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BIOGRAPHIC DATA

BRAZIL

Vice Adm Joaquim Américo dos Santos Coelho LOBO

November 1971

(U) NAME: Vice Adm Joaquim Américo dos Santos Coelho Lobo (KWEH-yoh LOH-boh), Navy.

(U) POSITION: Chief of Staff to the Commander of Naval Operations, since Feb 1970.

(C/NFD) SIGNIFICANCE: An intelligent, hard-working, and competent line officer, he enjoys an excellent military reputation and has considerable influence on Brazilian naval and maritime policy. He has had extensive destroyer experience and was selected to serve as Task Force Commander during Operation Springboard (an operation designed to provide fleet and shipboard training for U.S., Brazilian, and Colombian naval elements) from 19 Jan to Mar 1969. He was Naval Attaché in Caracas, Venezuela, and in Bogotá, Colombia, from 1958 to 1961 and attended the Brazilian Superior War School (equivalent to the U.S. National War College) in 1963, accompanying his class on an orientation tour of the U.S.



(C/NFD) POLITICS:

(C/NFD) International: Anti-Communist; he is very friendly toward the United States and at times appears overawed at the size of the U.S. military establishment.

(C/NFD) Internal: He apparently does not have any political affiliations or important political contacts, but is considered to be influential in Brazilian naval and maritime matters.

(C) PERSONAL DATA:

(U) Birth: 7 Dec 1916 in Rio de Janeiro, State of Guanabara, Brazil.

(C) Family: Wife, Gehiza Orosco Coelho Lobo (Caucasian; Roman Catholic; about 40 years old; black hair; quite attractive; speaks Portuguese and Spanish; likes family get-togethers; maintains an attractive apartment; entertained often prior to birth of son in 1968; has little influence on husband; appears friendly toward the U.S.). Has several children; a son born in 1968.

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(C) Description: Medium build (5'9", 160 lbs); completely bald; brown eyes; has several severe facial scars; neat in appearance; energetic; exercises good leadership; friendly; has a strong and stubborn temperament; somewhat shy and difficult to talk with at first; financially solvent; will discuss professional matters if the topic is approached in a friendly way.

(U) Language: Native Portuguese, fluent Spanish, some English.

(U) Religion: Roman Catholic.

(U) Decorations: Venezuelan Order of Naval Merit. Spanish Order of Naval Merit. Portuguese Military Merit Medal (2d Class, 4 Feb 1967). Brazilian War Services Medal (2 Stars); Military Medal (Silver Clasp); Rui Barbosa Medal, Northeast Naval Force Medal; Order of Naval Merit; Admiral Tamandaré Medal of Merit.

(U) CIVIL EDUCATION: Primary and secondary in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

(U) CAREER:

1935-1939 - Cadet, Naval Academy, Rio de Janeiro, from 1 Apr 1935. Commissioned Ensign, 6 Oct 1939.

1941 - Promoted to Lt (j.g.), 12 Dec 1941.

? - Commander, harbor tugboat Muniz Freire.

? - Submarine Detection Officer, Salvador, State of Bahia.

1943 - Promoted to Lt, 17 Dec 1943.

? - Student, Antisubmarine Tactics Course.

? - Gunnery Officer, destroyer escort Baependi.

? - Executive Officer, destroyer escort Baependi.

? - Commander, hydrographic ship Lameyer.

1950 - Promoted to Lt Cdr, 30 Dec 1950.

? - Student, Basic Course, Brazilian Naval War College.

? - Commander, patrol craft Grauna.

? - Executive Officer, destroyer Apa.

1954 - Student, Command Course, Brazilian Naval War College. Promoted to Cdr, 22 Mar 1954.

? - Commander, destroyer escort Babitonga.

1956 - Student, Command and Staff Course, Superior War School.

? - Sub-Chief of Intelligence and Operations, Navy General Staff.

1957 - Student, Advanced Course, Naval War College.

1957-1958 - Executive Officer, light cruiser Tamandaré.

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- 1958-1961 - Naval Attaché, Caracas, Venezuela, and Bogotá, Colombia, from 13 Nov 1958. Promoted to Capt, 13 Sep 1960.
- 1961-1962 - Captain of Ports, State of Pernambuco, from 5 Mar 1961.
- 1963 - Student, Superior War Course, and, concurrently, Advisor, Division of Military Affairs, Superior War School (equivalent to U.S. National War College). Graduated 13 Dec 1963. Visited the U.S. on an orientation tour, 17 Aug-7 Sep 1963.
- 1964 - Commander, 1st Destroyer Squadron, from 9 Nov 1964.
- 1966-1968 - Chief of Staff of the Squadron, Aug 1966-3 Jan 1968. Promoted to Rear Adm, 6 May 1967. Attended a planning conference for UNITAS (annual combined U.S.-Latin American antisubmarine warfare exercise), Canal Zone, Apr 1967. Visited Luanda, Angola with Brazilian midshipman training squadron, 1967.
- 1968-1969 - Commander, Destroyer Force, 3 Jan 1968-May 1969. Selected to serve as Task Force Commander during Operation Springboard (general training for U.S., Brazilian, and Colombian naval ships) from 19 Jan to about the end of Mar 1969.
- 1969-1970? - Sub-Chief for Communications, Naval General Staff, from 20 May 1969.
- 1970-Present - Chief of Staff to the Commander of Naval Operations, from Feb 1970. Promoted to Vice Adm, 23 Dec 1970. Scheduled to attend the 2d International Seapower Symposium, U.S. Naval War College, Rhode Island, 1-5 Nov 1971.