

JDW: Today's WxPost has an AP story from San Francisco reportint another Turner/Hinckle book, this one on plots against Castro. It quotes an Examiner story based on access to the book. I take it this means manuscript, Turner or both. With pub date Sept., the book has to be in page by now. Ot it is a rush publishing job downgrading reviews, which is unlikely. You know my opinion of this pair on this subject, so I'd appreciate every scrap of any potential value. The Post's story omits what I know Turner has to have put in, that Bobb was made witting at Guantanamo. I knew that from Garrison and I believe from conversation between them when I was present. I'm anxious to be in a position to have an opinion about the source of all these efforts over the years to involve the Kennedys in all the dirtyworks, beginning with the Warren Commission. All I know is to the contrary, particularly for the last year of the JFK administration. ...Even Farewell America made a similar effort at involving Kennedys. You know I believe that operation involved CIA...What is disturbing about this pair and makes my reaching a conclusion about the cause of their counterproductive work is that I know they are both liars and amoral and that Turner never has done his own work. This tends to offset the obvious...}cl I'm sending a copy of today's letter to Lardner offering the Post advance spectro/curbstone/faking pix and dealing with other matters. I find the Post's reporting of the Report flap inadequate, as in ignoring other possibilities to explain the hasty shift. One is that this Report could have been given Ford and he could have released it (normally the Commissions do) and they could have continued longer on assassinations only. Bantam, for example, has always been willing to reprint the reports of commissions. I have no doubt at all they'd have done this one unless it was absolutely barren. There would be a fine market. HW 6/7/75

New Book Describes 15 Anti-Castro Plots

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SAN FRANCISCO, June 6 (AP)—A soon-to-be-published book by a former FBI agent describes 11 Central Intelligence Agency and four non-CIA plots to assassinate Cuban Premier Fidel Castro.

The book, titled "The Cuba Project," claims three of the plots were previously undisclosed plans to kill Castro and his brother, Raul, to be launched from the U.S. Naval Base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

The authors, Warren Hinckle and former FBI agent William Turner, claim that some of the plots may have involved the Defense Intelligence Agency and the Drug Enforcement Administration.

The book is to be released in September by Houghton Mifflin. The San Francisco Examiner obtained an advance draft and reported its contents Thursday.

Turner said the new assassination reports were based on an exhaustive two-year investigation. He said the sources include active and former CIA agents, anti-Castro Cubans, the Miami Police Depart-

ment's intelligence unit and the other U.S. intelligence agents.

According to the book, the first assassination plan out of Guantanamo was a joint effort of the CIA and Office of Naval Intelligence in July, 1961. It was aimed at Raul Castro, head of the Cuban armed forces, but was uncovered by Cuban Intelligence.

The second conspiracy from the base was thwarted in September, 1961, when Cuban police arrested 12 men allegedly preparing a bazooka attack on the Havana sports stadium where Fidel and Raul Castro were to appear, the book asserts.

It says Cuban agents smashed the third plot in October, 1961, when a triggerman from Guantanamo was picked up.

Turner and Hinckle also report a series of attempts to assassinate Castro during his state visit to Chile in 1971. They say there is a "strong possibility" that the CIA was not involved in those attempts but that other U.S. agencies might have been.