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Senate report accuses F.B.I. of '63 assassination plot, but asks how it could

WASHINGTON, June 21 (AP)—The Senate report today accused the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Central Intelligence Agency of negligence in the investigation of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

The report, which was issued by the Select Committee on Assassinations, which was set up to study governmental assassinations, said the F.B.I. and C.I.A. had "failed to conduct a thorough investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy."

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entirely with the performance of the Federal Government's intelligence agencies, domestic and foreign, with regard to the investigation of the Kennedy assassination.

It said that the C.I.A. leadership had ignored the possibility of a connection between its own assassination attempts against Prime Minister Fidel Castro of Cuba and the murder of President Kennedy.

Further, it accused the C.I.A. of having deceived the investigatory commission headed by Chief Justice Earl Warren about its knowledge of facts relating to the assassination.

Specifically, the report said that Allen W. Dulles, Director of Central Intelligence until the spring of 1962, had never told the Warren Commission of his knowledge of previous assassination plots against Prime Minister Castro, which could have provoked Cuban retaliatory actions.

Oswald's Role

With regard to the role of Lee Harvey Oswald, who is generally held to have been the lone assassin of President Kennedy, the report says:

"Senior C.I.A. officials should have realized that their agency was not utilizing its full capability to investigate Oswald's pro-Castro and anti-Castro connections. They should have realized that C.I.A. operations against Cuba, particularly operations involving the assassination of Castro, needed to be considered in the investigation. Yet they directed their subordinates to conduct an investigation without telling them of these vital facts."

As for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the report said that its Director, the late J. Edward Hoover, had been so preoccupied with what he described as a possible "smear" of the bureau in connection with Oswald that he had neglected to call for a broad and unprejudiced inquiry into the murder.

Pressure on Hoover Cited

After noting that Mr. Hoover had been "pressured by higher Government officials" to conclude the F.B.I. investigation swiftly, the report said:

"The F.B.I. conducted its investigation in an atmosphere of concern among senior bureau officials, that it would be criticized and its reputation tarnished. Rather than addressing its investigation to all significant circumstances, including all possibilities of conspiracy, the F.B.I. investigation focused narrowly on Lee Harvey Oswald."

As a result of the C.I.A. and F.B.I. deficiencies, the Senate report asserted, the Warren Commission was unable to perform a thorough investigation or to reach definitive conclusions.

The report said it was "still unclear" why both agencies had failed to fulfill their duties, but suggested as "major causes" with public recognition, problems of coordination between agencies, possible bureaucratic failures and embarrassment, and extreme compartmentalization of knowledge of sensitive operations.

Failure to Follow Leads

As a result of the shortcomings, the report said, two important leads on Oswald's involvement in sensitive operations were overlooked.

The first lead concerned an anti-Castro foreigner who reportedly had been in Cuba at 10:30 P.M. on Nov. 22, 1963, nine days after the murder in Dallas. The C.I.A. report at the time noted that the man had been deemed to pick up the stranger, who did not go

through Mexican customs and who rode in the cockpit of the airliner. There was no follow-up by the C.I.A., the report said.

The second lead cited in the report involved a Cuban American who crossed from Miami to Mexico on Nov. 23, 1963, the day after the murder, and went on to Cuba. This person reportedly returned to the United States in March 1964 and was described by an informant as "involved in the assassination." Neither the C.I.A. nor the F.B.I. followed up on this lead, the report said.

Because of the shortcomings, the report said, the Warren Commission concluded that the investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy was "inadequate and incomplete."

The report was prepared by a committee headed by Sen. Frank Church, Idaho Democrat, who headed the select committee, disclosed from the "cover-up" judgment, but also urged a new investigation to be explored.

As a news source noted, Mr. Schickel, who heads both the C.I.A. and the F.B.I., of "a cover-up" in the Kennedy assassination inquiry. He said that the entire affair remained "foggy" with some of the key witnesses, Mr. Earl Warren, and Senator Frank Church, Idaho Democrat, who headed the select committee, disclosed from the "cover-up" judgment, but also urged a new investigation to be explored.