



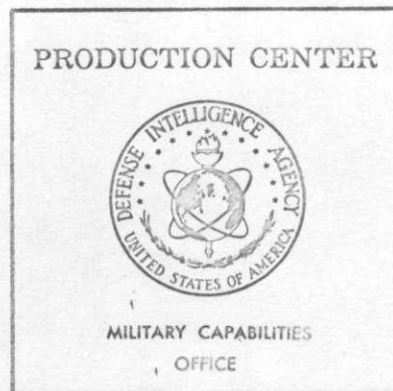
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e Internal: Played an important role during the anti-Goulart plotting, serving as a liaison officer between Army and Air Force elements of the conspiracy, and was instrumental in getting important sectors of the Air Force to side with the revolutionary forces.

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