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"CIA Plotted to Blast Cuba Refinery" is the Washington Post's ^{yesterday's} ~~headline~~ headline on Jack Anderson's column. Today's is headed, "JFK Death Halted Cuban Oil Raid".

The first I do not for a minute ~~not~~ doubt. The second I do not for a minute believe. Which makes me wonder why at this time, why with false emphasis, why pin on JFK what is so clearly opposite JFK's policy and was for a year before his assassination. One of the obvious inferences is plant, and one of the most obvious inspirations is CIA, which can consider that it will be regarded as no worse than GungHo for such a plot, and accomplishes two things with the JFK plot gets even for what he did vs it and makes it seem to another segment that ~~NA~~ JBJ is the good guy who stopped it.

Any in existence by 11/1/62 were against JFK's policies, if not orders.

The first story, which represents joint CIA and Army collaboration on plans, thus really means collaboration against both JFK and national policy.

The two stories are really parts of a single one. They come, essentially, from One Bradley Ayers, a former Army captain who is writing a book to "tell all" and, of course, pin "all" on JFK, where it cannot be, not rightly.

And, of course, Ayers like all the other is no less than a dedicated patriot, with only the motives of patriotism.

There is also a real possibility that the CIA did not plant this if it has nothing to do with Ayers' book. Such an advance "plant" is a norm with publishers, mine excepted, that is.

There is no basis now for conjecture either way, so I can say only that CIA interest in a book with this doctrine is not unlikely. It says nothing new, only that JFK was behind it when he could not have been, and there is nothing in this that is in any way unpleasant to the CIA.