

**October 24, 1962**  
**Telegram from the Brazilian Embassy in Havana**  
**(Bastian Pinto), 5 p.m., Wednesday**

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**Summary:**

The Brazilian Embassy in Cuba describes that the situation has become difficult as the supply of foodstuffs and other articles for members of this Embassy and for the asylum-seekers has become difficult to obtain.

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Question of Cuba. Lack of communications and of food. Retention of European navies for eventual departure of families of diplomats.

342 - WEDNESDAY - 1700hs - With the interruption of all routes of aviation for Cuba we find ourselves, now, totally isolated. The supply of foodstuffs and other articles for members of this Embassy and for the asylum-seekers will become a grave problem within a few days. It is possible, also, that at any moment telegram and telephone communications may be cut as has already happened here several times, including recently, during the attack on Havana, last August. The Western diplomats are very worried, including with the problem of eventual evacuation of their families; some are intending to hold back, in their efforts for this end, two European navies that one encounters here.

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