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WASHINGTON AP - Outgoing Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara said Sunday he and other advisers of the late President John F. Kennedy were unanimous in recommending the abortive Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba.

He called it a serious error and said, "It is very much on my conscience."

McNamara said when President Kennedy took public responsibility for the failure of the 1961 invasion, "he didn't say what he might have said, that every single one of his advisers, me included, recommended it."

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McNamara said the unanimous recommendation "does not change the fact that I was wrong."

The defense secretary first spoke publicly of the unanimous nature of the agreement on the invasion in an Associated Press interview published Sunday. Later he mentioned it twice in a television-radio interview on NBC's "Meet the Press."

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