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Three Mafia mobsters funneled information to the Central Intelligence Agency that it used to prepare the ill-fated Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba in 1961, the Sacramento Bee reported. The accusation was made by an unidentified former CIA agent. He told the newspaper that in return for the data the Mafia men would have been allowed to recover money they had left behind when Fidel Castro took control of Cuba and to reopen their Cuban casinos—if the invasion succeeded. The former agent said Lawrence R. Houston, retired general counsel of the CIA, had received the information. Houston told the Bee he did not remember the incident, "But that doesn't mean it didn't happen."