

# New Report On CIA Death Plots

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Washington

Intelligence chief William E. Colby has told President Ford that the CIA plotted assassination attempt of several foreign leaders, a high-level intelligence source said yesterday.

Details of Colby's conversation with Mr. Ford on January 3 could not be learned, but former agency officials insisted as they have in the past that no killings ever were carried out.

"Of course, there were plans," said one official who said he did not know what Colby told Mr. Ford.

"There were plans for what you would do to get some particularly troublesome international figure out of the way . . . but none were ever approved."

The Washington Star said yesterday that Colby told Mr. Ford about the proposed assassinations in January at the same time he delivered a written report to the President responding to charges of domestic spying.

Both the White House and the CIA refused to comment on the story.

According to the Star, Colby "disclosed to the President information about what were described as several unsuccessful assassination attempts that had taken place overseas as far back as the early 1960s."

A report by CBS News last Friday indicated that Colby had told the President that the CIA had been involved in at least three successful assassinations of foreign officials.

Sources who did not have knowledge of Colby's meeting with Mr. Ford told the Associated Press that no one had been killed and that no attempts had ever been approved by any of the agency's top officials.

The same officials confirmed the existence of low-level plans to assassinate Dominican Republic dictator Rafael Trujillo and Cuban Premier Fidel Castro. "If a feasible plan could have been thought up (for the assassination of Castro), I'm sure the Kennedy brothers would have approved it" in the wake of the Bay of Pigs disaster, one former official said.

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