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The Committee to Investigate Assassinations said today that over Christmas "we may have moved a giant step forward" in finally solving the JFK assassination case. Reference was being made to an order by Senior Federal Judge John Sirica giving the CIA thirty days in which to produce for his inspection a list of possibly crucial documents in the case.

The records, which are only a sample of the vast materials still being withheld by the CIA, have been secreted from the public and from the Congress for more than fourteen years. In fact, a number were not even given to the Warren Commission.

Judge Sirica is to determine whether there is any longer need for classification and withholding of the documents. If not, he can order their release.

According to a spokesman for the Committee, these CIA documents are potentially much more explosive than the mass of routine documents now being voluntarily declassified by the FBI. "It is the consensus of the critics, after all, that it is the CIA more than the FBI which knows 'where the bodies are buried.'"

A copy of Judge Sirica's Order and Memorandum, as well as the list of documents to be produced, are attached hereto.