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THIS IS IR NO: 6 809 0051 73

1. BRAZIL

2. (U) YEAR END NAVY FLAG RANK CHANGES PENDING

3. N/A

4. 1-17 JAN 73

5. BRASILIA, 1-17 JAN 73; RIO DE JANEIRO 16 JAN 73

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7. KEY NAVAL STAFF OFFICERS

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12. USDAO BRASILIA BRAZIL

13. ALEXANDER CASTRO, JR., LCDR, AALUSNA

14. ARTHUR S. MOURA, BG, DATT USDAO BRAZIL

15. 1. (C) AT YEAR END NO VACANCIES OCCURRED DUE TO VOLUNTARY RETIREMENTS BRINGING ABOUT USE OF THE COMPULSORY RETIREMENT QUOTA PROVISIONS FOR NAVY FLAG RANKS. UNDER THESE PROVISIONS THE MOST SENIOR IN AGE FOR EACH FLAG RANK ARE FORCED TO RETIRE.

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FOR CY 1972 THE QUOTA WILL BE ONE ADMIRAL, THREE VICE ADMIRALS AND ONE REAR ADMIRAL. IF PROVISIONS OF THE LAW ARE STRICTLY APPLIED THE FOLLOWING WILL BE RETIRED:

- A. ADM AGUSTO SIMAS DE ALCANTARA, CHIEF OF NAVAL GENERAL STAFF AND CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS.
- B. VADM JOSE UZEDA DE OLIVEIRA, FLEET COMMANDER IN CHIEF.
- C. VADM JOSE LEITE SOARES JUNIOR, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS COMMAND.
- D. VADM ELMAR DE MATTOS DI'S, DIRECTOR OF MILITARY PERSONNEL.
- E. RADM JOAQUIM JANUARIO DE ARAUJO COUTINHO NETTO, DIRECTOR NAVAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER.

2. (C) ADMIRAL HELIO RAMOS DE AZEVEDO LEITE HAS BEEN TASKED BY THE APPLICABLE SELECTION BOARD TO COME UP WITH THE ABOVE NAMES OR OTHERS IF THERE ARE EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES. THE LIST WILL BE REVIEWED BY THE BOARD AND MINISTER AND THOSE AFFECTED NOTIFIED BY 31 JANUARY. THESE OFFICERS WILL THEN BE PLACED IN AN AGREGADO, OR ATTACHED STATUS, UNTIL THEIR RELIEFS ARE SELECTED, AT WHICH TIME THEY WILL BE RETIRED. PROMOTIONS WILL OCCUR ON 31 MARCH 1974 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NEW PROMOTION LAW (SEE IR 6 809 0612 72).

COMMENT: (C) CONSIDERABLE MANEUVERING AND AGITATION HAS BEEN GOING ON WITHIN THE SENIOR NAVY FLAG RANKS. IT IS KNOWN THAT NAVY MINISTER ADALBERTO DE BARROS NUNES WOULD PREFER TO HAVE ADM JOSE DE CARVALHO JORDAO, NUMBER FOUR RANKING ADMIRAL AND SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE NAVY, REPLACE ADM ALCANTARA INSTEAD OF ADM MAURICIO DANTAS TORRES, WHO IS NEXT IN SENORITY TO ALCANTARA. ADDITIONALLY, SUPERIOR MILITARY TRIBUNAL MEMBER ADM MARIO CAVALCANTI DE ALBUQUERQUE HAS RESIGNED, CREATING A VACANCY FOR A FOUR STAR ADMIRAL. THIS IS EXPECTED TO BE OFFERED TO ADM HELIO LEITE, THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF NAVAL PERSONNEL, WHO IS NEXT TO DANTAS TORRES IN SENORITY. ADM HELIO LEITE'S ACCEPTANCE MIGHT PERMIT THE MINISTER TO SIDESTEP DANTAS TORRES AND PICK UP JORDAO. IN THIS PRESIDENTIAL SUCCESSION YEAR, THE MINISTER IS HIGHLY DESIROUS OF HAVING A TRUSTED ASSOCIATE LIKE JORDAO IN THE IMPORTANT CHIEF OF STAFF POST AND NOT A POSSIBLE INDEPENDENT THINKER LIKE DANTAS TORRES. ADDITIONALLY, THE ENTIRE PROCESS MAY BE DRAGGED OUT BY JURIDICAL RECLAMAS BY THE OFFICERS FORCED TO RETIRE.

DATT COMMENT: (C) DURING CONVERSATION IN RIO DE JANEIRO ON 16 JAN WITH MAJ GEN (RET) BARROS NUNES, BROTHER OF THE NAVY MINISTER, HE TOLD ME THAT DANTAS TORRES WILL BE OFFERED THE SUPERIOR MILITARY TRIBUNAL VRES DECLINES, HELIO LEITE WILL GO TO THE TRIBUNAL AND JORDAO WILL BECOME CNO. THE CURRENT PLAN IS

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