

Kennedy Criticizes Rocky's 'Innuendos'

BOSTON, June 17 (AP) — Sen. Edward M. Kennedy (D-Mass.) has criticized Vice President Rockefeller for implications that John F. Kennedy and Robert F. Kennedy could have been involved in Central Intelligence Agency assassination conspiracies.

For Rockefeller to indulge in such "innuendos is utterly irresponsible," Kennedy said Monday.

"Given his own failure to fulfill his duty on the issue, I hope he'll have the decency to maintain his silence now while the Senate investigating committee and others do the job he should have done."

"Such comments come with especially bad grace from the Vice President whose own CIA commission avoided the question of assassination and passed the buck to Congress."

Rockefeller who headed the commission investigating CIA intelligence activities that reported to President Ford last week, suggested Sunday that President Kennedy and his brother may have been aware of CIA plots to kill foreign leaders.

After saying the evidence was inconclusive, Rockefeller added: "I think it's fair to say that no major undertakings by CIA were done without either knowledge and/or approval of the White House."

Kennedy said he believes all the information on the Rockefeller commission's CIA report should be made public so that

the American people can make their own judgment.

Rusk Sees No Link To Kennedy, CIA Plots

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ATHENS, Ga., June 17—No Central Intelligence Agency assassination plots were ever discussed by the National Security Council under Presidents John F. Kennedy or Lyndon B. Johnson, former Secretary of State Dean Rusk said.

In an interview Monday, Rusk said he had not seen or heard of any evidence to link President Kennedy with such plots.

Rusk, who served both the late Presidents, was asked about allegations that the CIA had plotted to kill foreign leaders.

"Nobody ever talked about it with me and I never talked about it with anybody," he said. "It was never, ever discussed at Cabinet level. Nobody to my knowledge ever discussed it with President Kennedy. I'm very skeptical about such reports."

As Secretary of State, Rusk was the ranking member of the National Security Council, to which the CIA reports.

Asked specifically about CIA involvement in the 1961 death of Rafael Trujillo, Rusk replied: "We would certainly have been glad to have seen improvement in the Dominican Republic situation."