air Attache, Rio de Janeiro	
DATE OF REPORT 31 August 1949	DATE OF INFORMATION 30 August 1949	EVALUATION A-1
PREPARED BY (Officer) REUBEN C. HOOD, JR., Brig General	SOURCE Official Publication; Personal Knowledge	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)		
SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112—Part II.)		
1. SURNAME: <u>Balloussier</u> 2. COUNTRY: <u>Brazil</u> 3. FULL NAME: <u>Oswaldo Balloussier</u> 4. ALIASES: <u>Unknown</u> 5. PRESENT MILITARY RANK: <u>Lt. Colonel - Engineers</u> 6. BRANCH OF SERVICE: <u>Brazilian Air Force</u> 7. PRESENT POSITION: <u>Directory of Training</u> 8. DATE OF BIRTH: <u>3 March 1911</u> - PLACE OF BIRTH: <u>Federal District</u> 10. NATIONALITY: <u>French - Brazilian</u> 11. WIFE: <u>Yes</u> 12. CHILDREN: 13. EDUCATION: <u>Primary schooling in Federal District</u> 14. PAST CAREER: <u>Entered former Military School at Realengo on 21 March 1928. Entered Military Aviation School in 1929 and made an aspirante (cadet) on 22 November 1930. Always first in his class. Made instructor at Military Aviation School at Campos dos Affonsos in 1930. Promoted to Av. 2nd Lt. on 11 June 1931 and 1st Lt. 17 November 1932. Promoted to Captain 30 December 1933 and in February 1934 named Commander of Fourth Squadron of 1st Aviation Regiment. May 1935 went to Argentina on visit. 23 July 1935 entered the Ecole Nationale Superieure de Aeromautique</u>		
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de Paris and graduated in 1938 at the head of his class. 1940 commissioned to supervise construction of North American and Lockheed airplanes ordered from U. S. 1941 when Ministry of Air was organized he transferred and December 20 1941 promoted to aeronautical engineer major. 1942 named Chief of Materiel Service of Second Air Zone with headquarters in Recife. 1943 named Head of Training of Air Specialist School. 10 May promoted to Lt. Col. for merit. 1945 named Commander of Specialists School at Galeao. As of 5 January 1949 he has 2500 flying hours. He has the Aviation Cross, Silver Medal for 20 years service; Order of Air Merit.

15. TRAVEL: Europe and Argentina

16. RELIGION: Roman Catholic

17. POLITICS:

18. LANGUAGES: French

19. CHARACTER: Of French descent. He and his wife travelled widely in Europe while he was a student. He is rather intelligent, very conceited and although friendly to Americans resents having them placed in any instructional capacity in activities with which he is connected.

20. PHOTOGRAPHS: On file in Washington

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