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Kennedy slaying 'Leads' offered

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WASHINGTON (UPI) — Sen. Richard S. Schweiker, R-Pa., said Sunday the Senate Intelligence Committee has received several new "leads" about possible Cuban connections to the 1963 assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Schweiker said a number of people have come forward offering evidence since the committee issued a 106-page report last week saying the FBI and CIA failed to provide information possibly linking U.S. efforts to assassinate Cuban premier Fidel Castro with Kennedy's slaying.

The senator, who prepared the report with Sen. Gary Hart, D-Colo., commented in a televised interview (CBS-TV: Face the Nation).

Most of the new "evidence" wasn't worth looking at, Schweiker said, but "we've come up with several leads that are still hot and worth following."

"Some relate to pro-Castro and also the anti-Castro side of the thing," he said. "One of them specifically would involve a pro-Castro conspiracy. Another would involve an antiCastro."

Schweiker said he might risk "blowing" the leads if he described them more fully.

"They're certainly not crank or crackpot things. They're from people who might have been close enough to be witnesses. Even I was surprised at the validity of some that have come to our attention."

The committee report said there was evidence a CubanAmerican crossed the Mexican border from Texas the day after Kennedy's assassination, and an unidentified passenger was aboard a flight from Mexico City to Cuba Dec. 1, 1963, but the FBI and CIA never investigated these activities.