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Ambassador claims U.S. involvement in Chile covered to protect Kennedy

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WILMINGTON, Del. (AP) — A former ambassador to Chile has said that covert operations in that country began with President Kennedy in the early 1960s, something he claims is being covered up by the Senate to protect Kennedy's memory.

Edward M. Korry, Chilean ambassador from 1967-1971, told the Wilmington Sunday NewsJournal that Kennedy funneled millions of dollars into Chile through the CIA and an organization of multinational corporations that he had initiated.

According to Korry, Kennedy recruited David Rockefeller, president of the Chase Manhattan Bank, to organize a group of multinational corporations which would back proKennedy politicians in Chile.

In addition, the CIA poured money into Chile through Jesuit-led Catholic groups and the CIA had high-ranking Chilean officials on its payroll.

Korry said the practice continued with Presidents Johnson and Nixon.

The money was used to "pay off officials and political parties" to support

Eduardo Frei for president of Chile in 1964. Korry said. Frei was provided with technical assistance and CIA funds during the Christian Democrat's six-years as president, Korry said.

According to Korry, Robert Kennedy directed large amounts of foreign aid and CIA funds to Jesuit-led organizations in Chile. Through Roger Vekeaman, a Belgian Jesuit, "the Kennedys poured tens of millions of dollars and joined the Catholic Church in pushing the Christian Democrats," Korry said.

See also this file NYTimes 24 Dec 76, Seymour M. Hersh.