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1. (U) ANNOUNCEMENT MADE TODAY OF FOLLOWING
PROMOTIONS IN BRAZILIAN ARMY:

A. TO FULL GENERAL

MAJOR GENERAL AUGUSTO CEZAR DE CASTRO MONIZ DE ARAGAO
MAJOR GENERAL JOSE CANAVARRO PEREIRA
MAJOR GENERAL EMILIO GARRASTAZU MEDICI

B. TO MAJOR GENERAL

BG SYLVIO COUTO COELHO DA FROTA
BG RAMIRO TAVARES CONCALVES
BG REYNALDO MELLO DE ALMEIDA
BG EDNARDO D'AVILA MELLO
BG HENRIQUE CARLOS DE ASSUMPÇÃO CARDOSO
BG LAURO ALVES PINTO
BG FRANCISCO ESTELLIANO BASTOS DE AGUIAR

C. TO BRIGADIER GENERAL

COL MANEOEL JOSE CARREA DE LACERDA
COL AUGUSTO CID DE CAMARGO OSORIO
COL ANTONIO CARLOS DE ANDRADA SERPA
COL HUGO DE ANDRADE ABREU
COL WALTER PIRES DE CARVALHO E ALBUQUERQUE

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COL ERNANI AYROSA DA SILVA
COL JOAO BAPTISTA DE OLIVEIRA FIGUEIREDO

2. (G) PROMOTIONS TO GENERAL OFFICER ON 25 MARCH ARE TRADITIONAL AND THE SELECTIONS GENERALLY FOLLOW STRICT SENIORITY. IN THE CASE OF THE NEW FOUR-STAR GENERALS, THEY RANKED ONE-TWO-THREE AFTER PREVIOUSLY PASSED-OVER MAJOR GENERALS CARLOS GUEDES AND MOACIR ARAUJO LOPES WHO WERE NOT EXPECTED TO BE PICKED UP THIS TIME EITHER. THE NEW MAJOR GENERALS FOLLOW IN SEQUENCE AFTER OFT-PASSED OVER BRIGADIER GENERALS ENIO GARCIA, LINDOLPHO FERRAZ, AND ALBARO SANTOS. THE ONE EXCEPTION IS RECENT SUDENE CHIEF, BG EULER BENTES MONTEIRO, WHO RANKS AFTER GEN. REYNALDO AND BEFORE GEN. D'AVILA, BUT WAS PASSED OVER ON THE STATUTORY BASIS THAT HE DID NOT REVERT TO ACTIVE DUTY 90 DAYS PRIOR TO THE 25 MARCH PROMOTION DATE. HE UNDOUBTEDLY WILL BE NUMBER ONE FOR MAJOR GENERAL ON THE NEXT LIST ON 25 JULY. THERE WERE ONLY TWO SURPRISES AMONG THE NEW BRIGADIER GENERALS: COLONEL LACERDA, THE CURRENT ARMY G-4, AND COLONEL CID, RECENTLY OF THE SUPERIOR WAR SCHOOL STAFF AND NOW AT THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE ON A GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE COMMISSION. LACERDA HAD BEEN PASSED OVER SEVERAL TIMES AND IS NOT A PARTICULARLY BRIGHT OFFICER, EVEN THOUGH WELL LIKED. AS FOR CID, HE IS A GEN. PORTELLA HACK WHO ALSO HAS VERY CLOSE TIES WITH JUSTICE MINISTER GAMA E SILVA. OF ALL TODAY'S PROMOTIONS, CID'S WILL CAUSE THE MOST UNFAVORABLE REACTION, BUT THE SLIPPING IN OF SUCH A RINGER HAS BECOME STANDARD PRACTICE FOR COSTA E SILVA AND GEN. PORTELLA. THE OTHER FIVE NEW BRIGADIER GENERAL MAKES ARE SINGULARLY OUTSTANDING. BG-DESIGNATE JOAO FIGUEIREDO IS ONE OF THE MOST SUPERIOR OFFICERS IN THE BRAZILIAN ARMY AND ENJOYS A SPARKLING PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL REPUTATION. HE IS ESSENTIALLY A PROFESSION, BUT POSSESS KEEN POLITICAL UNDERSTANDING OF MODERATE INCLINATIONS. BG-DESIGNATE AYROSA IS PERHAPS THE MOST POPULAR OFFICER IN THE BRAZILIAN ARMY. IN THIS COUNTRY WHERE EVERYONE KNOCKS EVERYONE ELSE, AYROSA'S NAME CAN BE MENTIONED IN ANY GROUP WITH THE NEAR CERTAINTY THAT NOT A SINGLE RESERVATION WILL BE UTTERED. HE IS A US SILVER

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STAR MAN FROM THE ITALIAN CAMPAIGN WHERE HE DEMONSTRATED
REAL HEROISM. THE CURRENT

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IS ANOTHER HIGHLY RESPECTED PROFESSIONAL.
AS WITH AYROSA, HE IS REGARDED AS EXCLUSIVELY PROFESSIONAL
WITH NO POLITICAL AMBITIONS OR AFFILIATIONS. COL. WALTER
PIRES IS ANOTHER OUTSTANDING OFFICER WHO WILL GREATLY
REINFORCE THE QUALITY OF THE BRAZILIAN ARMY GENERAL
OFFICER CORPS. THE SAME CAN BE SAID FOR BG-DESIGNATE
SERPA, EVEN THOUGH THIS SECOND ACTIVE DUTY GENERAL OF
THREE SERPA BROTHERS, TENDS TO BE HARD-LINING.

3. (U) FOR OACSI, FOREIGN LIAISON OFFICE: REQUEST
APPROPRIATE MESSAGES OF CONGRATULATIONS FROM ARMY FOR
GENERAL EDNARDO D'AVILA MELLO AND HUGO DE ANDRADE ABREAU.
COMMENT: (e) NOW THAT THE EXCITEMENT OF PROMOTIONS IS
OVER, THE NEXT STEP, EXPECTED TO DEVELOP IN THE NEXT
FEW DAYS, IS THE ASSIGNMENT OF THOSE PROMOTED AND THE
REASSIGNMENT OF THOSE TO BE DISLOGED BY THE NEW MAKES.
THIS PROCESS WILL BE OF A WHOLESAL NATURE AND WILL HAVE
DEEP POLITICAL MEANING. AS FOR THE TWO GEERALS IN
WASHINGTON, HUGO ABREAU IS ALREADY ON ORDERS TO RETURN,
AND D'AVILA MELLO WILL ALSO RETURN WITHIN 90 DAYS OR SO.
BOTH THE PROMOTIONS AND THE PENDING REASSIGNMENTS
TRANSLATE INTO A POWERFUL REINFORCEMENT OF PRESIDENT
COSTA E SILVA'S POSITION

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