

Dear Mr. President:

warned us
You ~~talked~~ almost a year ago of the danger in facing "...a world of revolution and turmoil armed with policies which seek only to freeze the status quo and turn back the inevitable tides of change."

Walter Lippmann said on May 6 "What we can do for our country is first of all to give up being too proud to go through that truly agonizing reappraisal which is needed so that we can see the realities. This country has never yet had a leader who has dared to explain candidly the consequences of the change in the world balance of power since the Soviet Union broke the American nuclear monopoly in 1949."

For our way of life, and for civilization, to survive, we must recognize that militarily there is a balance of terror between the Soviet bloc and ourselves. In the world today there is no room for wars, small or big.

The struggle for men's loyalties must be waged in terms of ability to meet their needs for food, housing, health, ~~and~~ etc. ~~and~~

Neutrality, rather than satellite status, must be the political form for the weak, underdeveloped, and peripheral countries.

~~The recent Cuban~~ Our Cuban policy has failed because it did not recognize these truths. Our intervention through the recent invasion attempt violated this truth, as well as our laws and treaty obligations. Our national prestige must continue to fall if we continue in this course.

We recognize that the lesson to be learned from the Cuban crisis is that our foreign policy of "saving the world from Communism" through violence (a slogan made infamous by the Nazis and Fascists) is bankrupt.

We urge you to remake our policy toward Cuba as a model of the "new set of attitudes" of which you spoke in June, 1960:

Re-open diplomatic negotiations with Cuba.

Seek, through normalization of economic relationships to ~~help~~ restore to our country the dignity which a great nation should show itself and an independent neighboring country.

Attempt, through technical assistance and economic measures, to reduce the dependence on Sino-Soviet countries which the Eisenhower policy forced the Cubans to try to develop.

Renounce without qualification any attempt by American government agencies to violate the rule of law in international affairs by intervening in any way in Cuba.

Enforce the Neutrality law against any American corporate or other interests who seek to intervene in Cuba.

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