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Summary:

The cable reports on Castro's speech, which does not offer much in news. The President of Brazil Goulart has instructed Ambassador to Cuba to investigate on the "offensive weapons."

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Provocative speech [by] Fidel [Castro] offers no news. President [of] Brazil [João Goulart] has [instructed Brazilian] Ambassador Havana [Luis Bastian Pinto] to find out whether government Cuba would permit investigation concerning "offensive weapons," after which definitive negative answer. With this Rio touched the heart of the matter to prevent either fruitless name-calling or war.

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