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GENERAL INFORMATION			
1. COUNTRY BRAZIL	2. DATE OF INFORMATION (Yr, mo, day) 67-11-7	3. DATE OF REPORT (Yr, mo, day) 67-11-13	
4. NAME a. FULL NAME (Give full name in Roman letters, in natural order, and with natural capitalization. Underline surname, or, if known by name(s) other than surname, underline same. Give phonetic pronunciation of name as appropriate). JOAO COSTA			
b. NAME OR NAMES BY WHICH INDIVIDUAL PREFERS TO BE ADDRESSED (1) IN OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE: JOAO COSTA (2) ORALLY AT OFFICIAL GATHERINGS: JOAO COSTA			
5. FULL NAME IN NATIVE ALPHABET Same			
6. VARIANTS, ALIASES, OR NICKNAMES COSTINHA			
7. POSITION a. PRESENT POSITION Director of Specialized Training		b. DATE ASSUMED POSITION (Year, month, day) 66-4-15	
c. RANK/TITLE (In English and Native language) Major General General de Divisao		d. DATE OF RANK (Yr, mo, day) 66-3-25	
e. SERVICE Army		f. BRANCH OF SERVICE Infantry	
8. DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH (Town, State, Province, Country) 18 August 1907 State of Sergipe, Brazil			9. SEX M
10. PRESENT ADDRESS (Including unit location if applicable) Army Ministry, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil		TELEPHONE NO	
11. NATIONALITY Brazilian	12. RACE Caucasian	13. PHOTO SUBMITTED ☒ YES ☐ NO	
14. CITIZENSHIP (Indicate dual citizenship where applicable) Brazilian		15. RELIGION ☒ PRACTICING ☐ NONPRACTICING	
16. TITLES AND HONORIFICS (Prince, Doctor, Pandit, etc). None		17. MARITAL STATUS ☒ MARRIED ☐ SINGLE ☐ DIVORCED ☐ WIDOWED	
PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION			
18. AGE 60	19. BEARD ☐ YES ☒ NO	MUSTACHE ☐ YES ☒ NO	20. TEETH (Natural) ☒ YES ☐ NO
21. PROMINENT OR UNUSUAL FEATURES (Moles, scars, birthmarks, etc) None			
22. COLOR EYES Brown	23. COLOR HAIR Black-Greying	24. BALD ☐ YES ☒ NO	25. HEIGHT 5' 5"
26. WEIGHT 140		27. BUILD (Small, medium, large) Small	
28. POSTURE Erect		29. ☒ RIGHT HANDED ☐ LEFT HANDED	
30. PHYSICAL DEFECTS None apparent		31. GENERAL STATE OF HEALTH Good	
32. HARD OF HEARING ☐ YES ☒ NO		33. GLASSES ☐ YES ☒ NO	
PERSONAL BACKGROUND			
34. CIVIL EDUCATION (List schools, location(s), major courses, degree(s), honors, and inclusive dates (Year, month, day)). None			
35. LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY (Include dialects, degree of fluency, and ability to act as translator/interpreter). Portuguese Little English and Spanish			
36. TRAVEL (List countries, dates, and purpose). Italy during WW II with Brazilian Expeditionary Force			

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37. MILITARY SERVICE (a. List military career in chronological order. Include: Military schooling; promotions demotions; foreign service; units served with and position held; location of school or unit; retired or reserve status.)

(b. List awards and decorations together with circumstances surrounding any unusual award/decoration.)

MILITARY CAREER:

1 Apr 26 - Entered Military Service
 21 Jan 30 - Graduated as Aspirante
 24 Jul 30 - Promoted to 2d Lt
 13 Aug 31 - Promoted to 1st Lt
 3 May 37 - Promoted to Captain
 25 Mar 45 - Promoted to Maj (Longevity)
 Feb 46 - Attached to Cabinet of Minister of War
 Mar 46 - Asgd to General Supplementary Cadre
 25 Jul 51 - Promoted to Lt Colonel
 Nov 54 - July 55 - Nominated to serve at Interministerial Commission of Study of Special Laws.
 25 Mar 55 - Promoted to Colonel (Merit)
 Jun 55 - Aug 57 - C.O. 3d Lt Inf Bn.
 Dec 55 - Delegate of Executor of state of siege for Espirito Santo State
 Mar 60 - Aggregated to his Cadre
 Aug 62 - Named by War Minister as Member of Award Committee for General Tasso Fragoso Prize for year 1962.
 1962-Nov 63 - G-5 of Army General Staff (Historical, Statistical, Geographic).
 25 Nov 63 - Promoted to Brig General.
 Nov 63 - Appointed CG of Airborne Nucleus
 May 64 - Appointed C/S, 1st Army
 Oct 64 - Appointed CG, 6th Mil Region
 25 Mar 66 - Promoted to Major General
 15 Apr 66 - Appointed Director of Specialized Training

DECORATIONS:

Combat Cross, 2d Class
 Campaign Medal
 Order of Military Merit, Officer
 Military Medal, 10 yrs' Service
 War Medal
 Peacemaker Medal
 U.S. Bronze Star
 Cross of Military Valor, Italy

COURSES:

Regimental Infantry
 Officers Advancement School
 General Staff School
 Superior War School

38. EMPLOYMENT OTHER THAN MILITARY SERVICE (List employers, positions, skills, locations, and inclusive dates (Year, month, day).)

None

39. MEMBERSHIP IN ORGANIZATIONS (Professional, social, military, other; give inclusive dates (Year, month, day).)

Military Club

40. U.S. ACQUAINTANCES AND RELATIVES (Name, position or occupation of relatives, domicile, nature and duration of relationship. Include U.S. military or other U.S. official acquaintances, relatives under this item.)

41. PREFERENCES (Personal preference in food, drink, tobacco, entertainment, sports, hobbies.)

Drinks scotch socially but does not go out much.

42. PUBLISHED WORKS (Title of article or book; if article, name of publication appearing in, date published, publisher.)

Unknown

SPOUSE - FAMILY

43. FULL NAME OF SPOUSE

Nilce Costa

44. MAIDEN NAME OF SPOUSE

Unknown

45. DATE (Year, month, day) AND PLACE OF BIRTH

46. NATIONALITY (Indicate dual citizenship where applicable)

Brazilian

47. RACE

Caucasian

48. RELIGION

☒ PRACTICING

☐ NONPRACTICING

49. BACKGROUND (Education; languages; preference in food and drink; hobbies; preference in entertainment; special interests; professional societies.)

Prefers home to going out.

50. CHILDREN (Names, sex, ages, marital status, other items of interest such as schools, health, military service.)

One daughter married to Air Force Officer.

One son is officer in Army.

Two grandchildren.

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51. POLICE RECORD (Other than minor violations).

None

52. RELIGION - Effect of subject's religion or religious connections on his actions, military advancement, political views, etc.

Practicing Catholic. Does not affect professional attitude.

53. ACQUAINTANCES AND RELATIVES - Apparent influence of acquaintances and relatives on subject's views or career.

None of note.

54. CHARACTER - Subject's character, strengths and weaknesses, intelligence, loyalty, judgment, ability to communicate, leadership, ability, and influence. Significance of individual in shaping international policies of his country.

Subject is about 5' 5" tall, clean shaven and handsome with a full head of hair turning grey. He is highly regarded by all of his contemporaries and is extremely well liked for his quiet sense of humor and lack of pomposity. He has reputation of being forceful and energetic but this exterior hides a basically insecure and somewhat confused officer. He is perpetually worried about something. He served in the Brazilian Expeditionary Force during WW II. Earlier, he had distinguished himself as a young officer in the pursuit of a famous bandit called "LAMPRAO." Subject was wounded during the chase.

55. POLITICAL ORIENTATION - Attitude towards United States and other countries. Remarks and actions of subject toward representatives of the United States and its allies, and to representatives of nonaligned nations and Communist bloc nationals. Political activities and attitudes, important political contacts, party affiliations, potential political influence in country in the event of a change in government.

Subject is moderate in politics with some nationalistic beliefs, particularly in the economic field. Basically a legalist and supports the government because of this. Approved of U.S. stand in the Cuban crisis of 1962. Close to deceased president Castello Branco, but prudent in political expressions.

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56. PERSONAL APPEARANCE - Appraisal of subject's dress, personal habits, mannerisms, eccentricities, peculiarities of speech and gait, prominent or unusual physical features, e.g., teeth, eyes, shape of face, complexion, tendency toward balding, etc.

Handsome, slender man with greying hair. No peculiarities.

57. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON SPOUSE - Spouse's political views, appearance, personality, attitude toward United States and other countries, influence on husband. Spouse's family connections influencing the husband's career.

Subject's spouse is an attractive brunette who suffered a serious brain injury in 1966. After weeks close to death she has recovered but the injury left its mark. She is sister-in-law of far leftist Colonel Humberto Freire de Andrade, but does not share his views.

58. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

- a. Length of time collector has known subject and frequency of contact(s). Indicate how much of the information is based on the collector's own observation. Indicate other sources for information on subject.

Reporting Officer has known subject for two and one-half years but contact is infrequent and limited to formal gatherings. 10% of information is based on personal observation, the rest on files.

- b. Best ways of gaining subject's confidence and exerting influence on him.

No easy way to gain subject's confidence. Development of close relationship is the only way.

- c. Military reputation, competence, and significance. Include financial status, dependence on personal or political connections for military position. Reputation in own service, collector's own assessment of military competence, and military and/or political potential of subject.

Highly regarded in Army. Probably will make four stars, but this is not at all certain.

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