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Brazil
Adm. Julio De Sa Bierrenbach
May 1978

(U) Name: Adm. Julio De Sa Bierrenbach, Navy
(BEER-enn-bahk)

(U) Position: Justice, Superior Military Court
since mid 1977.

(C/NOFORN) Significance: As a just justice of the Superior Military Court, Adm. Bierrenbach has taken an active stance against human rights violations by members of the security forces and other "death squads" who have acted independently. He has stated that he will do his best to clean the tarnished image of Brazil. He has presided over cases of suspected prisoner torture in the Rio de Janeiro area and his critical comments regarding security forces actions (torturing of prisoners, etc) were widely publicized in the newspapers. ^{His career has} ~~He has a record of~~ demonstrated his ~~process~~ loyalty to the country and he has gained the reputation of being an anti-communist. Recent (1978) sources have speculated that Bierrenbach, who is said to be admired by Gen. Joao Figueiredo for his sterling character traits, top notch Revolutionary credentials, and absolute no-nonsense approach to his duties, will

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(~~SECRET~~) Internal : Adm. Bierrenbach is pro-democratic and recently (1977) stated that Brazil was marching towards a true democratic regime. ~~At the time~~ He expressed the opinion that the next ~~to~~ President will be a military man, Gen. ~~João~~ Baptista Figueiredo but that Figueiredo would be the last military president. ~~Bierrenbach~~ ⁽¹⁹⁷⁸⁾ has been. It has been speculated that Bierrenbach will be the Navy Minister in Figueiredo's Cabinet.

() Internal: In 1977 Adm. Bierrenbach, who was the most recently appointed judge to the Superior Military Tribunal, has taken a stance against human rights violations by members of the security forces and other "death squads" acting independently. He has stated

() Personal Data:

(U) Birth: 8 Jan 1919 in Sorocaba, State of São Paulo, Brazil.

(U) Family: ~~is~~ the Admiral's wife, Juliade Albuquerque Bierrenbach, ~~is~~ a ~~woman~~ ^{a Cuban} of the Roman Catholic faith. ~~and~~ They have three children: Sheila, daughter born in 1944; Julio, son born in 1947; and Reinaldo, son born in 1950.

(U) Description: Adur Bierrenbach is a Caucasian, 5'10" or m. in height, weighing 200 lbs or kg.; having brown hair and erect posture. He ~~does~~ wears glasses and appears to be in good health.

(U) Languages: The Admiral speaks Portuguese (native tongue) and has a fair command of ~~the~~ English and Spanish.

(U) Religion: Roman Catholic

~~(U) Decorations: Portuguese Silver Medal of the Institute of Lifesaving; Paraguayan National Order of Merit (Knight); ~~Brazilian~~ Naval Forces of the Northeast Medal; Naval~~

(U) Decorations: ^{Naval War Services} ~~World War Two Service~~ Medal (3 stars); Northeast Naval Forces Medal; Southern Naval Force Medal; Naval Order of Merit (Grade of Cdr, 1971); Military Order of Merit (Grade of Cavalier); Gold Military Medal; Army War Medal; Tamandaré Merit Medal; Pacification Medal; Paraguayan National Order of Merit (Grade of Cavalier); Portuguese Silver Medal of the Institute of Lifesaving; Maria Quitéria Medal; Commemorative Medal of the Centenary of the Birth of Ruy Barbosa.

(u) Civil Education : Standard Brazilian primary and secondary schooling.

() Career

1937-1941 - Attended the Naval Academy. Commissioned 2DLT, 12 Dec 1941.

1942-1945 - World War II service as Gunnery Officer, Corvette "Rio Branco" and Corvette "Jacuquai". Promoted to LTJG, 30 Apr 1943. ASW Tactical course, 1944. Executive Officer of Subchaser "Guapore". Promoted to LT, 4 May 1945.

1952 - Promoted to ~~LT~~ ^{LCDR} ~~LTJG~~, 30 JUN.

1957 - Promoted to ~~LTJG~~ ^{CDR}, 5 NOV.

1945-1961 - Served in the following positions, dates unknown: Director, Naval Arsenal Rio de Janeiro Professional / Technical School. Instructor of Hydrography / Navigation Specialization Course; Personal Aide to Fleet Command-in-Chief; Chief of the North Branch of the Amazon River Study Commission; Head of Navigation Department, Naval Academy; Captain of the Ports of Paraná River; Naval War College Instructor (Operations and Intelligence); Commanding Officer of Corvette "Caravelas"; Commanding Officer of Hydrographic Survey Ship "Rio Branco".

1961-1964 - Commanding Officer of Hydrographic Ship "Sirius",

~~1964~~ ⇒ Promoted to Capt, 5 Mar. ~~1964~~ ¹⁹⁶⁴.

1964-1965 - Captain of the Ports of São Paulo State

- 1965-1967 - President, Brazilian Naval Commission,
and Assistant Naval Attache,
Wash., D.C.
- 1967-~~1968~~ - Operations Officer, Staff of the Fleet
Commander in Chief, 4 Mar - 9 Dec
- 1967-1969 - Commanding Officer of Light Cruiser
"Tamandare", 9 Dec 1967 - 25 Feb¹⁹ 69.
Promoted to Rear Adm, 15 Apr 1969.
- 1969-1970 - Director of ~~Hydro~~ Hydrography and
Navigation, 10 Jun 1969 - Jan 1970.
Director of Naval Academy, Jan -
Nov 1970.
- 1970-1972 - Commander, Admiral Woldenkolk
Training Center, Nov¹⁹ 70 - ~~4 May~~ ^{2 Mar} 1972.
- 1972-1973 - Director, Naval War College, 2 Mar
1972 - 4 May 1973.
- ~~1973-1975~~ - Director ~~of~~ General of Naval
Personnel, 7 May 1973 - ~~JUN~~ 1975.
Promoted to R
- 1973-1974 - Director ~~General~~ of Naval Personnel,
7 May 1973 - 8 Apr 1974, promoted to
Vice Adm, ~~31 Mar 1973~~ ^{31 Mar 1973}.
- 1974-1975 - Commander of 1st Naval District,
8 Apr 1974 - 3 Jun 1975; Statutory
Member of Navy Officer's Promotion
Board ~~commencing~~ 31 Mar 1974.
Promoted to Adm, 31 Mar 1975.
- 1975-1977 - Secretary General of the Navy, 3 Jun
1975 - mid 1977.
- 1977-Present - Justice, Superior Military Tribunal