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Castro Plot Evidence Said Withheld From Warren Panel

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Washington — The executive director of the White House commission that investigated the CIA said evidence concerning CIA efforts to kill Cuban Premier Fidel Castro was improperly withheld from the Warren Commission inquiry into President Kennedy's assassination.

David W. Belin, who also served as a staff lawyer on the Warren Commission, told a House subcommittee that the information should have been supplied to that panel and probably would have triggered "an even broader investigation" of Kennedy's murder.

Belin said he is still convinced that Lee Harvey Oswald, acting alone, killed Kennedy.

There has been speculation that Oswald could have been the dupe of the anti-Castro exiles angry at Kennedy over the ill-fated Bay of Pigs invasion.

A Des Moines, Iowa, attorney, Belin emphasized that he was not stating that "Castro was involved" in the Kennedy assassination in any way. But he said he feels evidence of CIA plotting against the Cuban premier "should have been made available to the Warren Commission."

Former CIA director Allen W. Dulles, who served on the Warren Commission, obviously knew about the anti-Castro scheming, Belin agreed, but he said he has been unable to find anyone else who served on the commission or the commission staff who was told about it.

Belin also said he feels all the Warren Commission documents now in the custo-

dy of the National Archives should be made public without exception.

As far as the Warren Commission's work is concerned, Belin said, "I believe the public's right to know far overrides what might be considered breaches of national security."

Declaring that "there has been a tremendous amount of misinformation" circulated about the 1963 assassination, Belin said he felt release of all the Warren Commission documents would help clear the air, even if it failed to hush all the commission's critics. He also said he felt many of the secret documents turned up by the Rockefeller commission's investigation could be safely made public.