

Motive Suggested In Slaying of JFK

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Sen Richard S. Schweiker suggested yesterday that the 1963 murder of President John F. Kennedy may have been in retaliation for repeated American attempts on the life of Cuban Premier Fidel Castro, and the investigation into his death could be reopened.

Schweiker, a member of the Senate committee investigating the Central Intelligence Agency, said "one of the spinoffs" of that probe may well be a re-opening of the investigation of the Kennedy assassination.

He said he knows of no new evidence in the case but said he personally would welcome a fresh look at evidence already in hand.

Schweiker said the final report of the Warren Commission—which found that assassin Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone in gunning Kennedy down in Dallas—had a

"fatal flaw" in ignoring motivation for the killing.

"The Warren Commission report makes no reference and apparently (it) had no knowledge of the number of attempts that were launched against Castro . . ." Schweiker said in a television interview.

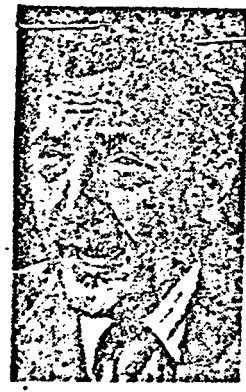
He said there was "not one reference" to Castro in the report even though Allen Dulles, who headed the CIA during the period when plots on the Cuban leader's life began, was a member of the Warren Commission.

And, he said, an "obscure" newspaper story he just found revealed that Castro in September, 1963, just two months before Kennedy was shot, threatened publicly to retaliate if there were attempts on the lives of Cuban leaders.

"U.S. leaders would be in danger if they helped in any

attempt to do away with leaders of Cuba," Schweiker quoted Castro from the story. "We are prepared to fight them and answer them in kind. If they are aiding terrorist plans to eliminate Cuban leaders, they themselves will not be saved."

Schweiker also said the Senate committee hasn't ruled out the possibility that former President Nixon may have known about political assassination plots in Greece and China.



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