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State Department Man Says:

Anti-Castro Incidents

Not Organized Movement

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An official of the State Department said Monday it would be "foolhardy to estimate isolated incidents against Castro's government as an organized resistance movement."

He is Richard N. Goodwin, deputy assistant for Inter American Affairs of the U.S. State Department.



Goodwin

Goodwin was questioned by reporters Monday afternoon before giving the final speech at the Warren A u s t i n Institute in World Understanding sponsored by University of Vermont.

Goodwin said that at the time of the invasion of Cuba, he was an adviser to President Kennedy on Latin American affairs "among other things."

In the invasion of Cuba, "the government policy making machinery broke down" at the time of the decision on how much backing the invasion would get.

Commenting on the Central Intelligence Agency, which has been blamed for the failure of the invasion, Goodwin said, "We gained a much clearer

idea of what our intelligence resources actually are."

From the incident, Goodwin added, the United States formulated its policy of containment of Castro's Cuba, which he said, has been working well.

Goodwin said that although Castro has admitted there are incidents of shooting and sabotage in Cuba, the United States cannot count on an internal revolt in Cuba.

When asked whether or not the government has again been approached by Cuban refugees with requests to back an invasion, Goodwin said most reports of such incidents came from Miami newspapers.

Of the revolution in Cuba, Goodwin said, "The Cuban revolution went much too far and wrecked the economy. It is an urban country and they pulled an agrarian reform."

Commenting on other questions posed by reporters, Goodwin stated:

The United States tends to underestimate the danger of communism in Latin America. The danger is in the discontent and turbulence among the people rather than the strength of the party.

Russia may be losing enthusiasm in the job in Cuba. "It's clear they are not satisfied with the economic progress, but they're not willing to pour any money into Cuba."

President Kennedy is watching for a constitutional government to emerge in Peru. "All we can say at this time is that we're still watching the situation and hope to see a constitutional government in Peru. We haven't decided yet what to do."

Diplomatic appointees to Latin America are qualified men.

"There's not a single man on the job because he was a campaign contributor. They all speak the language of their post." He cited several examples, then added wryly, "There are a few Democrats among them, of course."

Uruguay, because of its tradition of freedom, offers a natural place for the Communists to set up their propaganda operations for all of Latin America.

Bolivia is heavily infiltrated with Communists, but "the present president is the saviour of Bolivia."

There is more than one potential danger area in Latin America, Goodwin said, but he declined to name specific countries because of diplomatic reasons.