



BIOGRAPHIC DATA

BRAZIL

Brig Gen Carlos Alberto da FONTOURA

April 1967

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

(U) POSITION: Chief of Staff, 3d Army, Porto Alegre, since Nov 1966.

(C) SIGNIFICANCE: Gen Fontoura is highly regarded by Marshal (Ret) Arthur da Costa e Silva (President since 15 March 1967) and well liked by colleagues and junior officers. An excellent leader, competent, and professionally well qualified, he graduated from the U.S. Army Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, in 1954.



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(C/NFD) POLITICS:

(C/NFD) International: Anti-Communist, very friendly toward the U.S.

(C) Internal: Strongly democratic in orientation, he believes the role of the military is to preserve constitutional government. He is a supporter of President Costa e Silva, although he is not known to be involved in partisan politics.

(C) PERSONAL DATA:

(U) Birth: 23 Sept 1912 in Rio Grande do Sul.

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

(C) Description: Caucasian; slender build (5'9", 190 lbs); erect posture. Excellent military bearing, aristocratic in appearance, dresses neatly and tastefully. Black, graying hair; brown eyes; yellow complexion; graying mustache. Friendly, warm personality. Smokes and drinks Scotch sparingly. An excellent horseman and former polo player.

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

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(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 Sept.
? - Student, Officers Advanced School.
1943 - Promoted to Capt, 15 Apr.
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, Sept 1953-Jun 1954. Promoted
to Lt Col, 25 Jul 1954.
1954-1957 - Instructor, Army Command and General Staff School.
1958 - Staff Officer, Gabinete (Executive Office) of the Minister
of War.
1958-1963 - Commander, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 2d Cavalry Division,
Uruguaiana. Promoted to Col, 25 Aug 1961.
1963-1965 - Chief of Staff, 6th Infantry Division, Pôrto Alegre.
1965 - Chief of Staff, 2d Cavalry Division, Uruguaiana.
1965-1966 - Sub-Chief of Gabinete (Executive Office) of the Minister
of War. Promoted to Brig Gen, 25 Nov 1966.
1966-Present - Chief of Staff, 3d Army, Pôrto Alegre, from Nov 1966.