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WASHINGTON--SEN. WAYNE L. MORSE, D-ORE., AND BURKE B. HICKENLOOPER, R-GONA, AGREED TODAY THAT PRESIDENT KENNEDY SHOULD SEEK AN EARLY MEETING WITH LATIN AMERICAN STATES TO DISCUSS UNIFIED ACTION ON THE CUBAN CRISIS.

MORSE, CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON LATIN AMERICA, SAID "WE HAVE AN AFFIRMATIVE DUTY TO PUT THIS UP TO THE OTHER LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES" AND "FIND OUT IF THEY ARE WILLING TO FISH OR CUT BAIT." HE SAID. "THEY NEED US MORE THAN WE NEED THEM, BUT LET'S FIND OUT" WHAT THEY ARE WILLING TO DO.

HICKENLOOPER, A SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER, URGED A MEETING OF HEADS OF AMERICAN STATES SOMEWHERE IN CENTRAL AMERICA. "THIS MATTER HAS GOT TO BE BROUGHT TO THE BASIC ISSUE," HE SAID.

THE SENATORS AIRED THEIR VIEWS ON A NETWORK RADIO BROADCAST (CBS' THE LEADING QUESTION.)

MORSE FIRST PROPOSED THAT KENNEDY CALL A MEETING HERE OF ALL LATIN AMERICAN AMBASSADORS. BUT HE SAID HE ALSO AGREED WITH HICKENLOOPER THAT THE BASIC MEETING SHOULD BE AMONG HEADS OF STATE.

NEITHER HICKENLOOPER NOR MORSE ADVOCATED HOBBLING THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY BECAUSE OF ITS ROLE IN THE ILL-FATED CUBAN REBEL INVASION. BUT MORSE SAID SOME "REFORM" IS NEEDED TO GIVE CONGRESS A CLOSER CHECK ON ACTIVITIES OF THE HUSH-HUSH AGENCY."