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## Insurgent, Not U.S. Air Cover, Said Called Off

TOPEKA — Two of the planned air strikes for an invasion of Cuba in 1961 were cancelled by President Kennedy, Sen. Frank Carlson, R-Kan., told a meeting of Republican women Monday.

Carlson stressed, however, that the United States had not promised air cover for the Bay of Pigs invasion.

Carlson, a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said the Central Intelligence Agency and Department of Defense originally planned three air strikes. One strike, against Cuban planes on the ground was carried out but the other two were cancelled.

Carlson departed from his planned text to discuss the Cuban air cover situation. He explained the committee had received the information Friday, after his original speech had been prepared.

"The United States did not promise air cover," he told the Kansas Federation for Republican Women. "But the invasion was planned under the CIA, and three air strikes were planned to destroy all Cuban air power on the ground.

"The plans to make these strikes were based on an island off Florida. Some of them were piloted by Americans, other by Cubans.

"The first strike by air on Cuba took place. When it was time for the second strike, they were told not to take off. The order came from the President; he has admitted it."

He said the President called off the air strikes because of calls from Adlai Stevenson and Chester Bowles who told him this nation would lose friends in South America if the invasion were supported in this manner.