## C.I.A. Assassination Unit Described

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on Intelligence, confirmed the

office at the time, knew of or

approved of the group.

Mr. Church, an Idaho Demo-

"This capability had no connection with the Castro busiformer head of the agency's ness," Senator Church said. "It claimed that they had higher-said that other details should level' authorization... for setnet be made public until the ting up and running an institution of the cast of the cast

WASHINGTON, Oct. 3 (AP) edged in an interview the ex- ing a president ever gave spe-Intelligence istence of an "executive action" cific orders to undertake an Agency established an official group that probably included assassination or develop assastion, two Senators and two said that in addition to assassibusiness consultant in Hartford, former intelligence officials nation, the means could have included coups or shipping forsenator Frank Church, chairman of the Select Committee era."

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David Aaron, a member of the intelligence committee in the

existence of the group, but he cial said the planning effort had Mr. Mondale, confirmed the said that the plans it developed begun in the wake of the alwere never carried out. A mem-leged attempt to poison Pre-Senator's speech. ber of the committee staff said mier Castro and was intended that the group "petered out" to maintain an "assassination of

The first hint of the group's Premier Castro. existence came in the prepared text of a speech by Senator Indianapolis, has repeatedly decrat, refused to provide details Walter F. Mondale, the Minne-clined to comment on reports about the unit, but he made it sota Democrat, at Denison Col-about his role in assassination

ard M. Helms, a former C.I.A. Harvey was transferred to the Bay of Pigs invasion.

ard M. Helms, a former C.I.A. Harvey was transferred director, and Richard Bissell, a C.I.A. station in Rome.

David Aaron, a member of era."

A second former C.I.A. offi-staff who was traveling with

Mr. Aaron identified the head that the group "petered out" to maintain an "assassination of the alleged planning group. There was no evidence that President Kennedy, who was in office at the time, knew of or accounts of C.I.A. plots against

Mr. Harvey, now a lawyer in

committee releases its report tionalized assassination capadevelop an 'executive action' plots. The report is expected 'executive action.'" to be made public this month.

A former high official of the intelligence agency, who declined to be identified, acknowl-president, or anyone representwhere the request had origi-