

Cuba timeline

1955 Fidel Castro creates 26th of July Movement, begins rebel operations

January 1, 1959, Castro and his Movement seize power

Early 1959: The CIA begins to prepare Operation Mongoose, to engage and sabotage and harassment of Castro's new government.

March 1960: The Soviet Union begins direct support for Castro's government

1959-1962: The CIA launches multiple, unsuccessful efforts to assassinate Castro

April 1961: The CIA launches Bay of Pigs invasion; disastrous failure

Fall 1962: The Soviet Union begins placing nuclear tipped missiles in Cuba producing the Cuban Missile Crisis, in October.