

John F. Kennedy “Turned to Peace”, Refused the Conduct of a “False Flag” and Was Assassinated

Rejected US Military's "Operation Northwoods" False Flag

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Last November 22, 2023 we commemorated the 60th anniversary of the Assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

His Legacy and Commitment to World Peace will Live Forever.

This important article by Dr. Paul Craig Roberts provides us with an understanding of the diabolical nature of “False Flag” Attacks, which had been envisaged in 1962 by the US Joint Chiefs of Staff as a means to justify the invasion of Cuba.

Dr. Roberts’ analysis sheds light on the False Flag Attack against the People of Palestine. The premises are very similar to those of Operation Northwoods.

Operation Northwoods was prepared by the Joint Chiefs of Staff with the support of US intelligence. The logic of this false flag plan was

“to kill innocent people and commit acts of terrorism in U.S. cities to create public support for a war against Cuba”.

“Casualty Lists Would Cause a Helpful Wave of Indignation”.

President John F. Kennedy

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That happened a year before his assassination in November 1963.

Michel Chossudovsky, November 20, 2023

Researchers who have investigated the assassination of President John F. Kennedy for 30 or more years have concluded that he was murdered by a conspiracy of the Joint Chiefs of

Staff, the CIA, and the Secret Service.

See for example, JFK And The Unspeakable by James W. Douglass.

Shortly before he was murdered, President John F. Kennedy gave an extraordinary speech at American University.

In the speech he came out against continuation of the Cold War that risked all life on earth for the benefit of the profits of the military-security complex and the budgets and power of the Pentagon and CIA.

President Kennedy was already marked for assassination.

He rejected the Joint Chiefs' belligerence toward the Soviet Union and their belief that nuclear war could be won.

He rejected the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Lemnitzer's "Operation Northwoods," a plan to carry out false flag terror attacks on Americans and blame Castro in order to create support for a US invasion of Cuba.



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THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

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13 March 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

Subject: Justification for US Military Intervention
in Cuba (TS)

1. The Joint Chiefs of Staff have considered the attached Memorandum for the Chief of Operations, Cuba Project, which responds to a request of that office for brief but precise description of pretexts which would provide justification for US military intervention in Cuba.

2. The Joint Chiefs of Staff recommend that the proposed memorandum be forwarded as a preliminary submission suitable for planning purposes. It is assumed that there will be similar submissions from other agencies and that these inputs will be used as a basis for developing a time-phased plan. Individual projects can then be considered on a case-by-case basis.

3. Further, it is assumed that a single agency will be given the primary responsibility for developing military and para-military aspects of the basic plan. It is recommended that this responsibility for both overt and covert military operations be assigned the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

For the Joint Chiefs of Staff:

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L. L. Lemnitzer

L. L. LEMNITZER
Chairman
Joint Chiefs of Staff

1 Enclosure

Memo for Chief of Operations, Cuba Project

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- (5) Blow up ammunition inside the base; start fires.
- (6) Burn aircraft on air base (sabotage).
- (7) Lob mortar shells from outside of base into base.
Some damage to installations.
- (8) Capture assault teams approaching from the sea
or vicinity of Guantanamo City.
- (9) Capture militia group which storms the base.
- (10) Sabotage ship in harbor; large fires -- naphthalene.
- (11) Sink ship near harbor entrance. Conduct funerals
for mock-victims (may be lieu of (10)).

b. United States would respond by executing offensive
operations to secure water and power supplies, destroying
artillery and mortar emplacements which threaten the base.

c. Commence large scale United States military operations.

3. A "Remember the Maine" incident could be arranged in
several forms:

a. We could blow up a US ship in Guantanamo Bay and
blame Cuba.

b. We could blow up a drone (unmanned) vessel anywhere
in the Cuban waters. We could arrange to cause such incident
in the vicinity of Havana or Santiago as a spectacular result
of Cuban attack from the air or sea, or both. The presence
of Cuban planes or ships merely investigating the intent of
the vessel could be fairly compelling evidence that the ship
was taken under attack. The nearness to Havana or Santiago
would add credibility especially to those people that might
have heard the blast or have seen the fire. The US could
follow up with an air/sea rescue operation covered by US
fighters to "evacuate" remaining members of the non-existent
crew. Casualty lists in US newspapers would cause a helpful
wave of national indignation.

4. We could develop a Communist Cuban terror campaign in
the Miami area, in other Florida cities and even in Washington.

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Annex to Appendix
to Enclosure A

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He rejected US Air Force support for the CIA's Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba.



PX 96-33:12 03 June 1961 President Kennedy meets with Chairman Khrushchev at the U. S. Embassy residence, Vienna.

He worked outside of channels with Khrushchev to defuse the Cuban Missile Crisis.

The paranoid anti-communists who controlled US military and security forces concluded that President Kennedy did not serve their career interests and was soft on communism and thereby unable to stand up to the Soviet Union.

They viewed Kennedy as a threat to US national security that needed to be removed.

A new peace movement, NoWar2016 has utilized part of President Kennedy's speech to build interest in its September 23-25 conference at American University.

David Swanson points out the difference between President Kennedy's approach to the Soviet Union and Washington's approach to Russia today.

There was hope in Kennedy's approach. There is no hope in the approach today.

Listen to Kennedy's speech and despair that such brilliant and fearless leadership was snuffed out by the military-security complex.

Like almost all Americans at the time, Senator John F. Kennedy regarded the Soviet Union as a threatening adversary.

He campaigned for the presidency on "the missile gap," the presumption of which was that the Soviets were gaining military supremacy over the US.

But once in the Oval Office, Kennedy witnessed the extreme risks that US military leadership was willing to impose on American lives in behalf of a war than no one needed.

He realized that the US military-security complex was as great a threat to life as the Soviets. He understood that tensions between the two nuclear powers had to be defused, not increased.

Once reelected, he intended to cease the US intervention in Vietnam and to discipline the CIA. Kennedy's approach was not acceptable to the military-security complex, and he was eliminated.

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