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Summary:

Boissevain writes about a conversation between Cuban Foreign Minister Raul Roa and Brazilian Ambassador Luis Bastian Pinto. The conversation revolves around Castro's Five Points, and Roa claims they are not aimed at the United States but rather the Soviet Union whose concession to remove the missiles greatly disturbed Castro. The Brazilian Ambassador thought the Cubans asked too much, while Roa said these points are negotiable.

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Rmc [Reference my codes message, trans.] 68. Statement [Cuban Foreign Minister Raúl] Roa to the Brazilian Ambassador [Luis Bastian Pinto] shows 5 points are not so much directed to the US but against the SU whose concession given around the Cuban government disturbed Fidel [Castro].

Regretful that from both sides [put] pressure on peace apostle [UN Acting Secretary General U] Thant: American press presents his mission meant for organizing inspection rockets installations; airport English declaration: "we support 5 points [of] Fidel." Asked by Roa what he thought about the points, the Brazilian answered that Cuba asked too much, after which the minister said that these points are negotiable.

On short term dismantling [of] rocket bases in exchange for abolishing blockade. The rest is part of future settlement Cuban US conflict.

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