

PRISONER RANSOM DEAL APPEARS LEFT IN LURCH

Ransom negotiations with Fidel Castro for release of the 1,113 prisoners of the Bay of Pigs invasion today appeared to be caught in the backwash of history.

A high-ranking Government official, asked last night what effect the Cuban blockade would have on the proposed ransoming, threw his hands in the air with a gesture indicating the deal is probably off.

New York Attorney James B. Donovan is campaigning for a New York Senate seat while awaiting Mr. Castro's decision on the offer of medicine and baby food for release of the prisoners.

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