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**AGENT HELD ASSURED  
IN PLOTS ON CASTRO**

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19 (Reuters)—A Cuban agent for the Central Intelligence Agency who was a key figure in C.I.A. plots to kill Prime Minister Fidel Castro of Cuba was assured the operations had the backing of very high United States Government officials, Congressional sources said today.

The sources said that investigators for the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence had discovered this in the course of inquiries they had been pursuing for several months.

According to the sources, the investigators had found that the agent, a Cuban Army colonel and senior adviser to Mr. Castro, was given the assurance after he demanded verification of C.I.A. assertions that the murder plots had been authorized at top Government levels.

This assurance was conveyed to the colonel by a man who said that he was representing Robert F. Kennedy, then Attorney General, at a secret meeting in Paris on Oct. 29, 1963, the sources said.

The sources would not identify the colonel, but said that he was now in a Cuban jail.

A spokesman for the Senate committee refused to confirm or deny the account given by the sources.

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