

Schweiker Predicts Collapse Of Warren Report on Kennedy

HARRISBURG, Pa., Oct. 15 (AP) — Senator Richard S. Schweiker predicted today that the Warren Commission report on President Kennedy's assassination was about to collapse and said his subcommittee on intelligence was looking into three conspiracy theories. Senator Schweiker, Republican of Pennsylvania, said at a news conference here that the subcommittee had developed "very significant leads" about the murder and wants to investigate the following possibilities:

¶That President Kennedy was killed by means of a Communist plot originating in Cuba or the Soviet Union.

¶That the Nov. 22, 1963, assassination was a result of a right-wing conspiracy in the United States.

¶That anti-Castro Cubans, angry over diminishing support from the Kennedy Administration, planned the murder.

Senator Schweiker said he did not lean toward any particular conspiracy theory. "The only thing I'm certain about is that we don't know the truth about the Kennedy assassination," he said.

'A House of Cards'

The Warren Commission report concluded that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone in killing the President in Dallas. Oswald was killed two days after the assassination by a Dallas night-club owner, Jack Ruby, who later died in jail.

"I think the Warren Commission report is like a house of cards," said Senator Schweiker. "It's going to collapse." He and Senator Gary Hart, Democrat of Colorado, are co-chairman of a subcommittee looking into the effectiveness of the intelligence agencies that worked with the Warren Commission.

He said the subcommittee "has uncovered a number of things that I feel deserve further investigation and remedial legislation."

Mr. Schweiker said that after the Central Intelligence Agency "used the Mafia to put a \$100,000 hit job on [Fidel] Castro," the Cuban Premier reportedly threatened retaliation. Mr. Schweiker also noted that the Federal Bureau of Investigation destroyed documents relating to Oswald after President Kennedy's death, and he said that as early as 1960, F.B.I. Director J. Edgar Hoover wrote a memo referring to the existence of another individual posing as Oswald.

Wants New Laws

He said he doubted that the subcommittee would meet the March 1 deadline for its final report, but that a preliminary report on political assassinations might be released within the next several weeks.

The Senator said that his committee had found a crucial need for laws to control United States intelligence activities.

He said the laws should include a measure to lump all intelligence money into a single budget and make the total budget figure public; and removal of the Secretary of State from his position as national security adviser. He added: "The last few years we came very close to having Big Brother take over with very many of our intelligence operations. We're only now learning how close, and it was frighteningly close."