

Notes with JFK and Conflict with JCS (and CIA)

Re: The Bay of Pigs Analogy

Source here: Paul B. Fay, *The Pleasure of His Company* (1966).

Red Fay notes a conversation w/ JFK while they were sailing off of Hyannis Port on a lovely summer day.

Talk turned to a novel that appeared in 1962 called *Seven Days in May* (later it was turned into a Movie ). The story was about an attempted coup d'etat by a rogue general and elements of the US military which came close to overthrowing the president of the US.

Kennedy had read the book and according to Fay he said” It’s possible. It could happen in this country, but conditions would have to be just right. If, for example, the country had a young president, and he had a Bay of Pigs, there would be a certain uneasiness. Maybe the military would do a little criticizing behind his back, but this would be written off as the usual military dissatisfaction with civilian control. Then if there was another Bay of Pigs, the reaction of the country would be, ‘if he too young and inexperienced?’ the military would almost feel that it was their patriotic obligation to stand ready to preserve the integrity of the nation, and only God knows just what segment of democracy they would be defending if they overthrew the elected establishment.”

Pausing for a moment, he went on, “Then if there were a third Bay of Pigs, it could happen. But then he quickly added “It won’t happen on my watch.”

“Bay of Pigs” was symbolic language for a situation where the Oval Office found itself in direct opposition with elements of the national security state (CIA, JCS, and highly placed members in his own Cabinet and highly influential members of the national security state. . .

We’ll see that before 11/22/’63 Kennedy had about six Bay-of-Pigs-types conflicts