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Adm Mario Costa Furtado de MENDONCA
June 1965

M NAME: Adm Mario Costa Furtado de Mendonca

M POSITION: Inspector General of Navy since
4 Dec 1964.

SNF SIGNIFICANCE: Two of his senior-officer pro-
motions were for merit. Has been expected to retire
because of poor health since 1962.

SNF POLITICS:

M International: Not enthusiastic about U.S. or England.

SNF Internal: Non-political.

C PERSONAL DATA:

M Birth: 20 Jul 1904 in Federal District, Brazil.

M Family: Married.

C Description: Height, 6', weight, 165 pounds. Medium build,
long, thin face, Roman nose, fair complexion, graying hair, wears
glasses. Talks slowly, quiet, not very sociable. Moderate habits.
Has been frail and ill.

C Languages: Native Portuguese, fair English.

M Religion: Roman Catholic.

C Decorations: Brazilian War Services Medal (2 stars), Mili-
tary Medal (Silver Clasp), Ruy Barbosa Medal, Order of Naval Merit
(Knight, 13 Dec 1962).

C CAREER:

1921-1925 - Cadet, Naval Academy, 31 May 1921-14 Oct 1925. Com-
missioned Ensign, 14 Oct 1925.
1927 - Promoted to Lt (j.g.), 3 Nov.
1931 - Promoted to Lt, 1 Oct.
1937 - Student, Advanced Communications Course.

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1941 - Promoted to LCDr, 24 Jan.
? - Student, Command Course, Naval War School.
1946 - Promoted to Cdr, 9 May.
? - Student, Superior Command Course, Naval War School.
1949 - Chief, Administrative Department, Naval Academy.
1950 - Commander, destroyer Marcello Dias. Concurrently,
Chief of Staff, Destroyer Force, from Apr.
1951 - Executive Officer, Naval Preparatory School.
1951-1953 - Commandant, Naval Preparatory School, 15 Apr 1951-
25 Mar 1953. Promoted to Capt, 31 Dec 1951.
1953 - Deputy Commandant, Naval Academy, from 27 Mar.
1953-1955 - Commandant, Naval Academy. Concurrently, member,
Promotions Council, from 26 Aug 1953.
1955 - Commander, 2d Destroyer Squadron.
1956-1958 - Military and Naval Attache in London, England. Pro-
moted to Rear Adm, 26 Mar 1958.
1958 - Unassigned, Sept.
1958-1959 - Sub-chief for Intelligence, Naval Staff, 7 Oct 1958-
14 Feb 1959. Promoted to Vice Adm, 4 Feb 1959. Con-
currently, member, Joint Brazil-U.S., Military Com-
mission, Rio de Janeiro, from 27 Feb 1959.
1959-1961 - Deputy Chief of Naval Staff, 14 Feb 1959-28 Feb 1961.
1961-1962 - Commander, 1st Naval District, 28 Feb 1961-6 Aug 1962.
1962-1963 - Inspector General of Navy, from 6 Aug 1962.
1963 - Chief, Directorate General of Personnel, from 16 Jul.
1964 - Advisor, General Secretariat of Navy. Promoted to
Adm, 21 Jan.
1964-Present - Inspector General of Navy.

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