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Warren Commission hit--again

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"The story of the Kennedy assassination is the story of the CIA," contended Warren Commission critic Harold Weisberg in his speech Wednesday in the Main Auditorium.

"The CIA is the government of the government — such an invisible government has no place in a democratic society. The CIA is responsible to none."

Weisberg, author of the controversial "Whitewash" series of books on the Kennedy assassination, said that persons who worked with the CIA were responsible for the assassination.

"Lee Harvey Oswald was merely a creature of the CIA — he did not assassinate the president," Weisberg asserted.

Weisberg, a heavy-set person with a Julius Caesar haircut and an Adolph Hitler mustache, peered out over his glasses at an audience of 400 as he continued.

Weisberg told his listeners that the headquarters of the Cuban Revolutionary Council was at 544 Camp Street in New Orleans, a rundown three-story building which Weisberg said was rented for the CRC by Guy Banister.

"And Banister just dropped dead when the Warren Commission began its investigation," he said.

He asserted that Wesley J. Liebier, a lawyer for the Warren Commission, had full knowledge of the existence of the CRC and its CIA affiliation, as well as the involvement of Banister and David Ferry (who died shortly after being arrested as a suspect) in that setup.

Liebier, contended Weisberg, was put under great pressure to write a conclusion denying possible conspiracy for the Warren Commission — and admitted later that the conclusion he wrote was wrong.

Weisberg cited other instances where the Warren Commission excluded evidence contrary to its final conclusion of the assassination.

Part of this evidence, which, according to Weisberg, showed that Lee Harvey Oswald was anti-Castro instead of Marxist-Leninist, was ignored by the Warren Commission.

"One woman, a Cuban refugee living in Dallas at the time of the assassination, wished to testify that a bearded man calling himself Leon Oswald was brought to her

home by two Cubans prior to the assassination and bragged to her of how he would assassinate Fidel Castro," Weisberg said.

"One of the two Cubans told this woman that Kennedy ought to be killed for the way he put a stop to Cuban Revolutionary training in the U.S."

When this woman attempted to present her testimony the FBI launched an investigation — not of her story but of her background, he said.

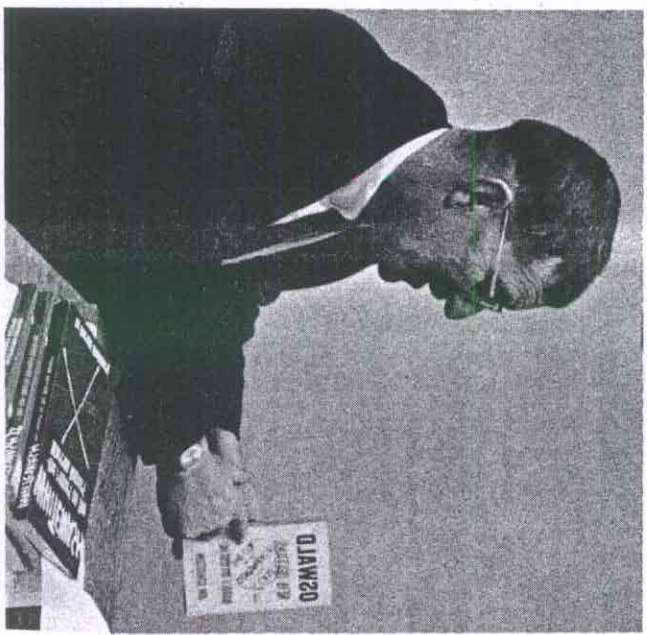
Weisberg proposed a new full and open investigation of the assassination.

"The Warren Commission was conducted in imposed secrecy — in back rooms with private testimony by witnesses," he said. "Had the press been present at the hearings the public might have been exposed to any irregularities in these meetings."

Weisberg charged the Warren Commission with not using any of the original assassination pictures and did not present the pictures they did use at the correct time.

"It's odd that the constitutional rights guaranteed to a bawdy bum were too good for the President," Weisberg said.

"That the Warren Commission was wrong does not mean that the Commission mem-



Author Harold Weisberg and his books

bers have to be conscious conspirators," Weisberg said.

Weisberg said the real question involving the Warren report is a question of integrity.

He cited a lack of integrity in his criticism of the Warren report, saying that "today we live in a country where everybody knows their President was gunned down and the gov-

ernment that followed him made a report which deliberately lied — a report which cannot be accepted any longer."

Weisberg concluded his speech with a question: "Are we supposed to respect and believe what our government tells us when they have deliberately lied to us?"