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Panel disputes image of 'loners

By JOHN GEDDIE Washington Bureau of The News

WASHINGTON — Evidence that neither Lee Harvey Oswald nor Jack Ruby were "loners" as once believed contributed to a suspicion by the House Assassinations Committee that Mafia members played a role in the death of President John Kennedy.

The committee found that although there is no evidence organized crime as a group was involved in the assessination, the evidence "does not preclude the possibility that individual members may have been involved."

The committee also agreed Ruby was aided in entering the Dallas Police Department garage where Oswald was slain.

Charging the Warren Commission conducted only a "limited pursuit" of complicity by organized crime, the committee cited numerous underworld links to Ruby and Oswald and recorded threats to members of the Kennedy family from organized crime.

Carlos Marcello, the New Orleans organized crime boss, "had the motive, means and opportunity to have President John Kannedy sessestimeted," the committee storted, sithough m. deton the storted sithough m. derect evidence was uncovered.

"The committee established that Oswald was familiar with his uncle's underworld activities and had discussed them with his wife, Marina, in 1963," the committee said in a section on Charles (Dutz) Murret, a minor underworld gambling figure.

"Additionally, the committee found to Oswald's mother. Marguerite Oswald, was acquainted with several men associated with lieutenants in the Marcello organization. . . During the course of its investigation, the committee developed several areas of credible evidence and testimony indicating a possible association in New Orleans and elsewhere between Lee Harvey Oswald and David W. Ferrie, a private investigator and even, perhaps, a pilot for Marcello before and during 1963," the report states.

The committee said it also established associations between Ruby and persons connected to Marcello, including Joseph Civello, who police believe led organized crime activities in Dallas.

"Finally, a caveat," the committee said, "Marcello's uniquely successful career in organized crime has been

based to a large extent on a policy of prudence; he is not reckless. As with the case of the Soviet and Cuban governments, a risk analysis indicated that he would be unlikely to undertake so dangerous a course of action as a presidential assassination."

The committee said while it was "unlikely" Marcello was involved, he was not formally ruled out as a participant.

The committee made the same ruling on Santos Trafficante, who denied during testimony he ever discussed a plot to kill Kennedy.

Only in the case of James Hoffa did the committee conclude a link to the assassination was "improbable."

"The evidence that has been presented by the committee demonstrates that Oswald did, in fact, have organized crime associations. . . . similarly, there is abundant evidence that Ruby was knowledgeable about and known to organized crime elements. Nevertheless, the committee felt compelled to stress that knowledge or availability through association falls considerably short of the sort of evidence that would be necessary to establish criminal responsi-



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