

Probe of Alleged Coverup by CIA

Washington

The possibility that the Central Intelligence Agency withheld information from the Warren Commission about a plot to assassinate Cuban Premier Fidel Castro is being investigated by the presidential panel on CIA activities, informed sources said yesterday.

The Warren Commission, headed by former Chief Justice Earl Warren, investigated the 1963 assassination of President Kennedy and concluded that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone in assassinating Mr. Kennedy.

David Belin, staff director of the panel headed by Vice President Nelson Rockefeller which is investigating CIA activities, has demanded in writing that the CIA reveal all its contacts with would-be Castro assassins, informed sources said.

Belin refused to comment, but another former member of the Warren Commission staff said knowledge of CIA participation in a plot to kill Castro would have influenced the commission's investigation of rumors that the Kennedy killing was a retaliatory act ordered by

the Cuban premier.

"It would be of enormous significance" if the CIA withheld information from the Warren Commission, W. David Slawson said in a telephone interview, adding the possibility of CIA involvement in a plot to kill Castro "never occurred to anyone" on the commission.

Slawson also said he doubted knowledge of such a plot would have changed the commission findings.

But an administration source said that regardless of its effect, the possibility of a CIA coverup raised serious questions about oversight of agency activities.

"If the agency isn't going to give full disclosure when you investigate the assassination of a president," the source said, "when are you going to get full disclosure on anything?"

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