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Warren Commission

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Warren Commission did not have evidence which "might have substantially affected the course of the investigation" into whether there was a conspiracy to kill President John F. Kennedy, the Senate Intelligence Committee said Wednesday.

The committee stressed that "it has not uncovered any evidence sufficient to justify a conclusion that there was a conspiracy to assassinate President Kennedy."

But the panel said that failure of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) to pursue the possibility of a conspiracy behind the assassination "impeaches the process" which led the Warren Commission

to conclude that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone.

THE COMMITTEE outlined these leads which it said were never adequately investigated:

- The possibility that Cuba's Fidel Castro ordered Kennedy's assassination in retaliation for a CIA plot against his life that was in progress at the time of the November 22, 1963, slaying in Dallas:

- A report that on the evening of the day Kennedy was killed a Cubana airlines flight from Mexico City to Cuba was delayed five hours awaiting the arrival of an unidentified passenger who boarded the plane without passing through customs:

- The "strange travel" of "a Cuban-American" who an FBI informant claimed was involved in the Kennedy assassination and who may have been in indirect contact with Oswald.

Sen. Richard Schweiker (R-Pa.), who headed the committee's investigation, said other "interesting leads" were left out of the 106-page report in order not to jeopardize further investigation.

Schweiker accused the CIA and FBI of "a cover-up" and said "there is no longer any reason to have faith in (the Warren Commission's) picture of the Kennedy assassination." But committee chairman Frank Church (D-Idaho) said that "whether there was a conscious

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cover-up or not has not yet been determined" and added that he is not yet prepared to talk for a full-scale reopening of the assassination investigation.

THE REPORT said it did not know why "senior officials in the CIA and FBI permitted the Warren Commission to reach its conclusions without all relevant information" but added that "the possibility exists that senior officials in both agencies made conscious decisions not to disclose potentially important information."

The report said that senior government officials "wanted the investigation completed promptly and all conspiracy rumors dispelled." According to the report, within 14 hours of Kennedy's death, the FBI had narrowed the focus of its investigation to Oswald alone and within weeks issued a report concluding that Oswald was the sole assassin.

FBI director J. Edgar Hoover "perceived the Warren Commission as an adversary" which might criticize the bureau's monitoring of Os-

wald's activities before the assassination and its investigation of the killing itself, the report said.

HOOVER CONCEALED from the commission the fact that FBI agents had been disciplined for their failure to recognize Oswald as a security threat. The commission also was never told about the destruction of a threatening note which Oswald had delivered to bureau offices in Dallas several days before the Kennedy killing.

Angered by the commission's criticism of the FBI's performance, Hoover on two occasions "asked for all derogatory material on Warren Commission members and staff contained in the FBI files," according to the report.

The report strongly criticized the CIA for failing to inform the commission of the potential significance of a 1963 plot involving an undercover agent in a plot to kill Castro.

The report quotes CIA officials who knew about the plot as testifying that "they did not relate it to the President's assassination."