



An Oswald-Castro Link?

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(Today's column is by Drew Pearson and his associate, Jack Anderson.)

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The publicity over New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison's investigation of a "Kennedy assassination plot" has focused attention in Washington on a reported CIA plan in 1963 to assassinate Cuba's Fidel Castro, which, according to some sources, may have resulted in a counterplot by Castro to assassinate President Kennedy.

Sen. Russell Long, (D-La.) has told us that Lee Harvey Oswald, the accused Kennedy assassin, trained with Castro revolutionaries in Minsk during his Soviet stay. This information, which Long swore is reliable, was never revealed by the Warren Commission.

Other highly placed sources have confirmed that an anti-Castro plot was cooked up within the CIA.

Our sources agree that a plot against Castro definitely was taken up inside the CIA at the time Sen. Robert Kennedy (D-N.Y.) was riding herd on the agency for his brother. The report is that Castro got wind of the plot and threatened to find someone to assassinate President Kennedy.

Shortly after the tragedy, the FBI submitted a memo to President Johnson reporting that Cuban leaders had wanted to kill Kennedy. The information was not sufficiently specific, however, to be accepted as certain.

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The Senate Ethics Committee, in its probe into the tangled finances of Sen. Tom Dodd (D-Conn.), shouldn't stop with the campaign contributions he stuffed into his own pocket.

Even more important is the story of how Dodd has used his Senate influence to make a fast buck.

The key to his private deals is grizzled Ed Sullivan, a Senate employe who seems to be in charge of the Senator's fund raising, both personal and political. Sullivan sends the Senator cryptic reports, scrawled on lined yellow paper.

Scarcely a month after Dodd had taken the oath as Senator, he received his first propositions from Sullivan.

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"Frank is interested in an S.B.L. (Small Business loan)," wrote Sullivan on Feb. 4, 1959. "He has not applied and intended to talk with us before making a move. He plans to give me a preview of the situation Monday, Feb. 9. According to the papers, you will be here Feb. 10. Maybe on the plane you could think this over:

"1. Fee for procurement work.

"2. Getting a share of stock, plus an arrangement that would bring a steady income. This is a good business and a lot can be done for him. He knows the business, appreciates the value of spending his growth.

"This, of course, are my ideas. I will only try to promote them after you tell me to . . .

"Harold wanted help in getting a name scotch. They also are looking for a warehouse in Hartford. They have no attorney in this area. On this deal, I have these thoughts:

"Help get a scotch. Take a fee or become their local attorney (not you, I know) on a retainer basis. Or rent them a warehouse. Or take a share of the operation in this branch with a steady income.

"Again these are my ideas. I hope you can agree and let me know when you are in. Money can and will be made."

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In another letter, dated March 14, 1960, Sullivan wrote about another opportunity for the Senator: "This morning I spent an hour with Jack. We had a real good talk. I know there is nothing Jack wouldn't do for you, and also I know that he can steer things your way that would easily solve all your problems.

"I am to see him again Thursday. We agreed that, when you are around, we will get together, and Jack promises he will come up with something . . .

"I am sure, Tom, this is the right move. Your Washington income must be added to, and you must agree on a plan that will do this . . ."

Sullivan's letters indicate that his chief Senate duty was hustling money for Dodd. For this he was paid a full-time salary by the taxpayers.