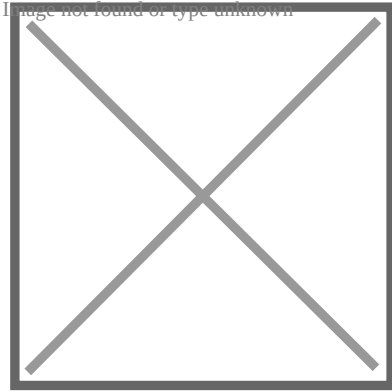


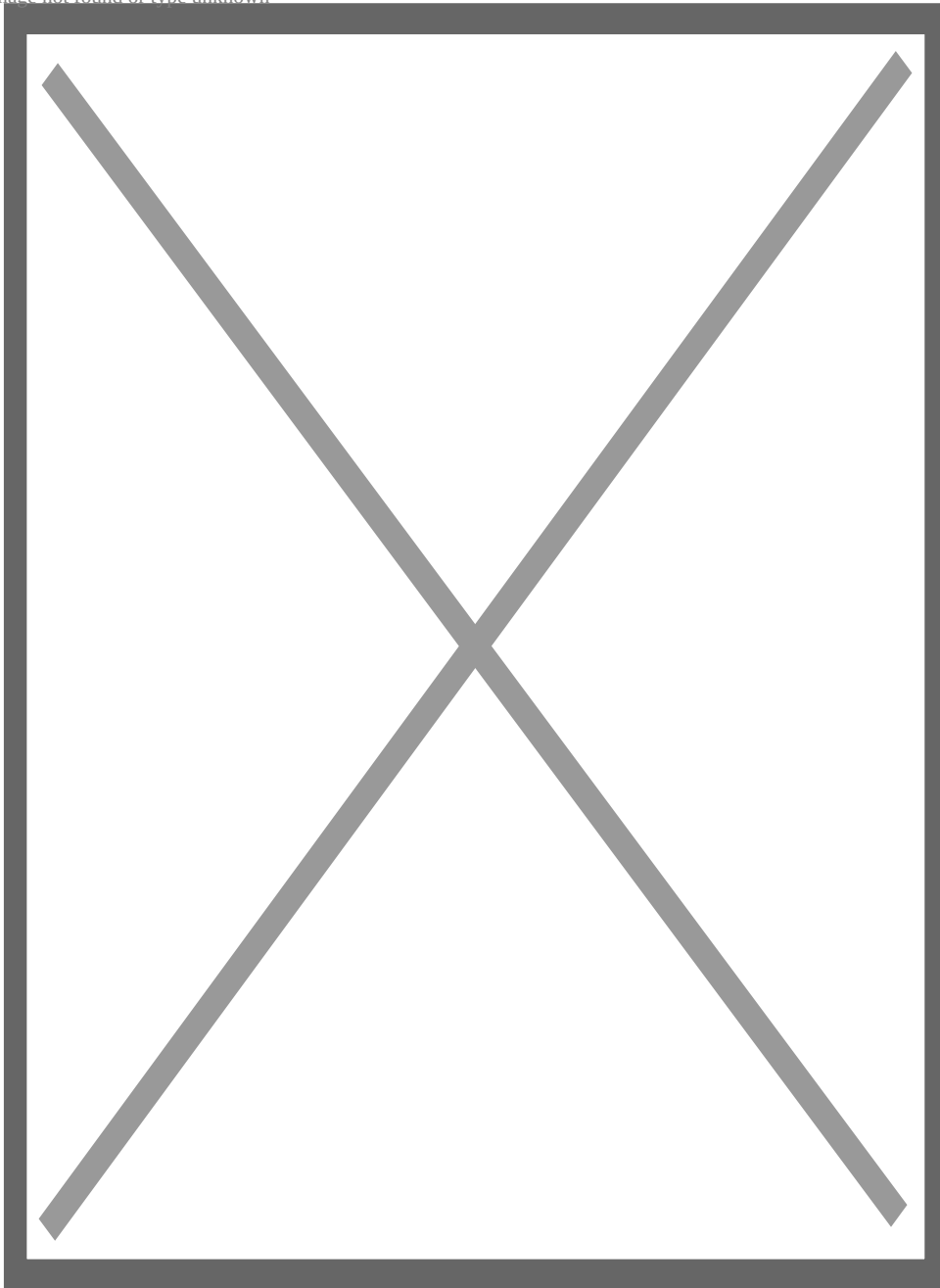


## Operation Northwoods

### Description

**Operation Northwoods** was a proposed, and almost implemented [false flag](#) operation against the Cuban government that originated within the [U.S. Department of Defense](#) (DoD) and the [Joint Chiefs of Staff](#) (JCS) of the [United States government](#) in 1962. The proposals called for the [Central Intelligence Agency](#) (CIA) or other [U.S. government](#) operatives to commit acts of terrorism against American civilians and military targets, blaming it on the Cuban government, and using it to justify a war against Cuba. The plans detailed in the document included the possible assassination of Cuban émigrés, sinking boats of Cuban refugees on the high seas, hijacking planes, blowing up a U.S. ship, and orchestrating violent terrorism in U.S. cities.<sup>[2]</sup> The proposals were rejected by [John F. Kennedy](#).<sup>[3]</sup><sup>[4]</sup><sup>[5]</sup>

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