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## BIOGRAPHIC DATA - BRAZIL (U)

- (U) NAME: Lieutenant General Oswaldo de Araujo **MOTTA** (MOHT-tah)  
*Comdr, UNEF (Caga). Since 5 Nov 1963.*
- (U) POSITION: Chief of Armed Forces General Staff, since 27 September 1961.
- (U) BIRTH: Born 6 October 1899 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
- (U) FAMILY: Wife, Alzira de Souza Rocha; no children.
- (U) CIVIL EDUCATION AND TRAVEL: Civil education unknown. He took part in Italian Campaign during World War II. Visited the United States in 1954 as the guest of the United States Army, as well as in 1963 (16-31 Mar '63)
- (U) LANGUAGES: Native Portuguese; no English; others unknown.
- (U) RELIGION: Roman Catholic.
- (U) CAREER:
- 1917 - Enlisted in the Army.
  - 1918-1919 - Cadet in Military Academy, graduating 30 Dec 1919 with promotion to aspirante (probationary 2d Lt) in Artillery.
  - 1920-1941 - Earlier assignments unknown. Promoted to 2d Lt in 1920, 1st Lt 1921, Capt 1926, Maj 1936 (by selection), Lt Col 1941 (by selection). Student General Staff School, Apr-Dec 1933.
  - 1942 - Comdr, 3d Pack Arty Bn.
  - 1943 - Asst Chief of Staff, 2d Mil Region, São Paulo.
  - 1943-1944 - Attached to G-3, Army General Staff, in Rio.
  - 1944-1945 - Inspector General, 1st Inf Division in Italy.
  - 1944 - Promoted to Colonel (by selection), 25 Sep.
  - 1945-1946 - Inspector General, 1st Inf Division, in Rio.
  - 1946 - Chief of Staff, 1st Military Region, Rio, (May-Aug).
  - 1946-1947 - Chief of Staff, Southern Military Zone.
  - 1947-1949 - Chief of Gabinete (Exec Office), Directorate of Personnel, Rio.
  - 1949-1950 - Chief of Gabinete (Exec Office), Directorate of Ordnance.
  - 1950-1951 - Comdt, Reserve Officers Training Center, Pôrto Alegre.
  - 1951-1952 - Chief of Gabinete (Exec Office), Directorate of Ordnance (2d time).

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Lt Gen Oswaldo de Araujo MOTTA (cont'd)

- 1952 (cont'd) - Promoted to Brig Gen 2 Aug 1952.
- 1952-1954 - Commander of Arty, 1st Division.
- 1954-1956 - Chief of Staff, Eastern Military Region (now 1st Army), Rio.
- 1956-1957 - Comdr, 7th Military Region, Recife. Promoted to Maj Gen 25 Dec 1956.
- 1957-1958 - 1st Sub-Chief (Ops and Intel), Army General Staff.
- 1958 - National War College, Rio (Mar-Dec).
- 1960-1961 - Director General of Training.
- 1961 - Comdr (acting), 4th Army, Recife (Jun-Jul), and Comdr, 2d Army, São Paulo, 25 Jul-27 Sep. Promoted to Lt Gen 25 Jul.
- 1961-Present - Chief of Staff, Armed Forces (Relieved 25 Jun 1963). Comdr. UNEF (Gaza) and Legion of Merit 1963

(U) DECORATIONS: U.S. Bronze Star; Italian Order of the Crown; Brazilian: Campaign Medal, War Medal, Peacemaker Medal, Military Medal (silver clasp), and Order of Military Merit (officer).

(U) UNIFORM AND INSIGNIA: Service uniform is similar in shade and design to former U.S. Army shade 51 ('green') service uniform, except with patch-type waist pockets and no belt on blouse; worn with tan shirt and necktie, black shoes, and visored cap. Rank insignia consist of four silver stars and a shield of national colors, worn on each shoulder loop.

(C) PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS: General MOTTA is of dark complexion, average height, very heavy built, inclined to be paunchy (about 5'8", 190 pounds). He is very quiet and dignified in manner, very soft-spoken, and always courteous and cooperative. He does not smoke and drinks almost no alcohol. An outstanding officer, he is very cautious and is highly respected for his broad general knowledge, but is not regarded as having much force. However, his opinions reputedly have long been respected by his superiors. During the war, he seemed somewhat timid and undecided.

(C) POLITICS: He supports constitutionality and opposes military intervention in politics. He is a close friend of former President Dutra and also is very close to Marshal Mascarenhas de Moraes. He is basically very friendly to the U.S. and anti-Communist, but his natural caution leads him to keep these feelings to himself at this time.

(C) GENERAL COMMENT: General MOTTA, one of seven top-ranking generals in Brazil, is scheduled for retirement in late 1965. His position involves responsibility for interservice planning and coordination and, in wartime, for command over all operational elements of the Brazilian Armed Forces.

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