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Bridges Asks Intelligence Force Shift

WASHINGTON. —(AP)— Sen. Styles Bridges, republican, New Hampshire, called on President Kennedy today to overhaul U.S. intelligence forces he said had been caught short by Russian military aircraft developments.

Bridges said testimony before the Senate preparedness subcommittee, of which he is a member, had convinced him that U. S. military officials were surprised by several planes the Russians flew at a recent Moscow air review.

"We in Congress had been led to believe through the reports furnished us that the Russians had made the transition from planes to missiles," Bridges said. "Some of us felt, however, that the day of the manned bomber had not ended. Now it seems the Russians agreed with us, despite our intelligence reports."

Immediately after the Cuban invasion, asco, Kennedy ordered a reappraisal of intelligence operations, particularly those conducted through the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). Intelligence activities at the Pentagon were consolidated to some extent but the president has made no public move to shake up the CIA.

Bridges said he thinks enough time has been spent in surveying the situation and that the president ought to act.

The New Hampshire senator, who heads the Senate republican policy committee, said he will support a move in the Senate to add the pending defense appropriations bill funds for speeding up production of supersonic B70 bombers, complete with weapons systems.

No bomber funds are expected to be included in any stepped-up defense spending Kennedy may recommend as a result of the Berlin crisis.