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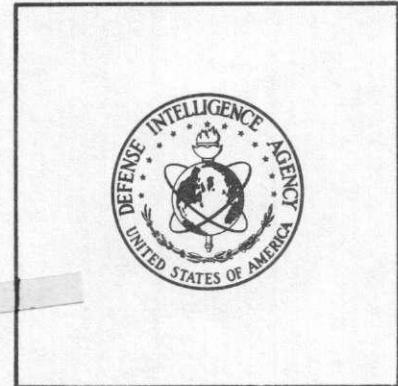
BIOGRAPHIC DATA

BRAZIL
Gen Arthur Duarte Candal FONSECA
July 1972

(U) NAME: Gen Arthur Duarte Candal
Fonsêca, (cahn-DAHL), Army.

(U) POSITION: Chief, Armed Forces General
Staff, since 11 Apr 1972.

(C/NFD) SIGNIFICANCE: An engineer officer,
Gen Candal is forceful, competent, and
conscientious and enjoys an excellent
professional reputation. He has had a variety
of command and staff assignments and served as
President of PETROBRAS (national oil monopoly)
from 1967 to 1969.



(C/NFD) POLITICS

(U) 1965

(C/NFD) International: Anti-Communist
and strongly nationalistic; he is considered very friendly toward the
United States. Gen Candal attended the U.S. Army Command and
General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, in 1945-1946,
and he has stated that Brazilian company grade officers should be
assigned to Vietnam as observers to gain experience. He supported
Brazilian participation in the Inter-American Peace Force in
the Dominican Republic in 1965-1966 and he believed that the
military takeover in Argentina in 1966 was regrettable but necessary.

(C/NFD) Internal: He was strongly opposed to the leftist-
tending administration of João Goulart (President, 1961-1964), and
he belonged to the more moderate group of military officers who
advocated stringent government action against leftists. He initially
was a strong supporter of Marshal (Ret) Arthur da Costa e Silva
(President, 1967-1969), but Costa e Silva relieved Candal as
President of PETROBRAS partly for his intransigent nationalism and
partly for his close relationship with the then Minister of Interior
and presidential aspirant, Maj Gen Affonso Augusto de Albuquerque
Lima. When Costa e Silva was incapacitated by a stroke on 30 Aug
1969, Gen Candal supported the unsuccessful bid of Affonso to succeed
to the Presidency. A reliable report in June 1972 stated that Gen Candal
has been proposed by some circles as a possible candidate to succeed
Gen (Ret) Emílio Garrastazú Médici as President of Brazil, but it is
unlikely that Candal has authorized such activity.

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(C) PERSONAL DATA:

(U) Birth: 5 Apr 1909 in Porto Alegre, Brazil.

(U) Family: Wife, Gilda Sodre Fonsêca (appears quite young, attractive, pleasant). Children (6): Armando (m), born about 1938; Arthur (m), born about 1940; Antonio Luiz (m), born about 1943; Dulce (f), born about 1944; Gilda (f), born about 1953; Celina (f), born about 1955. A niece, Marta, is married to Roberto Médici, son of President Médici.

(C) Description: Brown hair and eyes, dark complexion. Looks younger than his age; rather scholarly in appearance; always very neat. Pleasant, relaxed, friendly, but more formal in his manner than most Brazilians; good conversationalist. Eats and drinks moderately. Responds to intellectual persuasion or by appealing to his nationalist sentiments.

(U) Languages: Native Portuguese and some French, Spanish, and English.

(U) Religion: Roman Catholic.

(U) Decorations: Venezuelan Cross of the Ground Forces. Brazilian Order of Military Merit (Knight); Military Medal (3 gold stars); Peacemaker Medal.

(U) CIVIL EDUCATION: Not known.

(U) CAREER:

- 1925-1929 - Cadet, Military Academy, Realengo. Commissioned Probationary 2d Lt in Engineers, 19 Jan 1929. Promoted to 2d Lt, 25 July 1929.
- 1931 - Promoted to 1st Lt, 19 Feb 1931.
- 1932 - Participated in suppressing São Paulo revolution, 25 July-31 Oct 1932.
- 1934 - Student, Army Communications School. Student, Officers Advanced School. Promoted to Capt, 2 Oct 1934.
- 1942 - Promoted to Maj, 25 Dec 1942.
- 1943 - Student, General Staff Course, Army Command and General Staff School, Rio de Janeiro.
- 1945-1946 - Student, Regular Course, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, 1945-May 1946. Promoted to Lt Col, 25 Sept 1946.
- ? - Tactical Instructor, Army Command and General Staff School.
- ? - Student, Superior War Course, Superior War College.

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