

Re: Why We Haven't Been to Mars Yet

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On Jul 28, 11:13 am, Eric Chomko <pne.cho...@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

On Jul 19, 11:53 pm, Willie.Moo...@xxxxxxxx wrote:
[...]

Kennedy, who came to office on the promise of doing something to put America ahead – was embarrassed – and wanted to make good on his promises. He had great suspicion of the military – following the failed Bay of Pigs invasion.

No, no! He wanted the BOP to be a pure covert invasion. Not overt, no military. Intel only and their trainees.

The 1961 Bay of Pigs Invasion (aka Playa Girón), was an unsuccessful attempted invasion in south-west Cuba by armed Cuban exiles, planned and funded by the United States, in an attempt to overthrow the Cuban government of Fidel Castro, shortly after John F. Kennedy assumed the presidency in the US. This action accelerated a rapid deterioration in Cuban-American relations, which was further worsened by the Cuban Missile Crisis the following year.

The invasion is named after the Bay of Pigs, inaccurately translated from the Spanish Bahía de Cochinos, the landing having taken place at the beach named Playa Giron on 17 April 1961, and resulted in a victory for the Cuban government forces several days later.

On March 17, 1960, the US administration of President Dwight D. Eisenhower agreed to a recommendation from the CIA Central Intelligence Agency to equip and drill Cuban exiles for action against the new Cuban government of Fidel Castro. Eisenhower stated it was the policy of the US government to aid anti-Castro guerrilla forces.

The CIA was initially confident it was capable of overthrowing the Cuban government, having experience assisting in the overthrow of other foreign governments such as the government of Iranian Prime Minister Mohammed Mossadegh in 1953 and Guatemalan President Jacobo

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Arbenz Guzmán in 1954.

The original plan called for landing invasion ground forces in the vicinity of the old colonial city of Trinidad, Cuba, in the central province of Sancti Spiritus approximately 400 km (250 miles) south-east of Havana, at the foothills of the Escambray Mountains. The Trinidad site provided several options that the ground forces could exploit during the invasion.

The CIA began to recruit and train anti-Castro forces in the Sierra Madre on the Pacific coast of Guatemala. They were self-named Brigade 2506 (Brigada Asalto 2506), and the overall plan was code-named Operation Zapata (aka Operation Pluto) by the CIA. CIA Director Allen Dulles appointed Richard Mervin Bissell, Jr., one of his three aides, as director of Operation Zapata.

Throughout 1960, the growing ranks of Brigade 2506 trained throughout southern Florida and at a CIA-run training base code-named JMTrax near Retalhuleu in Guatemala for the beach landing and possible mountain retreat. In summer 1960, an airfield (code-named JMMadd, aka Rayo Base) was constructed near Retalhuleu, Guatemala to allow CIA-operated Douglas C-54 transports to deliver people, supplies and arms from Florida at night. Curtiss C-46s were also used for transport between Retalhuleu and the CIA base code-named JMTide (aka Happy Valley), at Puerto Cabezas, Nicaragua. Gunnery and flight training of Brigade 2506 air crews was carried out by personnel from Alabama ANG (Air National Guard), using at least six Douglas B-26 Invaders in the markings of FAG (Fuerza Aérea Guatemalteca), legitimate delivery of those to the FAG being delayed by about 6 months. A further 26 B-26s were obtained from US military stocks, 'sanitized' to obscure their origins, and about twenty of them were converted for offensive operations by deletion of defensive armament, standardization of the Eight-gun nose, addition of underwing drop tanks, rocket racks, etc.

On February 17, 1961, President Kennedy asked his advisors whether the toppling of Fidel Castro might be related to weapon shipments and if it was possible to claim the real targets were modern fighter aircraft and rockets that endangered America's security. At the time, Cuba's army possessed Soviet tanks, artillery and small arms, and its air force consisted of Douglas B-26 Invader light bombers, Hawker Sea Furies and Lockheed T-33 jets, all remaining from the Fuerza Aerea del Ejercito de Cuba (FAEC), the Cuban air force of the Batista regime.[8]

As Kennedy's plans evolved, critical details were changed, including a change of landing area for Brigade 2506 to two points in Matanzas Province, 202 km south-east of Havana on the eastern edge of the Zapata peninsula at the Bay of Pigs. The landings would take place on the Girón and Zapatos Larga beaches (code-named Blue Beach and Red Beach, respectively). This change effectively cut off contact with the rebels of the "War Against the Bandits" uprising in the Escambray Mountains.

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On 9 April 1961, Brigade 2506 personnel, ships and aircraft started transferring from Guatemala to Puerto Cabezas, Nicaragua

When plans went arwy with the covert operation the CIA thought they could coerce JFK into making it an overt operation. JFK did not do it and the BOP turned out to be a debacle.

JFK did exactly what Eisenhower was planning to do – the CIA misled the new President by claiming they had support within Cuba and that the exiles would be greeted as liberators (sound familiar)

Of the Brigade 2506 aircraft that were prepared on the morning of 15 April 1961, one was tasked with establishing the CIA cover story for the invasion. The Douglas B-26B Invader used for this mission carried false FAR markings and serial number 933, and was piloted by Mario Zuniga. Prior to departure, the engine cowling from one of the aircraft's two engines was removed by maintenance personnel, fired upon, then re-installed to give the appearance that the aircraft had taken ground fire at some point during its flight.[7] Zuniga departed from the CIA-run base at Puerto Cabezas in Nicaragua on a solo, low-flying mission that took him over Pinar del Río, the westernmost province of Cuba, and then north-east toward Key West, Florida. Once across the island, Zuniga climbed steeply away from the waves of the Florida Straits to an altitude where he would be detected by US radar installations to the north of Cuba. At altitude and a safe distance north of the island, Zuniga feathered the engine with the pre-installed bullet holes in the engine cowling, radioed a mayday call and requested immediate permission to land at Miami International airport.[7]

Mario Zuniga, masquerading as "Juan Garcia", publicly claimed that three colleagues had also defected from the FAR. That may have been part of the deception plan to allow offensive Brigade 2506 aircraft to divert safely to US airfields in the event of battle damage or other emergencies. Indeed, B-26 call-sign Puma Three (crew Fernandez-Mon and Perez) ditched fatally in the sea 30 miles north of Cuba, but its companion aircraft reached Boca Chica Naval Air Station at Key West, about an hour before Zuniga landed at Miami. The surviving un-named crew of two were reported as being granted political asylum on 16 April, as was Mario Zuniga, and that they were then onboard a bus bound for Miami. It seems unlikely that the aircraft or its crew could have returned to Puerto Cabezas in time for the 17 April operations, during which B-26s call-sign Puma One (crew Crespo and Perez-Lorenzo) and Puma Two (crew Piedra and Fernandez) were shot down

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The invasion of Cuba was being planned under Eisenhower, and it was something that Kennedy was convinced at the time not only needed to be done, but would be done cleanly and quickly – and we would be greeted as liberators. (sound familiar?) When the invasion was carried out – none of the profound assurances of the military or intelligence agencies were found to be true. Kennedy called Truman to the White House for a confab. They concluded that the CIA and Military were pro-republican – and were convinced that the Democrats were more closely allied with Communists than with Mainstream America – and so, they would ALWAYS propose programs that would make the Democrats look foolish.

I think you miss the point about military vs. intel in all this.

Nope, not at all. The CIA botched it – because they couldn't deliver the support within Cuba that they promised – just like they couldn't deliver the support within Iraq that they promised existed.

After
the BOP JFK wanted to give the military
control of paramilitary operations

Nope.

and make the CIA do what they were
set up to do by Truman (i.e. be the
central focal point of all intel and funnel that INFORMATION to the
president on a daily basis). The whole

The CIA was help the USA avoid a nuclear pearl harbor in the nuclear age. To this end they kept nations bottled up in their own sphere of influence and kept them at each others throats and generally suppressed free expression and democracy throughout the world – whenever that democracy threatened US hegemony.

There are elements within the CIA that view the Democratic party as part of the 'socialist threat' – which Nixon exploited to get into trouble over Watergate – and since the fall of the Soviet Union – Bush 1 and Bush 2 have viewed the US Democratic party as a threat to the 'American Way of Life' – and have not troubled themselves to worry about using CIA info-war tactics against the American public to maintain control by the Republican party.

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"plans" division of the CIA was not set up under Truman and Ike allowed it to occur by turning a blind eye to it until it became obvious during the Church Committee investigation in 1974 that it had gotten out of hand during the previous 2 decades.

You are naive in the extreme – and are blind to the actual operations of the CIA – preferring only to read the handouts of the CIA itself as an explanation of its role in the world.

So, this suggests why Kennedy didn't really believe his intelligence and military advisors following the Bay of Pigs. He dismissed the analysis of his military and intelligence advisors, and the advise of Eisenhower – after that – on this subject and charted his own course.

I forget what NSAM (National Security Action Memo) it was following the BOP, but in it JFK attempted to strip the CIA of its plans division and provide the military with the power to do more covert operations.

Nope, Kennedy actually followed CIA in every detail – the invasion force was covertly assembled not USAF or USArmy at all.

<http://www.latinamericanstudies.org/baypigs-airforce.htm>

I don't doubt that the military intel people shared that with their buddies in the CIA and that JFK's plan basically backfired and it cost him his life as a result.

JFK's death is a separate issue. It was a coup de'tat carried out by Johnson at the behest of his military industry buddies. Kennedy was too weak for their taste in handling the Cuban missile crisis (he withdrew US missiles from Turkey) – he didn't want to support the French in Vietnam – he organized a Peace Corps to bring true democracy to the world – he ordered an in-depth review of CIA practices and procedures just before his death – with the idea of curtailing the power of that agency – and wanted to rely more on the UN – he wanted to expand the space program and openly involve the Russians in a joint effort to explore and settle the solar system – he wanted to end racism in America and give equality to all – he wanted to end poverty – he wanted to expand the government's role in education – assuring college education for all – and in health care assuring adequate health care to all – and pensions – assuring adequate retirement for all – and he wanted to do all this in a way that would assure his

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continued and continuing popularity – and he planned to continue his efforts along these lines through his brother Robert and then Teddy, and then his son – if need be.

I believe that the CIA and others felt that the Kennedy family was directly supported by the Soviet Union – and JFK himself a mole planted by the Soviet Union in the USA – much the same as Armand Hammer operated as a spy for the Soviets

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Armand_Hammer

The death of Kennedy can be proven to be a coup de-tat not by careful analysis of the details of his death – as in the movie JFK – but rather – the fact that his brother Robert was killed when it was clear he would win the nomination in 1968 by another lone gunman.

On July 18, 1969 – one day before a manned landing on the moon – Teddy Kennedy – attending a party in celebration with Mary Jo Kopecne – Mary Jo an aid to Robert Kennedy's failed bid at the presidency – and witness to Robert's death just a year before – was found drowned at Chappiquidick at Martha's Vineyard – in Teddy's car – Teddy claimed to have driven the car – after getting the keys from his Chauffer Crimmins. Which was weird, Teddy seldom drove himself.

Again, I find it interesting to the point of incredulity – that the day before the moon landing – with Nixon in the White House – that Chappiquidick happened to Teddy THAT DAY –

Imagine the news headlines following the moon landing – had Chappiquidick not happened! HE likely would have beaten Nixon in 1972 – and won re-election in 1978 – and would have carried out much of the program of his brother – AND REVEALED THE COUP DE TAT – and; the CIA would have many more problems than the Church committee.

Clearly LBJ's CIA was a lot more like Ike's CIA and both were much different than JFK's vision for his CIA.

Nonsense. The CIA helped orchestrate JFK's death at the behest of LBJ and other powerful interests following the suspicion that JFK was a Soviet mole.

Eric

The Manchurian Candidate was released in 1962 – which involved the assassination of a Presidential candidate who was brainwashed. hmmm... do you think they were preparing the American people for the 1963 assassination of JFK? maybe.

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Secret operations are hard to prove by their very nature. YEt the goals of secret agencies cannot be hidden – they cannot help BE what they are. So, one looks for patterns. JFK was killed by a lone gunman. Ok. But when RFK was killed when he ran for office the following term – that's a pattern. Then Teddy Kennedy is dishonored – **THE VERY DAY BEFORE HE WAS TO EMERGE VICTORIOUS** following the moon landing his brother helped bring about? another pattern – and movies floating the ideas in fiction form that Presidents need to be assassinated if they're brainwashed? a year before a president gets assassinated?

These are patterns – suggesting a larger conspiracy – and suggesting that your naive view that the President a hired hand that never spends more than eight years in office – can control agencies committed to secure the USA against even a rogue president – is naive.

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