

WikiLeaks Reveals Brazil's Acting President Was U.S. Informant



Brasilia, May 14 (RHC)-- Brazil's acting President Michel Temer has given political information to U.S. diplomats in the South American country, whistleblower website WikiLeaks says, calling him a "US embassy informant."

In a prominent tweet, WikiLeaks released two cables, dated January 11 and June 21, 2006, which contained summaries of conversations Temer had with the then U.S. consul general in Sao Paulo, Christopher McMullen, along with another unidentified political official, ahead of that year's general election.

A federal lawmaker at the time, Temer gave his assessment of Brazil's political situation before the election that saw Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva re-elected to the presidency. The January 11, 2006 cable reads: "Temer criticized Lula's narrow vision and his excessive focus on social safety net programs that don't promote growth or economic development."

According to the June 21, 2006 cable, Temer censured the lack of power given to the ministers of his center-right PMDB party, which formed a coalition with the Workers' Party of Lula and his successor

Dilma Rousseff.

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