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U.S. Hints at Easing Coolnes

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WASHINGTON, April 12 Secretary of State William P. Rogers hinted today at an easing of United States coolness toward Cuba, provided Cuba changed her policies.

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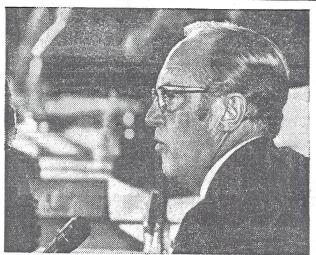
General Assembly of the Organization of American States, which opened here yesterday, Mr. Rogers noted that the "boldness" of President Nixon's recent initiatives toward China

recent initiatives toward China had led to speculation that the United States might be planning "a shift, with similar surprise, in our attitude toward Cuba."

Cuba remains a "threat" to the Western Hemisphere, Mr. Rogers asserted, because of her continuing interventionist behavior, her support for revolution and her "close and active military ties with the Soviet Union, a matter of obvious concern."

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Mr. Rogers stressed that it was "essential for us all" to adhere to the process of consultations and decisions within the organization's framework. The 1964 sanctions to which Mr. Rogers referred followed members' complaints of Cubanbacked subversion in their countries, followed by the discovery of a Cuban arms cache on the coast of Venezuela.

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speech should be taken with extreme reserve and should not be seen as an "opening of the door" toward Cuba.

They recalled that President Nixon, in a news conference on March 25, had been asked whether he might be planning to visit Premier Fidel Castro and had replied: "No, I have not been invited."

This was not intended, they said, as a hint for an invitation, nor has it been followed by an invitation from Cuba.