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AND REFLECTING NEGATIVELY ON THE MINISTER'S SENSE OF FAIR PLAY.
2. (C) PERHAPS THE MOST STARTLING PASSOVER WAS THAT OF VICE
ADM. HERICK MARQUES CAMINHA, VICE CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE NAVY.
HE RANKED SECOND ON THE LIST AND WAS CONSIDERED A "SURE THING"
FOR ONE OF THE TWO FOUR-STAR PROMOTIONS. IT WAS GENERALLY
AGREED THAT CAMINHA WOULD BECOME EITHER THE NEW CNO OR CHIEF
OF STAFF IN THE FORTHCOMING SPLIT OF THE POSITION NOW HELD BY
ADM. JORDAO. THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE PRE-PROMOTION CERTAINTY
THAT EITHER THE FIRST ON THE LIST (REZENDE ROCHA) OR THE THIRD
(ESPELLET) WOULD NOT RECEIVE A FOUR-STAR BID; THE POSSIBILITY OF
CAMINHA NOT BEING SELECTED DID NOT ENTER INTO THE FORMULAS OF
MOST WHO SPECULATED ON THE MATTER.
3. (C) YET ANOTHER MAJOR SURPRISE WAS THE NON-SELECTION OF
REAR ADMIRAL REYNALTO ZANNINI COELHO DE SOUZA, DIRECTOR OF
TRAINING, FOR PROMOTION TO VICE ADMIRAL. THE POPULAR ZANNINI
WAS NEARLY EVERYONE'S FAVORITE TO RECEIVE ONE OF THE TWO
PROMOTIONS, PARTICULARLY SINCE HE WAS RANKED AS NO. 2 ON THE
LIST. AS IT TURNED OUT, NEITHER HE NOR THE FIRST RANKED,
ALOYSIO MENDES LOPES, MADE IT. WITH THE PROMOTIONS GOING TO
THE THIRD (EUGENIO MARQUES RODRIGUES FRAZAO) AND THE FOURTH
(FERNANDO ERNESTO CARNEIRO REIBEIRO).
4. (C) ANOTHER MAJOR "BOMB" EXPLODED IN THE AREA OF SELECTION
TO REAR ADMIRAL. EVERYBODY'S NUMBER ONE CHOICE -- INCLUDING
THE NAVY HIGH COMMAND'S LIST SENT TO THE PRESIDENT -- WAS
CAPTAIN DOLMAR FERNANDES NATARIO OF THE NAVY GENERAL STAFF.
OFFICERS ON THAT STAFF ARE DISGUSTED WITH THE ESTEEMED NATARIO'S
NON-SELECTION AND THE APPARENT TREACHERY OF THE MINISTER, WHO
WENT ALONG WITH THE HIGH COMMAND AND THEN SHIFTED SIGNALS AT
THE PRESIDENCY OF THE REPUBLIC. ALSO IN THE ZONE OF CAPTAIN
TO FLAG RANK, THE NON-PROMOTION OF THE NUMBER THREE CAPTAIN ON
THE LIST, HELIO COSTA BASTOS, ASTONISHED MANY NAVAL OBSERVERS.
IN HIS CASE, IT IS BELIEVED THAT HIS CLOSE IDENTIFICATION WITH
ADM. JANNUZZI, RECENTLY "KICKED UPSTAIRS" TO THE JOINT BRAZIL-
US MILITARY COMMISSION, WAS THE DECISIVE NEGATIVE FACTOR.
5. (U) IN ACCORDANCE WITH TRADITION IN THE BRAZILIAN NAVY,
CAMINHA, ZANNINI, AND ALOYSIO HAVE REQUESTED RETIREMENT, AND IT
IS EXPECTED THAT THE CAPABLE NATARIO WILL FOLLOW SUIT.
COMMENT: (C) THE RECENT "FAST SHUFFLE" GIVEN TO FLEET
ADMIRALS SAMPAIO FERNANDES AND JANNUZZI, AS WELL AS THE GLEE
WITH WHICH CNO JORDAO IS BEING EASED INTO STATUORY RETIREMENT,
HAD LEFT THE NAVY SOMEWHAT SHAKEN. NOW, THE STARTLING
25 NOVEMBER PROMOTIONS HAVE ADDED FURTHER DISTRESS. IT IS
NATURAL TO ASSUME THAT MANY YOUNGER OFFICERS ARE BEWILDERED BY

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1. BRAZIL
2. (C) NAVY FLAG PROMOTIONS SURPRISE MANY AND CAUSE UNHAPPINESS
3. N/A
4. 25 NOV 74
5. BRASILIA, 26 NOV 74
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7. FLEET ADMIRALS SYLVIO MONTEIRO MOUTINHO AND HELIO LEITE
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13. & 14. ARTHUR S. MOURA, BG, DATT USDAO BRAZIL
15. --1. (C) SOURCES, WHO ARE MINISTERS OF THE SUPERIOR MILITARY TRIBUNAL, TOLD ME ON 26 NOVEMBER THAT THEY ARE SHOCKED OVER THE STEAMROLLER TACTICS OF NAVY MINISTER HENNING. THEY POINTED TO THE 25 NOVEMBER PROMOTIONS AS BEING FULL OF SURPRISES

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