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Kennedy, Johnson Role In Death Plots Denied

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A top adviser to the late Presidents Kennedy and Johnson said yesterday that CIA assassination plots were not authorized by the White House.

The adviser, McGeorge Bundy, told the House Intelligence Committee that "the whole area covered by the Senate Assassination report was never authorized." But Bundy said that the White House was "not aware of everything done by the CIA."

He said the covert CIA operations proposed to the National Security Council's 303 Commit-

tee were often described in a way that the committee did not know exactly what was involved.

Bundy was national security affairs adviser for President Kennedy and Johnson and was in charge of the 303 committee that preceded the 40 Committee headed by Secretary of State Henry Kissinger. Both committees were under White House jurisdiction.

"It can happen and I think it has happened," Bundy testified, "that operations presented in one way to the committee can be executed in a way different than the committee thought it authorized."

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