

Lee Harvey Oswald

Sirhan Sirhan

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Were two assassins programmed to kill?

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Congressional investigators should examine the possibility that a foreign power produced "programmed sleeper assassins" to kill President John F. Kennedy and Senator Robert F. Kennedy, says a psychologist who took part in the trial of Sirhan B. Sirhan, the convicted slayer of Senator Kennedy.

In a paper presented to the American Academy of Forensic Sciences, Dr. Martin Schorr said he is endorsing such a theory to spur the Senate Committee on Assassinations to do "a more deliberate and painstaking job.

"I'm not trying to persuade anybody to do anything except think about it," said Dr. Schorr. "I would like to see more thorough research done."

Dr. Schorr, of San Diego testified for the defence in the Sirhan trial. He told the academy that Sirhan and Lee Harvey Oswald, the alleged slayer of President Kennedy, could have been programmed by hypnosis or the surgical implanting of devices to carry out killings.

Dr. Schorr said police records in Denmark show a man charged with bank robbery and murder was induced into the crimes "through protracted hypnotic training." And he noted that experiments with animals have shown that their behavior can be affected by brain-stimulating implants.

He said the Senate committee should take special note of Warren Commission findings

that Oswald was involved in an "experimental research" program involving electrical stimulation of the brain while attending a secret spy school in Minsk, Russia, after his 1959 defection.

Dr. Schorr said official Soviet records also show Oswald was hospitalized for an adenoid operation in Minsk.

"He was there for 11 days. Are the Soviets so generous with their budget for a simple adenoid operation? Did Oswald have a different kind of operation? Was he wired for assassination?" Dr. Schorr asked in his presentation.