

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
MESSAGE CENTER

PAGE 2

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

55753

11. (U) REQUEST EVALUATION: NO
12. (U) PREPARING OFFICER: DAYTON R. HAHNE, CAPT, USN, ALUSNA
13. (U) APPROVING AUTHORITY: JOHN H. BILLINGS, COL, USAF, DATT
14. (U) SOURCE: OTS
15. (U) SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: DIRC: NO
16. (U) SUMMARY: ADMIRAL EDDY SAMPAIO ESPELLET WILL RETIRE 9 JANUARY 1979 AND RELINQUISH HIS POSITION AS CHIEF OF THE NAVY GENERAL STAFF TO ADMIRAL CARLOS AUTO DE ANDRADE, WHO WILL ALSO CONTINUE TO HOLD HIS OTHER POST AS SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE NAVY. THIS ARRANGEMENT WILL EXIST UNTIL PRESIDENT-ELECT FIGUEIREDO NAMES HIS NEW CABINET.

17. (U) SUBJECT CODE: BR-7

22. (U) DETAILS:

AT AN EVENING FUNCTION IN HONOR OF OUTGOING BRAZNAV CHIEF OF THE NAVY GENERAL STAFF (ESTADO MAIOR DA ARMADA) HOSTED BY ALL THE NAVAL ATTACHES, OTS OFFERED THE FOLLOWING:

A. ADMIRAL EDDY SAMPAIO ESPELLET, PRESENT CHIEF OF THE NAVY GENERAL STAFF, WILL RELINQUISH HIS POST ON 9 JANUARY 1979 AND RETIRE AFTER 38 YEARS OF ACTIVE COMMISSIONED SERVICE.

B. ASSUMING THIS POSITION ON A COLLATERAL BASIS WILL BE THE NEXT SENIOR FOUR-STAR ADMIRAL AND PRESENT SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE NAVY, CARLOS AUTO DE ANDRADE.

C. ADMIRAL AUTO DE ANDRADE WILL BE "DOUBLE HATTED" UNTIL PRESIDENT-ELECT FIGUEIREDO CHOOSES HIS NEW CABINET. ONLY AFTER SELECTION OF THE POST 15 MARCH 1979 NAVY MINISTER WILL THE BRAZNAV SELECT AND ANNOUNCE THE NEXT PERMANENT CHIEF OF THE NAVY GENERAL STAFF.

ORIGINATOR'S COMMENTS: (C) OTS IS ASSIGNED TO THE NAVY GENERAL STAFF AND WOULD HAVE ACCESS TO THIS TYPE OF INFORMATION. AS INDICATED IN THE REFERENCED IR, THE BRAZNAV SEEMS TO BE IN NO HURRY TO CHOOSE AND IDENTIFY THE NEXT NAVY MINISTER AND CHIEF OF THEIR GENERAL STAFF. THEIR SLATING

OF OFFICERS IN THE HIGHER ECHELONS ALL HINGES ON THE PRESIDENT-ELECT'S NEW CABINET, AND THEY APPEAR CONTENT TO JUST TREAD WATER FOR THE MOMENT. THE TWO NAMES BANTERED ABOUT MOST OFTEN FOR THE TWO TOP JOBS ARE ADMIRAL AUTO DE ANDRADE AND ADMIRAL MAXIMIANO EDUARDO DA SILVA FONSECA, PRESENT DIRECTOR OF NAVY MATERIAL. BOTH ARE HIGHLY RESPECTED, WELL-LIKED AND JUST HAPPEN TO BE THE NEXT TWO IN LINE SENIORITY-WISE. OTHER NAMES MENTIONED OCCASIONALLY AS POSSIBILITIES (BUT NOT NECESSARILY AS SERIOUS CONTENDERS) FOR MINISTER OF THE NAVY ARE ADMIRAL JULIO DE SA BIERREHACH (MINISTER OF THE SUPERIOR MILITARY TRIBUNAL) AND RETIRED ADMIRAL GUALTER

PAGE 2

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

60116110

Declassified Per E.O. 12958
Defense Intelligence Agency
By AX Date 155/04
NOT Reviewed for Public Release

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

MESSAGE CENTER

PAGE 3

C O N F I D E N T I A L

55753

MARIA MENEZES DE MAGALHAES (FORMER CHIEF OF THE NAVY GENERAL STAFF). AN OUTSIDE POSSIBILITY AS MINISTER ALSO EXISTS IN ADMIRAL ESPELLET. ONLY TIME WILL TELL. IN ANY EVENT, DOUBLE HATTING ADMIRAL AUTO DE ANDRADE PROVIDES MAXIMUM FLEXIBILITY FOR THE NAVY, CONFORMS TO SENIORITY AND CAUSES MINIMUM DISRUPTION DURING THIS SHORT TRANSITIONAL PERIOD.
DECL 21 DEC 1979.

BT

#9920

ANNOTES

FGJ 117

PAGE 3

C O N F I D E N T I A L

00110110

NNNN

212258Z

54

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

MESSAGE CENTER

VICZCHLT847

CONFIDENTIAL ZYUW

MULT

ACTION

DIAI

DISTR

J3(14) J5(02) J3:NMCC SECDEF(07) SECDEF: ASD:ISA(10)

ASD:PA&E(01) :DIA(20) NMIC

CMC CC WASHINGTON DC

CNO WASHINGTON DC

CSA WASHINGTON DC

C I A

SECSTATE WASHINGTON DC

NSA WASH DC

FILE

(054)

TRANSIT/3551845/3552257/004:12TOR3552023

OE RUESUZA #9920 3551845

ZNY CCCCC

R 211857Z DEC 78

FM USDAO BRASILIA BRAZIL

TO RUEKJCS/DIA WASHDC

INFO RULPALJ/USCINCSO QUARRY HTS CZ

RUESUA/USDAO RIO DE JANEIRO BRAZIL

RUEAHQA/HQ USAF WASHDC//XOXXW//INXP//

RUCBSAA/CINCLANT FLT NORFOLK VA

RUCBSAA/FICEURLANT NORFOLK VA

RULYVGA/USCOMSOLANT

RUENAAA/CNO WASHINGTON DC

RUECARA/COMNAVINTCOM ALEXANDRIA VA

BT

CONFIDENTIAL /USDAO BRAZIL DEC 78

SUBJECT: THIS IS IR 6 809 0724 78

1. (U) COUNTRY: BRAZIL (BR)

2. (U) REPORT NUMBER: 6 809 0724 78

3. (U) TITLE: ADMIRAL CARLOS AUTO DE ANDRADE TO ASSUME POSITION OF CHIEF, NAVY GENERAL STAFF

4. (U) PROJECT NUMBER: NA

5. (U) DATE OF INFORMATION: 781220

6. (U) DATE OF REPORT: 781221

7. (U) DATE AND PLACE OF ACQUISITION: 781220, BRASILIA, BR

8. (U) REFERENCES: YDIRM 9-002, Z-DI3-BR-001, IR 6 809 0693 78

9. (U) ASSESSMENT: SOURCE B INFORMATION 2

10. (U) ORIGINATOR: USDAO BRAZIL

PAGE 1

CONFIDENTIAL

OP110110

57