

Sen. Schweiker says he's onto 'hot leads' Cuban link holds JFK death 'riddle'

WASHINGTON (AP) — The answer to "the riddle of the Kennedy assassination" lies in Lee Harvey Oswald's contacts with both pro- and anti-Cuban factions, says Sen. Richard S. Schweiker, R-Pa.

And Schweiker says he has come upon "some very hot leads" that could clear up mysteries he says still surround the shooting of John F. Kennedy. However, Schweiker refused to describe the leads Friday in an appearance on the CBS Morning News except to say they involved "significant new material about defects and deficiencies" in the original investigation by the CIA and FBI. "There is no question in my mind," that the two agencies lied to the Warren Commission, which named Oswald as Kennedy's killer, Schweiker added. "I have always questioned the Warren Commission finding about who did it and how it was done," Schweiker said in a separate interview. "My six months on this subcommittee reinforce and strengthen those doubts."

One of a two-man Senate intelligence subcommittee that has been looking into how intelligence agencies performed after the assassination, Schweiker disagreed with his partner, Sen. Gary Hart, D-Colo., who said Thursday he has seen no evidence to discredit the Warren Commission finding.

Defects in the investigation necessarily invalidate the conclusion, Schweiker insisted.

Schweiker noted the CIA's failure to inform the Warren Commission about its schemes to kill Cuban premier Fidel Castro and the FBI's destruction of threatening note delivered by Oswald to bureau offices in Dallas days before the assassination.

The intelligence committee voted Thursday to recommend that the investigation of the killing be continued by the proposed new Senate intelligence oversight panel. Schweiker and Hart are expected to deliver a written report on their findings to the existing panel by the end of the month.

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