

12. Brazilian President-Elect May Attempt Mediation Between US And Cuba

Brazilian President-elect Janio Quadros hopes to visit both Cuba and the United States before his inauguration next January and may attempt to mediate between the two governments, according to information reaching the American Embassy in Rio de Janeiro. The embassy believes Quadros' refusal to answer questions on Cuba at his press conference on 13 October lends credibility to this report. Quadros parried questions as to his position on the difficulties between Havana and Washington, and spoke instead on US-Brazilian relations and the "need for Washington to recognize Brazil's status as an emerging world power."

Quadros visited Havana last March as part of his campaign to win the Brazilian working-class vote and announced

afterward that he was in full sympathy with the aims of the Cuban revolution. More recently he has referred to Cuba as a kind of object lesson in the results of "faulty US policies" in Latin America.

The outgoing Kubitschek government volunteered its good offices early this year and in July attempted to work out an arrangement with Mexico for a joint approach to the problem.

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