

Political conspiracy denied

WASHINGTON (AP) — A member of the House of Representatives assassinations committee says there is no evidence of a political conspiracy in the murder of John F. Kennedy.

However, Representative Richardson Preyer (Dem.-N.C.) said in a statement Monday the U.S. justice department should look into the possibility that individual members of organized crime or anti-Castro Cubans were involved.

"We exculpate all major groups and conclude that changing the institutions of government was not the goal of the possible conspirators," Preyer said.

The committee also concluded that there was no hint of involvement by Secret Service, CIA, FBI or the Cuban or Russian governments.

And although the committee believes that anti-Castro Cuban groups and the national syndicate of organized crime were not involved, this does not preclude that individual members of either group took part.

"This is an area which we believe further investigation is most warranted by the department of justice," said Preyer, chairman of the Kennedy subcommittee of the full assassinations committee.

The committee is asking the justice department to investigate what calls new evidence that both Kennedy and civil rights leader Martin Luther King were slain as a result of conspiracies.

The department has not responded to the committee's suggestion.