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## A Hard Look At The CIA

The tragic result of the brave revolution by anti-Castro Cubans to throw off the tyrannical yoke of the bearded dictator uncovered a disturbing weakness in our own vitally-important Central Intelligence Agency.

Somewhere along the line it is painfully clear that the CIA "goofed" in its estimate of Castro's capabilities to stand off an invasion. It is understood CIA advised the White House internal conditions in Cuba favored the cause of the revolutionists. But the world has since learned the patriots were slaughtered on the beaches.

Espionage and counter-espionage have been basic fundamentals of governments far back in time. The Trojan Horse comes immediately to mind. And there are repeated instances in world history that governments with faulty spying organizations — for that is the blunt description of such

agencies — sooner or later fall prey to aggressive powers.

The German Kaiser's intelligence setup was masterful in the early period of World War I but fumbled disastrously by the conclusion the United States would remain "too proud to fight."

In the present age of frightful nuclear warfare, there can be no margin for second-guessing. The recent events in Cuba thus convey a grim warning there is spade work to be done inside the CIA to provide the most efficient agency within human capabilities.

General Maxwell Taylor has been designated by the President to find the weak spots in this secret organization. Our national security demands a complete inquiry and corrective measures. The retired combat general can, we believe, do the job. Certainly, time is pressing.