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**Telegram from Yugoslav Foreign Ministry to
Yugoslav Embassies in Havana and Washington and
Yugoslav Mission to the United Nations**

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Summary:

Brazilian President João Goulart emphasizes that the possibility of an adequate solution (to the Cuban Missile Crisis) could be increased if there were measures to suspend the quarantine (blockade) immediately, followed by corresponding and effective stoppage of weapons shipment to Cuba as well as determining obligations to prevent the spreading of nuclear weapons and the installation of bases. In his opinion the danger of war could increase significantly and worries of Brazil would grow as far as its own security was concerned, if such bases were installed in Cuba or any other part of LA. He also brought to the attention the proposal of Brazil in the UN for the denuclearization of Latin America.

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[Brazilian President João] Goulart answered the President's message considering it in full accordance with the intentions of his Government. He emphasized that the possibility of an adequate solution could be increased if there were [measures] to suspend the quarantine immediately, followed by corresponding and effective stoppage of weapons shipment to Cuba as well as determining obligations to prevent the spreading of nuclear weapons and the installation of bases. In his opinion the danger of war could increase significantly and worries of Brazil would grow as far as its own security was concerned, if such bases were installed in Cuba or any other part of LA.

He brought to the attention the proposal of Brazil [at the UN] about the deatomization [denuclearization] of LA and Africa.

He expressed his readiness to take steps in actions toward the Governments of the USA, Cuba, and the USSR which could lead to providing the Cuban people with the right to self-determination and the reduction of its armament to a defensive level so as to prevent the repetition of the military threat. In connection with this, he reminded of the earlier Brazilian suggestion on adopting a special Status for Cuba, which could be renewed (neutralization).

For your information.

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