

House Leaders Oppose Assassination Study

WASHINGTON (AP) — The leaders of both parties in the House of Representatives said Tuesday they see no need for a new, congressional investigation of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

These views came separately from the majority leader, Rep. Carl Albert (D-Okla.) and the minority leader, Rep. Gerald R. Ford (R-Mich.). Ford was a member of the Presidential commission that investigated the killing.

Both emphasized that they know of no substantially new evidence to shake the conclusion of the commission, headed by Chief Justice Earl Warren, that Lee Harvey Oswald, and

he alone, killed Mr. Kennedy.

Their statements were made on the third anniversary of the fatal shooting in Dallas when controversy over the commission's findings has reached new heights with suggestions made that Congress should take a fresh look at the evidence.

"Unless there is new and significant evidence, I don't think there is any need for Congress to investigate the Kennedy assassination—and I know of no such evidence," Ford said.

If some significant new facts were to turn up, he said, he would be object

to a new investigation by responsible authorities.

Recent books and articles casting doubt on the conclusion that Oswald acted alone, Ford said, are only "speculation based on the information, testimony and evidence carefully considered by the Warren Commission."

In similar vein, Albert said in an interview: "There is no new evidence I have seen that would justify even considering that Congress take this up."

Albert said he is aware of the controversy over the number of shots fired at the Presidential automobile.

But, "I never did get cited about minor incidents such as the fact that Oswald was in the area," he said.