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... 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... 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. [Attempt, by poison, failed.] ... Four more attempts were made on Castro's life, using Cuban assassination teams equipped with high-powered rifles, explosives and two-way radios ... Roselli, Harvey, O'Connell and company had taken precautions ... to make sure not even the Cuban recruits knew the CIA was behind the plot. Roselli posed as a representative of big oil interests which sought revenge against Castro expropriating their holdings in Cuba. The weapons and other equipment were of foreign make, mostly Belgian to prevent any link to the U.S.

... He spoke to John McCone, who headed the CIA at the time of the assassination attempts. He acknowledged the idea had been discussed inside the CIA but insisted it had been "rejected immediately." He vigorously denied that the CIA had ever participated in any plot on Castro's life. Asked whether the attempts could have been made without his knowledge, he replied: "It could not have happened."

We have complete confidence, however, in our sources. *New Orleans States-Item, Castro Death Plot Charged to CIA*, Jack Anderson Column

2/9/71

From Irv Kupcinec column: Ruby's brother, Earl Rubinstein, died of cancer "last November". Family has retained Mel Belli to file \$1 million malpractice suit against a Chicago hospital. *San Francisco Examiner*

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Clayton Fowler, Jack Ruby's chief defense attorney died in Dallas 3/22. His age was 49. *Midlothian Mirror*