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1. (U) CTRY: BRAZIL (BR)
2. (U) TITLE: 31ST FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION RECEIVES DIESEL POWERED TRUCKS
3. (U) DATE OF INFO: 800724
4. (U) ORIG: USDAO BRAZIL
5. (U) REQ REFS: Z-DI3-BR015, Z-DI3-BR675
6. (U) SOURCE: OTS; A BRAZILIAN SENIOR GRADE OFFICER WITH DIRECT ACCESS TO THE INFORMATION.

7. (C) SUMMARY: THE 31ST FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION (SCHOOL), (31ST GAC ES), OF THE DIVISIONAL ARTILLE Y, 1ST ARMY DIVISION, WAS SCHEDULED TO RECEIVE EIGHTEEN TRUCKS WITH DIESEL CONVERTED ENGINES ON 25 JUL 1980#

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8.A. (C) DETAILS: ACCORDING TO COL. AFFONSO BELLO (WANDERLEY),
 COMMANDER OF THE 31ST GAC ES, HIS UNIT WAS SET TO RECEIVE
 EIGHTEEN (18) TRUCKS WHICH HAD ENGINES CONVERTED TO USE DIESEL
 FUEL INSTEAD OF GASOLINE. COL WANDERLEY SAID THE CONVERSION
 HAD TWO MAJOR PURPOSES; ONE, TO REPLACE ENGINES WHICH WERE
 SIMPLY WORN OUT AND TWO, TO CONSERVE ON FUEL COSTS WHICH ARE
 EATING UP A DISPROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE TRAINING BUDGET.

8.B. (C) ORIG COMMENTS: THIS INFO IS PROBABLY TRUE AND COL
 WANDERLEY IS THE THIRD UNIT COMMANDER IN RECENT WEEKS TO COM-
 PLAIN TO RO OF THE EFFECT OF FUEL COSTS ON HIS TRAINING
 MISSION. THE CONVERSION OF BRAZILIAN MILITARY VEHICLES TO
 OTHER THAN GASOLINE ENGINES HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY NOTED, INCLUDING
 A REPORT THAT THE BRAZILIAN ARMY WOULD CONVERT TO ALCOHOL-
 POWERED JEEPS. THIS IS OBVIOUSLY A REFLECTION OF THE BRAZILIAN
 ARMY'S PREOCCUPATION WITH THE EXTREMELY HIGH COST OF FUEL AND
 ITS ADVERSE EFFECTS ON THE MILITARY BUDGET.

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