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THE DEBATE '62— TELLING TALES?



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DEBATE AND DECISION—A Kennedy-Nixon TV meeting before the 1960 election. Center is Howard K. Smith, moderator of the historic debates between the Presidential candidates, at which the Cuba question arose.

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WASHINGTON,

The 1960 Presidential campaign exploded all over again in Washington yesterday with a dramatic political clash between President Kennedy and former Vice-President Nixon.

President Kennedy, through his press secretary, denied Mr. Nixon's charge that Mr. Kennedy's campaign statements had been "endangering the security" of the then-planned invasion of Cuba.

In his new book, Mr. Nixon charged that then Central Intelligence Agency Director, Allen W. Dulles, had misled

Mr. Kennedy during the campaign on plans for a CIA-supported Cuban invasion.

The President, in a statement issued by Pierre Salinger, his press secretary, denied this. His stand was backed up by Mr. Dulles in a statement issued two hours later.

CIA-backed Cuban exiles did invade their homeland on April 17, 1961, but the invasion failed. It was the biggest setback of Mr. Kennedy's administration.

Mr. Nixon, in his book "Six Crises," to be published by Doubleday & Co. March 29, charges that Mr. Kennedy had been told about the planned invasion by Mr. Dulles, but

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