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In early November, the White House pronounced Brazilian restrictions on US computer sales in the former's domestic market "unreasonable." However, President Reagan decided to postpone retaliation against Brazilian exports until year-end. The Brazilian government recently modified legislation to permit US computer companies to enter into joint ventures with Brazilian firms. Brasilia has also announced that new legislation is being prepared which will provide copyright protection for computer software. The latter would presumably satisfy some US complaints about that country's computer industry protectionist policies.

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