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Assassination Panel's Final Report Backs Theory of Plot on Kennedy

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WASHINGTON, June 2 — The House Select Committee on Assassinations has gone substantially beyond the findings of the Warren Commission and has concluded that a conspiracy, perhaps involving organized crime figures, led to the assassination of President Kennedy.

After spending two and a half years and \$5 million, the committee says in its final report, to be released soon, that the conspirators may have included organized crime figures, Cubans and James R. Hoffa, former president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters. But a source close to the committee said the investigation did not produce "a smoking gun."

"There is no evidence of a meeting where the murder was planned, there is no account of the details of the plot," the source said. "There is a substantial body of evidence, a web of circumstantial evidence, to connect the death of the President to elements of organized crime. Not

to a national crime syndicate, nor to one individual."

G. Robert Blakey, chief counsel and staff director of the committee, said from his home that he would not comment on the details of the committee report. Asked if he had a personal opinion of the committee's findings, Mr. Blakey, now a professor of law at Cornell University, said:

"I think the mob did it."

According to the committee source, the report establishes that "no longer are we able to accept the judgment of the Warren Commission that President Kennedy was killed by a loner who was a lone assassin."

The report also will urge the Department of Justice to renew its efforts to try to determine who worked with Lee Harvey Oswald, named by the Warren Commission as the sole assassin, to plot and carry out the murder of President Kennedy.

About six months ago, the committee

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presented acoustical evidence that it said showed that two gunmen had fired at the Presidential motorcade as it made its way through Dealy Plaza in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963. But three members of the committee called the evidence into question and disagreed with its assertion that Oswald was not a lone gunman, as the Warren Commission insisted.

Additional Evidence

The New York Times learned today that the conclusion that the President was murdered as a result of a conspiracy rests on more than acoustical evidence.

According to sources familiar with the committee's investigation and final report, to be made public by the end of this month, extensive electronic surveillance material accumulated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation showed that major organized crime figures were deeply disturbed by prosecutions, investigations and other actions carried out against them by the Kennedy Justice Department and vowed revenge against both the President and his brother, Robert F. Kennedy, who was Attorney General.

The surveillance was conducted between 1959 and 1965, and thus covered years before and after the Kennedy Administration.

Although the authorities have long contended that the Government's surveillance covered all major racket figures, the assassinations committee was surprised to find that it was not as comprehensive as generally thought.

Two major underworld figures, Carlos Marcello of New Orleans and Santos Trafficante of Tampa, were not covered by the electronic surveillance.

Oswald and Ruby Connections

According to the committee source, extensive investigation of Marcello and Trafficante lieutenants disclosed that

they were connected to the two principal figures in Dallas at the time of the shooting — Oswald and Jack Ruby, who shot Oswald to death as millions of Americans watched on live television.

The report will contend that Ruby had stalked his victim from the hours immediately after the assassination until he fired a bullet into Oswald's stomach two days later, and that he had had help gaining access to the assassin, perhaps unwittingly, from Dallas policemen.

The committee report maintains that Ruby also had extensive associations among organized crime figures and discloses that his telephone records indicate a small number of calls, possible relating to criminal activity, to a variety of people connected with the underworld, including Sam Giancana, who subsequently was murdered in his home in Chicago, and strong-arm men tied to Mr. Trafficante.

The committee discounts Ruby's statement before his own death that he had killed Oswald so that the President's widow would be spared a return to Dallas, where she might be forced to relive the shattering moments of the assassination as a witness at Oswald's trial.

That story was concocted by his lawyer, the committee asserts.

The final report, including some 30 volumes accumulated from public hearings, will also examine a variety of links between Oswald and the Soviet and Cuban Governments, anti-Castro Cuban groups and a small, amorphous left-wing group.

London Subway Strike Called

LONDON, June 2 (Reuters) -- London subway workers voted today to reject a 10.3 percent pay increase offer and called for a strike to begin June 18. The strike would be the first serious labor action faced by the new Conservative Government of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.