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Marshal
(U) NAME: /Odylio DENYS (deh-NIECE)

(U) POSITION: Commanding General, First Army, Rio de Janeiro, since ¹⁹⁵⁴ Sept 1956
(formerly Eastern Military Zone)

~~Reliably~~ Rumored to ~~succeed~~ become ~~Secretary of War~~ Minister of War in
January 1960.

(U) BIRTH: Born 17 February 1892 in

(Southern Brazil ?)
(Rio Grande do Sul ?)

(U) FAMILY:

Brother: Col (?) Olindo Denys, retired in 1958 or 1959 (?) (Carried in Almanaque do Exército, 1958, but not 1959). Nephew: Adalberto Sardenberg

() CIVIL EDUCATION AND TRAVEL: He is well educated. (Has he ever visited or attended school in the United States?)

(U) LANGUAGES: Fluent Portuguese, others unknown

(U) RELIGION:

() CAREER:

Branch? 1912-1915 - Cadet in Brazilian Military Academy

1915(5 Apr) - Commissioned ~~Aspirante~~ Aspirante (Brevet 2d Lt).

1917(10 Jan) - Promoted to 2d Lt.

1921 (24 Jun) - Promoted to 1st Lt.

1927 (29 Dec) * Promoted to Capt

1933 (10 Feb) - Promoted to Maj. As a major, he served in the office of the Minister of War, General Pedro Aurélio de Góes Monteiro (held that office Jan 1934 - 1935).

1937 (7 Sep) - Promoted to Lt Col

1940 (5 Mar) - Promoted to Col

1942 (29 Dec) - Promoted to Brig # Gen.

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1953 (28 May) - Reported that he was expected to be appointed Brazilian Ambassador to Paraguay. It is believed this did not occur

1943(?) - 1946 (7 Jan) - Commander of Military Police (stage guard) of Federal District.

1946 (7 Jan) - 1946 (date?) ~~date?~~ Commander, 8th Military Region, Belém.

1946 (dates?) - Commander, 3d Infantry Division. ~~Pr~~

1946 (4 Oct) - Promoted to ~~Major Gen.~~ Maj. Gen.

1946 (21 Oct) - 1948 (Nov?) - Commander, 1st Infantry Division

1948 (Nov?) - Commander, Second Military Region, Sao Paulo.

1952 (2 Aug) - Promoted to Gen.

1953 (28 May) - Report Gen Denys is expected to be appointed

Brazilian Ambassador to Paraguay.

1954 - Present - CG, Eastern Military Zone, redesignated 1956 the

1956 (Sep) - Present(?) - CG, I Army, Rio de Janeiro. In Nov 1958. #####

transferred to Reserve with promotion to marshal,

and then recalled to active duty a third time

as CG, I Army. (Has he been CG, I Army, since

1956, or did another officer hold the position for

a time during this period in the Reserve?)#

1958 (14 Feb)

- "Transf. res. e conv." Retired and recalled to active duty the same day. (Why this maneuver?)

1958

"Mar R/1 11 Nov a 15 Out 958" (Marechal, Reserve de

1a Classe, 11 Nov to 15 Oct 1958) (Retired 11 Nov 1958 with promotion to Marshal retroactive to 15 Oct 1958)

1958 (11 Nov)

- "Conv." (Convocado) Recalled to active duty (1958?)

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Unknown

- Courses in Infantry and Cavalry under 1905 Regulation.

Advanced Branch Course

General Staff

Superior School of War

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(U) DECORATIONS: ##### Grande Cavaleiro, ## ~~#####~~ Ordem ~~de~~ Merito Militar;
 Grande ##### Oficial, Ordem do Merito Aeronautico;
 Medalha Militar, Pas Platina;
 Medalha de ~~de~~ Guerra;
 Medalha do Pacificador;
 Medalha ## Merito Santos ~~##~~ Dumont ~~#####~~ (Prata);
 Oficial Commendador, Legion of Honor (France);
 MM5. Por (Medalha Militar, Gran Cruz, Portugal?);
 Commander, Legion of Merit (United States);
 Gran Cruz, Ordem Nacional do ~~##~~ Merito (Paraguay);
 Ordem Militar de Ayacucho (Peru).

(U) UNIFORM AND INDIGNIA: The service uniform co sists of a single-breasted open-collar blouse of shade and design similat to old U.S. Army shade 51 service uniform except that it has patch-type waist pockets and no belt; worn with matching trousers and visored cap, tan shirt and tie, and black shoes.

/? Rank insignia consists of five stars and southern cross superimposed on an oval shield and sword of national colors, worn on each shoulder loop.

() PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS: ~~Marshal Denys is ##### handsome, well educated, not talkative~~ Marshal Denys is one of the most esteemed officers in the Brazilian Army, ~~and also one of the main supports of the democratic current within the armed forces.~~ *slays man, impressive, quiet, calm, cool,* He is handsome, not talkative, *and does not bellow at his subordinates.* He is a good administrator and commander.

self-assured.
 () POLITICS: *a powerful figure with a strong following in the Army,* Marshal Denys is one of the main supports of the democratic current in the Brazilian Armed Forces. *↑* He was reported as very pro-Ally during World War II.

(He is said to be very close to Marshall Lott and to exercise considerable influence over him.)
 () GENERAL COMMENT: *His political potential is largely dependent on Lott's future, and should Lott become President of Brazil, Denys would probably ^{come to} occupy a high government post.*

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