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## Senator Charges Lies in JFK Quiz

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Senator Richard Schweiker said yesterday he has turned up "some very hot leads" that could help "clear up the riddle of the Kennedy assassination."

Schweiker, a Pennsylvania Republican who is a member of a two-man

Senate intelligence subcommittee, refused to describe the leads except to say he had turned up "significant new material about defects and deficiencies" in the original investigation made by the CIA and FBI.

Appearing on the CBS Morning News, Schweiker said some of the defects were "deliberate." He added, "There is no question in my mind" that the two agencies lied to the Warren Commission.

Asked if he had any new evidence about the assassination itself, Schweiker replied, "The answer is no." He explained that his subcommittee's investigation was concerned only with the performance of the intelligence agencies. "But," Schweiker added, "if we pursue some very hot leads that we have . . . we well may answer that question."

The answer lies in Lee Harvey Oswald's contacts with both proand anti-Cuban factions, Schweiker maintained.

Schweiker disagreed with fellow subcommittee member Gary Hart (Dem-Colo), who said Thursday he had seen no new evidence to discredit the Warren report's central finding that Oswald was the sole assassin. Defects in the investigation necessarily invalidate the conclusion, Schweiker said.

In another interview, Schweiker said, "I have always questioned the Warren Commission finding about who did it and how it was done. My six months on this subcommittee reinforce and strengthen those doubts."

Pressed for specifics, Schweiker noted — as he has before — the CIA's failure to inform the Warren Commission about its schemes to kill Cuban Premier Fidel and the FBI's destruction of a threatening note delivered by Oswald to bureau offices in Dallas just days before the November, 1963, killing.

Schweiker and Hart are expected to deliver a written report on their findings to the full intelligence committee by the end of the month. After an oral briefing on Thursday, the committee voted without objection to recommend that the investigation be continued by the proposed new Senate intelligence overview panel.

The Senate is expected to vote next week on a resolution to create a new overview committee.

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