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Dear Fletch,

The one advantage to being too tired to do other than sit and read is that one can sit and read. So, + read those excellent articles you were kind enough to send and I'm going to start giving them to historian friends.

I have two questions. The first relates to what I've read often enough, that JFK had cancelled the planned second strike against Castro. However, and I do not remember my source, I have always believed that he had not agreed to this second strike.

Then, under extreme pressure, he did agree to a wave of Navy planes to escort the B26s and the Navy goofed on the time by an hour.

(The cover story on the first wave was so thin the press saw through it immediately.)

So, do you remember your source on his having agreed to this second wave?

You also said that we had the military force so why didn't we go ahead and defeat Ho.

Do you believe that at any point we could have short of using nuclear weapons?

It is possible to conquer an army but not a people. I am inclined to believe that especially after all they'd been through Ho and his people would have persevered, regardless of the odds.

Thanks and best wishes,

*Harold*