

Reports of JFK Order To 'Eliminate' Castro

New York

Time and Newsweek magazines printed similar reports yesterday from sources concerning alleged efforts made by the administration of President John F. Kennedy to "depose" or "eliminate" Premier Fidel Castro of Cuba.

Both magazines stressed

that their sources stopped short of saying that the Kennedy administration ordered attempts to assassinate Castro.

Time reported it was told "by credible sources" that Kennedy and his brother, Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy, in anger at the failure of the Bay of Pigs in-

vasion in 1956 "covertly ordered agencies of the U.S. government to find sure means of deposing Fidel Castro, Cuba's chief of state."

Time said, "whether or not assassination attempts against Castro were authorized by the Kennedys is still unclear."

But they did send word to the CIA, at least, that he must be knocked out of power by any means the agency could devise.

Time said the State Department "and possibly the FBI and the Pentagon were told that ways should be found to get rid of Castro."

Newsweek, attributing its report to "a highly placed intelligence source," said it was told "a major effort was made by the Kennedy administration to get rid of Castro."

"Like several other informants," Newsweek said, "this source was careful to say that the intention had been to 'eliminate' Castro. There were at least perfunctory hopes that he could be removed from power without shedding his blood."

But the source implied strongly that the decision, made at the highest levels of the government, did not preclude outright assassination. The CIA, moreover, was not in it, alone; the campaign against Castro reportedly involved the State Department and the Pentagon.

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