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TASS WRITER LINKS C.I.A. TO KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

MOSCOW, Jan. 27 (UPI)—A leading Soviet political commentator said today that Theodore C. Sorensen's appointment as Director of Central Intelligence might have been blocked to prevent the agency's "complicity" in the assassinations of President Kennedy and the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. from being made public.

In a dispatch sent by the Tass press agency, Valentin Zorin said, "Lately, the public has learned new facts pointing to the complicity of C.I.A. agents in the plot that claimed President John Kennedy's life and in the assassination of Martin Luther King."

He did not elaborate on the alleged C.I.A. complicity, but there have been reports that the agency withheld information from the Federal Bureau of Investigation regarding Lee Harvey Oswald. Questions have also been raised whether the agency knew the whereabouts of James Earl Ray after he fled the United States after the killing of Dr. King.

Mr. Zorin said that Mr. Sorensen was one of the closest associates of Mr. Kennedy and added, "It is not difficult to imagine what some people in the C.I.A. felt when thinking about the prospect of having Theodore Sorensen at the head of the agency."

"It appears that to this day some influential people in the C.I.A. are ready to go to any lengths to prevent the truth about the C.I.A.'s role in those crimes from surfacing," he wrote.