

An Old Plot to Kill Nixon Revealed

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The Soviet KGB had a contingency plan to kill Richard Nixon if he had been elected President in 1960, a high Russian intelligence officer has told the CIA.

The Nixon murder plot was described to incredulous CIA agents by Anatol Golytsyn, a former KGB major, who defected to the United States from his post in Helsinki, Finland, in the early 1960s.

He gave American agents other valuable intelligence, which has turned out to be completely accurate. Our sources, therefore, believe his story about the Nixon assassination plan.

Golytsyn's own view was that the plan, although bizarre, was deadly serious. He attributed it to the late Nikita Khrushchev, then the cock of the Kremlin, whom Golytsyn understood to be somewhat deranged. In those days, Mr. Nixon had the reputation as an implacable foe of the Soviet Union.

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For years, Golytsin's spectacular revelations have been hidden away in the CIA's files. But after stories about the CIA's assassination attempts were revealed, CIA sources confided Golytsyn's KGB assassination tales to us.

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