

# Minister Quits Under Fire In Argentina

## Mugica's Comment On Goodwin Talk With Guevara Hit

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(AP)—Foreign Minister Adolfo Mugica resigned tonight in the wake of an uproar over his public statements about a recent meeting between Cuban economic boss Ernesto Guevara and Richard Goodwin, President Kennedy's assistant for Latin American affairs.

Mugica touched off criticism in government circles Aug. 22 when he told reporters the "Guevara and Goodwin conference in Montevideo, Uruguay, demonstrated that Cuba's Fidel Castro regime seeks better relations with the United States."

Argentine officials said privately they were surprised Mugica mentioned the meeting since they felt it would embarrass Washington.

In resigning, Mugica charged Washington tried to lay down the meeting as accidental.

Mugica told reporters tonight the White House must have known in advance that Goodwin was going to talk with Guevara. He also asserted he was "absolutely exact" in saying the session lasted three hours.

### Met in Montevideo

Goodwin and Guevara met in Montevideo Aug. 16, shortly after the Inter-American Economic Conference in Punta del Este, Uruguay, launched Mr. Kennedy's Alliance for Progress Program for the Americas.

The White House answered varying accounts of the meeting by describing it as politically insignificant. White House Press Secretary Pierre Salinger said the meeting occurred at a reception given by a Brazilian diplomat and was "just a case of two men meeting at a reception and one of them being polite enough to listen for a few minutes to someone he met at the party."

Goodwin also said he was surprised by the meeting in which leftist Guevara reportedly wanted to settle U.S.-Cuban differences.

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