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List of Key Military Officers
Amaury Kruel

from the Second Army Command at some point in the future when the removal action would not disturb the political tranquility of the nation. Kruel has been one of the most politically-active officers of the army over the past twenty years, and he apparently retains political ambitions. It has been widely reported that Kruel sees himself as a possible presidential candidate for the PTB in 1966. He has also been mentioned as a possible candidate of the PSD. (R-68-63)

General Justino Alves Bastos, Commander of the Third Army District

Alves Bastos is also out of favor with the current regime, and his removal from the Third Army command is anticipated at some point in the future. Although Bastos lined up with the so-called "hard line" after the revolution, young "hard line" officers do not trust him, partially because he equivocated so long before throwing in with the anti-Goulart conspiracy. Bastos may also have political ambitions, but at this point, it is difficult to see with or through what group he might be able to realize them. (R-217-63)

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General Aurelio Lira Tavares, Commander of the Fourth Army District

Lira Tavares is regarded as a competent military functionary, loyal to both the President and the Minister of War, and anxious to depoliticize the Fourth Army, restoring it to its traditional role. Lira Tavares' importance is limited to the scope of his present command, and it is not anticipated that he will play a role of greater importance in the future.

General Luis Carlos Guedes, Commander of the II Military Region

Guedes is important not only as a troop commander but as a symbol of the revolution. Since the revolution, Guedes has acted publicly as a "hard line" critic of the government, but he told the Consulate General, São Paulo, that he intended to give full support to the Castello Branco government and to avoid acceding to demands of extremists. Guedes is believed to have political ambitions; specifically, he would apparently like to be the next Governor of Minas Gerais. (R-191-63)

General Moniz de Aragão, Commander of the Airborne Division Nucleus

Moniz de Aragão, in addition to holding an important troop command, is also President of the Military Club, but this latter

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