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WEATHER: Mostly Cloudy Today and Tonight. Highs in 40s. Low in 30s.

No Evidence So Far Linking JFK Death

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The executive director of the presidential commission investigating the CIA said Monday that there has been no evidence so far to support allegations it was involved in the 1963 assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

David Belin, who also was a member of the Warren Commission that found Lee Harvey Oswald solely responsible for Kennedy's killing, talked to reporters after the 13th closed meeting of the commission headed by Vice-President Nelson Rockefeller.

"Thus far we have not found any credible evidence that the CIA was involved as a

party in the assassination," he said in answer to questions. He said any other queries would have to wait until the commission finishes its work June 15 and makes its report.

"We will not comment on what will or will not be discussed," Belin said.

He said Secretary of State Henry Kissinger had been tentatively scheduled to appear before the commission Monday, but that it would not have been appropriate with the absence of Rockefeller, who left for Taipei over the weekend to represent President

Ford at the Wednesday funeral of Chiang Kai-shek.

The commission, with former California Gov. Ronald Reagan making a rare appearance as a member, heard three witness Monday.

They were Dr. Donald Chamberlain, inspector general of the CIA, and agency general counsel John S. Warner — both of whom declined to meet with reporters — and Norman Dorsen, professor of law at New York University.

Dorsen released a preprinted summary of his testimony which said that the Central

Intelligence Agency's exemption from normal constitutional restraints has resulted "in unfortunate consequences."

"The long history of secrecy surrounding the CIA has had very unfortunate consequences for the United States," he said, but he cited no specific examples. Dorsen made these other points:

- "Individual rights of privacy and the constitutional precept of open government should be respected by the CIA."

- The excuse of "national security" for CIA actions is inadequate because the claims are not subject to sufficient congressional accounting.

- CIA domestic activities and foreign covert operations are interrelated and the commission must scrutinize them together.

- CIA foreign paramilitary action and covert political action raise serious constitutional problems.

- CIA Director William Colby's statutory authority to protect intelligence sources and methods "should be legislatively restricted, at least to terminate authority for such domestic activities as censorship, sur-

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veillance, mail intercepts, and other in proper investigations of American citizens."

- CIA budgetary expenditures should not be kept secret.

- "Covert action has led to cover stories and to coverup as a national policy. It has led to the contracting out of part of the war power to unaccountable officials and even private corporations and individuals."

- Congress under the Constitution should exercise the same control of the intelligence establishment as all other branches of government.