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16. (C) SUMMARY: THE HIGH COMMAND DROPPED HUGO ABREU'S NAME FROM ITS MERIT LISTING FOR RECOMMENDED PROMOTION TO FULL GENERAL, AND LOWERED DIEGUEZ' AND PINHO'S RANKING FOR POLITICAL AND PROFESSIONAL REASONS. IR LISTS HOW PROMOTION POSSIBILITIES WERE RANKED IN THE LIST SENT TO GEISEL.

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22. DETAILS:

A) (C) DURING ITS 21 NOV 78 MEETING, THE ARMY HIGH COMMAND PREPARED ITS LISTING OF OFFICERS RECOMMENDED FOR PROMOTION TO AND WITHIN THE GENERALSHIP AS FOLLOWS:

(1) FOR FULL GENERAL:

FIRST PLACE WENT TO MG ERNANI AYROSA; SECOND TO MG JOSE FERRAZI; THIRD TO MG RUY DE PAULA COUDO; FOURTH TO MG FLORIMAR CAMPELLO; SIXTH TO MG BENEDICTO DE ALMEIDA; SEVENTH TO MG DELIO LEITE.

(2) FOR MAJ GENERAL:

FIRST PLACE TO BG JOSE SILVEIRA; SECOND TO BG CARLOS XAVIERI; THIRD TO BG HERALDO TAVARES; FOURTH TO BG LEONIDAS GONCALVES; FIFTH TO BG MARIO O'REILLY; SIXTH TO BG LAURO DIEGUEZ; SEVENTH TO BG JORGE PINHO.

(3) FOR BRIG GENERAL: THE TOP FIVE OUT OF NINE LISTED-

IN FIRST PLACE, COL (AT) LUIZ DOMINGUES;

SECOND, COL (CAV) JOSE DE MORAES;

THIRD, COL (IN) EMYGIDIO DE PAULA;

FOURTH, COL (EN) NEY MEZIAT;

FIFTH, COL (AT) OSWALDO OLIVA.

B. (C) OMITTED -- I.E. NON-RECOMMENDED FOR PROMOTION-- TO FULL GENERAL WAS HUGO ABREU. ALSO, DROPPED IN TERMS OF SENIORITY AND MERIT RANKING, WERE LAURO DIEGUEZ, WHO SHOULD HAVE OCCUPIED THE THIRD SLOT, AND JORGE PINHO, WHO SHOULD HAVE BEEN SIXTH.

C. (C) SOURCES STILL BELIEVE THAT CAMPELLO HAS AT LEAST A 50-50 CHANCE OF BEING SELECTED OVER RUY FOR FOUR-STARS, BUT ADMIT THAT RUY'S PROSECUTION OF THE UNPOPULAR FOR-HAVING HELPED SURFACE THE ARMY-IS-DIVIDED-POLITICALLY ISSUE, LTC TARCIBIO NUNES, MIGHT CAUSE GEISEL TO SELECT THE MORE SENIOR BUT NOT AS QUALIFIED RUY OVER CAMPELLO.

D. (C) SOURCES ALSO BELIEVE THAT DIEGUEZ' AND PINHO'S "DEMOTIONS" WILL CAUSE AT LEAST DIEGUEZ TO SEEK VOLUNTARY RETIREMENT BY THE END OF THE YEAR.

E. (C) IN RE THE COLONEL-TO-BG SELECTIONS, THE SOURCES ARE BETTING IT WILL BE DOMINGUES, MORAES, AND MEZIAT WHO GET PICKED BY GEISEL.

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ORIGINATOR'S COMMENTS:

1. (C) MG HUGO ABREU'S SUFFERED WHAT HE -- AND MANY OTHERS-- PREDICTED WOULD OCCUR, A NON-RECOMMENDATION BY THE HIGH COMMAND -- A REAL SLAP IN THE FACE. REPORTEDLY, ABREU STILL -- AT LEAST AS OF NOW -- IS PLANNING TO STAY ON ACTIVE DUTY UNTIL FORCED OUT BY THE BA'S STATUTES -- THE COMPULSORY QUOTA BOARD AFFECTING Overage OR DROPPED-IN-MERIT STANDINGS GO'S.

2. (C) DIEGUEZ' "PROTISTA" SPIRIT AND CONNECTIONS -- HIS HAVING GIVEN AT LEAST MORAL SUPPORT TO HUGO ABREU DURING THE LATTER'S MANEUVERS WITHIN THE BA TO DRUM UP SUPPORT FOR EULER'S PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDACY, HAVE RESULTED IN A VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE BY THE "WE-ARE-FIRMLY-UNITED" MINDED HIGH COMMAND.

3. (C) PINHO'S PROBLEM IS ONE OF PERSONALITY. HE IS MOUSE-LIKE AND THIS DID NOT ENDEAR HIM TO THE SENIOR GENERALS IN BRASILIA DURING THE TIME THAT HE SERVED AS THE BA'S G-1. O'REILLY'S BEING RANKED HIGHER MIGHT ALSO CAUSE PINHO TO CALL IT QUILTS BY DECEMBER '78 -- TO ESCAPE BOARD ACTION.

4. (C) IN RE THE COLONELS, BESIDES WHAT HAS ALREADY BEEN REPORTED ABOUT THE TOP FIVE, E.G. DOMINGUES, MORAES, EMYGDIO, AND MEZIAT (HAS BEEN COVERED BEFORE), IT TURNS OUT THAT MEZIAT IS DOING SNI DUTY IN RECIFE, IV ARMY. AS FOR OLIVA, HE IS GEN ARIEL PACCA'S FAVORITE, SO ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN IN RE THE FINAL SELECTIONS EXPECTED TO OCCUR LATE ON THE 24 TH NOV '78.

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