

Schweiker Says CIA, FBI Lied

Washington — (AP) — The CIA and FBI lied to the Warren Commission about the assassination of President Kennedy, Sen. Richard Schweiker of Pennsylvania said today. He also suggested "we pursue some hot leads" to answer for certain who killed Kennedy.

Schweiker a Republican member of the intelligence subcommittee investigating the assassination, said "there is no question in my mind" that the two intelligence agencies lied to the commission, which conducted the government's first probe of Kennedy's death.

Schweiker said he has found no new evidence about who killed Kennedy but declared: "If we pursue some hot leads, we may well answer that question." Schweiker refused to elaborate on what he meant by "hot leads."

Schweiker made his statements on the CBS-TV "Morning News."

He said the subcommittee has turned up "significant new material about defects and deficiencies in the investigation" of the assassination, noting — as he has before — the CIA's failure to inform the Warren Commission of its schemes against Cuba's Fidel Castro and the FBI's destruction of a note by Lee Harvey Oswald, whom the commission named as Kennedy's sole assassin.

Schweiker and Sen. Gary Hart (D-Colo) are the only members of the subcommittee, which investigated the "performance or nonperformance" of the intelligence agencies during the initial probe of the assassination. Hart has said he has seen no evidence to discredit the Warren Commission's report that Oswald acted alone in kill-

ing Kennedy.

But Schweiker said today he disagrees. He said the deficiencies in the original investigation invalidate the Warren Commission's conclusion. Schweiker said he believes the key to Kennedy's slaying in Oswald's relationships with both pro and anti-Castro factions.

Schweiker said some of the deficiencies by the CIA and FBI were "deliberate."

Schweiker and Hart are expected to deliver a written report to the intelligence committee by the end of the month. The full committee must approve the report before it is made public.

The question of why Oswald killed Kennedy on Nov. 22, 1963, in Dallas, Tex., will be one of the first questions to face a proposed new Senate com-

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mittee that would watch over the workings of U.S. intelligence agencies.

The Senate intelligence committee voted yesterday to recommend that the proposed new permanent, panel conduct an investigation into the never officially-answered question.

Schweiker said yesterday that his subcommittee's investigation turned up "some very interesting questions and some new material" about intelligence agency actions during the time of the Kennedy slaying. But about the assassination itself, he said: "We didn't attempt to determine who did it."

Hart said: "The unanswered question is why?"

Schweiker declared: "I have always questioned the Warren Commission finding about who did it and about

how it was done. My six months on this subcommittee have reinforced and strengthened that doubt."

A compromise measure to create a permanent committee panel ran into some unexpected trouble yesterday when members of the Armed Services Committee, which currently monitor the CIA and other spy agencies, raised the possibility of a filibuster.

Majority Leader Mike Mansfield immediately filed a petition to invoke the Senate's debate-ending cloture rule.