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Biographic Data - Brazil (U)

(U) NAME: Lt Gen Floriano de Lima BRAYNER (BRY-ner)

(U) POSITION: Chief, Army General Staff, since 1958

(U) BIRTH: Born 2 January 1897.

(U) FAMILY: Unknown.

(U) CIVIL EDUCATION AND TRAVEL: Unknown.

(U) LANGUAGES: Native Portuguese. Others unknown.

(U) RELIGION: Unknown.

(U) CAREER:

1913-1918

- Cadet in Military Academy. Commissioned Aspirante (brevet 2d Lt) in Infantry on 1 Feb 1918. Thereafter, received normal promotions and assignments.

1943 (15 Apr)

- Promoted to Col.

1943 (Jul-Oct)

- Student in the Brazilian Command and Staff Course, US Army Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth.

1943-1945

- Chief of Staff, First Expeditionary Infantry Div, Brazilian Expeditionary Force, serving with that unit in Brazil and Italy.

1946?

- Commander, Natal Detachment. Promoted to Brig Gen 29 Jan 1947.

1947 (Sep)-1949?

- Appointed 1st Sub-Chief of the General Staff (G-2 and G-3), Brazilian Army. In Dec 1947 he was designated to the additional position of Brazilian Army Member of the Joint Brazil-United States Military Commission
- Promoted to Maj Gen.
- Appointed Chief of the Military Office of the President.

1952 (6 Sep)

1955

- Member of Supreme Military Tribunal.

1956

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- 1956 (Aug) - Appointed CG, 1st Mil Region, Rio de Janeiro.
- 1958 { - CG, Third Army, Porto Alegre
- 1958 (Nov) - Appointed Acting Chief, Army General Staff, and upon promotion 25 Dec 1958 to Lt Gen, reassigned as Chief, Army General Staff.

(U) DECORATIONS: U.S. Bronze Star Medal (1945, for service in Italy 19 Feb-5 Mar 1945) and Legion of Merit, degree of Commander (for service with the Brazilian Expeditionary Force and for cooperation with the United States as 1st Sub-Chief of the General Staff, Brazilian Army, and as member of the Joint Brazil-United States Military Commission, 1943-1948); French Croix de Guerre and Legion of Honor; Order of the British Empire; Italian Order of the Crown; Paraguayan National Order of Merit; and numerous Brazilian decorations.

(U) UNIFORM AND INSIGNIA: The service uniform consists of a single-breasted open-collar blouse of shade and design similar to old Army shade 51 service uniform except that it has patch-type waist pockets and no belt; worn with matching trousers and service cap, tan shirt and tie, and black shoes. Rank insignia consist of four silver stars and southern cross superimposed on an oval shield and sword of national colors.

(C) PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS: Gen Brayner is an excellent infantryman, with outstanding qualities of leadership, energy, and devotion to duty. He distinguished himself as a soldier in combat during World War II.

(C) POLITICS: Gen Brayner is a strong supporter of Marshal Lott, Minister of War. He supported Lott in his "preventive coup" of Nov 1955 and, as a reward, was named Military Advisor to the Brazilian Mission to the United Nations, but never left Brazil to assume this position, possibly because Lott desired to keep this supporter handy. Gen Brayner is friendly toward the United States. He was instrumental in the adoption of US military doctrine and tactics by the Brazilian Army, its translation of US technical manuals, and its adoption of a program for training Brazilian Army personnel in US service schools.

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