

C.I.A. Memo Says Warren Unit Slighted Leads on Foreign Plot

WASHINGTON, March 20 (AP)—A Central Intelligence Agency memorandum says the Warren Commission should have given more credence to the possibility that President Kennedy's assassination was a result of a foreign conspiracy, particularly in light of two promising leads that were not pursued.

"The Warren Commission report should have left a wider 'window' for this contingency," according to the memo, which was written in May 1975 at the request of the Rockefeller Commission. "That, indeed, was the opinion at the working level, particularly in the counterintelligence component in the C.I.A., in 1964."

The 27-page document emphasizes that, though solid evidence to overturn the Warren Commission's conclusion that Lee Harvey Oswald, acting alone, killed Mr. Kennedy "did (and does) not exist in Washington," such evidence "could exist in Moscow and-or Havana."

The two most promising leads to such evidence, the memo

says, are testimony about 1959 conversations between Oswald and Cuban officials, and a public threat by Fidel Castro in September 1963, against the lives of United States leaders.

Both leads must be considered of great significance in investigating a possible foreign conspiracy, but neither was followed up, the memo says.

The memorandum was among some 1,500 pages of documents on the shooting that the C.I.A. turned over to the commission headed by Vice President Rockefeller, which was investigating allegations of wrongdoing in the intelligence community.

The documents have been declassified by the Central Intelligence Agency in response to a Freedom of Information request filed by David W. Belin, who served as counsel to both the Rockefeller Commission and the Commission headed by the late Chief Justice Earl Warren, which investigated the Kennedy assassination.

The C.I.A. released a set of documents to The Associated Press yesterday.