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Woman says JFK had ties to mob

Judith Exner, a woman who says she was a mistress of President John F. Kennedy, was quoted in a London newspaper Sunday as saying she carried money and intelligence data between Kennedy and Chicago mobster Sam Giancana "on at least 20 occasions." Although Exner's ties to Kennedy and Giancana long have been known, The Sunday Times said its article provided the first direct testimony that Kennedy took a direct role in trying to buy the 1960 election and, later, to assassinate Cuban President Fidel Castro. Exner was quoted as saying the money was passed before Kennedy's election in 1960 and was used to influence both the Democratic Party primary in West Virginia and Kennedy's crucial razor-thin margin over Richard M. Nixon in Illinois in the presidential election. The Sunday Times article was written by U.S. writer Anthony Summers, author of "The Kennedy Conspiracy." Summers said he interviewed Exner, 57, who he said was dying of cancer.