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15. SUMMARY:

(U) This IR provides data on Headquarters, V Air Region (2957S/5108W) which controls the Brazilian Air Force's southern bases.

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(U) On 3 May this RO visited the Headquarters, V Air Region and Canoas Air Base, located on the fringe of the city of Porto Alegre. The V Air Region falls organizationally under the General Air Command and is commanded by Major Brigadeiro Mario GINO Francescutti. There are only two bases under the command of the V Air Region and at present one of these, Canoas AB is undergoing a building program which will allow the base to receive the F-5's in June 76. (Reference IR 6 809 0416 76) The other base, Santa Maria, one of the smallest BAF bases (Reference IR 6 809 0181 76) is also receiving a new aircraft: the AT-26.

COMMENT: (C) Brigadeiro GINO, who recently assumed this position coming from the number two position on the Air Staff, appeared not to have enough work to do, and kept telling me that nothing was going on in his region. All his funds, he said,

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were being spent on getting the infrastructure ready at Canoas AB for the F-5's. I somewhat got the feeling that maybe he felt he had been moved out of the main-stream. The V Air Region presently is in the poorest condition of any of the Air regions, and maybe a hard charger like Brigadeiro GINO was sent there to get it back on track.

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