News Analysis: From Katzenbach to Hart on JFK

Report bares decade

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of deception

Just three days after the assassination of President John Kennedy, Deputy Attorney General Nicholas Katzenbach sent a letter to the White House stating that, "the public must be satisfied that Oswald was the assassin, that he did not have confederates who are still at large; and that the evidence was such that he would thave been convicted at trial." The Katzenbach directive to the White House continued, "Speculation about Oswald's motivation ought to be

Katzenbach directive to the White House continued, Speculation about Oswald's motivation ought to be cut off.

Exact that time, while Katzenbach insisted that the White House should condemn Tree Harvey Oswald as the lone assassing the Warren Commission had not yet been appointed and the FBI, investigation into the grime had Barely gotten Lunderway. Katzenbach recognized the need Katzenbach recognized the need for the establishment of some apparatus to support his rush to udgment and he urged the White louse to act since we should have some basis for rebutting thought" half there was "a communist conspiracy" or "a right wing conspiracy." Thus before Oswald had been idead for twenty-four hours the extremists of the center were moving to cover up the facts. Even more illuminating of the shadowy role played by Katzenbach was the letter that he sent to each member of the Warren Commission on December 9, 1963, urging that the Commission immediately issue a press release stating that Oswald was the lone assassin∰ Had the Commission ncted favorably uponiting directive lits image of integrity would likely flavo been stationoughly compromised for the Commission was not even to call its first witness until two more months had passed. The Katzenbach correspondence, suppressed for twelve and one half years, was uncovered, along! with other evidence by the the Church Committee, and published in the Committee's final report last

week This historic work was accomplished under the auspices of Sen. Richard Schweiker (R-Pa) and Sen Gary Hart (D-Colo) it. command town with the pecking order fairly well established and adhered to Therefore the question arises: On whose behalf was a Deputy Attorney General sending directives to the new President and then to the members of the President's Commission, including its Chairman, the Chief Justice of the United States?!! reits and the At James conference helds in conjunction with the release of the report, Sen. Schweiker stated that he would like to see that question answered and urged that it could be arranged if Katzenbach was ordered to explain his role while under oath in am appearance before see a ... Congressional investigating committee: **** Congressional investigating committee: **** Congressional investigating committee: **** Congressional investigating committee: **** Congressional investigating committee: *** Congressional investigation committee: *** Congressional investigation of the assassination in and by which the provided information to the congression. The report continued, "This evidence indicates that the investigation of the assassination was deficient and ordered to explain his role while the assassination was deficient and that facts which might have substantially affected the course of the investigation were not provided to the Warren Commission or those

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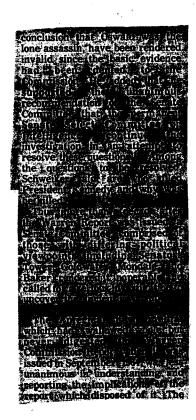
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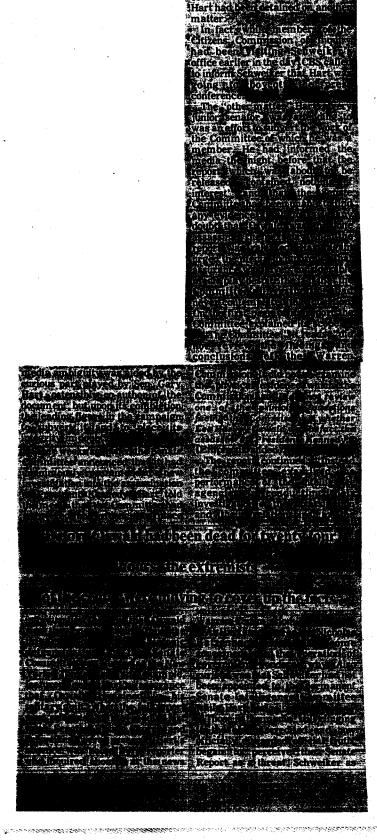
individuals within the FBF and the CIA, as well as other assistes of Government, who were charged with a investigating will the assassination."

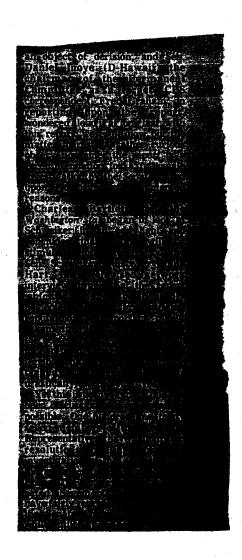
The significance of that finding about be examined in light of the Warren Commission as sarky decision to secure no independent investigators and to self instead for information upon the FBI the CIA and the other existing policing agencies. The method chosen by the police agencies to prevent the Warren Commission from getting the facts was simple yet ingenious. The report reveals that "Seniors FBI officials," and "Seniors GIAs officials," and and Senior

By filter mess expectent, of denying, than in cole, echiclon officials, access to the decisive material the police, agencies, had constructed an obstacle which was effective and hysibles liquisible because those charged with the responsibility as the lefting the Commission ages, actives in good faith and says the appearance that they were carrying out affect assignments felty. The intelligence covering was appearance on the old intelligence, which is many cases did not know how is they had been utilized, until they had been utilized, until they satisfied before the Senate Committee.

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