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The United States has temporarily waived its trade boycott of Cuba to allow a Canadian subsidiary of an American firm to sell \$500,000 worth of office equipment to the Fidel Castro government.

Acting on the recommendation of the State Department, the Treasury Department issued a license Thursday to Litton Industries to sell the material to Cuba.

This is only the second time since the embargo was imposed in the early 1960s that an American firm or a subsidiary has been permitted to sell goods directly to Cuba.

The first instance came last year when Argentinian subsidiaries of American automobile manufacturers were allowed to sell vehicles to Cuba.

In both cases, the State Department has denied any weakening of the trade boycott or that the waivers indicated a change in the antagonistic American policy toward Cuba.

U.S. officials said yesterday in disclosing the new arrangement that the State Department recommended issuance of the license because of pressure from Can-

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