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VIEWS OF RAUL ROA KOURI, CUBAN AMBASSADOR TO BRAZIL, ON THE REVOLUTION IN BRAZIL

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1. [Redacted] RAUL ROA KOURI, CUBAN AMBASSADOR TO BRAZIL, WHO LEFT BRAZIL ON 5 APRIL 1964, SAID THAT IN LATE MARCH HE HAD TALKED WITH THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO BRAZIL, WHO HAD STRONGLY CRITICIZED LEONEL BRIZOLA FOR CONSPIRING AND TRYING TO START A REVOLUTION IN BRAZIL. THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR SAID THAT BRIZOLA WAS PLAYING A VERY DANGEROUS GAME AND STATED, "IF A REVOLUTION SHOULD SUCCEED IN BRAZIL, WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO? THE USSR JUST CAN NOT FINANCE SUCH AN ENTERPRISE AND WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO HELP BRAZIL". ROA SAID HE HAD REPLIED TO THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR THAT A REVOLUTION IN BRAZIL WOULD BE VERY SIGNIFICANT AND THAT THE SOVIETS COULD CUT

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AID TO CUBA IN ORDER TO GIVE AID TO BRAZIL. THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR REPLIED "NO, IT WOULD BE TOO ADVENTUROUS". ROA SAID HE HAD TOLD THIS STORY TO FIDEL CASTRO AND CASTRO COULD NOT BELIEVE IT. CASTRO TOLD ROA TO WRITE DOWN THE FULL CONVERSATION, WITH ALL DETAILS, AND GIVE IT TO HIM.

2. ROA SAID HE HAD ASKED ALL THE AMBASSADORS FROM THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES AND THE COMMUNIST PARTY LEADERS IF THEY WERE IN FAVOR OF A REVOLUTION IN BRAZIL. THEY ALL TOLD HIM IT WAS "TOO ADVENTUROUS". FURTHERMORE, THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR TOLD ROA IN A CONVERSATION SUBSEQUENT TO THAT MENTIONED ABOVE THAT BRIZOLA WAS TRYING TO UNDERMINE THE UNITY OF THE REVOLUTION BECAUSE BRIZOLA DID NOT TRUST GOULART AND BELIEVED THAT A REVOLUTION WAS NEEDED QUICKLY. ROA STATED THAT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE BRAZILIAN CRISIS THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR HAD TELEPHONED HIM AND STATED, "LISTEN, COMRADE ROA, I HAVE SOME GOOD NEWS, BRIZOLA IS THE ONLY ONE WHO IS RESISTING". "THIS", SAID ROA, "WHILE I WAS BARRICADED IN THE EMBASSY AND ALL WAS LOST ALREADY."

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COMMENT:

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ASKED THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR [REDACTED] FOR ASSISTANCE, APPARENTLY MEANING FOR THE BRAZILIAN REVOLUTION, AND THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR HAD REPLIED THAT THE USSR NEEDED ALL ITS DOLLARS FOR THE PURCHASE OF WHEAT FROM THE UNITED STATES. [REDACTED]

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 4. [Redacted] COMMENT: ROA SAID HE BELIEVED THAT CARLOS LACERDA, (b)(1)
 GOVERNOR OF GUANABARA, WOULD BE PRESIDENT IN 1965. ROA ADDED THAT (b)(3)
 LACERDA AND BRIZOLA ARE THE ONLY TWO MEN IN BRAZIL WITH POPULAR SUPPORT.

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