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President Scans C.I.A. Tie To Any Death Plot Abroad

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WASHINGTON, March 17— President Ford, declaring that he condemned any involvement by the Central Intelligence Agency in alleged assassination plots against foreign leaders, said tonight that he was “personally analyzing” such charges.

The President, speaking at a regional news conference on the campus of the University of Notre Dame at South Bend, Ind., acknowledged that he discussed the matter last week with Vice President Rockefeller, who heads a Presidential commission domestic activities of the C.I.A.

White House sources disclosed over the weekend that the commission would investigate reports that the agency had been implicated in assassination plots against foreign leaders as an outgrowth of the commission’s domestic investigation.

Mr. Ford said he had asked his staff to bring him information on all the charges of alleged assassination plots and added that he would determine

“in the next few days” the best way for the executive branch to handle the matter appropriately.

“This Administration does not condone under any circumstances any assassination attempts,” he said.

When the question was raised again a few moments later, he said, “I condemn any C.I.A. involvement” in any “assassination planning.”

The President, in response to other questions, gave his strongest statement in recent months of support for Mr. Rockefeller, who has been under criticism from conservative Republicans.

He said he was not aware that he had equivocated in the past on whether he wanted Mr. Rockefeller as his running-mate in 1976. He praised Mr. Rockefeller as an “active able” Vice President and added, “I see no reason whatsoever why that team should not be together in 1976.”

Mr. Ford also said that the White House “will do all we can to indicate maximum cooperation” with the Senate Select

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Committee on Intelligence, which also is investigating C.I.A. activities.

However, he said he could not give “a categorical answer” yet on whether the White House would turn over all the material that had been requested by the committee, pending an analysis by his staff.

The committee, headed by Senator Frank Church, Democrat of Idaho, asked the President last week for records of

virtually every White House authorization of foreign and domestic intelligence activities dating back nearly three decades and covering the terms of five Presidents.

Hopes by Rockefeller

Mr. Ford noted that the committee had asked for “a considerable amount of material” that was being reviewed by the White House staff. He said he wanted to make “as full a disclosure as possible” without jeopardizing national security.

Earlier today, Mr. Rockefeller

hinted here that he would certainly like the report of his commission to be made public.

In a brief meeting with reporters after today’s commission session, Mr. Rockefeller fended off several questions with “I hope that you’ll be able to read it in the report.”

Finally, one reporter asked whether newsmen, and thus the public, would be privy to the contents of the report. He replied, “I hope you can.”

Mr. Rockefeller made his remarks after former Secretary of Defense Clerk Clifford told reporters he had been questioned briefly on assassinations during a two and a half-hour

session before the commission. It was the first indication that the group had begun gathering evidence in this area.

Mr. Clifford said he had testified that during his government service under Presidents Kennedy, Johnson and Truman, he knew of “no time where we were ever informed that there was any plan” to assassinate a foreign head of state.

He said he had also told the commission that he felt the 1947 law and charter that created the C.I.A. was no longer adequate to give the agency guidance and protect civil liberties.