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FROM: Amembassy RIO DE JANEIRO

TO: Secretary of State

NO: A-437

Subject: Cuban Government Responds President Goulart's Appeal for Clemency in Trial Invasion Prisoners

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FonOff released March 6 text of telegram received replying President Goulart's message (refTel) to Cuban Government asking clemency Cuban invasion prisoners. Text in translation follows:

Our people's generosity already has been demonstrated in treatment accorded the employees ("funcionarios") captured with arms in hands, in act of aggression and treason their country, when we respected the lives of all of them. Later, Cuban Government expressed willingness place them at liberty if our country were indemnified for material damages this policy of aggression caused it. Cuba waited a year in vain for reply. It was impossible delay the legal process against them any longer. We are, however, certain your appeal to magnanimity of revolutionary Cuba, in name Brazilian people, and at moment sovereign nation of Cuba prepares judge the facts, will weigh heavily in minds of the people and of the court which has the decision in its hands. Respectfully, Alfredo Dorticos Torrado, President of Republic; Fidel Castro Ruiz, Prime Minister.

Comment: Word "funcionarios" in first sentence undoubtedly euphemism for "hirelings" or "mercenaries".

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