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Huntington, N.Y., Oct. 14 (AP)- Robert F. Kennedy says President John F. Kennedy rejected a proposal to bomb Cuba during the 1962 missile crisis because his military intelligence advisers told him that 25,000 civilians would be killed.

The brother of the late President also says that the 12 key presidential advisers meeting at the time were split almost evenly on whether to bomb the missile sites and air bases or to blockade the island.

The former attorney general attended the meetings with the President, who decided on the blockade.

Kennedy, Democratic candidate for U.S. Senator from New York, told of the meetings yesterday while speaking to about 1,000 nuns at a meeting of parochial school teachers in the Rockville Center Roman Catholic diocese.

He was discussing his brother's sense of values, and he made the statement on the Cuba decision in an effort to show the late President's idealism.

Questioned by newsmen after the meeting, Kennedy said that to his knowledge this was the first time the 25,000 estimate on civilian fatalities had been made public. He would not say whether the majority of advisers favored bombing or the alternative, the blockade.

The former attorney general opposed bombing and favored the blockade.

He was a member of the group of 12 advisers, known as the Ex Com, or executive committee. It was an informal group made up of top officials drawn from the cabinet and the national security council that met during the Cuban crisis.

Kennedy said in his speech that bombing would have been "the safer way;"

"We would have gone in and knocked out all their bases -- there wasn't any question about it -- and then started bargaining," he said.

But he called the proposed bombing a "Pearl Harbor in reverse."

He said the President chose the blockade because "of his education, because of his moral training and because of his belief in what is right and what is wrong."

The nuns gave Kennedy an enthusiastic reception. After his speech, Kennedy and his wife was surrounded by a crowd of nuns seeking autographs.

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