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havana, oct 31, reuter -- the newspaper juventud rebelde said today that u.s. historian arthur m. schlesinger lied when he told a u.s. television audience recently that the kennedy-krushchev agreement in which the united states promised not to invade cuba was not legally binding.

in his appearance on the programme +take two+, according to the article, schlesinger said that the offer not to invade cuba was conditioned on u.n. inspection of cuban missile sights. cuban leader, fidel castro, refused to allow u.n. inspection.

juventud rebelde, while not refuting schlesinger's point concerning u.n. inspection quotes schlesinger's book on the october crisis to show that u.s. aerial reconnaissance substituted u.n. inspection. it quoted other sources to prove that the kennedy commitment was generally considered to be binding.

the article also questions schlesinger's contention that the united states coordinated its actions with its allies. it quotes from schlesinger's book, +the thousand days of kennedy+ to the effect that washington did not have time to consult with its allies.

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