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15. SUMMARY:

(U) FULL NAME. Francisco BOAVENTURA Cavalcanti Junior.
 (U) NICKNAMES, ALIASES, VARIANTS. Not Known.
 (U) PRESENT TITLE OR MIL. RANK. Lt Col
 (U) PRESENT POSITION. Div. of 5th
 Inf. Div. Curitiba
 Regiment
 (U) DATE OF BIRTH. 15 April 1919
 (U) PLACE OF BIRTH. Alagoas, Brazil.
 (U) NATIONALITY & ORIGIN. A member of an old Military family from the Northeast. Two of his brothers are Army officers. One of them, Col. Costa Cavalcanti is a Federal Deputy from Pernambuco for the U.D.N. opposition party. The other is a Lt Colonel and a Professor at the Recife Military College.
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(U) WIFE. Married to Maria Amalia Figueiredo Cavalcanti, daughter of a retired Army Colonel.
 (U) CHILDREN. One son Renaldo, born 1955; one daughter, name *Aurora*, born 1953.
 (U) EDUCATION. Colegio Militar at Recife.
 (U) RELIGION. Practicing Catholic.
 (CONF) POLITICS. Colonel Boaventura is anti-Communist, pro-U.S., pro-democratic and favors Governor Carlos Lacerda. He is bitterly opposed to the Goulart Government and what he regards as its pro-Communist orientation. He achieved great National prominence for his refusal to have any part in the attempt to kidnap or kill Governor Carlos Lacerda of Guanabara in 1963 (see R-2809044763). He spoke out forthrightly

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(CONF) POLITICS, Continued: on the subject and was arrested for 30 days, but was released after 24 days.

(U) LANGUAGES. Native Portuguese; speaks English, French, Italian, German and Spanish.

(U) FAST CAREER:

1 Apr 40 - Entered Military service.
 1 Mar 43 - Graduated as Aspirante.
 25 Sep 43 - Promoted to 2d Lt.
 25 Sep 44 - Promoted to 1st Lt.
 25 Mar 48 - Promoted to Captain.
 25 Jan 53 - Promoted to Major (merit)
 Mar 57 - Jun 59 - Designated as member of General Staff of Secretary General of UNO.
 Jan 60 - Apptd Asst Secy. to Minas Gerais Inima Siqueira without interference with functions at GHQ of 7th Mil. Region & 7th Inf Division.
 25 Apr 62 - Promoted to Lt Colonel
 Jun 62 - Travelled to U.S. for orientation/observer training, as member of Armed Forces Staff College.
 Jul 63 - Comdr of Airborne Howitzer Group (BN) (75mm).
 Nov 63 - Asgd to ~~5th Infantry Division, Curitiba~~ ^{Divl Artlry of 5th Infantry Division, Curitiba}.

COURSES:

Regimental Artillery
 Officers Advancement School
 General Staff School
 Comd & Gen Staff School
 Physical Education Course
 Basic Airborne Instruction
 Jump Master Course

DECORATIONS:

Campaign Medal
 Service Medal, 20 years.
 War Medal
 Peacemakers Medal
 Caxias Medal (1st in class at Military Academy)
 Marshal Hermes Medal (1st in class at Advanced Officers Class)

During World War II, Col. Boaventura served as a Forward Artillery Observer, with the Brazilian Expeditionary Force in Italy. He served with distinction.

Col. Boaventura also served with the United Nations Emergency Force in Suez and in the Congo, and was on Dag Hammarskjold's Staff. When he completed his 2-year tour and was due to return to Brazil, the UN asked that he be extended. Brazil refused to bear the cost and the UN assumed them in order to keep this officer available.

**NOTE: Assignment given in R-2809044763 and R-28090044263 was in error; is actually assigned to Divisional Artillery of 5th Infantry Division in Curitiba.

(CONF) CHARACTER: Col. Boaventura is about 5'8" tall. He is clean shaven and is a quiet, dignified officer who is extremely well liked by his contemporaries and his subordinates. He is also highly respected for his integrity and intellectual ability. He has a pleasant and engaging personality and gives an impression of vigor and energy. He is intensely proud of being an Airborne Officer. He was somewhat indiscreet in his political pronouncements following the Lacerda episode, but was under great provocation due to the completely false version of the events which was circulated by the Government. As long as the forces of the PTB rule Brazil, this officer will have a limited future and every attempt will be made to get him to retire. Should Governor Carlos Lacerda, however, be elected President in 1965, this officer will have an almost unlimited future.

(U) PHOTOCRAZ: Not available at the present time.

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