

Panel Aide Discounts Evidence on C.I.A. in Kennedy Death

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WASHINGTON, April 4.—The Rockefeller Commission investigating the Central Intelligence Agency has received "no credible evidence" that the C.I.A. had any involvement in the assassination of President Kennedy or that Lee Harvey Oswald was not, as the Warren Commission found, the lone assassin, the panel's executive director said today.

The assertion by David W. Belin was a departure from the commission's policy of not commenting on its investigation.

Mr. Belin said he had chosen to speak out because of a comment by President Ford in San Diego yesterday and several press reports that might lead to speculation that there was substantive new evidence of C.I.A. involvement or a conspiracy plot in the murder of President Kennedy on Nov. 22, 1963.

Mr. Belin said the commission, under its charter from President Ford, had an obligation to investigate every allegation of illegal domestic activity by the C.I.A. and that an allegation that the C.I.A. was involved in President Kennedy's death was clearly in the area of illegal domestic activity.

It was in this regard that the commission has taken evidence from a group headed by Dick Gregory, the comedian,

regarding an assertion that E. Howard Hunt Jr., a figure in the Watergate case, had been seized near the Kennedy assassination site within minutes of the shooting in Dallas.

Photographs Submitted

Mr. Gregory submitted photos to the Rockefeller Commission purporting to show that Mr. Hunt and Frank A. Sturgis, another figure in the Watergate case, were picked up by the Dallas police and led away to jail.

Mr. Hunt, in testimony before the Rockefeller Commission, denied this allegation.

Mr. Belin said that the commission would continue to

accept any evidence that might be brought forth, but he said, in response to reporters' questions, that nothing so far had disputed the Warren Commission conclusions.

Mr. Belin first attempted to reduce speculation in early March when it was raised by accounts from witnesses before the commission who indicated that they had been asked about the Kennedy assassination.

But President Ford reopened the matter yesterday, Mr. Belin said, when he said the Rockefeller Commission was looking at "the problems" raised by the conflicting theories of the Kennedy assassination.

Both President Ford and Mr.

Belin were involved in the Warren commission, Mr. Ford, who later wrote a book entitled "You Are the Jury" in which he detailed how the Warren Commission reached its conclusion, said that after evidence that would contradict his current assignment on the Warren report but went to the Rockefeller Commission was investigated, he hoped to be able to discuss the assassination allegations more fully.