

# Kennedy brainwashed the press

(CPS) - One of President John Kennedy's active concerns during the Cuban missile crisis of 1962 was that the press be "brainwashed" about the developments, according to Kennedy's personal office files recently opened to the public.

Of the 100,000 memos and papers released, several indicate that Kennedy used his friendly relations with the press to prevent information about the Cuban missile crisis and the Bay of Pigs invasion from being reported to the public.

In a note in Kennedy's hand during the October 1962

missile crisis, Kennedy asked, "Is there a plan to brief and brainwash key press within 12 hours or so?"

According to Evelyn Lincoln, Kennedy's personal secretary, the note was written by Kennedy on the day he delivered his first public address on the crisis.

Among those to be "brainwashed," according to the memo were the *New York Times*, Walter Lippmann, Marcus Childs, Joseph Alsop and "key bureau chiefs."

Following this on October 25, 1962, Kennedy wrote a

letter to Orvil Dryfoos, the late president and publishers of the *New York Times*, thanking him for agreeing not to print certain information about the confrontation with the Soviet Union over Cuba.

"An important service to the national interest was performed by your agreement to withhold information that was available to you on Sunday afternoon," Kennedy wrote Dryfoos.

Kennedy's papers show that he had previously persuaded *Times* columnist James Reston not to print a story about plans for the Bay of Pigs invasion in April 1961,

prior to the actual invasion.

Also, a memorandum from presidential adviser Arthur M. Schlesinger to Kennedy shows that Schlesinger convinced *The New Republic* not to publish an article on the group that would attack Cuba, which was due to appear in the magazine the week of the invasion.

Later, when an article critical of the April invasion appeared in *Fortune* magazine, Kennedy sent Gen. Maxwell Taylor to deliver a personal report on the invasion to a group of *Time-Life* executives.

After the meeting, Kennedy sent a personal letter to Henry Luce, the late publisher of *Time, Life, and Fortune*, to "emphasize the need for keeping the fact that this discussion has ever taken place completely in the bosom of your official family."

"If it should become known that General Taylor had discussed the Cuban affair with you, the press as well as the Congress will immediately descend on us en masse demanding equal treatment," Kennedy wrote.

"This would be extremely embarrassing as the position to date even with the Congress has been that the facts relating to the Cuban affair are limited to the executive branch."

## Placement Office notes

### SUMMER JOBS

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Summer jobs are available for college students who want to work with children through the PACE program. The jobs involved assisting day care teachers with a planned program for pre-schoolers and assisting summer school teachers with children, ages 6-12. Contact United Day Care Services Central Office at the following address: Mrs. Judy Hyman, 808 North Elm St., Greensboro, N. C.

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## Leg Board evaluates grading scales; wide discrepancies revealed

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The following are the results of a survey conducted by the Leg Board's Academic Committee to determine if any standard grading scale prevails throughout various campus departments. Information is based on personal interviews.

**ART DEPT.**  
no scale but judge seniors harder

**BIOLOGY DEPT.**  
10 pt. but may curve

**BUSINESS AND ECON.**  
Frazier:  
A 93-100  
B 85-92  
C 78-84  
D 70-77  
F below 70

Sasnett:  
A 94-100  
B 87-93  
C 79-86  
D 70-78  
F below 70

Simmons:  
A 93-100  
B 86-92  
C 78-85  
D 70-77  
F below 70

**CHEM AND PHYSICS**  
flexible, depending on tests, generally 10 pt.

**DRAMA**  
Bamford: no scale

**EDUCATION**  
Reveley: "all grading is guessing"... "no crystal ball to the Almighty" each teacher has own

**ENGLISH**  
No scale. subjective grading except on tests then play it by ear.

**FOREIGN LANGUAGE**  
A 93-100  
B 85-92  
C 77-84  
D 70-77  
F below 70

**GEOGRAPHY**  
10 pt. scale

**HISTORY**  
no scale except Ms. Fairchild - if any she has 10 pt.

**HOME ECONOMICS**  
Stuber: raw grading scale

Friedrich:  
A 93-100  
B 85-92  
C 75-84  
D 65-74  
F below 65

Miller:  
A 93-100  
B 86-92  
C 78-85  
D 70-77  
F below 70

O'Conner:  
10 pt. scale

Jarman:  
A 92-100

B 82-91  
C 72-81

D 65-71  
F below 65

**MATH DEPT.**  
A 94-100  
B 87-93  
C 79-86  
D 70-78  
F below 70

**MUSIC DEPT.**  
GRADE ON IM-PROVEMENT  
P.E. DEPT.  
A 93-100  
B 85-92  
C 77-84  
D 70-77  
F below 70

**PSYCHOLOGY DEPT.**  
Sutherland: no numerical, based on class  
Blanton and Turpin: no numerical scale

**RELIGION AND PHILOSOPHY**  
no set scale

**SOCIOLOGY**  
Tucker: no numerical scale, based on class  
Syron: no numerical average  
Davis: 10 pt.  
DeBerry, Mustian, and Turlington:  
A 95-100  
B 87-94  
C 77-86  
D 70-76  
F below 70

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