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BIOGRAPHIC DATA

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Maj Gen João Dutra de CASTILHO
March 1969

(U) NAME: Maj Gen João Dutra de Castilho
(cahs-TEEL-hoh), Army.

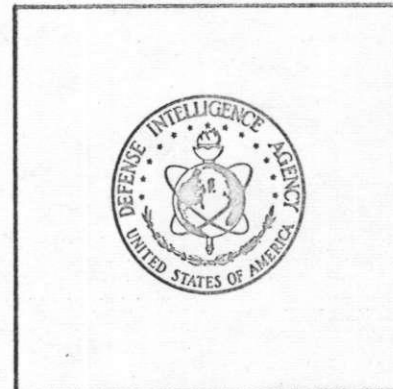
(U) POSITION: Commander, 1st Infantry
Division, Vila Militar, Guanabara, from
Mar 1968.

(S/NFD) SIGNIFICANCE: An aggressive, energetic officer, he is an outstanding leader and has an excellent professional reputation in the army. He is influenced by his personal antipathy toward Communism and his relationship with associates and superiors is conditioned by his attitude (withdraws support if he believes the person has become lax in dealing with what he considers leftism). He is very popular with junior officers and supported the Captain's Manifesto of Nov 1967 that publicized dissatisfaction of younger officers with army leadership. He is a paratrooper and served as Commander of the First Airborne Division (Nucleus) from 1964 to 1966. He attended the Modern Weapons Course, U.S. Army Air Defense School, Fort Bliss, Texas, in 1960.

(S/NFD) POLITICS:

(S/NFD) International: Strongly anti-Communist; he is very friendly toward the United States and has agreed with the United States position in the Dominican Republic and in Vietnam. He believes that leftists are trying to destroy the friendship between the U.S. and Brazil.

(S/NFD) Internal: A rightwing conservative, he was heavily involved in the plotting before the Apr 1964 revolution that ousted leftist-tending President João Goulart, and personally arrested the Governor of Pernambuco at its outset. While loyal to both President Humberto Castello Branco (1964-1967) and President Arthur da Costa e Silva (inaugurated 1967), he is generally associated with the hardline faction of army officers who criticize the government for not taking sufficiently drastic action to eliminate leftist and corrupt officials. During 1968, he became increasingly disgusted with Costa e Silva for his relaxed attitude toward public dissention and was considered the spokesman for



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the hardliners. Pressure from Castilho reportedly was directly responsible for the harshness of the Institutional Act No. 5 (published 13 Dec 1968) that imposed censorship on information media and further restricted political activity. He has been mentioned as a supporter of Maj Gen Affonso Augusto de Albuquerque Lima, a leading army officer who resigned as Minister of Interior in Jan 1969, who has presidential ambitions.

(C) PERSONAL DATA:

(U) Birth: 8 Jun 1907 in Rio de Janeiro, Guanabara.

(U) Family: Wife: Maria de Castilho (born in Recife; Roman Catholic; rather nervous). One married daughter, one son (was forced out of Military Academy in final year).

(C) Description: Stocky build (5'10", 180 lbs); black hair (balding); black eyes; wears glasses; round face with large mole on left cheek; dresses conservatively; aggressive and energetic (gives impression of strength and authority); once made a parachute jump on a dare; does not drink coffee.

(U) Language: Native Portuguese, some English.

(U) Religion: Roman Catholic.

(U) Decorations: Brazilian Order of Military Merit (Officer), Military Medal (Gold Clasp), War Medal, Peacemaker Medal.

(U) CAREER:

1924	- Entered military service, 8 Apr 1924.
1930	- Graduated from Military Academy; commissioned Aspirante (probationary 2d Lt) in Infantry, 21 Jan 1930. Promoted to 2d Lt, 24 Jul 1930.
1932	- Promoted to 1st Lt, 22 Mar 1932.
?	- Student, Advanced Course, School of Arms.
1937	- Promoted to Capt, 3 May 1937.
?	- Student, General Staff Course, Army Command and General Staff School.
1946	- Promoted to Maj, 25 Jun 1946 (time-in-grade).
1951	- Promoted to Lt Col, 25 Oct 1951 (merit).
1956	- Promoted to Col, 25 Aug 1956 (merit).
1959	- Assigned to 1st Section (Personnel), Army General Staff, 1959.

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- 1960 - Commander, Reserve Officers Training Center, Recife, 1960.
- 1960 - Student, Modern Weapons Course, U.S. Army Air Defense School, Ft. Bliss, Texas, 21 Aug-11 Sep 1960.
- 1962-1964 - Commander, 14th ("Guararapes") Infantry Regiment, Vila Militar, Recife, Pernambuco.
- 1964 - Acting Commander, Divisional Infantry, 7th Infantry Division, Natal, from Apr 1964. Promoted to Brig Gen, Jul 1964.
- 1964 - Acting Commander, 7th Military Region, Recife, Pernambuco, from Aug 1964.
- 1964 - Chief of Staff, 4th Army, from Sep to Dec 1964.
- 1964-1966 - Commander, First Airborne Division (Nucleus), 10 Dec 1964-19 Dec 1966. Promoted to Maj Gen, Nov 1966.
- 1966-1968 - Commander, 9th Military Region, Campo Grande, Mato Grosso, 19 Dec 1966-Mar 1968.
- 1968-Present - Commander, 1st Infantry Division, Vila Militar, Guanabara, from Mar 1968.