

To Quin Shea from Harold Weisberg, JFK assassination records appeals 6/23/79  
CIA plots against Castro  
Castro-kickback theory of the JFK assassination (leaked by the FBI)  
What the FBI did and did not tell the Warren Commission about the above

There has already been Congressional criticism of the FBI for allegedly not telling the Commission about CIA plots against Castro, as there has been ~~the~~ criticism of the CIA for the same alleged failing. It appears that in no available written record either agency spelled these matters out for the Commission.

In defense of the FBI - and the coming House assassins committee final report may give it the need to defend itself against this charge - I provide pages 437 and 438 of 105-82555, Section 15.

It can be argued that the agencies should have provided all information of this nature to the Commission and that their intelligence components should have ~~been~~ provided analyses to show possible relevance. It can also be argued that there is no demonstrated connection between the plots against Castro and the assassination, which I believe.

However, there is no doubt that the Commission was aware of Castro's knowledge of such plots against him. This is to say that the Commission knew all it had to know to ask the agencies for anything it may have believed they knew that was relevant to its work.

The attached pages are not the only means by which the Commission had this knowledge, in this case provided by the FBI. Staff counsel Wesley Liebeler also asked the Secret Service to obtain the AP news story which first reported what these pages reflect. Liebeler wanted and got precisely the story the Senate Schweiker subcommittee pretended the Commission never knew <sup>about.</sup> (I believe the <sup>FBI</sup> Miami field office has other <sup>relevant</sup> records.)

For your information the CCFC referred to was a CIA group, well funded and based in Washington. The FBI has a file on it to which I've referred in earlier appeals.

Whether or not there is a connection between the assassination and plots against Castro as a matter of fact, there now is a significant historical connection, thanks to some of the FBI's earlier exploits in misdirecting attention. As a consequence of its adventuring in the Garrison day <sup>of</sup> and subsequent Congressional and other attention this

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is now a significant part of the overall historical record. The FBI has relevant records, including those of the DeLoach office, which started the whole thing with the White House.

I do not regard appealing the withholding of all such records in an historical case as a new request but if you disagree then I ask that you forward this to the FBI as such a new request.

I mean this to include not only the Mafia plots but all of them and any and all records relating to any possible relevance to the JFK assassination and its investigation. In this connection I also include all the official investigations. There were two Presidential commissions and quite a few inquiries by both Houses of Congress. There were grand juries before which the FBI and others may have considered these matters relevant, such as the Giancana case.

Despite my belief that there is no connection between the CIA's plots against Castro and the assassination - and I know of no factual basis for making any such connection from what I know of the crime itself - the whole thing has assumed such significance in present consideration of the assassination that these records are of interest to me for my own work as well as for their historical importance.

There were more plots by anti-Castro Cubans than there were involving the Mafia. Not all have received wide attention and some have not received any public notice of which I am aware.

Partial disclosure of a CIA Inspector General's report by the House assassins committee, which first leaked it to Jack Anderson, reflects that the then Attorney General, Robert Kennedy, had limited knowledge. Such Departmental records as would reflect this are pertinent.