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WASHINGTON (UPI) - A private researcher said yesterday that evidence pried out. loose from a reluctant government proves investigators botched the inquiry into President John F. Kennedy's assassination and then conspired to cover their mishandling of the case.

mittee to establish that "a long list of people" commit- really intended to investited perjury in an effort to make people believe Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone when he shot Kennedy in Difference in the state of the st Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963.

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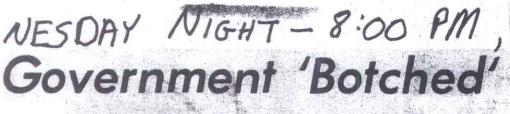
name - to "go head to head" with him under oath so that "the truth, so long suppressed," will at last come

Sen. Richard S. Schweiker, RPa., who is taking a new look at the Kennedy assassination, told UPI it may be decided within a month whether to hold public hearings but it is too The researcher, Harold Weisberg, offered to go be-fore a congressional com-

"The government never. murder, published this week. "Indeed, there never HE CHALLENGED these was what reasonable men

pretense even of an investigation."

AT A NEWS conference called to elaborate on the book, Weisberg said the entire investigation - from moments after Kennedy was



killed until publication of the nored, suppressed or des-Warren Commission report nearly a year later - was "tainted by corruption and with UPI at his Frederick, perjury."

mission, appointed by President Lyndon B. Johnson. merely rubber-stamped the large photo poster of the preconceived notion of FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover that Oswald was the lone assassin. He said evidence hinting otherwise was ig-

troyed. Earlier, in an interview

Md., home, Weisberg said, "I have no idea who killed He said the Warren Com- him (Kennedy). But I know-ission, appointed by Presis- Oswald could not have."

ON THE WALL hangs a now famous pose of the assassin cradling a rifle in his arms. But Johnson's face has been superimposed for Oswald's.

Asked if he believes Johnson was responsible for the killing, Weisberg answered:

"I don't think Lyndon Johnson was an assassin or involved in any way. But he wanted to preserve peace and tranquility; he wanted the whole thing hushed up and to get on with the business of the country."-

Weisberg has spent the last 11 years investigating the assassination, amassing

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onter court battles with fed-eral agencies. Many of them are reprinted in his new book, "Post Mortem," which Weisberg had printed pri-vately_after commercial tely after commercial his job and never getten an-other one." "THE COVERUP really. he said, held a "living terror

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