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CLOSE THE TRUTH GAP ON CUBA

ANNOUNCER: AMERICA WAKE UP, in cooperation with the Daughters of the American Revolution, State of Illinois, presents Phyllis Schlafly:

MRS. SCHLAFLY: In recent years there has been much talk about the bomber gap and the missile gap, but the most dangerous gap in our national security is the truth gap. The Cuba crisis today is the direct result of the persistent gap between what the rest of the country knows and what the State Department doesn't.

The American people knew from the early months of Castro's rule that he was a Communist. They followed the common-sense precept so well expressed by Cardinal Cushing: "When I see a bird walking like a duck, swimming like a duck, feeding like a duck, I know that bird is a duck." The State Department refused to recognize this obvious fact and as late as August 29, 1961 refused to allow General Joseph F. Carroll to refer to "the Communist government of Cuba." When called upon this year for an explanation, the State Department said: "At the time this speech was made, a policy decision had not yet been made as to whether Cuba should be treated as a Communist government." (This was four months after our country had sponsored the disastrous Bay of Pigs invasion to overthrow Castro.) The State Department did not discover the truth about Castro until December 2,1961 when Castro made a speech boasting that he has been a dedicated Communist since his college days and "I'll remain one till I die."

The American people knew that the invasion of 1,400 Cuban Freedom Fighters at the Bay of Pigs could not succeed without air and sea support; and this support had been planned by our Defense De-

partment and promised by responsible U. S. Officials. But the State Department professed to believe that 1,400 men without air and sea support could take a well-fortified island of 7 million people. By blocking necessary air and sea support as it did in the Korean War, the State Department again doomed America to a costly and humiliating defeat.

The American people have been calling for a blockade of Cuba for more than a year and have known about the Soviet missile bases there since last August. But right up until the day the President made his television speech, the State Department flatly denied the existence of Soviet missile bases on Cuba. When the fact of missile bases on Cuba was officially announced on October 22, this wasn't news to anybody except the State Department.

Many Americans find it difficult to accept the thesis that highly educated officials of our Government do not know the facts about Communism. Considerable insight into why the truth gap exists in the State Department was recently provided when the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee issued a report on October 4, 1962 on the State Department man most responsible for shaping U.S. policy toward Castro: William Wieland. The Senate report said: "He never told his superiors officially or wrote in any State Department paper, down to the very last day when Fidel Castro stood before the world as a self-proclaimed Marxist, what he told friends privately as early as 1958 -- or earlier -- that Castro 'is a Communist' and 'is surrounded by Commies (and)...subject to Communist influences.'" In other words, according to this Senate report, Wieland knew Castro was a Communist, but never told this to his superiors and instead became "an active apologist for Fidel Castro." After Castro came to power

with his help, Wieland was promoted to foreign service officer - Class I, with a salary of $17,650 and is still in that status. (Everyone should write to the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C., and ask for the report on State Department Security: The Case of William Wieland.)

History shows that time and again Americans have thrilled at a courageous goal announced by our President. But time and again these same goals, for which Americans have willingly sacrificed their lives, have been surrendered by our State Department.

A half million American boys gave their lives in world war II to fight dictators, only to see our State Department give away our victory at Teheran, Yalta, Potsdam and Geneva, turning over to Stalin many of the same nations we liberated from Hitler and Japan. 50,000 American boys gave their lives in the Korean War, which our President told us would prove that "aggression doesn't pay." But after our State Department gave away at Panmunjom the North Korean hills and islands so many Americans had died to capture, Red China was convinced that agression <u>does</u> pay, andcontinued her agression in Tibet, North Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, South Vietnam, and now India.

Responsible officials of our Government had promised that American policy was dedicated to "liberation" of the captive peoples of Eastern Europe. But when the Hungarian Freedom Fighters set up an anti-Communist government in Budapest, our State Department sent a message to the Kremlin via Tito that the U.S. did not look with favor on anti-Communist governments on the border of the Soviet Union, a message which, in diplomatic language, was the signal to Khrushchev that he could send in Soviet troops without opposition from America.

Speaking of Laos, the U.S. promised, "There must be a cessation of the present armed attacks by externally supported Communists." As the American people relaxed in the security of this statement, the State Department withdrew recognition from the legitimate anti-Communist government of Prince Bom Oum and forced him into a Communist-coalition government with the predictable result that Laos is now in the Red orbit.

It now appears that the State Department has, as in Korea, snatched defeat from the jaws of victory. When "at long last" the U.S. did something about the Communist military buildup in Cuba, the State Department proceeded to weaken the President's proclamation. The so-called "blockade" did not even stop petroleum, the most important war materiel of World War II. Despite Lenin's boast that "promises are like pie crusts, made to be broken", the State Department traded the Monroe Doctrine for Soviet promises that they will dismantle their "offensive" Cuban missile bases. Although newspapers have proclaimed that the Soviet Union has removed the "offensive missiles", no one has actually seen the missiles removed. Contrary to the State Department - Khrushchev statement that the Communists had only some 40 missiles in Cuba, the Cuban Information Service reported that there were at least 86 missiles. Cuba is an island with many natural caves, and Cuban exiles believe most of the missiles have been hidden in mountain caves and excavations, while only token missiles are removed from Cuba. At the present time there is no inspection of this alleged "dismantlement", but even if there were, it would be by the same system which failed so completely to detect the rearming of North Korea. Khrushchev and the UN, not the United

States, will decide what is "offensive". Many of the missile bases in Cuba are a mobile type, capable of swift positioning. Some were erected undetected during Hurricane Ella. As long as Cuba is Communist, it can be offensively armed over a weekend by the Soviet "technicians" who remain there.

Cuba is now the headquarters of the Communist conspiracy in the Western Hemisphere. Competent military authorities estimate that the Russians now have between 5,000 and 10,000 troops in Cuba, and more are arriving constantly. These combat troops are in addition to thousands of so-called "technicians". There are many Soviet MIG's now based in Cuba, and 12 or 14 airfields have been rebuilt to handle these jets. Every week brings additional evidence of the exiling of the clergy, children taken from their parents and sent behind the Iron Curtain for indoctrination, and persecution of anti-Communists. From Cuba, there flows a steady stream of Spanish-speaking agitators, student organizers, Communist agents, spies, radio programs and printed propaganda. If we permit the Red gangrene to remain unchecked in Cuba, we are acquiescing in the poisoning of our good neighbors to the south.

The responsibility of our State Department in helping Castro to conquer Cuba, as well as the security of the Western Hemisphere, demand that our policy toward Cuba be liberation. The fact that this is <u>not</u> now our goal is made clear by the U.N. letter to Khrushchev on October 27 promising U.N. "assurances against any invasion" of Cuba. Khrushchev replied to this U.N. promise with significant promptness and cemented the U.N. pledge by restating it in his own words. Khrushchev's message of October 28 said: "I regard with respect and

trust your statement put forward in your message of 27th October, 1962, that no attack will be made on Cuba, that no invasion will take place, not only by the U.S.A. but also by other countries of the western Hemisphere, as your message pointed out." Since the United States made this promise to Khrushchev, Federal authorities have been confiscating the materials and equipment of anti-Castro Americans and Cubans living in Florida.

Why should America use our prestige and military power to guarantee the security of a Communist base in the Caribbean against any invasion or attack? The significance of this U.S. promise is painfully clear to the Cuban exiles in the United States. When one of them, named Fernando Castillas, was interviewed by a reporter, he expressed the thoughts of many when he replied: "I say it was another Bay of Pigs."

The United States taxpayers are still paying pensions to American servicemen who fought in the Spanish-American war to free Cuba from the relatively benign control by Spain. It is contrary to social justice, the American tradition and our own security to accept control of Cuba by the international Communist conspiracy. We can liberate Cuba by giving the anti-Communists the same help to overthrow Castro that our State Department gave to the pro-Communists to install him in power, namely, an <u>effective</u> blockade of <u>all</u> war materiel, combined with American aid to Cuban Freedom Fighters. A U.S. petroleum company executive believes that "Castro could be brought to his knees within 30 to 60 days" if the U.S. halted Cuban imports of Russian oil. "Oil isthe jugular vein of Cuba.....There is almost no other form of energy on the island."

Khrushchev prepared the way for the present Cuban crisis by boasting that the Monroe Doctrine is dead, and he went on to say: "Now the remains of this Doctrine should best be buried as every dead body is so that it does not poison the air by its decay." Khrushchev always wants to bury anything that stands in the way of the Communist conquest of the world. The solution to the Cuban crisis is the reinstitution of the Monroe Doctrine. Let no one say that this policy would bring war. In a century and a half of use, the Monroe Doctrine has brought peace and security to America, and it would still do so today, if our country had only the courage to use it.

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