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The Report on the Assassination of President Kennedy that the House of Representatives spent \$5 million and took 2½ years to produce will be released in a few days. What's in the Report is leaking all over Washington. What the Report says, in essence, is that another official myth perpetrated by our Government is not true. The Warren Commission was wrong. President Kennedy was probably not killed by Lee Harvey Oswald acting alone. There was more than one gunman. The assassination was a conspiracy, and organized crime probably had a hand in it. In other words, these crackpot assassination buffs were right all along and investigations were either sloppy and dumb or purposely misleading.

Both NBC and the New York Times/Associated Press have sources on the Committee and each has issued a preview of the Report. It will say there is still no smoking gun. No final evidence where the assassination was actually planned. But there is a substantial web of circumstantial evidence to link the death of the President to elements of organized crime. Organized crime figures had vowed revenge on both John and Robert Kennedy. Both Oswald and Jack Ruby had syndicate connections. Phone records confirm Ruby's connections at the time of the shooting. Ruby had help from the Dallas Police when he appeared out of the crowd and shot Oswald on national television. And his entire alibi was a concoction by his lawyer. All this is in the Report. The Chief Counsel for the Committee told the New York Times/Associated Press "I think the mob did it." Cut and dried. Another staff member told NBC that there are still enough people alive that it would be possible to establish conclusively who killed President Kennedy.

But the House Committee has gone out of business...recommending that the Justice Department take over. That would be good enough for me. But if the next Government investigation doesn't turn over every remaining stone to get all the answers, then we deserve the judgment of history that 15 years later the American people weren't sufficiently interested in learning who really killed their President.

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