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Biographic Data - Brazil (U)

- (U) NAME: Brig Gen Paulo Francisco TORRES (TOHR-ess).
- (U) POSITION: Commander, Frontier Elements Command, Manaus, since second half of 1962.
- (U) BIRTH: Born 20 May 1903 in the state of Rio de Janeiro.
- (U) FAMILY: Wife, Conceição; her maiden name is not known. In 1954 had one son who was a student at the Military Academy.
- (U) CIVIL EDUCATION & TRAVEL: He is a lawyer. His international orientation includes Europe and the United States.
- (U) LANGUAGES: Native Portuguese; Italian, fair; Spanish, believed fluent.
- (U) RELIGION: Believed to be Roman Catholic.
- (U) CAREER:
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| 1921 | - Cadet in Military Academy (one year only). |
| 1930 | - Commissioned 1st Lt. |
| 1930-33 | - Student in Escola Militar Provisionaria to qualify as an officer. |
| 1934 | - Promoted to Captain. |
| 1942 | - Student, General Staff School. |
| ? | - Student, Infantry School, Fort Benning, Ga. |
| 1944 | - Promoted to Major (merit); sailed as member advance party Brazilian Expeditionary Force (22 Nov). |
| 1945 | - Attached to Directorate of Arms (July). |
| 1946 | - Asst Mil Attache in Italy. |
| 1948 | - Promoted to Lt Col (merit). |
| 1949-51 | - Chief of the National Police of Brazil. |
| 1952 | - Promoted to Col. |
| ? | - Chief, G-3, Eastern Military Zone. |
| 1953 | - CO, 3d Inf Regt. |
| 1955 | - Former Federal District Chief of Police (1954); has been appointed Governor of the Federal Territory of Acre. |
| 1960-62 | - Comdr, Airborne Division. Promoted to Brig Gen 25 Mar, 1960. |
| 1962- Present | - Comdr, Frontier Elements Command, Manaus. |

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(U) DECORATIONS: U.S. Bronze Star; Italian Cross of Military Valor; French Croix de Guerre; Brazilian Medal Commemorating the 100th Anniversary of Rui Barbosa, South Atlantic Campaign Medal, Gold Medal for 30 Years Service, Order of Military Merit (Officer), Combat Cross (2d class), Campaign Medal, War Medal, Medal Commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Republic.

(U) UNIFORM AND INSIGNIA: Service uniform is similar in shade and design to former U.S. Army shade 51 ("green") service uniform, except with patch-type waist pockets and no belt on blouse; worn with tan shirt and necktie, black shoes, and visored cap. Rank insignia consist of 2 silver stars and a shield of national colors, worn on each shoulder loop.

(C) PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS: General Torres is short and well built, soldierly in appearance, and has a personality that inspires confidence. He is known as a very forceful individual and a man who is not easily dominated.

(C) POLITICS: He took part in the revolution of 1922 while he was a cadet at the Military Academy and because of this he was expelled from the service. In 1930, when Vargas came to power, Torres was reinstated. His attitude toward the U.S. is not known; however, it was believed in 1954 that he reflected the views of General Zenobio da Costa, who was extremely friendly toward the U.S. and violently anti-Communist.

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