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1. BRAZIL

2. (U) ARMY PROMOTES, RETIRES AND REASSIGNS OFFICERS

3. N/A

4. 31 JULY 1973

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7. PERSONAL OBSERVATION AND CONTACTS WITH INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED

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15. ---1. (U) QUARTERLY PROMOTIONS TO AND WITHIN GENERAL OFFICER RANKS WERE ANNOUNCED ON 31 JULY. THE FOLLOWING CHANGES IN GRADE TOOK PLACE, WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF 30 JULY:

A. TO GENERAL (FOUR STARS): MG RAMIRO TAVARES GONCALVES

B. TO MAJOR GENERAL: BG JOSE MARIA DE ANDRADA SERPA

BG GASTAO FERNANDO SOUTO GOMES CARNEIRO

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C. TO BRIG GENERAL: COL. FERDINANDO DE CARVALHO (ARTILLERY)

COL. RUY LEAL CAMPELLO (INFANTRY)

COL. ANGELO IRULEGUI CUNHA (CAVALRY)

COL. NEWTON CIRO BRAGA (MIL. ENGINEER)

COL. JOSE FONTOURA DA CUNHA (QUARTERMASTER)

2. (U) NOT ALL OF THE OFFICERS AFFECTED BY THE ABOVE PROMOTIONS HAVE BEEN REASSIGNED. THE FOLLOWING NEW DUTIES HAVE BEEN ANNOUNCED:

A. GEN. RAMIRO FROM VICE CHIEF OF ORDNANCE TO CHIEF OF THE ARMY PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT (VICE GEN. ISSAC NAHON, RETIRED) AND MEMBERSHIP ON THE ARMY HIGH COMMAND. HIS DUTY STATION IS BRASILIA.

B. GEN. SERPA FROM DIRECTOR OF DATA PROCESSING TO DEPUTY CHIEF, PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT, BRASILIA.

C. GEN. FERDINANDO FROM SERVICES DEPT. TO DIRECTOR OF DATA PROCESSING, BRASILIA.

D. GEN. IRULEGUI FROM CENTRAL AGENCY, NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE TO COMMANDER, 4 TH CAVALRY DIVISION AT CAMPO GRANDE, STATE OF MATO GROSSO.

3. (U) THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL ASSIGNMENTS AND RETIREMENTS HAVE OCCURRED:

A. MG FERNANDO BELFORT BETHLEM MOVES FROM DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE ARMY GENERAL STAFF TO VICE CHIEF OF THE ORDNANCE DEPARTMENT, BRASILIA.

B. MG ADAUTO BEZERRA DE ARAUJO MOVES FROM THE PERSONNEL DEPT TO GEN. BETHLEMS'S PREVIOUS POSITION ON THE ARMY GENERAL STAFF, BRASILIA.

C. BG ADACYR FREDERICO WERNER HAS LEFT THE POSITION OF DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE ARMY GENERAL STAFF TO BECOME DIRECTOR OF THE NEWLY CREATED ARMY DOCUMENTATION CENTER, BRASILIA.

D. BG ANTONIO HAMILTON MOURAO REPLACES WERNER ON THE GENERAL STAFF, BRASILIA.

E. BG HEITOR LUIZ GOMES DE ALMEIDA LEAVES THE 4TH CAVALRY DIVISION TO ASSUME COMMAND OF THE 1ST MOTORIZED INF BRIGADE AT THE VILA MILITAR IN RIO DE JANEIRO.

F. MG ALOYSIO GUEDES PEREIRA, PASSED-OVER TWICE AND HIS REQUESTED RETIREMENT.

G. BG JOAO JOCOBUS PELLEGRINI, RETIRED DUE TO AGE (62).

H. BG MANOEL JOSE CORREA DE LACERDA, RETIRED DUE TO AGE (62).

I. GEN. RODRIGO OCTAVIO JORDAO RAMOS, NOMINATED FOR THE SUPERIOR MILITARY TRIBUNAL IN THE VACANCY OF GEN. (RET) ADALBERTO PEREIRA DOS SANTOS, VICE-PRESIDENT DESIGNATE IN THE NEXT ADMINISTRATION. GEN. RODRIGO OCTAVIO IS EXPECTED TO LEAVE HIS POSITION AS CHIEF OF THE SERVICES DEPARTMENT IN LATE SEPTEMBER

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OR EARLY OCTOBER.

4. (C) THE PROMOTION OF GEN. RAMIRO HAS A PAINT AIR OF CONTROVERSY ATTACHED TO IT. IN THE FIRST PLACE, THE PASSED-OVER GEN. ALOYSIO IS POPULAR, A DEDICATED SOLDIER AND AN INFANTRYMAN. RAMIRO IS AN OUTSTANDING PROFESSIONAL, BUT HE IS SOMEWHAT OF AN OPPORTUNIST AND REPRESENTS THE FOURTH CONSECUTIVE CAVALRYMAN ELEVATED TO FOUR STARS. THE FACT IS THAT RAMIRO IS NOW A MEMBER OF THE ARMY HIGH COMMAND WITH TENURE UNTIL NOVEMBER, 1976, WHEN HE COMPLETES TWELVE YEARS AS A GENERAL OFFICER.

5. (C) THE NEW BRIGADIER GENERALS ARE COMPETENT PROFESSIONALS, EVEN THOUGH CAMPELLO AND IRULEGUI ARE NOT WIDELY ESTEEMED AMONG THEIR COLLEAGUES. FERDINANDO IS A TOWER OF EXTRAORDINARY PROFESSIONAL STRENGTH AND MUST BE FLAGGED AS A MAN WITH ENORMOUS POTENTIAL IN THE YEARS' AHSSD.

COMMENT: (C) THE UPCOMING END OF NOVEMBER PROMOTIONS WILL BE AMONG THE MOST EXCITING OF RECENT YEARS AS THEY BRING INTO FOCUS A "NEWER BREED" OF CANDIDATE. FOR THE FIRST TIME IN YEARS, MEN OF 57 (GEN. EULER BENTES MONTEIRO) AND 59 (GEN. REYNALDO MELLO DE ALMEIDA) WILL BE IN THE RUNNING FOR FOUR STARS. THE CONTROVERSIAL GEN. MEIRA MATOS COMES UP FOR HIS THIRD STAR, AND THE ELIGIBLE COLONELS ARE BRIGHT AND ATTRACTIVE. MOREOVER, IT WILL BE THE LAST OPPORTUNITY FOR PRESIDENT MEDICI AND ARMY MINISTER GEISEL TO "REWARD" SOME OF THEIR FAVORITES FOR SERVICES RENDERED DURING THE PAST FOUR YEARS. GDS 31 DEC 73

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