

House Unit Will Get Memo Saying Oswald Planned to Kill Kennedy

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 13 — A 1964 memorandum saying that Lee Harvey Oswald told Cuban officials he was going to kill President Kennedy more than a month before the assassination is part of a packet of new material found in Government files that will be turned over to a special Congressional investigating committee, reliable Government sources said today.

Edward H. Levi, the attorney general, has imposed a curtain of extraordinary secrecy over the search of Department of Justice and Federal Bureau of Investigation files in connection with the assassination inquiry.

The file search was begun at the request of the House Select Committee on Assassinations formed earlier this year to re-investigate the deaths of President Kennedy and of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the civil rights leader.

First Meeting to Be Held Monday

The committee will hold its first formal meeting on Monday. Its chief counsel, Richard A. Sprague, is expected to recommend that a staff of 170 lawyers and trained homicide detectives conduct the two investigations.

The committee was formed after a subcommittee of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence reported earlier this year that it had discovered evidence that raised serious questions about whether the commission, headed by the late Chief Justice Earl Warren, that investigated Mr. Kennedy's death received full and complete information from the Federal Bureau of Investigation or the Central Intelligence Agency.

The newly discovered memorandum was prepared in 1964, well after Mr. Kennedy was killed. It was prepared for J. Edgar Hoover, then the director of the F.B.I.

In substance the memorandum states that the F.B.I. Director had learned from

a reliable informant that Lee Harvey Oswald had told Cuban officials more than a month before Mr. Kennedy's assassination that he planned to kill the American President.

Evidence of Cuban Backing

The informant, according to the memorandum, said that he had learned of Mr. Oswald's plan from Fidel Castro, the Cuban Premier. If this were true, it would be the strongest evidence yet found that Mr. Oswald had had Cuban backing in his assassination attempt.

A senior F.B.I. official said privately that there was "no implication whatsoever" from the newly discovered memorandum that Mr. Hoover knew about the assassination before it happened.

David W. Belin, a member of the Warren Commission staff and later director of the staff that investigated the Central Intelligence Agency for the Ford Administration, said that "to his knowledge" the Warren Commission had never received a document from the F.B.I. with so explicit a piece of information based upon a "reliable informant."

Source in Cuban Government

John A. McCone, who was director of the C.I.A. during the Kennedy Administration, has been quoted in news accounts as saying that he never knew of such information.

The Warren Commission finding that Mr. Oswald had acted alone in the deaths of Mr. Kennedy and of a Dallas police officer, J. D. Tippit, was seriously undermined last year when Senate investigators discovered that the C.I.A. had been plotting to kill Mr. Castro and that this information had been withheld from the commission. This discovery threw into a new light the question of whether the Cuban premier may have launched an assassination plot against President Kennedy, and this is what the House Committee is expected to investigate.