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BIOGRAPHIC DATA

BRAZIL
 Gen Alberto Ribeiro PAZ
 January 1967

(U) NAME: Gen Alberto Ribeiro Paz (PAHS),
 Army.

(U) POSITION: Minister, Superior Military Tribunal,
 since Nov 1966.

(U) SIGNIFICANCE: His field-grade promotions were
 all for time in grade. He generally takes an
 impartial stand on controversial matters.

(C) POLITICS:

(C) International: Pro-U.S. Former President
 of Brazil-United States Cultural Association. Has
 visited U.S. and was special guest of President
 Truman at Army Day Parade, Washington, D.C.,
 7 Apr 1947.

(C) Internal: Middle-of-the-road. Probably of Social Democratic
 Party (PSD) orientation. He supported the Getulio Vargas Revolution in
 1930, but signed the 1954 "Colonels Manifesto", which caused the resignation
 of Minister of Labor João Goulart and eventually led to the downfall of the
 Vargas regime. He was a devoted follower of Marshal (Ret) Nelson de Mello,
 former Minister of War, and became increasingly opposed to former President
 João Goulart after Mello was dismissed in 1963. He was passed over for
 promotion in July 1963 and asked to be relieved of his command.

(C) PERSONAL DATA:

(U) Birth: 16 Nov 1903 in State of Paraná, Brazil.

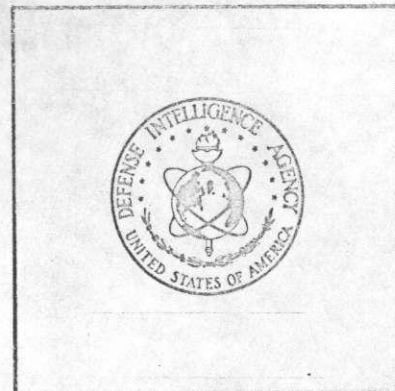
(U) Family: Wife, Nize Maury (Nissa). Children (2): Maria Tharcilla
 (f); Maria Magdala (f), both were teachers in 1963.

(C) Description: Height, 5'4", weight, 130 pounds (somewhat sensitive
 about his height). Friendly and helpful in manner, but reserved and very
 cautious about expressing his views.

(U) Languages: Native Portuguese, Spanish, some English.

(U) Religion: Roman Catholic.

(U) Decorations: Brazilian Order of Military Merit (Commander),
 Military Medal (Gold Clasp), War Medal, Peacemaker Medal.



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(U) CIVIL EDUCATION: Civil Engineering School (1923-1927), University of Brazil (1928-1930).

(U) CAREER:

1922 - Entered military service, 11 Mar (in cadet status).
1923-1927 - Student, Civil Engineering School, University of Brazil.
1928-1930 - Engineer, Central Railroad of Brazil. Commissioned 1st Lt in Engineers, 8 Nov 1930.
1933-1935 - Member, Paraná and Santa Catarina Railroad Construction Boards. Promoted to 1st Lt, 2 Mar 1933. Promoted to Capt, 16 June 1933.
1936 - Student, Advanced Course, School of Arms.
1937 - Member, Military Camp Improvement Board.
1938-1939 - Instructor of Engineering, School of Arms.
1940 - Student, Army Command and General Staff School. Promoted to Maj, 5 Mar.
1942-1943 - Assigned to General Staff, 6th Military Region.
1944 - Instructor, Army Command and General Staff School. Promoted to Lt Col, 25 June.
1944 - Secretary of Public Safety (Chief of Police), Bahia, from Aug 1944.
1945 - Chief Instructor, Engineering Department, Officers Advanced School, Bahia, from Dec 1945.
1947 - Assigned to Army General Staff, Rio de Janeiro. Tour of U.S. Army installations at Fort Benning, Fort Knox, Fort Belvoir, West Point, and Washington, D.C., Apr.
1950 - Promoted to Col, 25 Dec.
? - Student, Superior War Course, Superior War School.
1952 - Chief of Staff, Advanced Specialization Center, Realengo, from July 1952.
1953-1955 - Adjutant, Department of Studies, Superior War School, Mar 1953-Feb 1955.
1955-1957 - Assigned to 3d Highway Battalion, Feb 1955-Mar 1957.
1958 - Army General Staff Representative at National Highway Department, from Apr. Scheduled to make orientation-observer visit to U.S., June.
1958-1959 - Chief, 4th Section (Supply), Army General Staff. Promoted to Brig Gen, 25 Dec 1958.
1959 - Chief, Directorate of Communications Material, General Supply Department, Jan-Aug.
1959-1960 - Chief, Directorate of Transportation Facilities, Department of Production and Works, Aug 1959-Sept 1960.
1960-1961 - Commander, 3d Cavalry Division, Bage, Rio Grande do Sul, Sept 1960-Oct 1961.
1961-1962 - Chief of Staff, 2d Army, São Paulo, Oct 1961-July 1962.
1962 - Chief, Gabinete (Executive Office) of Minister of War, Rio de Janeiro, July-Sept.

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- 1962-1963 - Commander, 7th Military Region and 7th Infantry Division, Recife, Pernambuco, Dec 1962-Aug 1963. Promoted to Maj Gen, 25 Nov 1963.
- 1964 - Chief, Department of Studies, Superior War School, Jan-Dec.
- 1964-1966 - Chief, Superior Economic and Finance Commission, 1 Dec 1964-Nov 1966.
- 1966-Present - Minister, Superior Military Tribunal, since Nov 1966. Promoted to Gen, 25 Nov 1966. Scheduled to visit U.S. on tour sponsored by Military Assistance Program, 13-29 Jan 1967.

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