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Good Evening Everybody:

The ruling of our Supreme Court on Castro's nationalization program - falls under the "Act of State Doctrine." Meaning, that the acts of a foreign government within its own borders are valid - with regard to the ownership of property. Even when it nationalizes big plants - built and paid for by Americans. As Castro did - when he Communized Cuba.

What the ruling comes to -- is this. American courts may not hear lawsuits -- by firms that have been expropriated abroad. The Supreme Court, terming such legal action -- "a serious insult to other nations."

But the Justices don't expect us to take Castro-style piracy - lying down. They simply say

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that its up to the Executive branch - up to the President -
to do something about it.

AMERICANS

Yesterday, Secretary of State Rusk announced - on CBS - Fact The Nation - that the two American airmen held by the Russians would be released. The Soviet Ambassador had that word from Moscow.

Our people assumed - this meant immediately, so were standing by in West Berlin today - to receive Captains Holland and Kessler. Lieutenant Welch having been returned on Saturday - because of his injuries.

In Berlin the minutes passed - and the hours. They waited and waited, but no sign of the captives, and no word - from the Russians. Had there been a misunderstanding? Was it all a matter of - Soviet red tape? Why the delay?

We still don't know. They are still hidden by the Iron Curtain.