

BRITISH EMBASSY,  
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My Lord,

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With reference to Sir H. Gurney's despatch No. 177 of the 9th June to Your Lordship regarding the visit of General George C. Marshall to Brazil, I have the honour to report that, as announced, General Marshall returned to the United States bringing with him General Pedro Aurelio Góes Monteiro, Chief of Staff of the Brazilian Army. They landed from the U.S.S. "Nashville" on June 20th at Annapolis, Maryland, where the visitor was received by a distinguished party of American military officers headed by General Malin Craig, then Chief of Staff. Mr. Adolf A. Berle was present as representative of the Secretary of State.

2. General Góes Monteiro's programme thereafter is given in the attached communiqué issued by the War Department on June 19th. Your Lordship will observe that he and his staff made a general tour of the United States in three army air-transports, visiting military establishments in all parts of the country. According to the press, part of his staff sailed for Brazil on the 14th July, but the General himself and the rest of his staff did not leave until July 21st, when they sailed from New York in the S. S. "Southern Prince". Copies of a State Department release giving the texts

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The Right Honourable

The Viscount Halifax, K. G.,

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of telegrams exchanged by the General and President Roosevelt on the former's departure from this country are enclosed.

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3. The press did not pay very great attention to General Gôes Monteiro after he had been in the country a few days and there was no editorial comment on the occasion of his final departure, perhaps because his last ten days had been spent privately sightseeing in New York and at the World's Fair. The Military Attaché does not consider that any special significance need be attached to this visit beyond, of course, the rumour which has already been reported to Your Lordship, in paragraph 2 of my despatch No. 594 of the 30th May, regarding General Gôes Monteiro's invitation to Germany. It appears, however, to have been the object of the United States nor merely to return the very lavish hospitality which was extended Marshall in Brazil but also to give General Gôes Monteiro a thorough demonstration of American military strength. Not only did General Gôes Monteiro visit the very best Army posts but Colonel Read was informed by the Commanders at each post which he recently visited in the West and the South that they had received special instructions from the War Department that General Monteiro was to be received with the highest honour, courtesy and hospitality.

4. I am sending a copy of this despatch to His Majesty's Ambassador at Rio de Janeiro.

✓ I have the honour to be,  
with the highest respect,  
My Lord,  
Your Lordship's most obedient,  
humble servant,

(SGD) R.C. LINDSAY