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further reading. Within just a month of becoming President,

the issue of communist Cuba became central to John F.

Kennedy and his administration. On February 3rd, 1961,

President Kennedy called for a plan to support Cuban refugees

in the U. S. , and a month later, he created the Peace Corps, a

program that trained young American volunteers to help with

economic and community development in poor countries.

Both programs were integral pieces of the Cold War and were

attempts to align disadvantaged groups abroad with the

United State and the West against the Soviet Union and its

Communist satellites. Meanwhile, covert operations were laying

the groundwork for overthrowing Cuban leader Fidel Castro,

and he knew it. Castro railed against CIA involvement among

Cubans trying to overthrow him and his still young revolution.

Matters came to a head that April, when the Kennedy

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