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### Cuba Invasion

Editor:

Some time ago the Guatemalan newspaper *La Hora* published a report about the acquisition and operation of a military training base by the United States Central Intelligence Agency in the area around Retahuleu, near Guatemala City. The story indicated the purpose of the base was to train troops for a projected invasion of Cuba.

Some time later, the Guatemalan dictator, Miguel Ydigoras Fuente, admitted the existence of the base but refused to say anything more about it and clamped strict censorship on the Guatemalan newspapers insofar as this matter was concerned.

On Nov. 11, the *Nation* printed a story to the same effect and quoted as its source, the director of the Institute of Hispanic - American Studies, at Stanford University in Palo Alto, Dr. Ronald Hilton.

Not long after, the Inspector

General of the CIA (and second in command to Allen Dulles), Lyman A. Kirkpatrick spoke before San Francisco's Commonwealth Club. He was questioned from the floor on the report by Dr. Hilton, and when asked if the story were true he admitted it by saying, "It will be a black day if we are found out."

My concern for this matter stems from other related incidents that have occurred during the last month. Dictator Ydigoras has already expressed his desire to engage in a "Korea-type police action" against Cuba and I am wondering how

many of the members of our own government are planning on the same thing. It would seem that if we are to perhaps become involved in another war that the least that could be expected would be that the American people have something to say about it; and that the American newspapers assist the people in this by printing the facts surrounding the issue. In this case it is significant to note that the popular press of this country has almost completely ignored this important story and I can only conclude that journalists are purposely suppressing the story or else are sadly inefficient in gathering the news.

Insofar as I know none of the Bay Area newspapers have said anything about the matter and this is the reason for this letter. I predict it will not be printed.

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