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FBI Probers Failed To Uncover Oswald

Washington, May 8 (AP)—The FBI conducted "intensive coverage" of a group called the Fair Play for Cuba Committee, but failed to spot as potentially dangerous one of its members, presidential assassin Lee Harvey Oswald, a Senate report disclosed today.

The group was singled out by the FBI in 1961 as "the principal outlet of pro-Castro propaganda and agitation" in the U.S., according to a bureau memo quoted in a Senate intelligence committee staff report.

Its members were among about 200 pro-Castro activists whose names were entered on the bureau's security index of "potentially dangerous individuals" marked for possible detention in a national emergency. But Oswald, who in 1963 headed the group's New Orleans chapter, was not on the list of about 12,000 persons, the report said.

Say Concern Was Great

This apparent bureau oversight prompted high-level concern after the Nov. 22, 1963, shooting of President Kennedy in Dallas, the report said.

The incident was mentioned briefly in a 185-page history of the FBI compiled by the intelligence committee staff. The study traced the history of the FBI's domestic intelligence operations over 60 years.

The bureau's investigation of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee was one of several instances to come to light recently in which Oswald crossed paths with U.S. intelligence agencies.

Last year it was revealed that Oswald had delivered a threatening note to FBI offices in Dallas just days before the Kennedy assassination and had been overheard on a CIA wiretap in Mexico City in late September 1963.