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SUBJECT:

Jack Anderson Column, "CIA Withheld Data in JFK Probe"

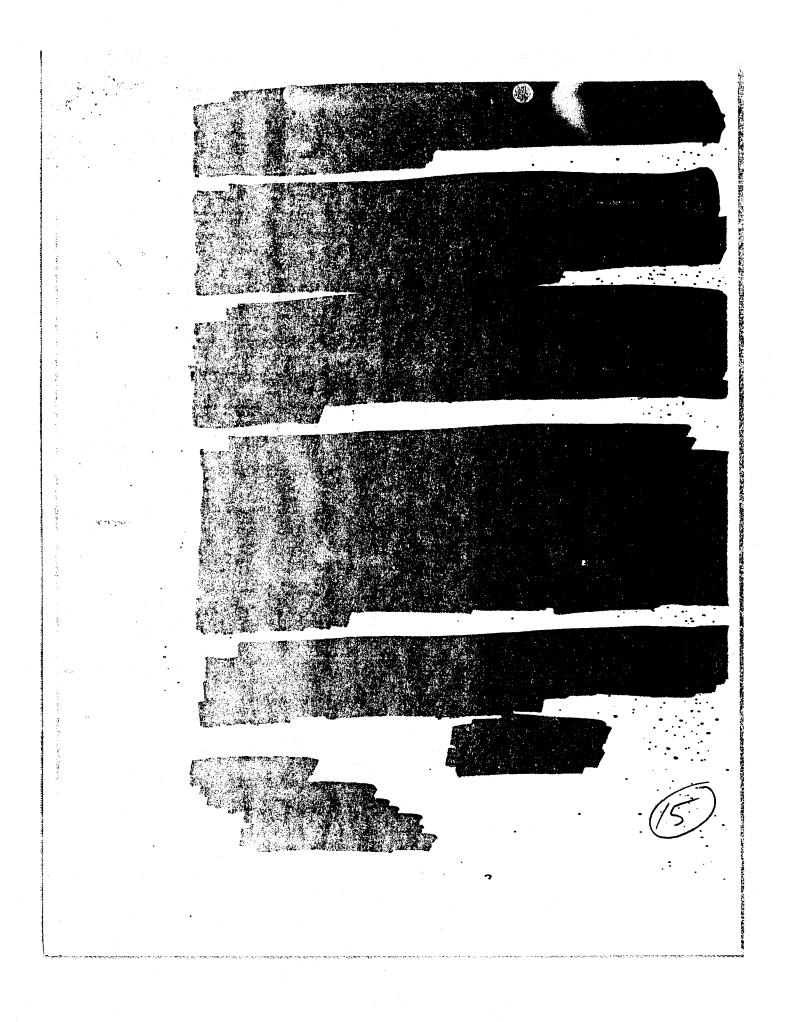
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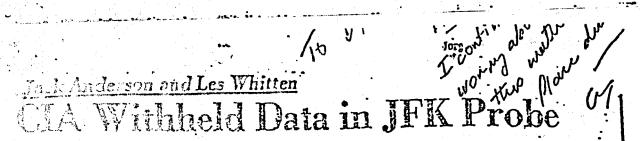
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1. The following comments are keyed to the two paragraphs mentioning alleged activities by John A. McCone immediately following the assassination of President Kennedy: [Nr. William G. Miller told me that this part of the article seemed to be the only potentially new information of interest to the SSCI, particularly Senator Baker.]

2. Mr. McCone telephoned Robert Kennedy at Hickory Hill as seen as McCone was given the news of the shooting in Dalla McCone went to Hickory Hill and remained there for some time. The conversation was intermittent and personal. McCone state that he never mentioned Castro, and there is nothing in his records to indicate otherwise.

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1962. Yet neither Kennedy nor Hoover later divulged this important information to the Warren Commission.

Of course, various CIA officials also knew about the assassination scheme. Not the least of them was the late CIA chief Allen W. Dulles, who approved the original plan. He later served on the Warren Communission, yet he sat subculty throughout the investigation without mentioning the Cuban angle.

Within hours of President Kennedy's death, the U.S. embassy cabled information from Merico City suggesting that the Cubans may have been behind the assassination. Our sources say that the CIA developed similar information in Washington.

The first person to reach Robert Kennedy's side after the shooting was CIA Director John A. McCene, who remained alone with the Attorney General at his McLean, Va., home for inearly three bours.

McCone swore to us that Castro's name was never mentioned during the three hours. But CIA records show that the next day McCone not only mentioned Castro to the new President, Lyndon R. Johnson, but briefed him on the information from Metico City.

Yet no one brought the Cuban connection to the attention of the Warrea Commission. We were the first to get word of the anti-Castro plot to Chief Justice Earl Warren, the commission chairman, four years later.

We are now free to reveal our role in the drama. Two of our confidential sources. CIA agent William Harvey and mobster John Rosselli are drad. third source, attorney Edward P. Mor

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Morgan told us in January, 1957, about the CIA-Malia assassination plot against Castro. He raised the possibillive that the plot could have backfired against President Kennedy. There were suspicious circumstances, he pointed out, indicating that Castro may have learned of the aptempts on his life and may have retainated against Kennedy.

Morgan refused to identify his sources because it would have violated the attorney-client privilege. But he was an attorney of such stature that we didn't doubt his word. He had liken chief inspector of the FBL. He had directed the historic congressional investigation of the Pearl Harbor bornting. Later, he ran the investigation into the excesses of the late Sen. Joseph McCarthy.

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