

# An FBI Report On CIA and Mafia

Washington

The FBI alerted then-Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy in May, 1961, that the Central Intelligence Agency was involved in backstage dealings with the Mafia, according to informed sources.

The warning was set down in a secret memo from then-FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover and the sources said, reflected information gleaned from the FBI's surveillance of Chicago racketeer Sam Giancana.

The document is now in the hands of the Rockefeller Commission and the Senate Committee on Intelligence Operations which have been investigating evidence of the CIA's recruitment of Mafia figures in a plan to assassinate Cuban Premier Fidel Castro.

A source close to the Rockefeller Commission said it is clear by now that there were not only repeated high-level discussions of

Castro's assassination during both the Eisenhower and Kennedy administrations, "but there's also evidence of overt acts — overt covert acts, I guess you'd call them" to kill the Cuban premier.

The source refused to be specific, but he said the commission's investigation does not support the notion of a "secret police operation that went along on its own without White House approval. There is increasing evidence that what the CIA did in the field was known to some of the highest officials of the government."

Administrations of both parties, this source added, deserve "some of the blame," although the record remains "muddy" on the chain of responsibility for various specific attempts on Castro's life, he said.

"There were indigenous (Cuban) organizations trying to do him in" at the same time, the source said.

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