

NO DATA REPORTED TYING PRESIDENTS TO MURDER PLOTS

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Lack of Evidence Cited by
Church—Albert Accepts
Resignation of Nedzi

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WASHINGTON, June 13 — Senator Frank Church, chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, said today that his committee had no evidence linking former Presidents to plots by the Central Intelligence Agency to assassinate leaders of foreign governments.

In answer to questions from reporters after a closed hearing, Mr. Church said, "I would have to say that at this time the committee has no evidence that would directly link C.I.A. involvement in this kind of activity with Presidents of the United States during this period under investigation."

He said that the period of investigation covered the Administrations of Presidents Eisenhower and Kennedy and the early portion of President Johnson's Administration. The fact that there was an investigation of possible assassination plots in the Johnson years had not been publicly mentioned before.

House Panel Briefed

At his news conference last Monday, President Ford told reporters that he had read material about assassinations that had been collected by members of the executive branch of the Government, "going back to late 1959 and running up through 1967 or 1968."

Meanwhile, on the other side of Capitol Hill, members of a House select committee also investigating the C.I.A. said that they had been given sketchy details of the C.I.A.'s involvement in an assassination plot against the late Gen. Rafael Trujillo Molina, dictator of the Dominican Republic.

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Representative Ronald V. Dellums, Democrat of California, told the Associated Press that the killing of General Trujillo "could be traced to actions that were taken by the C.I.A." Mr. Dellums is a member of the House committee.

In today's issue, The New York Times quoted authority saying that the C.I.A. had given "material support" to a group of indigenous Dominicans who killed General Trujillo.

These sources said that the C.I.A.'s involvement in that assassination had been reported to President Ford and the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence. It was also one of the incidents referred to by James V. Stanton, Democrat of Ohio, who is chairman of a House subcommittee investigating the C.I.A.

Mr. Church declined to comment on The New York Times report.

Meanwhile, in an unrelated action, the Speaker of the House, Carl Albert, accepted the resignation of Representative Lucien N. Nedzi, Democrat of Michigan, to chairmanship of the House Select Committee on Intelligence. He said that he would appoint a new chairman on Monday.

This action brought to a close an unusual revolt by the Democrats on the committee. They began 10 days ago to press for Mr. Nedzi's removal as chairman of the ground that he could not conduct an impartial investigation because as chairman of another House committee, he had been briefed on C.I.A. wrong-doing by William E. Colby, the Central Intelligence Director.

At first, Mr. Nedzi staunchly

refused to quit and appeared to have worked out an agreement with dissidents with the help of Mr. Albert. But the agreement broke down late Wednesday, and Mr. Nedzi announced yesterday that he was stepping down.

Mr. Stanton was considered by some a "likely choice" to succeed him. He is the Democrat with greatest seniority on the committee, but also the others in line for the appointment had removed themselves from contention.

It was unclear today whether Mr. Albert contemplated appointing a committee member as chairman or someone from the general House membership. Mr. Albert said that he had not made up his mind.

Policeman Tell of Raid

FAIRFAX, Va., June 13 (AP) — A city policeman said today

that he participated in a late-night operation four years ago in which Central Intelligence Agency personnel broke into a local photographic studio.

The policeman, Robert Fleck, 45 years old, said that he sat in a police car in a parking lot

with instructions to stop anyone who tried to go up the staircase to the second-floor studio.

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