

House Panel Limits Assassinations Inquiry to 2 Months

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 1—The House Rules Committee approved today a resolution re-establishing the Select House Committee on Assassinations, but only for the next two months and with a somewhat restricted investigative mandate.

The resolution, approved by voice vote, is scheduled for debate and a vote by the full House tomorrow.

The resolution was worked out at a series of meetings between the House Democratic leaders, the Assassination Committee and one of its leading critics, Representative Don Edwards, the California Democrat who is chairman of the House Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights.

Under the resolution, the committee will operate with a budget of \$84,000 a month until March 31, when it will be required to submit its rules and plans for approval by the House if it is to continue the investigation of the deaths of President Kennedy and the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Members of the Assassination Committee had originally sought a resolution authorizing its operation for the full two years of the 95th Congress and in December had unanimously approved a \$6.5 million budget request.

Congressional critics of the committee have expressed opposition to its budget, have raised questions about its initial plans to use hidden radio transmitters and stress evaluators to test the credibility of witnesses and questioned some of the past activities of its chief counsel and director, Richard A. Sprague.

Representative Richardson Preyer,

Democrat of North Carolina, senior member of the committee, said today after the resolution had been approved by the Rules Committee that although it satisfied the objections of the liberal House members, "the resolution does not meet the objections of the conservative side that the committee's mandate is too broad."

Some conservatives have contended that the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Central Intelligence Agency have been subjected to enough investigation in the last two years.