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16. SUMMARY.
 On 15 July at 1600 hours local time the Chief of Staff, Air Staff changed from Tenente Brigadeiro Delio Jardim de MATTOS to Tenente Brigadeiro Mario Paglioli de LUCENA. LUCENA who has an extensive technical background that included attendance at the Communications Officer course in the United States, will fill the Chief of Staff position until October 1978 when he will step down as a result of reaching maximum years of tenure.

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ORIGINATOR'S COMMENT: LUCENA is respected for his technical expertise that was demonstrated especially during the period when he headed the Air Traffic and Navigation Service, and later, as the Director of Electronics and Flight Protection. Air Staffers are wondering how well he will do in the operational arena of the BAF, particularly because most of them feel strongly about continuing the annual operational exercise that was promulgated under the aegis of Tenente Brigadeiro DEOCLECIO Lima de Siqueira. The laws that control maximum years of tenure state that no one can remain more than 12 years in the star ranks; therefore, one of the organic weaknesses built into the BAF organizational structure is the distinct possibility that the man heading the Air Staff will remain for only a year or possibly, less. Thus it would seem that any program of continuity cannot, in fact, be assured. The trickle-down effect could ultimately lead to reduced morale, especially if personnel see no assurance that their initiatives will have a reasonable chance of materializing. The Brazilian Army, in an attempt to counteract this lack of continuity, dug down deep to pick up a relatively junior four star (General FRITZ) as Chief of Staff. As a result, FRITZ has had to contend with a group of somewhat disgruntled seniors in rank. A solution to this problem would be a modification to the high years of tenure, at least for the position of Chief of Staff. At this point no known attempt by the BAF is being made, therefore perhaps the conclusion can be drawn that the BAF perceives continuity, or the lack of, as insignificant in the overall scheme of events. An updated biography of Brigadeiro LUCENA will be forwarded in the near future.		(Leave Blank)
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