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(Bastian Pinto), 7:45 p.m., Friday

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Summary:

Pinto describes his conversation with the Cuban Minister of External Relations, Raúl Roa, which he says confirmed his impressions that the Cuban government, conscious of the gravity of the situation, is disposed to make concessions to reach a minimal guarantee.

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Question of Cuba. Declarations of the Cuban Minister of External Relations.

377 - FRIDAY - 1945hrs - My lengthy conversation with the [Cuban] Minister of External Relations [Raúl Roa] this morning confirmed my impressions, transmitted by my telegram no 372, in the sense that the Cuban government, conscious of the gravity of the situation, is disposed to make concessions to reach a minimal guarantee; he requested anew the support of Brazil that Cuba "has the right" to present in the UN its program of Five Points only, I repeat, as a basis for discussion; he insinuated plainly the disposition to renounce the fifth point relative to the [US] Naval Base of Guantanamo; he did not hide the fear how much the measures that were proposed to the OAS and insisted in the present confidence that Cuba reposed in the attitude of Brazil that he knows will be very firm; and judged, however, that the discussions in the UN will be decisive. He told me that [Anastas] Mikoyan will be here some more days then following [he will go to] New York. The minister himself intends to appear before the Security Council as soon as it will meet.

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