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C. MG JOAO DUTRA DE CASTILHO, CG OF THE 1ST AINF
DIV AND VILA MILITAR; OUTSTANDING SOLDIER CASTILHO
BECAME THE PRINCIPAL LIGHTNING ROD FOR THE TORRENT OF
ROILS GENERATED AT THE VILA MILITAR FOLLOWING THE
CONGRESSIONAL VOTE ON THE MARCIO MOREIRA ALVES CASE.
CASTILHO IS LOYAL TO LYRA AND TO THE PRESIDENT SINCE
HE WAS THEIR CHOICE FOR THE POWERFUL POSITION HE OC-
CUPIES; ON THE OTHER HAND, HE ALSO CONCLUDED THAT MANY
THINGS WERE WRONG AND CHANGES WERE NEEDED URGENTLY IF
THE ARMY WAS TO REMAIN COHESIVE AND STRONG. THUS, HE
ASSUMED AN INTRASIGENT AND EXTREMELY HARD POSTURE,
EVEN THREATENING TO MARCH WITH HIS MEN INTO DOWNTOWN
RIO UNLESS A DECISION HAD BEEN TAKEN BY THE PRESIDENT
BY NOON ON THE 13TH. ONCE HIGHER AUTHORITY (LYRA,
MURICY, AND PROBABLY OTHERS) HAD ASSURED CASTILHO THAT
ACTION WAS FORTHCOMING, HE REVERTED TO HIS ROLE AS
THE DISCIPLINED SOLDIER. DESPITE THE FOREGOING
ASSESSMENT, THERE ARE THOSE WHO BELIEVE THAT CASTILHO
ACTED OUT OF PERSONAL AMBITION SINCE HE STANDS TO
RETIRE FOR AGE IN JUNE, 1970 UNLESS PROMOTED TO 4
STARS, AND CHANCES ARE EXTREMELY SLIM THAT HE WILL BE
PROMOTED UNDER ROUTINE CIRCUMSTANCES. THUS, HAD HE
GENERATED COSTA E SILVA'S OVERTHROW, HIS DETRACTORS
BELIEVE HE WOULD HAVE SOLVED HIS OWN TENURE PROBLEM
QUITE NICELY.

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DIVISION: THE INTELLIGENCE BUT EXTREMELY VAIN AND
AMBITIOUS GEN. RAMIRO CHARGED AROUND ON THE NIGHT OF
THE 12TH-13TH WITH FIRE IN HIS EYES. DESPITE THE
FACT THAT HE SERVED ON COSTA E SILVA'S STAFF FOR
MANY YEARS AND OWES HIS PROMOTIONS AND CURRENT KEY
POWER ASSIGNMENT TO THE PRESENT, RAMIRO'S LOYALTY
TO THE PRESIDENT ON THAT FATEFUL NIGHT IS OPEN TO
SERIOUS DOUBT.
F. RG HENRIQUE CARLOS DE ASSUMPÇÃO CARDOZO.
SYSTEMS CHIEF OF STAFF: GEN. HENRIQUE CARDOZO HAS
BEEN MANIPULATING GEN. SYSENDO FOR A GOOD MANY YEARS.
HE IS RIGHT AND AMBITIOUS AND HE APPEARS SINCERE IN
HIS DESIRE TO PUSH SYSENDO ALL THE WAY TO THE PRESTI-
DENCY. NATURALLY, HENRIQUE CARDOZO WOULD DERIVE SOME
BENEFITS FROM THAT UNLIKELY OCCURRENCE, HENRIQUE
CARDOZO'S HOLD ON SYSENDO IS SO NOTICIOUS THAT
PRESIDENT COSTA E SILVA REPORTEDLY CALLED IN SYSENDO
ABOUT TEN DAYS AFTER THE ISSUANCE OF JA-5 AND ASKED
HIM: "DO YOU THINK YOU WILL EVER BE ABLE TO COMMAND
ON YOUR OWN WITHOUT THE BENEFIT OF HENRIQUE CARDOZO'S
ORIENTATION?" THE IRONY OF HENRIQUE CARDOZO'S RECENT
AGITATION IS THAT HIS CAREER WAS SAVED FROM THE JUNK
PILE UNDER GOLHART THROUGH THE INTERVENTION OF THEN
GENERAL COSTA E SILVA.
F. RG JOSE PINTO DE ARAUJO BARRELO, COMDT. OF
OFFICERS' ADVANCED SCHOOL: GEN JOSE PINTO REVEALED
HIS UNFAISNESS IN OCTOBER WHEN HE SANCTIONED A "CAPTAINS
MANIFESTO" BY STUDENT OFFICERS AT HIS SCHOOL. HE IS
AN INTELLIGENT AND RESPECTED OFFICER, BUT HE ALLOWED
HIMSELF TO BE CARRIED AWAY BY THE REAL AND IMAGINED -
GRIEVANCES OF JUNIOR OFFICERS. IT IS BELIEVED THAT
JOSE PINTO ACTED FROM CONVICTION RATHER THAN AMBITION.
G. RG CARLOS ALBERTO CABRAL RIBEIRO, CG 2ND INF
BRIGADE, NITEROI: THE HARD-LINING GEN. CARLOS ALBERTO
IS REGARDED AS A COSTA E SILVA MAN, BUT IN THE REGENT
SITUATION HE SIDED WITH GEN. CASTILHO AND THROUGH HIM
WITH GEN. SYSENDO. HE WAS ONE OF THE "TIGERS" WHO HAD
TO BE CONTAINED SINCE HE WANTED TO TAKE OVER THE STATE
OF RIO DE JANEIRO AND PURGE EVERY POLITICIAN SUSPECTED
OF CORRUPTION OR SUBVERSION.
H. RG CESAR MONTAGNA DE SOUZA, ACTG. CG. 1ST MIL.
REGION: THE VERY HARD-LINING MONTAGNA FOUND HIMSELF
IN THE 1ST REGION BILLET AS THE HEAT GENERATED DURING

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SYSENO'S ABSENCE ON THE INSPECTION TRIP. HE WAS SWEEPED ALONG BY THE EUPHORIA OF THE MOMENT, EVEN THOUGH HE NORMALLY SUBORDINATES HIS NATURAL IMPETUOSITY TO THE MODERATE INFLUENCES OF ARMY MINISTER LYRA TAVARES.

1. RG ARNALDO JOSE LUIZ CALDERARI, CG 1ST INF. BRIGADE: GEN. CALDERARI'S EMERGENCE AT SYSENO'S SIDE WAS STARTLING IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT HE SERVED COSTA E SILVA AS CHIEF OF THE BRASILIA ADVANCED ECHELON WHEN THE PRESIDENT WAS WAR MINISTER AND AS SUB-CHIEF OF THE PRESIDENT'S MILITARY HOUSEHOLD.

MOREOVER, THE PRESIDENT ENTRUSTED HIM WITH THE KEY 1ST BRIGADE WHICH INCLUDES THE "CUTTING EDGE" MAP-SUPPORTED UNITS. IT COULD BE THAT CALDERARI LATCHED ON TO SYSENO IN AN ATTEMPT TO DISSUADE HIM FROM RASH ACTION AGAINST COSTA E SILVA, BUT MY OWN RECENT CONVERSATIONS WITH CALDERARI HAVE SHOWN HIM TO BE VERY DISAPPOINTED WITH THE PRESIDENT'S "SOFTNESS."

4. (C) SINCE NEITHER THE PRESIDENT NOR LYRA TAVARES APPEAR IN ANY MOOD TO HAND OVER CONTROL OF BRAZIL'S DESTINIES TO GEN SYSENO AND THOSE AROUND HIM, AND SINCE BOTH REALIZE THE NARROW MARGIN BY WHICH THE HIERARCHICAL STRUCTURE PREVAILED ON 12-13 DECEMBER, IT FOLLOWS THAT THEY WILL TAKE CERTAIN ACTIONS TO SHORE UP THE POSITION ON CENTRAL AUTHORITY. IN THE PROCESS, THEY WILL SAFEGUARD AGAINST LIKELY CONTINUED CONSPIRATORIAL ACTIVITIES BY THOSE WHO ARE UNHAPPY WITH THEIR PERSONAL STATUS AS A RESULT OF IA-5. THE FIRST STEP IN THE PROCESS OF CONSOLIDATION OF PRESIDENTIAL AUTHORITY SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN TAKEN WITH THE RETENTION OF LYRA TAVARES AS ARMY MINISTER FOLLOWING HIS STATUTORY RETIREMENT FROM ACTIVE SERVICE ON 31 DECEMBER. OTHER MEASURES IN THE OFFING ARE AS FOLLOWS: A. COMING, HE REVERTED TO HIS ROLE AS

THE DISCIPLINED SOLDIER. DESPITE THE FOREGOING ASSESSMENT, THERE ARE THOSE WHO BELIEVE THAT CASTILHO ACTED OUT OF PERSONAL AMBITION SINCE HE STANDS TO RETIRE FOR AGE IN JUNE, 1970 UNLESS PROMOTED TO 4 STARS, AND CHANCES ARE EXTREMELY SLIM THAT HE WILL BE PROMOTED UNDER ROUTINE CIRCUMSTANCES. THUS, HAD HE GENERATED COSTA E SILVA'S OVERTHROW, HIS DETRACTORS RELIEVE HE WOULD HAVE SOLVED HIS OWN TENURE PROBLEM QUITE NICELY.

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