

October 28, 1962 Telegram from Yugoslav Embassy in Havana (Vidaković) to Yugoslav Foreign Ministry

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Summary:

Foreign Minister Raúl Roa said to the Yugoslavian official that Fidel's last declaration (his 5 point statement on 28 October) was directed more at Khrushchev than to Kennedy.

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TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Our 233. [Raúl] Roa the foreign minister said that Fidel's last declaration1 was forwarded more to [i.e., directed at—ed.] Khrushchev than to Kennedy. "We have to say something when our skin is at stake" and something like that following the same line. So, it occurred to them, or at least it seems so, that they became part of the game.

Brazilian ambassador L.B. Pinto told me that the head of the military department of [Brazilian President João] Goulart, Albino Silva, was coming tomorrow, on the 29th with a special message for Fidel [Castro].

To be continued.

Vidaković

[1] A reference to Fidel Castro's 5 Points statement of 28 October, issuing conditions for a settlement of the conflict that included US evacuation of Guantanamo—ed.