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15. SUMMARY:

1. The Army Archives are located in the eastern wing of the War Ministry in Rio de Janeiro. They occupy the ground floor and two mezzanines of that wing. The Army Archives are directly subordinate to the Secretary General of the Ministry of War. The Army Archives were created at the time the Portuguese Royal Family fled from Napoleon to Brazil in 1808. There are, at the present time, some 530,000 packets of documents, with an average of 100 documents per packet which would give an approximate total of 53,000,000 documents. The size of these documents led the present Secretary General, General RAMIRO TAVARES GONCALVES, to look into the matter of microfilming these papers. These archives, which now occupy 800 sq meters of space, will be reduced to three steel cabinets.

2. Three microfilm sets were purchased; two portable ones of 16mm and one fixed 35mm set, and three projectors for reading the microfilms were also purchased. These machines have a capacity of 5,000 to 15,000 documents a day. The microfilms have an expected duration of 200 years. The 35mm microfilm equipment was purchased in Germany in Nov 1965. It is focussed automatically and it also has an automatic light meter. It can reproduce documents .96cms by 1.33 cms, at one time, copying 16 pages 22x33cms.

COMMENT: This should save a great deal of space in the War Ministry, but the estimated daily capacity seems unduly high.

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Newspaper article of
Microfilming German
Machine.

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1 SEP 62

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OPNAV FORM 3820 (Rev 10-61).
AF FORM 112, JUL 61, WHICH MAY BE
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A máquina acima é a única existente no Brasil; foi importada diretamente da Alemanha, onde foi fabricada em novembro último. Ela permite micro-filmar e reproduz documentos até o tamanho de 096 cm x 1,33 cm.

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