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Cubans Get Back Flag Promised by Kennedy

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MIAMI, April 16 (AP)—
Fourteen years ago, President Kennedy accepted the gift of a battle flag from Brigade 2506, Cuban exiles who fought in the ill-fated Bay of Pigs invasion, and promised:

"I can assure you it [the flag] will be returned to this brigade in free Havana."

But the Communist regime that the brigade hoped to overthrow still runs Cuba. And yesterday, in time for tomorrow's 15th anniversary of the invasion, the flag was returned to Miami and the Bay of Pigs Veterans Association.

The flag has been on display in the Kennedy Library in Waltham, Mass.

The Cuban veterans sued to get it back last year after the late President's brother, Senator Edward M. Kennedy, proposed that an embargo against Cuba be lifted.

Before the suit went to trial, the Government agreed to return the flag if the brigade would preserve it and put it on permanent display.

The flag, will be mounted at the Shrine of Our Lady of Charity, on the shore of Biscayne Bay in Miami.