

Panel Says It Has New Evidence On Why Oswald Shot Kennedy

WASHINGTON, May 13 (UPI)—The Senate Select Committee on Intelligence Activities said today that it had new evidence as to why Lee Harvey Oswald shot President Kennedy and recommended that the investigation into the role of the nation's intelligence agencies in the assassination be continued.

The committee voted to turn over evidence it has uncovered to a proposed permanent panel for further examination.

The chairman of the select committee, Senator Frank Church, Democrat of Idaho, said after a closed session that a subcommittee that investigated the circumstances of the Kennedy assassination would draft a report on the evidence. The full committee would then decide whether to make the report public.

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The Senator returned here early today after campaigning on the West Coast for the Democratic Presidential nomination. After briefly announcing results of the committee vote, he turned a news briefing over to Senator Richard S. Schweiker, Republican of Pennsylvania, and Senator Gary W. Hart, Democrat of Colorado.

They all declined to say what

new evidence had been found. Senator Hart said it was not a question of the Warren Commission's finding that Oswald alone shot and killed President Kennedy, "but why he did it" and the effectiveness of intelligence agencies in their actions before and after the shooting.

Mr. Schweiker and Mr. Hart said evidence that later became available was not supplied to the Warren Commission, such as disclosure of Central Intelligence Agency plots to kill Prime Minister Fidel Castro of Cuba.

Mr. Church said all the material gathered would be turned over to a proposed oversight committee, whose powers are being debated before the Senate, with the recommendation that the investigation be continued.

Asked if the Warren Commission's conclusions were right, Senator Schweiker said that question "is for the new committee to decide." He added, "I can't go further without disclosing the report, and the full committee must first read that."

A committee source said that not all of its members believed that the "new leads" were significant enough to justify yet another inquiry into the Kennedy assassination.

The subcommittee interviewed at least 36 witnesses, most of whom were members of the C.I.A., Federal Bureau of Investigation, Secret Service and other agencies, Mr. Schweiker said.

Previous testimony emerging from the full committee disclosed that the F.B.I. and the C.I.A. had pertinent information on Oswald before the Kennedy assassination, and yet Oswald's name was not on a Secret Service list of persons to be watched.