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Telegram from Chilean Embassy in Rio de Janeiro
(Ruiz Solar)

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Summary:

A telegram from Ruiz Solar (diplomat) describing Brazil and Chile's foreign relations with Cuba in regards to U.S.-Cuban tensions. It covers discussions in the United Nations on the subject and also the "Brazilian mediation" attempt to demilitarize Cuba.

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From Rio de Janeiro
Mr Minister of Foreign Relations
Santiago, Chile

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Fulfilling instructions of your telegram No. 183, I met with heads of Itamaraty [Brazilian foreign ministry-ed.] who agreed [that it was] necessary to keep close information and exchange points of view on the Cuban case as they have done so far in all the international problems, also adding: Brazil will maintain [its] proposal before the United Nations for the denuclearization of Africa and Latin America, [with] the assurance [that it] will obtain approval by a large majority.

SECOND. - Questioned about true reach of the so-called "Brazilian mediation" led by General Albion [Albino Silva], [the military] Representative [of] President [João] Goulart, I have been informed that it consisted of the following: a) Demilitarization of Cuba to the point of eliminating offensive weapons and limiting defensive ones; b) Prohibition of ideological exportation from Cuba; c) Acceptance of the installation an observation [verification] commission. As a legitimate cause Cuba will be given non-intervention assurances for its territory.

THIRD - When asking him whether these statements coincided exactly with the United Nations Secretary General's effort they recognized in a confidential manner that the Brazilian effort did not exactly constitute a mediation but rather straightforward support for U Thant's intervention.

FOURTH - They also told me that Brazil maintains its decision not to break relations with Cuba, but that if that Government does not accept the dismantling of bases, [Brazil] will support immediate employment of armed force in accordance with article eight of the Rio Treaty (TIAR [Tratado Interamericano de Asistencia Reciproca]).

As a result of prolonged conversations I was able to verify that [the] Government is maneuvering [this] so-called "mediation" in order to impress on public opinion the "important action and global position [of] Brazil," consequently diverting _____ accusations of [a] weakly defined policy [regarding] the Cuban case. - [MARCELO] RUIZ SOLAR.-