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XIII Pan American Child Congress - Request for Biographic Information

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Brazil will send a delegation of five persons to the XIII Pan American Child Congress that is to convene in Quito, Ecuador, June 15th of this year. The names of the delegates, and some biographic data on each, follow below:

Mario Olinto de Oliveira (delegation chairman) -- generally acknowledged to be Brazil's foremost pediatrician, a retired professor of Pediatrics at the University of Brazil, long-time director of the Brazilian National Children's Bureau. A distinguished elderly gentleman.

Pedro Braga -- a medical doctor from Ceara state in the Northeast of Brazil, is a political appointee to the Ministry of Health, and that ministry's chief representative in Brasilia. (The Ministry headquarters is located in Rio de Janeiro.)

Dante Costa -- a prominent Rio de Janeiro pediatrician.

Walter Silva -- a medical doctor, newly-appointed president of the National Nutrition Council (Conselho Nacional de Alimentação).

Marianna de Brito Franco -- a woman medical doctor, former President of the Brazilian Association of Industrial Medicine, presently director of the Division of Assistance to Women and Minors in the Ministry of Labor. Her division sponsors research on job conditions for women and minors, supervises factory inspection programs, and issues the technical regulations concerning employment practices for women and minors. Mrs. Brito Franco visited the States in 1967 on a USAID-sponsored trip whose specific subject of study was "Industrial Safety and Hygiene." She visited New York, California, Washington D. C. and Ohio.

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With the exception of Braga, whose background in the field is unknown to the Embassy, all the other delegates are generally considered to be among Brazil's foremost authorities in the fields of child medicine and welfare.

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