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Brazil

(U) NAME: Col Francisco Boaventura Cavalcanti Junior (boh-ah-venn-TOO-rah),
Army.

(U) POSITION: Commander, 2d Coast Artillery Group, Rio de Janeiro,
since 31 May 1967.

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(C) SIGNIFICANCE: A ~~political officer and a leader in the Army~~ of the

~~that~~
~~hard line faction composed of those who~~ advocates a firm and
authoritarian approach in the elimination of subversion and corruption,
he has great prestige in the Army and is highly respected for his courage
in supporting what he thinks is right. He achieved national prominence

in Oct 1963 for his anti-Goulart stand in refusing to ~~participate in the~~

~~illegal~~
participate in the attempted ~~illegal~~ arrest of Carlos Lacerda, Governor of
the State of Guanabara from Dec 1960 to Nov 1965. He became very critical

of Marshal (Ret) Humberto de Alencar Castello Branco (President, Apr 1964-

57), but has been a supporter of Marshal (Ret) Arthur da Costa e Silva,

inaugurated President in March 1967. ~~His~~ (His brother, Brig Gen (Ret)

José Camacho, was appointed Minister of Mines and Energy in Mar 1967.)

He is an excellent commander, airborne qualified, and very intelligent

(graduated first in his class at the Military Academy and the Officers

Advanced School). He was United Nations Military Advisor during the Suez Operation

(1957-1959), the Congo Operation (1960-1961) and in the Dominican Republic

(May-Jun 1965), and served with the Brazilian Expeditionary Force in Italy

during World War II (1944-1945). All field grade promotions were for merit.

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(S/NFD) POLITICS:

x (S/NFD) International: Strongly anti-Communist^{and} anti-Castro. ~~██████████~~

Considered friendly toward the U.S., but extremely nationalistic.

(C/NFD) Internal: Politically conservative, he is a leader ~~in the~~
~~Army~~ of the ^{in the Army that} "hard line" faction ^{a/} ~~which~~ advocates firm and authoritarian ~~x~~
approach in eliminating subversion and corruption. He believes that young
leaders should replace the old generals ^{who} ~~that~~ have outlived their time.
Bitterly opposed to Communist infiltration while João Goulart was President
(1961-1964), he helped organize the revolution that ousted him in Apr 1964
and brought Marshal (Ret) Humberto de Alencar Castello Branco to the
Presidency, Apr 1964 to Mar 1967. He had been a supporter and ardent admirer
of Carlos Lacerda, controversial Governor of the State of Guanabara from
Dec 1960 to Nov 1965, but publicly disassociated himself from Lacerda
in Dec 1966 because ~~of the latter's attempt~~ ^{of the latter's attempt} to obtain support for
~~Lacerda to secure a large political base with liberal and leftist support.~~
He refused to obey an order of 4 Oct 1963 to participate in an Airborne
Division "training exercise" intended by the Goulart administration to
kidnap or kill Lacerda, ^{and} was transferred from Rio de Janeiro to a provincial
post ^{when he publicly contradicted the} for disclosing information contradicting the administration's version
of the ~~events~~ ^{the} events, and was subsequently ^{was} placed under disciplinary arrest
(~~24 Nov-19~~) (24 Nov-19 Dec 1963) for protesting the punitive transfer).

He was ~~relieved by~~ ^{dismissed} President Castello Branco in early July 1964 from the

Military Cabinet of ~~the~~ President for outspoken criticism ~~of the~~ ^{that the}

administration ~~was~~ too legalistic and over ^{cautious} in handling subversion. In

Nov 1965 He was the key military figure in an ~~aborted~~ ^{attempt by} abortive pressure play in

Nov 1965 by military hard line elements (backed by Lacerda) and aimed

at preventing Francisco Negrão de Lima (inaugurated Governor of Guanabara

in Dec 1965) from taking office ^{because of his ties} for reported close ties with liberal

~~elements~~ ^{of Brasilia} ^{as agents} ^{and under disciplinary arrest.}

He has ~~expressed full~~ ^{thus for} support ^{of President} for Marshal (Ret.) Arthur da Costa e Silva,

(^{Inaugurated} President since March 1967) and hopes that the ~~present~~ administration

will be ^{strict} ~~severe~~ in the handling ^{he} of leftists, but is somewhat fearful

that Costa e Silva may succumb to political pressures in an effort to be popular.

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(C) PERSONAL DATA:

Fortaleza, State of Ceara,

~~Fortaleza, State of Ceara,~~

(U) Birth: 15 Apr 1919 in ~~Fortaleza~~, Brazil.

(C) Family: Member of an old military family from the Northeast; has two brothers, Army Brig Gen (Ret) Jose Costa Cavalcanti, Minister of Mines and Energy since March 1967, and Army Lt Col Manoel Costa Cavalcanti, an Instructor of Mathematics. Wife, Maria Amalia Figueiredo Cavalcanti (daughter of a retired Army Col). Children (2): Aurora (f), born in 1953; Renaldo (m), born 1955.

(C) Description: Height, 5'8", *always neat in appearance.*
Quiet and dignified in manner, has
~~He~~ a pleasant, ~~and~~ engaging personality and gives an impression of vigor and energy. *Friendly, even with unimportant people; mixes well at social gatherings.*

(U) Languages: Native Portuguese, *fluent* ~~speaks~~ English, *speaks* French, Italian, German and Spanish.

(U) Religion: Roman Catholic (practicing, 1964).

(U) Decorations: Brazilian Campaign Medal, Order of Military Merit (Knight), Military Medal (Silver), War Medal, Peacemaker Medal, Marshal Hermes Study Medal (Bronze with 1 wreath), Duke of Caixas Military Academy Medal.

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(U) CAREER:

?-1939? Cadet, Military Preparatory School, Recife.

1940-1943 Cadet, Military Academy. Appointed Probationary 2d Lt in Artillery, 1 Mar 1943; commissioned 2d Lt, 25 Sept 1943.

1944-1945 Artillery Observer, Brazilian Expeditionary Force in Italy, World War II, Sept 1944-^{May}1945. Promoted to 1st Lt, 25 Sept 1944.

? Student, Officers Advanced School.

1948 Promoted to Capt, 25 Mar.

? Student, Instructors Course, Army Physical Education School, ~~Rio~~ Rio de Janeiro.

1949-1952 Student, General Staff Course, Army Command and General Staff School, Feb 1949-Jan 1952.

1952-1954 Instructor, Army Command and General Staff School, Jun 1952-Mar 1954.

1954-1955 Student, Basic Airborne Training and Jumpmaster Courses, Airborne School, Vila Militar, Rio de Janeiro, Mar 1954-Jul 1955.

1955-1957 Instructor, Army Command and General Staff School, Jul 1955-Mar 1957.

1957-1959 Military Advisor, United Nations Emergency Force (Suez Operation), Mar 1957-Jun 1959.

1960 Assigned to 7th Infantry Division, Recife, Feb-Aug.

1960-1961 Military Advisor, United Nations Emergency Force (Congo Operation), Aug 1960-Jul 1961.

1961-1962 Staff Officer, 2d Section (Intelligence), Army General Staff, Jul 1961-Mar 1962.

1962 Student, Superior Course, Superior War School, Mar-Dec.
U.S. orientation tour with graduating class, 21 Jun-8 Jul.
Promoted to Lt Col, 25 Apr 1962.

1963 Commander, Airborne Howitzer Group (Bn) (75mm), ^(Rio de Janeiro) Jul-~~Oct~~ Nov.

1963-1964 Divisional Artillery, 5th Infantry Division, Curitiba, ^(Paraná) Nov 1963-Apr 1964. Under disciplinary arrest ^{for political activity}, 24 Nov-19 Dec, 1963.

1964 Assistant Secretary to the Chief, ^{Military Cabinet of the President,} ~~Presidential Military Household,~~
Apr-Dec ~~Jul~~.

1964 Army Command and General Staff School, Jul-Dec.

1965 Chief of Staff, Airborne Division Nucleus, Vila Militar,
Rio de Janeiro. Detached duty as Assistant Military Advisor
to United Nations Observer in Dominican Republic, May-Jun.

for political activity
~~Under~~ disciplinary arrest, 28 Nov-8 Dec.

1966-1967 Commander, 2d Battalion, 7th (105 mm) Howitzer Regiment,
Natal, Rio Grande do Norte, Jan 1966-May 1967.

Promoted to Col, 25 Aug 1966.

1967-Present Commander, 2d ~~Coast~~ Artillery Group, Rio de Janeiro,
from 31 May 1967.