

## Congressman Calls for New Probe on JFK

Washington, Aug. 2 (News Bureau) — Rep. Thomas Downing (D-Va.) called today for appointment of a special committee to reopen the investigation into the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. He said that newly disclosed material compiled by the author of a book on the Bay of Pigs justified such a probe.

The material, compiled by author Robert Morrow, suggested that right-wing Cuban exiles sought Kennedy's assassination in retaliation for his withdrawal of air support for the April 1961 Cuban Bay of Pigs invasion.

Morrow's material also alleged that then-Vice President Richard Nixon was "the CIA action man in the White House" in earlier stages of planning for the Bay of Pigs invasion and that Nixon had promised a right-wing Cuban exile leader that the leader could eliminate left-wing anti-Castro exiles after the invasion.

### Contract CIA Man

Morrow is the author of "Behind Betrayal," a fictionalized account of the abortive invasion. He has described himself as a CIA "contract employe." He brought the material in question to Downing last week. The Virginia congressman has long been convinced that the JFK assassination investigation should be reopened.

Downing would not vouch for the authenticity of Morrow's material, but said it did raise "a number of questions which I believe need to be answered. I would like to know what was behind the intense interest shown by President Nixon and his staff in the Bay of Pigs."

Among the materials given Downing by Morrow were three affidavits, copies of memoranda, excerpts from Nixon's White House tapes, and copies of letters that showed that Nixon, while a private attorney during the 1960s, served Mario Garcia Kohly Jr., a right-wing Cuban exile leader, apparently without fee.

### Asked Cuban Help

Morrow wrote that Kohly, who died last August, told him a year ago that he had an understanding with the CIA that top left-wing Cuban exiles "would be eliminated" after a successful Bay of Pigs invasion. He quoted Kohly as saying that he made this deal with Nixon. In return, Nixon asked help from the 42,000-man Cuban underground.

Morrow interpreted his material as pointing to a right-wing Cuban conspiracy to assassinate Kennedy as revenge for the President's withdrawal of invasion air support. "If you can believe these statements, you can see the right wing was infuriated over the losses they took at the Bay of Pigs," said Downing.