

# Did CIA Mislead Warren Panel?

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The presidential panel on CIA domestic activities is investigating whether the agency withheld information from the Warren Commission to cover up CIA involvement in an alleged plot to kill Cuban Premier Fidel Castro, according to informed sources.

David W. Belin, staff director of the CIA panel headed by Vice President Nelson A. Rockefeller, has demanded in a series of letters to the agency that it reveal all its contacts with would-be Castro assassins, the sources said. Belin was a counsel to the Warren Commission's probe of President John F. Kennedy's slaying.

"If the agency isn't going to give full disclosure when you investigate the assassination of a president, when are you going to get full disclosure on anything," one administration source asked. Among other tasks, the Rockefeller Commission is charged with recommending procedures for closer supervision of CIA operations.

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W. David Slawson, a former Warren Commission staff member, said in a telephone interview yesterday "it would be of enormous significance" if the CIA withheld information about a plot to kill Castro.

Knowledge of CIA involvement in assassination plots could have influenced the commission's investigation of rumors that Kennedy's murder was a retaliatory act ordered by Castro, Slawson indicated.

But Slawson, who investigated all evidence linking Lee Harvey Oswald to alleged foreign conspiracies, said the possibility that the agency was involved in a plot to kill Castro "never occurred to anyone" on the Warren Commission.

Since then, there have been numerous reports of CIA involvement in attempts to assassinate Castro, all denied by agency officials. However, one agency source has confirmed as "basically accurate" a 1971 report by columnist Jack Anderson that the CIA recruited underworld figure John Roselli to arrange Castro's assassination.

Adam Walinsky and Peter Edelman, two former aides to the late Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, recently quoted the president's brother as saying he once stopped a CIA assassination plot against Castro.

The Warren Commission concluded that Oswald acted alone in killing Kennedy, a finding which President Ford recently said he still believed. Ford was a mem-

ber of the Warren Commission.

However, Ford also noted that the commission "very carefully drafted" the portion of the report which said no evidence of a conspiracy was found. Ford added that "the Rockefeller Commission may, if the facts seem to justify it, take a look at it."

Belin, Ford's personal choice to head the Rockefeller Commission staff, has said in his book defending the Warren panel that its report "did not reject categorically the possibility of a conspiracy."

Belin, wrote that his lack of certainty stemmed from the fact that Oswald denied taking a trip to Mexico, where, it was later learned, he visited the Soviet and Cuban embassies in an attempt to obtain a visa to travel to the Soviet Union.

"Because Oswald lied about having taken a trip to Mexico, my question was whether there was any relationship between the trip and the assassination itself," Belin wrote.