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Admitted hit man Aldena (Jimmy the Weasel) Fratianno has agreed to give the House Assassination Committee "extremely important" information linking the assassination of President Kennedy with the alleged CIA plot to kill Fidel Castro. The Post has learned.

Fratianno, who this week fingered singer Frank Sinatra's link with underworld figures in the Westchester Premier Theatre fraud trial here, may testify before the House panel in the spring, possibly in March.

The panel, which had been probing the deaths of JFK and Dr. Martin Luther King, was due to wind up its affairs by Christmas, but will reportedly have its life extended to hear Fratianno's testimony.

Fratianno's information is expected to supply new information on the subsequent murders of gang bosses Sam (Momo) Giancana and Frank Roselli, both alleged key figures in the JFK-CIA-Castro connection.

"I can't discuss the substance of his testimony other than to say that the information he possesses will enlighten the country as to what happened and will be ex-

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remely important," Fratianno's attorney, Dennis McDonald, said.

Robert Blakey, committee chief counsel, would not comment on any prospective witnesses, but sources told The Post that the panel has also sought to subpoena Mrs. Judith Campbell Exner, who claims to have had JFK, Sinatra, Roselli and Giancana as boy friends.

The sources divulged that Fratianno, a former West Coast gang boss, had close ties to Roselli and Giancana and there was a possibility that Fratianno may have been involved in the abortive Castro plot.

Giancana, a Chicago mob boss, was murdered in 1975 shortly before he was scheduled to appear before the Senate Intelligence Committee to testify about his part in the alleged CIA plot to kill Castro.

A few days after Giancana's death, Roselli told the Senate committee he and Giancana had been recruited by the CIA to kill Castro.

He testified he had made several trips to Cuba in the early 1960s and employed underworld elements to try to kill the Cuban leader with poison, high-powered

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rifles and explosives.

Castro learned of the plot, Roselli said, and enlisted the same men who had been hired to kill him to set out to assassinate President Kennedy.

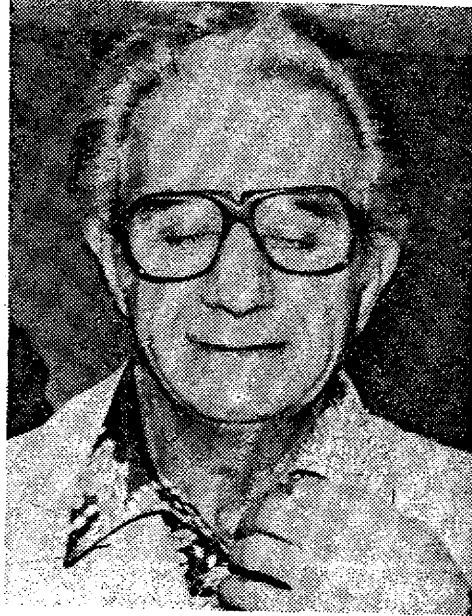
The henchmen, supposedly Cubans who had worked with Florida mob chief Santos Trafficante, allegedly lined up Lee Harvey Oswald. According to Roselli's version, Oswald may have shot Kennedy or may have acted as a decoy while others ambushed him from closer range.

Jack Ruby was then ordered to rub out Oswald after his capture to keep him quiet, Roselli declared.

But Roselli, becoming increasingly talkative in his old age, was found murdered in August, 1977, his body stuffed into a 55-gallon oil drum floating off Miami. Roselli, 71, had disappeared from his sister's home in Plantation, Fla., July 28.

McDonald said that in October, the House unit requested Fratiano to testify.

"They wanted me to consider it," he said. "I was not sure we would do so, but I talked it over with my client and the Justice Dept. and evaluated the areas where Mr. Fratiano would be of benefit to the government. Then we decided we would do it."



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