

Senate Prober Won't Comment *Post 3/21/76* On Castro Link to JFK Death

A spokesman for the Senate intelligence committee yesterday refused to confirm or deny existence of any data that Cuban Premier Fidel Castro instigated the assassination of President John F. Kennedy in retaliation for five attempts on Castro's life.

In a copyrighted story by publisher Hank Greenspun, the Las Vegas Sun said Sunday that Castro instigated the presidential assassination and "very probably" that of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy because Castro believed Kennedy ordered the attempts against him.

The Sun said information for the story came from a confidential source and was documented by a secret report in the hands of the Senate committee, headed by Sen. Frank Church (D-Idaho.)

"We have a number of documents," the committee spokesman said. "We're not prepared to say at this point that the charges are correct. We will have more to say on the subject when our final report is issued."

At the same time, the spokesman referred a reporter to a dispatch by the Associated Press from Havana in September, 1963, which quoted Castro as saying at a Brazilian embassy reception that "U.S. leaders would be in danger if they helped in any attempt to do away with (Cuban) leaders."

The dispatch appeared in the New Orleans Times-Picayune when Lee Harvey Oswald, identified by the Warren Commission as President Kennedy's assassin, was living there. It went on to quote Castro as saying: "U.S. leaders should think

that, if they are aiding terrorist plans to eliminate Cuban leaders, they themselves will not be safe."