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CIA Disputes Report Bush Was CIA Operative in 1960s

WASHINGTON (AP) The CIA departed from its usual practice of staying mum on who it employs to dispute a report that Vice President George Bush was a CIA operative in the early 1960s.

CIA spokeswoman Sharron Basso said Tuesday that a George William Bush, who worked the night shift at CIA headquarters during that period, apparently was the "Mr. George Bush" referred to in a recently discovered FBI memorandum.

The Nation magazine, in its July 16 issue, had suggested that the vice president, who was appointed CIA director in 1975 by President Ford, may have been the person referred to in the 1963 memo by then-FBI director J. Edgar Hoover.

In that memo to the State Department, Hoover voiced the FBI's concerns that anti-Castro groups in Miami might use the assassination of President Kennedy as the rationale for undertaking an unauthorized raid against Cuba.

The substance of the foregoing information was orally furnished to Mr. George Bush of the Central Intelligence Agency," the Hoover memo stated.

The magazine article speculated that the vice president used his Texas oil business as a cover for clandestine CIA activities in the early 1960s. The vice president denied the report.

Ms. Basso said that while the agency usually does not confirm or deny employment or association with the CIA, in this case "(we) believe the record should be clarified."

Previously, the CIA would not comment on the article or on the possibility that Bush may have worked for the agency more than a decade before he became its director.

Ms. Basso said the other George Bush not the George Herbert Walker Bush who is vice president worked on the night watch at CIA headquarters.

(This) would have been the appropriate place to have received such an FBI report. This was apparently the George Bush referred to in (the "Nation") article," she said.

George William Bush left the CIA in 1964 to work for the Defense Intelligence Agency, which he has since left.

His current whereabouts are unknown, the CIA official said.