

Hoover Is Said to Have Been Told Oswald Disclosed Plans to Cubans

1964 Memo Reportedly Quotes an Informant on Talk With Castro About Assassination

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 12—Shortly before the assassination of President Kennedy, Lee Harvey Oswald reportedly told Cuban officials that he was going to kill the President, according to a recently discovered memorandum written by J. Edgar Hoover, the late director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, a high-level bureau source said today.

According to the source, the Justice Department found the memorandum, which was dated 1964, after Attorney General Edward H. Levi received information of its existence from a source outside the Justice Department and ordered a search of bureau files.

According to the source, Mr. Hoover said in the memorandum that a highly reliable informant had told the bureau that Oswald had informed Cuban officials before the assassination on November 22, 1963 that he intended to kill Mr. Kennedy.

The informant, the memorandum said, asserted that he had been told about Oswald's disclosure by Fidel Castro, Cuba's Prime Minister. It was not known when the informant received the information or when he told Mr. Hoover about it.

Addressed to Warren Commission

The source said that the Hoover memorandum had been addressed to the Warren Commission, but that there was no record the commission had received it.

David W. Belin, who was a counsel for the Warren Commission and later a chief counsel for a commission that investigated the Central Intelligence Agency, said the Warren Commission had never received a document from the bureau with so explicit a piece of information attributed to a "reliable informant."

According to key sources, the Justice Department and the bureau have found no clear information as to the identity of the source of information mentioned in the purported Hoover memorandum.

In the last two years there has been growing evidence that the Warren Commission's finding that Oswald alone killed President Kennedy may have been based upon incomplete information.

The House of Representatives has ap-

pointed a special committee to reinvestigate the assassination and it is expected to review all F.B.I. and Justice Department files.

Oswald was known to have visited the Cuban Embassy in Mexico City about a month before the assassination. Press reports confirmed last year that the C.I.A. had an electronic surveillance device in the Cuban Embassy and had obtained a clear account of Oswald's visit.

Some of the agency's documents released recently under the Freedom of Information Act disclosed that Oswald had been in contact with three suspected Cuban intelligence agents during that trip.

Oswald's main purpose in visiting the Cuban Embassy, Warren Commission documents indicate, was to get a transit visa through Cuba for a trip to the Soviet Union. No public documents have revealed what he told the three Cubans.

The Senate Select Committee on Intelligence reported last year that the C.I.A. had recruited a top aide to Mr. Castro in 1961, who was given the code name am-lash, and that the agent later became instrumental in assassination plots against the Cuban leader.