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## Assassination documents released

### CIA plots, Kennedy files made public

The ACLU through Freedom of Information lawsuits has won the release of CIA documents on the agency's assassination plots and the Secret Service files on president Kennedy's assassination.

The heavily censored CIA assassination documents show that agency officials were talking about assassinating Cuban Premier Fidel Castro as early as March 1960. The

"Knock off Castro," excerpts from the assassination documents, see page 3.

materials also reveal U.S. support for coups or attempted coups in which other foreign leaders were killed.

The ACLU brought the FOIA lawsuit against the CIA on behalf of Robert Borosage of the nonprofit Center for National Security Studies.

The Secret Service files on the Kennedy assassination reveal that Lee Harvey Oswald was not listed in the service's index of one million names of persons potentially dangerous to the president in November 1963.

The suit against the Secret Service was brought on behalf of Martin Lane, director of the Citizen's Commission of Inquiry. Lane is the author of a bestselling book criticizing the Warren Commission's conclusion that Oswald was the lone assassin.

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## "Knock off Castro"

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: First Meeting of Branch 4 Task Force, 9 March 1960

PARTICIPANTS: Col. J. C. King, CWH;

and other CIA personnel

3. Col. King stated that

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CASTRO and Che GUEVERA could be eliminated in ~~the~~ unless Fidel and Raul package - which is highly unlikely - this operation can be a long, drawn-out affair and the present government will only be overthrown by the use of force.

14 April 1967

TO: The Director

FROM: John A. McCone

5. Through the years the Cuban problem was discussed in terms such as "dispose of Castro," "remove Castro," "knock off Castro," etc., and this meant the overthrow of the Communist Government in Cuba and the replacing of it with a democratic regime. Terms such as the above appear in many working papers, memoranda for the record, etc., and, as stated, all refer to a change in the Cuban Government.

The above excerpts are from documents released by the CIA on the agency's assassination plots.