

Rockefeller Report & Assassinations/WxPost non-handling HW 6/6/75

A rather large flap began some time last night with the disclosure that despite all the leaks and sensation, the Rock. Com. Report will contain nothing about the CIA and foreign assassination attempts.

My first knowledge was prior to a broadcast by phone to WCEM. I was listening to the studio sound by phone. The ABC net radio news was being broadcast. It was about 9:30 p.m. Later news indicated that Rockefeller had later said that there might be a separate report on this, apparently in reaction to the bad reaction. However, the Rock. Com.'s mandate had already been extended two months. It would be normal for the Commission's existence to end with the filing of its Report.

The Post has nothing on this this morning. Not even a hint. But the reaction and treatment elsewhere were extensive. All three TV net newscasts this morning handled the story on their first hours, with CBS having in the last quarter Church with Schorrand Brice Morton and the fairly clear inference that Ford/Rockefeller were ducking and passing the Buck (Church quoted Truman and called him a man).

What story the Post has is only about 75 words saying the reports goes to Ford today and release is of uncertain date. No more.

(Because of company I heard no evening newscasts. I can't imagine this not being known until the ~~am~~ news I heard at 9:30, especially not when a Rockefeller reaction to the negative reaction was already reported.)

None of the stories referred to domestic activities, including assassinations.

When asked Church said there was no evidence yet of Kennedy connection with CIA plans and that some plans were implemented. He would not say which because of a rule of his committee. He said also no proof of direct CIA connection with the pulled plots.