

Help Asked in Locating Assassination Witnesses

The House Committee on Assassinations has asked the public to help identify five potential witnesses it wants to question about the assassinations of President John F. Kennedy and the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The committee, which will open public hearings in two weeks, released two drawings and three photographs that are too blurred for newspaper reproduction, and said that the five persons shown in them were not believed to have been involved in the slayings themselves but might have pertinent information to give.

The snapshots show one dark-haired man sitting at a curb in Dallas near the spot where President Kennedy was shot "moments" earlier and two men who "may have been in Mexico City" in 1963, when Lee Harvey Oswald was there. One of them appeared to be blond, about 30 years old and the other gray-haired, about 50, with an aquiline nose.

One of the sketches is of a middle-aged, dark-haired, square-jawed man with high cheekbones named "Ralph," who "allegedly was in Atlanta in 1967 or 1968." The other portrays a man with close-cropped hair and a resemblance to Prince Philip of Britain. The committee said the man reportedly represented himself as a member of the United States intelligence community in the 1960's, occasionally using the name "Maurice Bishop."