

OPERATIONS MEMORANDUM

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TO: Amembassy Rio de Janeiro

FROM: Amconsul PORTO ALEGRE

SUBJECT: Statistics on the Cost of Civil Construction in Porto Alegre

REF: Consulate's OM dated September 15, 1966.

DATE: January 12, 1967

1. The Development Council of the State of Rio Grande do Sul (Conselho de Desenvolvimento do Estado do Rio Grande do Sul) has prepared the following statistics utilizing the base year of 1964:

Items:	Comparative Price Index and Variation during the month of November, 1966		
	10/31/66	11/30/66	Variation & Percentage
Foundation	165	165	-
Concrete structure	172	174	+1.16
Roofing	165	165	-
Masonry facing	157	157	-
Window & floor framings	172	172	-
Electric wiring	170	170	-
Water supply installation	188	191	+1.60
Transport, management & miscellaneous	167	168	+0.60
General Index	167	168	+0.60

2. In November the price index was 168, or 0.60 percent over the month of October. The most important rise was 1.60 percent for water supply installation followed by 1.16 percent for concrete structure. In November the cost of the standard house selected by the Development Council amounted to Cr\$4,615,239 against Cr\$4,602,581 in October. The cost per square meter constructed rose from Cr\$84,513 in October to Cr\$84,745 in November.

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