

Ruby prosecutor urges Oswald 'agent' check

A renewed investigation of the Dallas assassination of President John F. Kennedy should include efforts to determine whether Lee Harvey Oswald was a "double agent" for the Soviet Union and the U.S., a prosecutor in the Jack Ruby trial said Wednesday.

"I've always felt that the Warren Commission carried out an exhaustive investigation and that it reached the correct conclusion when it held that Oswald shot President Kennedy," William F. Alexander said.

"But I've also felt that we needed to know more about possible links between Oswald and Soviet intelligence agents as well as his relationship to the FBI. Although I couldn't prove it, I suspected from the start that Oswald was a double agent."

THE SENATE Intelligence Committee voted last week to recommend a re-

newed investigation. The committee said it has evidence which may show why Oswald shot President Kennedy.

Alexander said he was questioned briefly by an investigator for Sen. Richard Schweiker, R-Pa., who said that Oswald's ties to Cuban groups could provide a motive.

"As a result of events which have transpired, I can see now why the FBI tried to brush us off from digging deeply into Oswald's background," Alexander said.

"We were curious from the outset about references in Oswald's diary to the hunting of rabbits while he was in the Soviet Union," Alexander related. "He was apparently allowed freedom of movement while carrying a gun — a freedom which most Russians didn't enjoy.

"This increased our belief that the Soviet Union viewed him as an intelligence agent.

"Then, when the FBI failed to question him extensively upon his return to the U.S., we suspected that it also wanted to use Oswald as an agent. I hope any new investigation will include this aspect of the case."

ALEXANDER PROSECUTED Ruby after he shot Oswald to death.

Alexander said numerous critics of the Warren Commission's conclusions never read the entire 26 volumes of its report.

"The report answers many of the questions they have raised," the lawyer continued. "Some of their theories are pretty far out and testimony during the commission's investigation can knock the props from under them."