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BIOGRAPHIC DATA

BRAZIL
Brig Gen Carlos Alberto da Fontoura
May 1969

(U) NAME: Brig Gen Carlos Alberto da Fontoura
(fohn-TOO-rah), Army.

(U) POSITION: Chief, National Intelligence
Service, since Apr 1969.

(C) SIGNIFICANCE: Competent, professionally well qualified, and an excellent leader, he is highly regarded by Marshal (Ret) Arthur da Costa e Silva and enjoys a good reputation among his contemporaries. He has had considerable staff experience (staff officer (1958) and Sub-Chief (1965-1966) in the Executive Office (Gabinete), Ministry of War). He is a graduate of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas (1954).



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(S/NFD) POLITICS:

(C/NFD) International: Anti-Communist; he is very friendly toward the United States.

(S/NFD) Internal: Conservative politically, he strongly favors the democratic processes and believes that the military must intervene at times to preserve constitutional government. He is a supporter of President Costa e Silva, although he has not otherwise been known to have been involved in partisan politics. He indicated disillusionment in July 1968 over what he considered the inability of the President to control the civil disturbances.

(C) PERSONAL DATA:

(U) Birth: 23 Sep 1912 in Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil.

(C) Family: Wife, Maria Lucilla Fontoura (Caucasian; born in Uruguaiana, Rio Grande do Sul; attractive and very charming; drinks sparingly; friendly toward the U.S., knows English, proud of her knowledge of the U.S. gained while husband was at Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas (1953-1954); Roman Catholic). Children (3): Carlos A. (m), born about 1942 (unmarried, an engineer, lives in Porto Alegre, very pro-U.S., fluent English); Manoel A. (m), born about 1944

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(unmarried, studying economics in 1965, good English); daughter born about 1957 (mentally retarded).

(C) Description: Caucasian; slender build (5'9", 150 lbs); erect posture; graying black hair; brown eyes; sallow complexion; graying mustache; excellent military bearing; aristocratic in appearance; dresses neatly and tastefully; friendly, warm personality; smokes and drinks Scotch sparingly; an excellent horseman and former polo player.

(U) Language: Native Portuguese, good English and Spanish.

(U) Religion: Roman Catholic.

(U) Decorations: Brazilian Order of Military Merit (Officer); Military Medal (Gold), Peacemaker Medal.

(U) CAREER:

1931-1934	- Cadet, Military Academy. Appointed Probationary 2d Lt in Cavalry, 25 Jan 1934. Promoted to 2d Lt, 30 Aug 1934.
1936	- Promoted to 1st Lt, 7 Sep 1936.
1943	- Promoted to Capt, 15 Apr 1943.
?	- Student, Officers Advanced School.
1945-1946	- Company Commander, 3d Cavalry Regiment.
1947-1949	- Student, Army Command and General Staff School.
1950-1953	- Chief, General Staff Section, 2d Cavalry Division. Promoted to Maj, 25 Jun 1951.
1953-1954	- Student, U.S. Army Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, Sep 1953-Jun 1954. Promoted to Lt Col, 25 Jul 1954.
1954-1957	- Instructor, Army Command and General Staff School.
1958	- Staff Officer, Executive Office (<u>Gabinete</u>) of the Minister of War, 1958.
1958-1963	- Commander, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 2d Cavalry Division, Uruguaiiana. Promoted to Col, 25 Aug 1961.
1963-1965	- Chief of Staff, 6th Infantry Division, Pôrto Alegre.
1965	- Chief of Staff, 2d Cavalry Division, Uruguaiiana, 1965.
1965-1966	- Sub-Chief of Executive Office (<u>Gabinete</u>) of the Minister of War. Promoted to Brig Gen, 25 Nov 1966.
1966-1969	- Chief of Staff, 3d Army, Pôrto Alegre, Nov 1966-Apr 1969.
1969-Present	- Chief, National Intelligence Service, from Apr 1969.