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Congress of the United States House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

July 21, 1980

Mr. Paul L. Hoch 1525 Acton Street Berkeley, California 94702

Dear Mr. Hoch:

I have received a reply from Professor Blakey, former Counsel for the Assassinations Committee. Although it is not responsive to your needs, Dr. Blakey writes as follows:

This will acknowledge your letter of July 14, 1980, forwarding to me Paul Hoch's letter of July 10th.

The investigative plan followed in the Kennedy case would be in the Committee files, now under the jurisdiction of the Clerk of the House. Similarly, there would be, in the files, a list of all executive sessions and subject matter taken up or witnesses heard. Nevertheless, neither of these items would be available for public distribution without a resolution of the House.

Unfortunately, the missing footnotes in the King section of the Final Report were destroyed. They were given to the printer when the Report was printed. For reasons that I have never been able to figure out, they were not set in type and our proofreaders missed that they were omitted. We did not catch the mistake until the Report had been printed, and when we went to retrieve them, we found that the original copy and galleys had been thrown away the day before.

I regret we cannot be of assistance, but I don't really know what else can be done.

Best wishes,

Samuel L. Devine

Representative to U. S. Congress