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KUCHEL ASSAILS REPORT CRITICS

Says Doubt in JFK Case
Is Being Sown

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WASHINGTON — Sen. Thom-

as H. Kuchel (R-Calif.) Thursday assailed the "highly commercialized stream of lurid, speculative, dark and bizarre conspiracies" advanced by some people in this country in their attacks on the Warren Commission report on President Kennedy's assassination.

Rising in the floor of the Senate, Kuchel charged that critics have given sustenance to the doubts and mistrust to the 10 months of intensive hearings and investigations. Kuchel described it a matter of national concern when the people lose faith in the work of those who must serve the people and bear the public trust.

Asserting that critics have advanced "no important new evidence," Kuchel said that the conclusion of the 888-page report, supported by 26 additional volumes of exhibits and hearings, is that Lee Harvey Oswald, acting alone, assassinated President Kennedy at Dallas, Nov. 22, 1963.

Kuchel said critics of the report, whom he did not identify, have fanned the flames of rumor and disbelief at home and abroad. They have spread doubt at home and abroad. As a result, he said, a recent poll purported to show that seven of 10 Americans distrust the conclusions of the Warren Report.

"I believe that the conclusions of the commission, as reported to the President, are unassailable," said Kuchel. "Despite the criticisms that have been produced, none has been able to shake the indisputable evidence which supported the conclusions of the commission. Until this could be done, and I doubt that day will ever arise, the Warren Commission report will stand the test of time and trust."