

Schweiker Ties White House Lid To JFK's Death

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Richard Schweiker said yesterday he feels there is a possibility the White House was involved in a cover-up after the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

The Pennsylvania Republican said he had been told by some officials that there was a fear of the results if it was known that Cuba had a hand in the murder of Kennedy.

That could have led to a nuclear confrontation with the Soviet Union over Cuba, and to avoid this a cover-up may have been arranged, Schweiker said on CBS' "Face the Nation."

"I think frankly the real possibility exists that the White House was part of that cover-up," Schweiker said.

Schweiker headed a subcommittee of the Senate intelligence committee which looked into the Kennedy assassination, and its recent report stated that several leads were not followed up by the FBI or the Central Intelligence Agency.

There have been disclosures of attempts on the life of Cuban Premier Fidel Castro and Schweiker said leads which might have tied Kennedy's death to a vendetta by Castro were never checked out.

He has pressed to have these leads followed and repeated yesterday that his subcommittee received many new leads which it was unable to pursue.

Schweiker said he personally has never made a judgment on whether Lee Harvey Oswald was indeed a lone assassin of Kennedy, as reported by the Warren Commission.

Asked if the CIA and FBI have been cooperating with his investigation, Schweiker said they have provided all requested material, but he cannot be sure they have turned over everything important. *Ph. Post Gazette 6/28/76*