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1. (U) General: The Brazilian Navy Delegation consisted of the following personnel and their wives.

- a. Admiral Antonio Borges Da Silveira LOBO and Mrs. LOBO.
- b. Rear Admiral Eddy Sampaio ESPELLET and Mrs. ESPELLET.
- c. Captain IBSEN de Gusmao Camara
- d. Captain Oswaldo Camara de AQUINO e Castro and Mrs. AQUINO
- e. Captain Alvara PAIM Filho.

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f. Lieutenant Commander Orlando Paulo BONTURI.

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2. (C) Discussion:

a. The delegation began the conference with the attitude that little would probably be accomplished and that the agenda was too long. At the termination of the conference, the group appeared pleased with the reception given to the points they raised and the accomplishment of the conference, particularly in the opportunities presented to converse individually with the other CNOs and their advisors.

b. In his private interview with Admiral ZUMWALT, Admiral LOBO raised three points:

(1) The need for a greater flow of intelligence from the U.S. Navy to Brazil in exchange for the information being provided by the Brazilians on Soviet ship movements in the South Atlantic.

(2) The need for U.S. Navy assistance both in material and training in order to improve the in-country Radio direction finding capability (three stations now located at Recife, Belem and Cabo Frio).

(3) The Brazilian Navy desired for more advanced (higher disclosure level) courses in ASW, minesweeping operations and electronic warfare for their officers.

The evening following this private conversation RADM Harlfinger, COMNAVINTCOM, arrived from Washington to discuss these three points privately with Admiral Lobo and his advisors. The exchange was frank and to the point and the Brazilian delegation were all extremely impressed by this special high level attention accorded their problems.

c. Enclosure (1) forwards the detailed itinerary of Admiral Lobo's trip to Europe. Of particular interest are his visits to Marcel Dassault and SNIAS in France; the commissioning of the NV Aratu (believed to be one of the new construction German minesweepers) in Bremen, and the Vickers and Vospers concerns in England.

3. (C) Biographic Information:

ADM Antonio Borges Da Silveira Lobo: Quiet, very gentlemanly and extremely polite. Is not a forceful individual, and allows subordinates to hold sway in conversations or discussions with other ranking officers. (See comment below on RADM Espellet). Somewhat preoccupied with his health, watches his diet, prefers a good breakfast and lunch, and then only a very light dinner (equivalent to a tea hour) at 6:30-7:00 P.M. Differs to his wife, Fanny, and she exerts considerable influence over him - particularly in regard to his schedules. On several occasions he attended social functions he would have preferred to skip because she desired to go. A true Carioca, he abhors the cold and is very sensitive to sudden drops in temperature or chilly winds. Smokes Benson and Hedges regularly to relax. Drinks only on very rare occasions and then only an extremely weak Scotch and water. Does not speak any English but does speak Spanish.

Rear Admiral Eddy Sampaio Espellet: Quite garrulous and somewhat full of his own self importance, he tends to dominate conversations. He dominated the private conversation held by Adm Zumwalt with Adm Lobo and the one held between Adm Lobo and US Adm Harlfinger to the point of being insubordinate. One of the Brazilian Officers (LCDR Bonturi) present on both occasions was very upset with Adm Espellet's behavior and said he wished Adm Lobo was not such a gentleman and that he (Bonturi) let to "shut-up." Somewhat ruffled in appearance when in n-stop pipe smoker. His English is rather good.

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Captain Ibsen De Gusmao Camara: The current Director of Training at the Brazilian Naval War College. A quiet very pleasant individual who thinks before he speaks, and then expresses his point extremely well. Has been associated with the Brazilian Naval College and ESG (Escolar Superior de Guerra) since 1962 except for two years (1968-1969) he spent in Belem in command of the Naval Flotilla there. Captain Ibsen has thus had contact with a great number of the "comers" in both the naval and other services and in the opinion of the RO he undoubtedly has impressed them favorably. Very familiar with the United States and the U.S. Navy in particular, this conference marked his seventh visit to this country. Drinks only in moderation. Conversational in English with only a slight accent.

Captain Oswaldo Camara de Aquino de Castro: Very neat in appearance and has a pleasant personality. Appeared to be Adm Lobo's principal advisor in regards to matters pertaining to ship sales and leasing. His English is only fair.

Captain Alvaro (Pain) Fillo: Self reliant and somewhat of a loner. His manner is pleasant and almost boyish - he is quick to smile when approached by friends or acquaintances. His English is only fair. He did not stay with the group in either Miami, or New York. In Miami he conducted some business with the Brazilian consul the nature of which is unknown, and instead of proceeding to New York with the group, he remained in Washington to visit with friends previously made while he was a student at the U.S. Naval Hydrographic Office at Suitland, Maryland.

Lieutenant Commander Orlando Paulo Bonturi: A very self confident, hard working and meticulous individual who is extremely nationalistic. On several occasions impromptu speeches made in English were translated into Spanish but not into Portuguese. He protested in each case to both U.S. Navy representatives and Admiral Lobo, and after the "insult" (his term) had been repeated, he made very strong protestations to Adm Lobo insisting that the Adm make a strong statement on the matter to U.S. Navy authorities. Fluent in both French and English as result of 6 months schooling in each language in Paris and at Lackland AFB respectively. Schooling in French in 67 (?) and in English in 69. His wife Michelle is French in origin (raised in Rio since she was 5) and they speak French at home. Bonturi has taken a communications satellite course in France in 68 (?) and has a background in electronic warfare. He would like very much to attend the Engineering Electronics PG course offered at the UNSPG School at Monterey under MAP but feels he doesn't have enough pull at court to get nominated. He is up for commander this year and expects to return to sea this fall. Women find Bonturi very handsome and he is quite a Don Juan when he is away from home.

(C) Comment: The entire Brazilian delegation was very favorably impressed by the manner in which all arrangements for the conference were handled and the rapid U.S. Navy response to their cited problem areas.

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