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COMANDANTE EUCLIDES QUANDT DE OLIVEIRA

COMANDANTE QUANDT, A NATIVE OF RIO DE JANEIRO, CURRENTLY IN HIS MID-FIFTIES, GAINED HIS COMMUNICATIONS EXPERIENCE DURING A LENGTHY CAREER IN THE BRAZILIAN NAVY. RETIRING FROM THE MILITARY, HE SPENT SEVERAL YEARS WITH SIEMENS' LATIN AMERICAN DIVISION BEFORE REENTERING GOVERNMENT SERVICE. WITH THE GOVERNMENT HE HAS WORKED HIS WAY UP TO THE COMMUNICATIONS SECTOR. HIS LAST POST HAS BEEN THE PRESIDENCY OF TELEBRAS WHICH HE HAS LED SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN 1972. QUANDT IS AN EXPERT IN HIS FIELD AS WELL AS A COMPETENT MANAGER. HE HAS A HIGH REGARD FOR THE TECHNICAL EXPERIENCE OF AMERICAN FIRMS AND IS FRIENDLY AND ACCESSIBLE TO U.S. PERSONNEL. ITT PERSONNEL IN BRAZIL CONSIDER THE APPOINTMENT A GOOD ONE.

MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE

NEY BRAGA, 56, SENATOR FROM PARANÁ SINCE 1966, FORMER, AND REPUTEDLY, EXCELLENT GOVERNOR OF PARANÁ (1961-65), AND MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (1965-66) IN THE CASTELLO BRANCO ADMINISTRATION, IS THAT RARE TYPE OF BIRD, A SUCCESSFUL "REVOLUTIONARY" POLITICIAN WITH A REPUTATION AS A TOUGH, HONEST AND COMPETENT ADMINISTRATOR ENHANCED BY A MILITARY BACKGROUND. A 1937 GRADUATE OF THE NATIONAL MILITARY ACADEMY, HE IS A GENERAL IN THE ARMY RESERVE. HE IS POLITICALLY AMBITIOUS, HAVING CONSIDERED HIMSELF A POTENTIAL CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT OR VICE PRESIDENT IN PAST REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENTS. A FORMER MEMBER OF THE PDC (CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS), BRAGA IS REPORTED TO BE SUFFICIENTLY FLEXIBLE TO SACRIFICE ANY IDEOLOGICAL BENT TO HIS POLITICAL AMBITIONS AND TO PRIDE HIMSELF ON HIS POLITICAL RUTHLESSNESS. A MAN OF STRONG EGO, HE IS ALSO INCLINED TO BE SOMEWHAT AUTOCRATIC. AT THE SAME TIME HE HAS CONSIDERABLE DEGREE OF CHARM AND HIGH SKILL AS A POLITICAL CAMPAIGNER AND VOTE-GETTER. THE ARENA POLITICAL MACHINERY IN PARANÁ IS EFFECTIVELY UNDER HIS CONTROL. HE WAS AMONG THE FIRST TO BE CONSIDERED A CABINET PROSPECT WHEN GENERAL GEISEL'S PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDACY WAS ANNOUNCED. ALONG WITH HIS IMMEDIATE PREDECESSOR IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, JARBAS PASSARINHO, HE MUST BE CONSIDERED ONE OF THE FUTURE POTENTIAL REVOLUTIONARY CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT OF BRAZIL. A LEADER GRANTEE TO THE U.S. IN 1963, BRAGA HAS ALSO TRAVELED IN EUROPE.

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