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Prober Believes Ike & JFK Knew of Plots

Washington, Nov. 23 (AP)—The director of a recent investigation of the Central Intelligence Agency said today he believed that both President Dwight D. Eisenhower and President John F. Kennedy knew of assassination plots on foreign leaders, especially those against Cuban Premier Fidel Castro.

The opinion was given in a television interview by David W. Belin, executive director of the recent investigation of the CIA headed by Vice President Rockefeller. He appeared on the "Face the Nation" program.

Belin said that, because Allen W. Dulles headed the CIA while his brother, John Foster Dulles, was Eisenhower's secretary of state, and because Robert F. Kennedy was the attorney general during his brother's administration, he assumed the Presidents were aware of the plots.

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The Presidents were not naive and they could read between the lines, Belin said. He added that the 347-page report issued Thursday by the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence appeared to be a thorough job, but he felt it went easy on past

Presidents and their knowledge of assassination plots.

"There is evidence in conflict about their knowledge," he said, "because they were in sophisticated Washington," not the hinterlands.

Belin, who served as a senior member of the Warren Commission that investigated the assassination of President Kennedy, also called for a congressional investigation of the Warren Commission report.

He said that the inquiry, in his opinion, would bear out the commission finding that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone to kill Kennedy and that Jack Ruby acted alone when he killed Oswald.

A new investigation would "contribute toward a rebirth of confidence and trust in government," Belin said, and would show how easily Americans can be influenced by hysteria and misrepresentation.