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U.S. Again Denies '62 Vow Not to Invade Cuba

The State Department again denied yesterday that an American "agreement" never to invade Cuba was made in the 1962 missile crisis.

The disputed topic was raised anew by former Soviet Premier Khrushchev in televised film presented by NBC Tuesday night.

In the broadcast, Khrushchev was quoted as repeating that in 1962 "we took our rockets and bombers away in exchange for President Kennedy's promise not to invade Cuba." Khrushchev then added, "After President Kennedy's death, President Johnson, who took over, assured us

that he would stick to the promises made by President Kennedy."

State Department Press Officer Robert J. McCloskey repeated the United States' standard answer yesterday:

"I can assure you there was no such agreement undertaken."

The Russians, and Cuban Premier Castro, always have insisted there was such an accord; the United States repeatedly has denied it.

As the NBC broadcast noted, however, "it is a fact that there have been no more invasions of Cuba, and that Castro is still in power there."