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CIA Cover-Up Charge Ridiculed by Dulles

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Former Central Intelligence Agency Director Allen Dulles has discounted as "old hat" a recently published report charging CIA withheld vital information relating to Soviet assassination techniques from the Warren Commission investigating President Kennedy's death.



Allen Dulles

Mr. Dulles, who was a member of the Warren Commission, said in an interview here:

"I knew all about the material in that report . . . there was nothing suppressed or secret about it." Mr. Dulles was in Atlanta for an address to the American Bar Association regional meeting at the Biltmore Hotel.

SYNDICATED Columnists Robert Allen and Paul Scott claimed that a CIA document

called "Soviet Strategic Executive Action" describes the "shocking details of how agents of KGB, the Soviet secret police, are trained to do away with Western leaders, including officials in the U.S., and to make their deaths appear due to natural causes."

One of the assassination weapons is a "pneumatically operated poison ice 'atomizer,'" according to the document, the report said.

The report further charged that if the document had not been withheld along with other documents allegedly suppressed by the State Department, the Warren Commission's "findings might have been different."

Mr. Dulles said, "this material on Soviet assassination weapons is old hat. It's even a matter of public record."

He said the "poison ice atomizer" weapon came into public prominence some time ago in West Germany during the trial of a KGB agent charged with using the weapon in killing two anti-Communist Ukrainians.

"There is no evidence that any government agency withheld any information from the Warren Commission," Mr. Dulles declared.—PAUL VALENTINE.