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Leaders Say They Would Be Glad to Give It to Johnson

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The Senate and House Republican leaders said today that they had some "constructive suggestions" on how to eliminate the Castro Government in Cuba that they would be "delighted to present to President Johnson."

The statement that the Republican leaders had ideas on how to rid Cuba of her Communist dictatorship was made by Representative Gerald R. Ford, the House leader, after he and Everett McKinley Dirksen, the Senate leader, had sharply criticized what they described as the President's slowness "to recognize danger signals in Latin America" and his failure to "fix clearly" a policy objective on Cuba.

Mr. Dirksen, in a formal statement before television cameras, said:

"It is regrettable that the Administration did not move to head off the new outbreak of subversion and violence [in the Dominican Republic] when it was planned at the Havana meeting of the Latin-American Communist leaders in November, 1964."

Mr. Dirksen said later that the source of his information on the meeting was a dispatch by Tass, the Soviet press agency, in January.

Cuba 'Not Isolated'

In a subsequent statement, Mr. Ford said Mr. Johnson declared on Sept. 30, 1962, that the policy of the Administration was "to get rid of the Castro regime," and again on April 20, 1964, that the policy was "to isolate Cuba."

"Cuba has not been isolated," Mr. Ford said, "nor is it rid of Castro and Soviet Communist influence."

The House leader, asked whether he and Mr. Dirksen were advocating military intervention by the United States to overthrow the Castro regime, replied that matters of "the highest policy formulation" were involved. He added that he and Mr. Dirksen had "some constructive suggestions which we would be delighted to present to President Johnson."

Pressed to say what these proposals were, Mr. Ford replied: "We feel, because of their importance, that these suggestions should not be discussed in public but given to the President personally."

When asked if he attributed all the trouble in the Dominican Republic to Premier Fidel Castro, Mr. Ford said it was obvious that the Havana regime was "the arsonist," and that "until you take steps to eliminate the arsonist, you won't have peace in the Caribbean."

Mr. Ford was then asked if the Republican leaders were proposing a blockade of Cuba. He did not answer directly but said it was the Republicans who had twice proposed the establishment of a standby inter-American force to deal with situations like that in the Dominican Republic. The Administration, he said, has adopted the idea.