

# The President Repeats: I'm Responsible

Washington, April 25 (AP)—President Kennedy has again made it clear that he takes full responsibility for whatever part the United States played in the ill-starred Cuban invasion.

The White House issued a statement last night which

from the beginning that as purpose. President he bears sole responsibility for the events of the Kennedy had neither asked nor states it now so that it will be understood by all.

"The President is strongly opposed to anyone within or without the Administration attempting to shift the responsi-

There was no elaboration to the White House statement but it apparently was prompted by sharp Republican reaction to a remark by Interior Secretary Udall tying in former President Eisenhower with early planning of last week's rebel landings in

## Fill-Ins for Rocky, Truman

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These sources said President past few days. He has stated received commitments of supit on all occasions and he re port of any future Cuban action, and that he hasn't decided what specific steps he will take. The briefings were described as an exchange of views on what has happened.

With his statement last night reaffirming his responsibility, President Kennedy sought to stamp out any party-line row over the Cuban invasion and its

.The statement came after Senate Republican Leader Dirksen of Illinois protested a remark by Udall that the invasion had been conceived during the Eisenhower Administration.

Another high Kennedy official said that while the plan had been drawn up while Gen. Elsen hower was in office, President Kennedy had ample opportunity to review it and choose alternatives before giving the go-ahead.

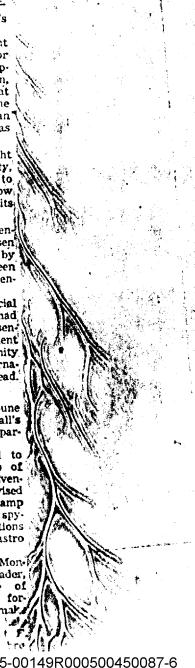
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# Nixon for Guerillas, **Backs JFK Policy**

### By WILLIAM THEIS

WASHINGTON, April 24 (UPI). Former Vice President Nixon thinks the Cuban invasion fiasco means the U.S. must develop strong guerilla-type forces to smash\_Communist subversion in Cuba, Laos and Latin America.

Nixon strongly supports President Kennedy's decision to aid the anti-Castro rebels. But he feels it was a mistake not to decide in advance what the U. S. would do if the invasion failed.

It can be stated that Nixon now is convinced that:

GOVERNMENT find legal ways to act unilaterally with its own paramilitary forces when Communist subversion threatens freedom, particularly in this hemisphere. One such device might be to assert the right to act a a "trustee" under an existing pact until other allies join such anticommunist offerts. anti-Communist efforts

The intelligence and actual counter-subversion activities of this country must be divorced, either inside or outside of the Centre inside or outside or outside

Laos should not be written off as lost to the Reds, but a complete shift of direction is necessary to save it. U.S. support for a strong leader might work, as it did in South VietNam.

The Cuban invasion failure must not be allowed to frighten U. S. officials from developing covert forces to meet future crises brought on by the Communists. In short, it's a case of not doing less but doing more and doing it better.

Multilateral action is impractical and mere economic assistance will never halt Communist subversion in Latin America. Many Latin leaders, he feels, will hesi-tate to act because of fear of Castroism and the threat of mob rule.

KENNEDY HAS displayed great courage and leadership in facing up to the Cuban threat and will not be frightened away from taking a firm future stand.