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CIA-KENNEDY ASSASSINATION  
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WASHINGTON (AP) -- THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY DIRECTED ITS OFFICES AROUND THE WORLD IN 1967 TO EMPLOY PROPAGANDA ASSETS TO COUNTER DOUBTS RAISED BY CRITICS OF THE WARREN COMMISSIONS INVESTIGATION INTO THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY.

THE PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN WAS TO BE WAGED IN PART BY PASSING UNCLASSIFIED INFORMATION ABOUT THE ASSASSINATION TO CIA ASSETS WHO COULD USE THE MATERIAL IN WRITING BOOK REVIEWS AND FEATURE ARTICLES THAT WOULD ANSWER AND REFUTE THE ATTACKS OF THE CRITICS, ACCORDING TO A NEWLY RELEASED CIA DOCUMENT.

THE DOCUMENT SAID ITS AIM WAS TO PROVIDE MATERIAL FOR COUNTERING AND DISCREDITING THE CLAIMS OF THE CONSPIRACY THEORISTS, SO AS TO INHIBIT THE CIRCULATION OF SUCH CLAIMS IN OTHER COUNTRIES.

THE DOCUMENT WAS AMONG SOME 850 PAGES OF MATERIAL RELEASED FRIDAY BY THE CIA UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT.

THE DOCUMENTS SHOW THAT THE CIA EXAMINED COPIES OF ALMOST ALL BOOKS ABOUT THE NOVEMBER 1963 ASSASSINATION, INCLUDING ONE BY THEN-CONGRESSMAN GERALD R. FORD. A CIA OFFICER CALLED FORDS BOOK A RE-HASH OF THE OSWALD CASE AND CRITICIZED ITS LOOSE WRITING.

A FORD CHAPTER REBUTTING THE CLAIM THAT LEE HARVEY OSWALD WAS AN FBI AGENT IS JUST LOOSE ENOUGH TO PERMIT QUOTATION OUT OF CONTEXT, A MARCH 1965 MEMO TO RICHARD HELMS, THEN-DEPUTY CIA DIRECTOR FOR PLANS, SAYS. ... THE CHAPTER, AS WRITTEN, COULD BE USED BY THE LEFTIES (MARK LANE ET AL) TO CONTINUE THE CAMPAIGN OF WHICH YOU ARE ALREADY AWARE.

FORD WAS A MEMBER OF THE WARREN COMMISSION THAT CONCLUDED THAT OSWALD WAS SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ASSASSINATION. FORD QUOTED EXTENSIVELY FROM SECRET SESSIONS OF THE COMMISSION IN HIS BOOK, TITLED PORTRAIT OF AN ASSASSIN.

MANY OF THE DOCUMENTS RELEASED DEAL WITH INTERNAL AGENCY ASSESSMENTS OF CHARGES RAISED BY MARK LANE IN HIS BOOK RUSH TO JUDGMENT, BY EDWARD JAY EPSTEIN IN A BOOK CALLED INQUEST AND BY FORMER NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT ATTORNEY JIM GARRISON, WHO ALLEGED HE HAD UNCOVERED A CONSPIRACY BEHIND THE KENNEDY ASSASSINATION.

THE 1967 DISPATCH TO CHIEFS, CERTAIN STATIONS AND BASES SAYS THAT THE RASH OF BOOKS AND ARTICLES CRITICIZING THE WARREN COMMISSIONS FINDING IS A MATTER OF CONCERN TO THE U.S. GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING OUR ORGANIZATION.

EFFORTS TO IMPUGN (THE) RECTITUDE AND WISDOM (OF COMMISSION MEMBERS AND STAFF) TEND TO CAST DOUBT ON THE WHOLE LEADERSHIP OF AMERICAN SOCIETY, THE MEMO SAID.