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15. SUMMARY:

(U) Mid-year Brazilian Navy Flag Promotions as follows: to VADM - José da Silva SA EARP; to RADM - Antonio Leopoldo Amaral SABOIA, Paulo de BONOSO Duarte Pinto, DECIO de Oliveira Guimaraes, TELMO Becker Reifschneider, IBSEN de Gusmão Camara and Horacio AULER of the Supply Corps. This report contains the details.

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1. (C) Background: As reported in the referenced IR, four additional vacancies in the grade of Rear Admiral had to be created at the end of the year to permit the law-stipulated total of seven to be promoted. One RADM, José Francisco Pereira dos NEVES, asked for retirement, and by tradition, the three oldest (by age), José da Silva SA EARP, Joaquim Januario Araujo CONTINHO NETTO and Julio de Sá BIERENBACH were expected to voluntarily retire. They refused and instead instituted judicial proceedings to prevent their being forcibly retired. They claimed that the three Flag billets created since the 1966 law fixing the total number of billets should not be counted against the statutory limit on Flag officers but rather should be agregado or "extra" positions. These three positions and their present incumbents are:

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The case of these three officers was brought before the Tribuna Maritimo and they won a three to two verdict that was subsequently upheld by the President. While this lengthy process was going on, the Minister of the Navy refused to place the billets in question on Admirals that brought the suit in an agregado status, and thus while the Air Force and Army completed their Flag selections, the Navy lagged behind. On April 4, 1972, RADM Ivan MODESTO de Almeida, a Superior Was Course student at the Escola Superior de Guerra, suffered a heart attack and died creating another vacancy. Additionally, Luis Penido BURNIER, the senior active duty Vice Admiral who had been passed over for selection to Admiral, was placed in an agregado status to create a VADM vacancy. Finally on 18 May, the Navy Flag selection process officially began.

2. (C) The Vice Admiral Selection: The 2ª Comissão de Promoções (2nd Level Promotion Commission) met on the afternoon of 18 May to select three candidates for the Vice Admiral vacancy. Sitting on this board were the following officers:

Minister of the Navy Aldaberto de Barros NUNES
Admiral Francisco Augusto Simas de ALCANTARA, CNO/Chief of Naval General Staff
Admiral Octávio José SAMPAIO FERNANDES, Director General of Materiel
Vice Admiral Hilton BERUTTI Augusto MOREIRA, Director of Ports and Coasts
Vice Admiral ELMAR de Mattos Dias, Chief of Staff, Naval Minister's Staff
Vice Admiral Joaquim Americo COELHO LOBO, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations
Vice Admiral Arnaldo de Negreiro JANNUZZI, Director of Rio Navy Yard

The officers selected were the three most senior and the names were forwarded in order of seniority as follows:

Rear Admiral José da Silva SÁ EARP (selected): Commandant of the Fifth Naval District
Rear Admiral Paulo GITAHY de Alencastro: Director of Hydrography and Navigation
Rear Admiral Julio de Sá BIERENBACH: President of the Naval War College

The advancement of José da Silva SÁ EARP to Vice Admiral was announced on 29 May.

3. (C) The Rear Admiral Selections: On 19 May the Conselho da Promoção met to pick sixteen names for the five Rear Admiral line vacancies. On the following Tuesday, 23 May, the 2ª Comissão de Promoções met to narrow the list down to the eleven names to be forwarded to the President. The list that was produced was a great surprise because it had the officers listed in the following order of merit vice the usual order of seniority:

NAME	SENIORITY ORDER
(1) Paulo de BONOSO Duarte Pinto	2
(2) DECIO de Oliveira Guimaraes	3
(3) TEJMO Backer Reifschneider	4
(4) João Carlos Gonçalves <u>CAMINHA</u>	11
(5) IBSEN de Gusmão Camara	5
(6) Fernando Carvalho <u>CHAGAS</u>	8
(7) Paulo Guilherme Brandão <u>PADILHA</u>	10
(8) Alfredo <u>ZAPAM</u>	9
(9) AENOS Monteiro da <u>Silveira</u>	6
(10) Antonio Leopoldo Amaral <u>SABOLA</u>	1
(11) José Francisco da Albuquerque <u>LINS</u>	7

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The list sent forward to the President was by order of seniority with the number of votes accorded by the promotion board along side each name. The President approved promotion of the first five officers in order of seniority. He also approved promotion to Rear Admiral in the Supply Corps of Horacio AULER.

4. (U) Assignments: On 19 June 1972, assignments for the newly frocked Admirals were announced as follows:

RADM Antonio Leopoldo Amaral SABOIA - Commandant Fifth Naval District
 RADM Paulo de BONOSO Duarte Pinto - Commandant, Manaus Naval Command (a newly created post)
 RADM DECIO de Oliveira Guimarães - Chief of Staff to Fleet Commander in Chief
 RADM TELMO Becker Reifschneider - Chief of Cabinet for Navy Minister
 RADM IBSEN de Gusmão Camara - Deputy Chief for Administration, Naval General Staff (M-10)
 RADM (SC) Horacio AULER - no assignment announced

COMMENT: (C) The successful suit of the three oldest RADMs was based on the fact that the comparable positions in the Army and Air Force were agregado ones and not counted against the statutory limit. The strong showing of Captains CAMILHA, CHAGAS, PADILHA and KARAM indicates that they will more than likely constitute next year's selectees. The poor showing of Captain ATHOS, Chief of Staff to, Admiral ALCANTARA perhaps points out the lack of influence of the latter. Nevertheless, Captain ATHOS is expected to be selected on the next go-around.

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