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CIA agent confesses plotting

WASHINGTON — In secret testimony before the Rockefeller Commission, Watergate burglar Frank Sturgis has confessed that he was involved in several CIA assassination plots.

But he has emphatically denied charges that he was in Dallas on the day President Kennedy was shot or that he had anything to do with the Kennedy assassination.

Sturgis offered to take a lie detector test if the commission had any doubt that he was telling the truth. No polygraph test, however, was administered.

Watergate conspirator E. Howard Hunt, who was also called before the commission to answer the same charges, delivered similar denials that he was linked in any way to the tragic events in Dallas.

Questioned for two days by senior counsel Robert Olsen, Sturgis described assassination plots in Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Haiti and Panama. He had participated in the plotting against leaders, both high and low, in all these countries, he testified.

The conspirators included persons he

knew to be connected with the CIA, he said. His own role had been limited to helping "set up" assassination attempts. He had never taken part in any actual murders, he swore.

All the assassination plots, he explained, had been aimed against foreign leaders, none against American citizens. Most of the attempts had failed, he said, although he was involved in the advance work that led to the successful assassination of Dictator Trujillo in the Dominican Republic.

Sturgis described Cuba as the "hub" of assassination schemes. He personally had participated in plots, he said, against several Cuban leaders from Fidel Castro on down.

The special commission headed by Vice President Nelson Rockefeller is examining "evidence" which allegedly links Sturgis and Hunt to the Kennedy assassination. The chief exhibit is a picture of two vagrants, resembling Sturgis and Hunt, who were picked up in Dallas after the assassination.

Upon close examination, the picture of the man who is supposed to be Sturgis does not resemble him in some important details. The relative height of the two men in the picture also doesn't correspond to the actual height of Sturgis and Hunt.