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**1/18, 19/71** *Castro Death Plot Charged to CIA*

... The plot to knock off Castro began as part of the Bay of Pigs operation... To set up the Castro assassination, the CIA enlisted Robert Maheu, a former FBI agent with shadowy contacts, who had handled other undercover assignments for the CIA out of his Washington public relations office. He later moved to Las Vegas to head up billionaire Howard Hughes's Nevada operations.

Maheu recruited John Roselli, a ruggedly handsome gambler with contacts in both the American and Cuban underworlds, to arrange the assassination... The CIA assigned two of its most trusted operatives, William Harvey and James "Big Jim" O'Connell ... to the mission. ... *New Orleans. States-Item*, Jack Anderson column

**4/28/71** Washington, [4/27] - Robert C. Mardian, the Justice Department's chief internal security official, delivered today the bar association's official Law Day speech ...

[Mr. Mardian] said that the assassination of President Kennedy might have been made possible by what the Warren Commission called the Federal Bureau of Investigations restrictive view of its duty to investigate Lee Harvey Oswald. [Story makes no further reference to this.] *Times*

**1/29/72** Garrett crook Trapnell, after hijacking *TWA* jetliner en route from Los Angeles to New York 1/29/72, on landing at Kennedy Airport asked [among other demands] to be flown to Dallas to pick up a prisoner in county jail there, George Anthony Padilla. While plane was still at Kennedy was shot in arm by FBI *agent*, posing as member of fresh crew, and arrested.

*New Orleans States-Item*, 2/2/72 [from Dallas News 2/1] says documents in National Archives show Trapnell was questioned by FBI 8/19/63, when he told them he had met with three Cuban refugees who were planning to kidnap and kill Robert Kennedy. Was questioned by FBI again 11/23/63, at which time he substituted the name "Osvaldo" for one of the Cuban refugees with whom he said he had met in Miami in 5/63. Trapnell later denied this story, saying he had fabricated it to confuse matters surrounding a bad check charge against him in Maryland.

**10/14/74** "A House of Representatives subcommittee has opened an investigation into the [FBI's] relationship with [Oswald and Ruby] before President Kennedy's assassination, the subcommittee's chairman said [yesterday].

"This is the first official public inquiry by Congress into whether evidence was withheld from the Warren Commission since its report saying that Oswald was the sole assassin was issued in 1964.

"Representative Don Edwards, chairman of the Civil and Constitutional Rights Subcommittee, said the purpose of his panel's investigation "is not to reopen the Warren Commission, others may decide to do that, but to set the record straight on just what went on." *New York Times*