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US Refuses to Give Littons Canadian Subsidiary Permission for Sales to Cuba

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There has been no official comment here in Havana on the Litton industries case. ~~From the Cuban point of~~ view The fact, however, that the United States government still maintains its embargo against Cuba and does its level best to prevent US subsudiaries in other countries from selling products to Cuba, does not come as any great surprise to the Cubans. Cubans point to the U.S. position at the November meeting of Organization of American States in Quito, Ecuador, to prove that the United States attitude toward Cuba has not undergone any great change as some predicted it might. The US abstained on the vote to drop the economic embargo at Quito and Cubans say that if the United States had wanted the embargo dropped, it could easily have mustered the few votes necessary for the resolutions passage.

The news about the U.S. governments refusal to give official permission for sales to Cuba by Littons Canadian subsidiary, came on the same day that the President of the Canadian Export Development Corporation, HUGH ATTKIN, began here in Havana conversations about financing Cuban purchases in Canada. Just the other day the Export Development Corporation announced a sizable loan to Cuba for the purchase of three merchants ships to be built by Maritime Industires Limited of Sorél, Quebec.