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# Kennedy's Views on Death Plots

Washington

Senator Edward Kennedy (Dem-Mass) said yesterday he is satisfied "to a moral certainty" that neither of his two brothers, President John F. Kennedy and Senator Robert F. Kennedy, ever tolerated a policy of assassination.

But the Massachusetts Democrat said he had no special personal knowledge of U.S. intelligence activities during the Kennedy administration when plots allegedly were mounted against Cuban Premier Fidel Castro and Dominican Republic dictator Rafael Trujillo.

Kennedy spoke to reporters after testifying before the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence. It is turning its attention to a report that a senior official in the Nixon White House ordered the assassination of columnist Jack Anderson in late 1971 or early 1972, then cancelled the order.

"I didn't have any personal knowledge of the various intelligence activities during the 1960s, but I am absolutely satisfied to a moral certainty that neither President Kennedy and Robert Kennedy would have tolerated a policy of assassination," Kennedy said.

Kennedy said he based his belief on the "value of life" which both his slain older brothers held. He urged all information about reported schemes to assassinate Castro and Trujillo be made pub-

lic. He said, "Let the chips fall where they may."

The panel invited Kennedy to testify, following the example of former ambassador and White House official John Eisenhower, who testified earlier this year he was certain that his father, President Dwight Eisenhower, never authorized any assassination plots.

A committee spokesman said the report, published Sunday in the Washington Post, that Ander-

son had been marked for assassination is "something we can't avoid taking note of."

The Post quoted reliable sources as saying E. Howard Hunt, the former CIA agent who helped engineer the Ellsberg and Watergate burglaries, told associates that he was ordered to kill Anderson with an untraceable poison obtained from a former CIA doctor, but that the scheme was dropped at the last minute.

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