

C.I.A. Link Alleged In a Plot for Mafia To Kill 3 Dictators

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Time magazine reported yesterday that it had been told by "credible sources" that the Central Intelligence Agency had been "involved in assassination plots" against the Caribbean leaders Fidel Castro, Rafael L. Trujillo and Francois Duvalier. The magazine said its "sources contend that the C.I.A. enlisted the hired-gun help of U.S. Mafia figures in several unsuccessful attempts to kill Cuban Premier Castro both before and shortly after the C.I.A.-planned Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba in 1961."

It said the sources reported that the agency got the help of two underworld figures, Sam Giancana and John Roselli in efforts to kill Mr. Castro by poison, shooting or bombs. It said the Federal Bureau of Investigation later learned of these attempts while investigating a burglary of the comedian Dan Rowan's hotel room in Las Vegas. It said the F.B.I. learned "the arrested prowlers had been assigned by the C.I.A. as a favor to Giancana, who sought information to break up a budding romance between Rowan and Giancana's girl friend, Phyllis McGuire."

The magazine said its sources asserted that the C.I.A. "backed the successful drive to overthrow" General Trujillo, whose 31 years as dictator of the Dominican Republic ended with his death by shooting in May, 1961. The sources said the agency thought President Trujillo was "getting too friendly with the Communists" and "nobody wanted another Cuba in the Dominican Republic."

It said the C.I.A. "collaborated with Haiti leaders of a group of at least 200 rebels" who tried unsuccessfully to overthrow Mr. Duvalier, dictator of Haiti, in 1963. It said the rebels were stopped at the Dominican border when they tried to invade Haiti.

Costa Rican Link

MEXICO CITY, March 9 (UPI)—José Figueres, former President of Costa Rica, said in a televised interview broadcast today that he worked for the C.I.A. in "20,000 ways" since it was founded. He said he believed other Latin-American Presidents had also done so but did not mention any names.

— Miss Holtzman, Hen. Badillo, Mario Biaggi, eBenjamin S. Rosenthal and Edward I. Koch—indicated they favored a resolution by Representative Henry Gonzales that the Kennedy case be reopened. Former Representative Alard K. Lowenstein, who was in the audience, urged that the murder of Senator Robert F. Kennedy in 1968 be included in an re-examination of the assassination.