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Summary:

A report on a meeting between the ambassador of Yugoslavia [Boško Vidaković] with President [Osvaldo] Dorticós to discuss American planes making low-level flights over Cuba and, according to information received recently (at the time), the American attack being imminent.

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FROM THE EMBASSY IN HAVANA
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Question of Cuba.

347 - FRIDAY - 1800hrs - The ambassador of Yugoslavia [Boško Vidaković] has just informed me that he was today, at 3 in the afternoon, with President [Osvaldo] Dorticós, in order to inform him about the gesture of President Tito to gather together various heads of state, including the Brazilian, and to probe regarding the receptivity for a proposal of a solution of the crisis. Dorticós, extremely perturbed, told him that American planes are making low-level [rasantes] flights over Cuba and, according to information obtained in recent hours, the American attack is imminent; it would even be a "miracle" if the attack does not come this evening, repeat: this evening. He said that Cuba is ready to negotiate any solution, including the disarmament, the denuclearization, and the neutralization, repeat the neutralization, since it would not surrender with tied hands to the United States of America. In case Your Excellency thinks it appropriate, it may be possible to get in touch with the president [Dorticós] to confirm the account.

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