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Telegram from Yugoslav Embassy in Rio de Janeiro (Barišić) to Yugoslav Foreign Ministry

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Summary:

A telegram from the Yugoslav Embassy in Rio de Janeiro to the Yugoslav Foreign Ministry about meeting with Brazilian officials to discuss the US preparing a military invasion of Cuba.

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To the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

I provided to [Brazilian foreign ministry official Carlos A.] Bernardes (connection your 434418) an extract from Tito's appeal and talked about the active role of the UNO [United Nations Organization]. He is expecting directives from the Government and President. The 25th of October news about the USA preparing a military invasion [of Cuba] appears to have helped the Government realize the issue and come over more firmly to the further measures. Governor [Leonel] Brizola [of Rio Grande do Sul province] attacked severely the US imperialism on TV at night on the 24th of October asking people to stand by the President and Government who are acting for peace and the preservation of the independence of Cuba. He accused the representative of Brazil in the Council of OAS of voting for the blockade which was against the Government's directives that authorized him to vote against the whole American resolution. It seems that overburdening of both the Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Hermes Lima[1] led to the situation in which the Government lost control over the whole situation, letting Americans influence [Brazil] through the MFA [into] supporting their line. There are rumors that Santiago Dantas will take over foreign affairs again. They are expecting further complications, because the USA is demanding from all LA countries that voted for the blockade resolution to take part symbolically in the blockade of Cuba with their own ships. That is the reason why the voting of the Brazilian representative at the Council of OAS is being half-officially denied.

Barišić

[1] Premier Hermes Lima was then also serving as foreign minister due to the illness of Santiago Dantas.