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BIOGRAPHIC DATA

BRAZIL
Major Alcio Barbosa da Costa e SILVA
March 1965

(U) NAME: Major Alcio Barbosa da Costa e Silva
(AHL-see-oh), Army.

(U) POSITION: Member of the Gabinete (executive office) of the Ministry of War, since 1964.

(C) SIGNIFICANCE: He is the only son of General Arthur da Costa e Silva, Minister of War since 2 Apr 1964. Has outstanding integrity and loyalty, excellent reputation and is regarded as very competent and intelligent. He is articulate and impressive. During April 1964 revolution, he exercised complete control over Third Army Communications Center in Porto Alegre, in support of the revolutionary moderates, even though many working for him and over him were on the antirevolutionary leftist side.

(C) POLITICS:

International: Pro-U.S., very impressed by America's technical achievements. Completely western oriented. Well disposed toward United Nations as a peacekeeping entity. Shares same ideals of constitutional democracy with pro-West thinking as his father.

Internal: Active in movement of moderates preparing ouster of leftist-tending President Goulart by revolution in Apr 1964, although serving under a commander opposed to that action.

(U) PERSONAL DATA:

Birth: 27 Jul 1926 in Juiz de Fora, Minas Gerais.

Family: Wife, Ana Eulina Vasconcellos da Costa e Silva (born about 1935 in Santa Maria, Rio Grande do Sul; nicknamed "Loura" (Blondie); fairly tall and attractive, with dark-blond hair, fair skin; very personable, warm, family type, fairly good education, speaks good English, some French; very pro-U.S., desires to spend some time living in U.S.; reads constantly in English; has visited Middle East and Europe). Children (4): Artur (m), born about 1952; André Luis (m), born about 1955; Alexandre (m), born about 1960, Carla (f), born in 1964.

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