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15. SUMMARY:		(Leave Blank)	
Ir forwards biographic information on General RAMIRO Tavares Gonçalves, Chief, Army Personnel Department. (CAVEAT NO FOREIGN DISSEM USED BECAUSE OF ENCLOSURE 2, DD FORM 1396-1s). REQUEST PHOTOS DIRECTLY FROM DC-6B. ORDER BY IR AND PHOTO LOG NUMBER		173 901210- BR	
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GENERAL INFORMATION			
1. COUNTRY Brazil	2. DATE OF INFORMATION (Yr, mo, day) 73/9/30	3. DATE OF REPORT (Yr, mo, day) 73/10/18	
4. NAME a. FULL NAME (Give full name in Roman letters, in natural order, and with natural capitalization. Underline surname, or, if known by name(s) other than surname, underline same. Give phonetic pronunciation of name as appropriate). Ramiro Tavares Gonçalves			
b. NAME OR NAMES BY WHICH INDIVIDUAL PREFERS TO BE ADDRESSED ☐ IN OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE: General Ramiro ☒ ORALLY AT OFFICIAL GATHERINGS: General Ramiro			
5. FULL NAME IN NATIVE ALPHABET N/A			
6. VARIANTS, ALIASES, OR NICKNAMES None			
7. POSITION a. PRESENT POSITION Chief, Army Personnel Department		b. DATE ASSUMED POSITION (Yr, month, day) 73/8/22	
c. RANK/TITLE (In English and Native language) General (General-de-Exército)		d. DATE OF RANK (Yr, mo, day) 73/7/31	
e. SERVICE Army		f. BRANCH OF SERVICE General Officer (Originally cavalry)	
8. DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH (Town, State, Province, Country) Rio de Janeiro, State of Guanabara, 27 June 1911			9. SEX M
10. PRESENT ADDRESS (Including unit location if applicable) DGP, QG do Ex., SMU, Brasilia		TELEPHONE NO 24-6739	
11. NATIONALITY Brazilian	12. RACE C	13. PHOTO SUBMITTED ☒ YES ☐ NO	
14. CITIZENSHIP (Indicate dual citizenship where applicable) Brazilian		15. RELIGION Catholic ☒ PRACTICING ☐ NONPRACTICING	
16. TITLES AND HONORIFICS (Prince, Doctor, Pandit, etc.) None		17. MARITAL STATUS ☒ MARRIED ☐ SINGLE ☐ DIVORCED ☐ WIDOWED	
PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION			
18. AGE 62	19. BEARD ☐ YES ☒ NO	MUSTACHE ☐ YES ☒ NO	20. TEETH (Natural) ☒ YES ☐ NO
21. PROMINENT OR UNUSUAL FEATURES (Moles, scars, birthmarks, etc.) None			
22. COLOR EYES Brown	23. COLOR HAIR (Bald-Black-Grey ing) Black-Grey ing	24. BALD ☐ YES ☒ NO	25. HEIGHT 5'6"
26. WEIGHT 175	27. BUILD (Small, medium, large) Medium	28. POSTURE erect	29. ☒ RIGHT HANDED ☐ LEFT HANDED
30. PHYSICAL DEFECTS None		31. GENERAL STATE OF HEALTH Excellent	
32. HARD OF HEARING ☐ YES ☒ NO		33. GLASSES ☒ YES ☐ NO	
PERSONAL BACKGROUND			
34. CIVIL EDUCATION (List schools, location(s), major course, degree(s), honors, and inclusive dates (Year, month, day). Primary schools in Rio de Janeiro			
35. LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY (Include dialects, degree of fluency, and ability to act as translator/interpreter). Fluent Spanish, good French			
36. TRAVEL (List countries, dates, and purpose). - Chile in 1939 as an aide to Brazilian Delegation to Presidential Inauguration - Military Attache in Ecuador, 1950-1952 - Venezuela, 1955 as member of Brazilian Delegation to Independence Day Celebrations - Paraguay, Military Sports Meet, 1959 - United States as a member of the Superior War School student body, 1960. - Portugal (June 1968) Brazilian Delegation to Pedro Alvares Cabral celebrations			

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37. MILITARY SERVICE (a. List military career in chronological order. Include: Military schooling; promotions; demotions; foreign service; units served with and position held; location of school or unit; retired or reserve status.)
(b. List awards and decorations together with circumstances surrounding any unusual award/decoration.)

Promotions

-Probationary 2nd Lt. of cavalry-22 Dec 1932
-2nd Lt. 6 Jul 1933
-1st Lt. 2 Aug 1934
-Captain 25 Aug 1940
-Major 25 Sep 1948
-LTC 25 Sep 1952
-Colonel 25 Apr 1960
-BG 25 Nov 1964
-MG 25 Mar 1969
-General 31 Jul 1973

Decorations

-Order of Military Merit
-Order of Aeronautical Merit
-War Effort Medal
-Peacemaker's Medal
-Santos Dumont Medal of Merit
-Tamandare Medal of Merit
-Order of Naval Merit
-Order of Rio Branco
-Order of Military Judiciary Merit
-Order of Infante D. Henrique (Portugal)
-Medal of Military Merit (Portugal)
-Order of Merit (Chile)
-National Order of Merit (Ecuador)
-Abdoh Calderon Medal (Ecuador)
-Order of Military Merit (Paraguay)
-Military Order of Aviz (Portugal)
-National Order of Merit (Paraguay)
-Gold Medal (Argentine Army)

Military courses

-Army Physical Education School
-Officer's Advanced School
-Command & General Staff School
-Intelligence Course
-Techniques of Instruction Course
-Superior War School

Important Career Assignments

-Junior officer with cavalry units (including the Dragons of Independence)
-Aide de camp to commander of the 3rd Military Region
-Squadron commander, 4th Cavalry Regiment
-Staff officer, Army General Staff
-Brazilian representative on Peru-Ecuador peace commission
-Military Attache in Ecuador
-Section head, Army General Staff
-Section head, Directorate of Training
-Deputy Commandant, Army Specialized Training School
-Chief of Cabinet, Army General Staff
-Commandant of the Army Specialized Training School (1960-1962)
-Chief of Staff, 2nd Military Region (continued on P. 4)

38. EMPLOYMENT OTHER THAN MILITARY SERVICE (List employers, positions, skills, locations, and inclusive dates (Year, month, day).)

None

39. MEMBERSHIP IN ORGANIZATIONS (Professional, social, military, other; give inclusive dates (Year, month, day).)

Association of Graduates of the Superior War School

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40. U.S. ACQUAINTANCES AND RELATIVES (Name, position or occupation of relatives, domicile, nature and duration of relationship. Include U.S. military or other U.S. official acquaintances/relatives under this item.)

LTG Vernon A. Walters, USA
LTC Bob D. Schuler, USA

41. PREFERENCES (Personal preference in food, drink, tobacco, entertainment, sports, hobbies.)

He watches his food intake because of a tendency to gain weight. Gen. Ramiro does not smoke and drinks very little in terms of alcoholic beverages.

42. PUBLISHED WORKS (Title of article or book; if article, name of publication appearing in, date published, publisher.)

None

SPOUSE - FAMILY

43. FULL NAME OF SPOUSE

Ignez Barbosa Monteiro Gonçalves

44. MAIDEN NAME OF SPOUSE

Ignez Barbosa Monteiro

45. DATE (Year, month, day) AND PLACE OF BIRTH

(approximately 1920 in the State of Rio Grande do Sul)

46. NATIONALITY (Indicate dual citizenship where applicable)

Brazilian

47. RACE

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48. RELIGION Catholic

☒ PRACTICING

☐ NONPRACTICING

49. BACKGROUND (Education; languages; preference in food and drink; hobbies; preference in entertainment; special interests; professional societies.)

A very sophisticated and attractive woman who speaks English quite well and is still taking lessons to perfect her grammar. She is a charming hostess who appreciates the fine things in life.

50. CHILDREN (Names, sex, ages, marital status, other items of interest such as schools, health, military service.)

-Ana Maria Gonçalves Novis (married), born on 25 July 1935.
-Fernando Barbosa Monteiro Gonçalves (married and a Captain of cavalry), born on 12 Aug 1938

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51. POLICE RECORD (Other than minor violations). None		
52. RELIGION - Effect of subject's religion or religious connections on his actions, military advancement, political views, etc. His Catholic religion has not influenced his thinking, actions, or career development.		
53. ACQUAINTANCES AND RELATIVES - Apparent influence of acquaintances and relatives on subject's views or career. He was closely identified with the late President Costa e Silva. Is also a good friend of MG (Ret) Antonio Luis Barros Nunes, a close friend of the Geisel family and brother of the Navy Minister. His fellow-cavalrymen Generals Frota, Correa, Oscar Luiz, Potyguara, and Fontoura also hold him in high esteem. He is close to former Army Minister Lyra Tavares (see p.3)		
54. CHARACTER - Subject's character, strengths and weaknesses, intelligence, loyalty, judgment, ability to communicate, leadership ability, and influence. Significance of individual in shaping international policies of his country. Ramiro is a strong leader and a strict disciplinarian. He has had the professional tools and personal qualities to satisfy his burning ambition, however, he has not neglected opportunism flowing from influential friends. His loyalty to President Costa e Silva was questioned in the December, 1968 crisis which led to Institutional Act No. 5. At the time, Ramiro was the commander of the important Rio-based Armored Division. At the height of the crisis, he wavered and appeared ready to side with anyone who wished to depose the President. Ramiro is influential because he has four stars; is a member of the Army High Command; is healthy; is ambitious; has a rich, attractive, and equally ambitious wife; has about three years' tenure left, and enjoys access to important civilians.		
55. POLITICAL ORIENTATION - Attitude towards United States and other countries. Remarks and actions of subject toward representatives of the United States and its allies, and to representatives of nonaligned nations and Communist bloc nationals. Political activities and attitudes, important political contacts, party affiliations, potential political influence in country in the event of a change in government. He has never been especially identified with the United States, but has given U.S. representatives in Brazil the unequivocal impression that he thinks highly of our country. He is strongly opposed to Communism. Ramiro's political contacts on the Brazilian domestic scene are extensive and he travels with ease among Rio's jet set. He is also very friendly with important Brazilian business figures - particularly those who have dealt with him in the Ordnance Department in search of sales to the Army.		

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56. PERSONAL APPEARANCE - Appraisal of subject's dress, personal habits, mannerisms, eccentricities, peculiarities of speech and gait, prominent or unusual physical features, e.g., teeth, eyes, shape of face, complexion, tendency toward balding, etc.

Gen Ramiro dresses with care and can afford tailor-made uniforms and civilian attire which tend to set him apart from some of his colleagues.

57. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON SPOUSE - Spouse's political views, appearance, personality, attitude toward United States and other countries, influence on husband. Spouse's family connections influencing the husband's career.

Mrs. Gonçalves is charming, articulate, and politically astute. She has "pushed" her husband along vigorously and has not hesitated to suggest to some of his superiors that he should get a particular assignment. At the beginning of the Costa e Silva Government, for instance, she was overheard to remind the new President that he had promised to make her husband Chief of his Military Household (a position he did not get). Mrs. Gonçalves is also expert at dropping suggestions to social columnists in the hope that her husband's superiors will read them and act upon them. She thinks very highly of the United States and is proud of her excellent brand of English. She enjoys exposure to Rio and São Paulo society and is a gracious hostess. Perhaps now that her husband has reached the top grade of his (See P. 3)

58. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

a. Length of time collector has known subject and frequency of contact(s). Indicate how much of the information is based on the collector's own observation. Indicate other sources for information on subject.

I have known Gen. Ramiro since the mid-1950's, but have not had a close relationship with him. Our contacts have been few with the result that only about 20% of this information comes from personal observation. At least 50% is derived from DAO files and Brazilian Army records, and the balance from conversations with officers who know Gen. Ramiro well.

b. Best ways of gaining subject's confidence and exerting influence on him.

He is extremely vain and responds best to flattery. He is proud of his long association with Brazilian sports and of the fact that he organized the Army Olympic games in Porto Alegre in 1939, 1940, and 1941. He also organized the Pan American Games held in São Paulo in 1963 and was a member of the Brazilian Olympic Committee and President of the Army Sports Commission. Ramiro is hard-lining in his political views and is flattered when someone points out his role in the 1964 Revolution and in plotting leading thereto.

c. Military reputation, competence, and significance. Include financial status, dependence on personal or political connections for military position. Reputation in own service, collector's own assessment of military competence, and military and/or political potential of subject.

His military reputation is excellent in professional terms, even though ugly rumors have been raised about him on occasion. During his command of the 9th Military Region from 1969 to 1971, he was accused of having purchased about 50 cases of Scotch which a subordinate commander had procured at bargain prices in Paraguay. Some of his detractors have said that he has accepted favors from contractors; others resent his name appearing so often in high society gossip columns. His personal financial status (and that of his wife in her own right) is such that he need not stoop to some of the alleged transgressions. My judgment is that Ramiro is a tough, hard-working, and capable leader who drives himself and his staff with vigor in pursuit of high standards of excellence. He has considerable potential to reach the highest billets within the Brazilian Army. Moreover, under a mix of circumstances involving his seniority, an emergency, and the need for strong leadership, he could emerge as the possessor of political potential.

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(Item 53 continued) and enjoys extensive contacts within the civilian communities of Rio de Janeiro, São Paulo, and Brasília. His career has been helped by his early association with Gen. Estevam Leitão de Carvalho and by later proximity to Costa e Silva. Another factor which has aided Ramiro is the fact that he and his wife have sources of private income, thereby making it possible for them to entertain extensively and acquire social projection.

(Item 57 continued) profession, she might relax and enjoy life. On the other hand, she probably wants to see him become Chief of Staff or Army Minister.

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