

# Nixon Cuban Pledges Tied To JFK Murder

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Rep. Thomas N. Downing, D-Va., said promises Richard Nixon made to opponents of Fidel Castro may inadvertently have set in motion the events that led to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Downing said yesterday he has obtained affidavits and transcripts suggesting this train of events.

A spokesman said the material, which Downing says is startling and disturbing, suggests Kennedy failed to carry out Nixon's promises, leading to the Bay of Pigs disaster in 1961 and ultimately to his own death two years later.

"We are in no way suggesting that Richard Nixon had any knowledge or any connection with President Kennedy's assassination," he said.

Downing, backer of a resolution calling for a special congressional investigation, scheduled a news conference Monday to detail the evidence and renew his call for the special congressional committee.

The material demonstrates the need to open the congressional inquiry, Downing said. The spokesman said that Downing was "very much interested" in the information, but could not vouch for its validity.

"This information alleges that, in planning the Bay of Pigs, his (Nixon's) association with the people involved was one of the factors that set in motion a chain of events years that later would be involved in the assassination," the Downing spokesman said.

A number of people have given the congressman evidence about the Kennedy death because of his sponsorship two years ago of a resolution calling for a special congressional investigation into the assassination, the spokesman said.

The House Rules Committee tabled action on the resolution in April, but Rep. Ray J. Madden, D-Ind., apparently has withdrawn his opposition, the spokesman said.

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