

Rockefeller Commission -leaks; CIA-assassinations; propaganda and the media
and public mind fixing HW 5/24/75

Coinciding with Colby's return appearance before the Church committee where his expected testimony was known within the administration (WxPost "CIA Prober Hints Curb on Killings," 5/24/75, filed CIA- assassinations is the careful and angled leak to AP (WxPost 5/24/75, "'Elimination' of Castro Held Discussed in '62").

There has been a long-standing campaign from the time investigation of the CIA was certain to pin a rap on the Kennedy administration for its misdeed, especially with regard to assassinations and domestic intelligence (where it was blamed on Johnson, Kennedy's choice as vice president).

The "Elimination" of Castro story (filed Castro-Plots Against) is restricted to the Kennedy years and Kennedy figures.

However, it is undisputed that this began with the Eisenhower administration, as did all anti-Castro operations from assassinations to invasions.

There have been apparently dependable and unrefuted reports of plans to kill Castro under the Nixon administration, as recently as this week.

Whoever leaked this story to the AP was careful to limit the plotting to the Kennedys, JFK and RFK.

It can't be accidental.

From the AP story the possible leakers seem to be limited to the CIA or the Rockefeller Commission.

With the current interest in the Warren Commission, the personal interests in this kind of what amounts to propaganda by Ford and Belin are pretty obvious. It seems impossible from the AP story that the source could have been anyone other than someone inside the Ford administration.

It also fits the pattern of studied leaking of recent days that so perfectly matches the M.O. of and during the Warren Commission. They have the effect and fairly obviously the intent of preparing and fixing the public and media mind for coming disclosures, about the CIA, the Warren Commission and other matters of importance to Ford.