

NEW STUDY URGED IN KENNEDY DEATH

Schweiker Sees Evidence
of Castro Involvement

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WASHINGTON, July 20 — Senator Richard S. Schweiker, a member of the Senate committee investigating the Central Intelligence Agency, recommended today the reopening of an official investigation into the 1963 assassination of President Kennedy to determine whether it was linked to C.I.A. plans to assassinate Premier Fidel Castro of Cuba.

Senator Schweiker, Republican of Pennsylvania, said he had no specific evidence of such a connection but said that the Warren Commission had failed to explore the theory. The Senator linked the omission to the presence on the commission of Allen W. Dulles, then director of the C.I.A.

Mr. Schweiker made the remarks in an interview on the CBS television program "Face the Nation," on which he also made the following points:

¶The Senate committee has received documents "where minutes were erased, where blanks were made, where all kind of cover-up procedures were involved." The committee will have to decide whether such changes were attempts to conceal Presidential involvement, he said.

¶The investigation has taught him that "the more you dig into Government secrecy and the so-called national interest, the more you have to conclude that Government secrecy is invoked as a cover-up for bad deeds."

¶He agreed with the committee chairman, Senator Frank Church, that "there was no direct evidence that linked Presidents to assassination attempts." But he said "there was no direct evidence that exonerated Presidents from assassi-

nation attempts," adding, "And I think that is just as important as saying they fired."

An aide to Senator Church, said the Idaho Democrat could not be reached for comment because he was working at his cabin in Pennsylvania and it had no telephone.

McCloy Backs Findings

In another CBS interview, a member of the Warren Commission, John J. McCloy, reaffirmed his confidence in the panel's central finding. The panel headed by Chief Justice Earl Warren, set up by President Johnson to investigate the assassination found that Lee Harvey Oswald, "acting alone,

killed President Kennedy on Nov. 22, 1963, with rifle fire as Mr. Kennedy rode through Dallas in an open car.

"I never saw a case that I thought was more completely proven," Mr. McCloy said.

The 80-year-old Wall Street lawyer and former United States diplomat labeled as "just nonsense" speculation that Oswald had been involved in a conspiracy.

Senator Schweiker said the Warren Commission should have considered whether Oswald, who had been a Castro sympathizer, had acted in retaliation to the C.I.A. plans to kill Mr. Castro.