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**Telegram from the Brazilian Delegation at the  
Annual Conferences of CIES (Celso Furtado), Mexico  
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**Summary:**

US Secretary of the Treasury C. Douglas Dillon tells the Brazilian delegation that he must leave the Annual Conference of Cities in Mexico because the situation between the US and Cuba is too volatile and "he could not say if there will be or not a world nuclear war by the weekend."

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Return to Washington of the North-American Secretary of Treasury. Question of Cuba.

□19 - MONDAY - 2100hs - In a conversation with him which I had today, the secretary of the treasury [C. Douglas Dillon] of the United States declared to me that he would return tomorrow for Washington, in view of the situation described in the speech of President Kennedy, relative to Cuba. As I pondered to him the repercussions that his departure can have on the Conference and made to him an appeal to remain here, at least until the representatives of Latin America have made their speeches, Secretary Dillon literally lost control, declaring, visibly upset, that the situation in Cuba was of such gravity that he could not say if there will be or not a world nuclear war by the weekend.

CELSO FURTADO