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WASHINGTON, Feb. 4 (AP)—The Central Intelligence Agency directed its offices around the world in 1967 "to employ propaganda assets" to counter doubts raised by critics of the Warren Commission's investigation into the assassination of President Kennedy.

The propaganda campaign was to be waged in part by passing unclassified information about the assassination to C.I.A. "assets who could use the material in writing "book reviews and feature articles" that would "answer and refute the attacks of the critics," according to a newly released document of the agency.

The document said its aim was "to provide material for countering and discrediting the claims of the conspiracy

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The document was among 850 pages of material released by the C.I.A. under the Freedom of Information Act.

The 1967 dispatch to "chiefs, certain stations and bases" said that the rash of books and articles criticizing the Warren Commission's finding "is a matter of commission".

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"Efforts to impugn [the] rectitue and wisdom [of comission members and staff]

tend to cast doubt on the whole leadership of American society," it said.