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Ideas For CIA Killings

Washington

Director William E. Colby of the Central Intelligence Agency said yesterday that over the years foreigners have suggested assassinations to him and U.S. government employees have discussed the possibility of assassinations with him.

Colby said he rejected the ideas every time.

The 55-year-old head of America's spy agency declined in an interview to name the suggested or potential targets or the persons who made the suggestions. Nor would he give the dates or locations of these conversations.

Colby said he opposed public disclosure of facts behind these or other alleged assassination schemes involving the CIA, because "I think there is positive harm to the reputation of the country to go into great detail on these things."

He emphasized, "Our policies today are clear . . . I

am opposed to assassinations because I think they're wrong and because I think they frequently bring about absolutely uncontrolled and unforeseeable results — usually worse results than by continuing to suffer the problem that you're facing."

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