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WASHINGTON (UPI) -- THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN KENNEDY MAY HAVE BEEN AN ACT OF RETALIATION AGAINST ATTEMPTS ON THE LIFE OF CUBAN PREMIER FIDEL CASTRO, SAYS SEN. RICHARD SCHWEIKER, R-PA.

SCHWEIKER, A MEMBER OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE INVESTIGATING U.S. INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES, SAID SUNDAY "ONE OF THE SPINOFFS" OF THE INVESTIGATION COULD BE A RE-OPENING OF THE KENNEDY ASSASSINATION PROBE.

RICHARD GOODWIN, A FORMER KENNEDY WHITE HOUSE AIDE, MEANWHILE WAS QUOTED TODAY AS SAYING KENNEDY TOLD HIM IN NOVEMBER, 1961, "IF WE GET INTO THAT SORT OF THING (ASSASSINATIONS OF FOREIGN LEADERS), WE'LL ALL BE TARGETS."

IN AN INTERVIEW WITH THE WASHINGTON POST, GOODWIN SAID KENNEDY MEANT CHIEFS OF STATE SUCH AS HIMSELF MIGHT BE THE SUBJECT OF ASSASSINATION ATTEMPTS.

SECRETARY OF STATE DEAN RUSK ALSO HAD EXPRESSED A SIMILAR APPREHENSION FOLLOWING THE ASSASSINATION OF DOMINICAN REPUBLIC DICTATOR RAFAEL TRUJILLO IN MAY, 1961, GOODWIN SAID.

KENNEDY RULED OUT ANY AMERICAN INVOLVEMENT IN SUCH AN ASSASSINATION, HE SAID. BUT SUSPICIONS OF AMERICAN COMPLICITY WERE RAISED WHEN PRESS SECRETARY PIERRE SALINGER, INFORMED OF TRUJILLO'S DEATH BY CABLE FROM THE U.S. CONSUL GENERAL WHO HAD MAINTAINED CLOSE CONTACT WITH DISSIDENTS, ANNOUNCED THE NEWS -- UNAWARE THE DOMINICANS HAD NOT YET MADE IT PUBLIC.

BECAUSE OF THAT, GOODWIN SAID, "THE CUBANS THOUGHT KENNEDY WAS INVOLVED. AT LEAST (CUBAN FOREIGN MINISTER) RAUL ROA DID."

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