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JFK Assassination Probe

Another investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy should be undertaken to either confirm or put to rest the new charges, suspicions and theories about Central Intelligence Agency involvement.

Two investigations are under way into CIA activities but neither is specifically zeroing in on the Kennedy assassination.

A special commission headed by Vice-President Nelson Rockefeller is looking into the involvement of CIA operatives in domestic affairs in violation of its charter.

A Senate committee, headed by Sen. Frank Church of Idaho, is investigating the CIA generally.

Both should be carried out but one or the other should relate specifically to the Kennedy assassination.

The Warren Commission's investigation was exhaustive. It found no conspiracy. It accepted the single-shot theory and found that Oswald fired the shot.

But did the Warren Commission have all the evidence? Is the new information valid or manufactured?

Some of the reports bearing directly or indirectly on President Kennedy's assassination include:

- Photographs of questionable quality which purport to place E. Howard Hunt, a clandestine CIA agent, and Frank A. Sturgis, reportedly a CIA employe at the time of Kennedy's assassination, in Dallas on the day of the shooting.

- Public statements by two former aides to Robert Kennedy, which raise the possibility of a plot by the CIA in consort with

the Mafia to assassinate Premier Fidel Castro of Cuba before the Bay of Pigs invasion in 1961. The two are Adam Walinsky and Peter Edelman, who said Robert Kennedy told them he helped squelch the plan. That disclosure has given rise to speculation, and speculation only, that President Kennedy was killed in retaliation for the anti-Castro plot.

- Acknowledgement by the government that covert activity by the CIA in other countries was directed toward the overthrow of unfriendly governments. These plots, it has been admitted, even included "plans" to assassinate foreign leaders. CIA officials say the plans never were put into operation.

Speculation, rumors, reports, photographs.

Right or wrong, they are gaining more and more national attention.

The Warren Commission was directed to investigate the Kennedy assassination thoroughly, partly to quell such speculation that can be damaging if allowed to continue without answer.

We hope the Warren Commission is correct and the great weight of evidence says that it is. The need now is to reassure the nation. Even the slightest doubt that the commission did not have all the information cannot be ignored.