

The original plan of the Bay of Pigs Invasion was to continue Eisenhower's CIA campaign to train an army of Cuban exiles in order to start an anti-Castro uprising. This plan was inherited by President Kennedy. Although he had doubts about the plan because he believed that Russia might see the invasion as an act of war and retaliate against the United States. CIA officers, however, convinced Kennedy that they would be able to keep the invasion a secret. The first part of the plan which was to destroy Castro's tiny air force but Castro knew about the raid and moved his planes out of harm's way. From there, the invasion all went down hill and many of the Cuban exiles were trapped and taken prisoner or killed. This demonstrates an example of the United States being involved in a proxy war because we were supporting the invasion but no U.S. troops were deployed, only the Cuban exiles. This is also a good example of Communist containment because we wanted Castro to fall as the leader so Cuba was free of communism.