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*L'ambassadeur au Chili
au secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures
Ambassador in Chile
to Secretary of State for External Affairs*

TELEGRAM 35

Santiago, May 31, 1961

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Recently two senior officials of Ministry of Foreign Affairs in commenting on press report of Mr. Green's remarks in Geneva on Cuba, advised me that Chilean Ministry for Foreign Affairs may approach me for a private conversation to ascertain in more detail Canadian views on Cuba. The Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister of Economic Affairs are scheduled to visit Brazil in two weeks' time and will undoubtedly discuss Cuban problem while there.

2. I have already made available to Ministry of Foreign Affairs the Prime Minister's and (Mr. Green's?) official statements on Cuba and told them that we may not repeat not be in a position to add very much to this information for same time. I was hoping in this way to put off any interview with Minister.

3. I would appreciate your guidance as to whether I should discourage proposed interview or whether you would consider it useful to expose our point of view on Cuba to Chile, if only to set record straight on reported Canadian [offer] to mediate. I think that there would be advantages in doing so. If you agree grateful to receive by next bag your instructions regarding points you would consider useful to convey to Minister.

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to Secretary of State for External Affairs*

DESPATCH NO. 369

Cairo, June 6, 1961

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Reference: Your Letter XL-215 of May 23, 1961.

EASING OF TENSION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND CUBA

Thank you for sending me a copy of Mr. Tremblay's despatch No. 165 of May 16 from Santiago making some very interesting suggestions about ways and means of easing tension between Cuba and the United States. My comments are based on my experience in Colombia, where a potential "Cuban solution" exists, and on following the course of developments from two neutralist capitals.

2. Mr. Tremblay starts from the premise that the Cuban revolution in its present Castro form is here to stay. I think it highly likely that the social revolution in one form or other will survive in Cuba, but I am not competent to judge how long the Castro régime in its present form will continue. Assuming that it will survive, then I think a revision of U.S. thinking is necessary in order to repair the damage to U.S. prestige in Latin America and the non-committed world by the abortive invasion. This policy has passed from an actively anti-Castro phase to what seems here to be largely negative. What is required is some indication of