

Senate probe of JFK urged



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WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Richard Schweiker, R-Pa., is seeking to have the Senate Intelligence Committee take a new look at the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

An aide to Schweiker confirmed the plan Sunday, and U.S. News & World Report quoted Schweiker as saying: "Up until a few months ago I was one who believed the Warren Commission's conclusion that (Lee Harvey) Oswald had acted alone. But all these new developments have caused me to question some of the Commission assumptions. . . . To me it's like a big, public boil that's going to burst."

Schweiker is sponsoring a resolution calling on the Senate Intelligence Committee, which has been investigating the nation's intelligence agencies, to probe the Kennedy slaying. Schweiker is a member of the committee.

The magazine quoted Schweiker as saying there are now indications that both the Central Intelligence Agency and the FBI have covered up evidence which could have affected the findings of the Warren Commission.

The weekly newsmagazine said Schweiker explained his suspicion about Oswald by noting that while in Japan Oswald was stationed at a base where CIA special agents were trained.

"He applied for a hardship discharge because of his mother. But he went home to his mother for just a few days and then high-tailed it to Russia. He immediately got a passport to go there and then proceeded to renounce his citizenship. Yet, when he wanted to come back, we gave him back his passport and paid his fare home," Schweiker was quoted as saying.

The FBI had no comment on Schweiker's remarks.