

House Panel to 'Reconstruct' JFK Slaying

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WASHINGTON (UPI) — The House Assassinations Committee this week begins its public reconstruction of the John F. Kennedy assassination in a final, probably futile, effort to dispel all doubt about who did it, and why.

"We're not putting on a Kojak show where it's all solved in one hour," a senior committee source said.

Another said: "We can't possibly supply definitive answers to all questions. And even if we could, there would be some who would still disbelieve."

The Warren Commission tried in 1964 and concluded, in an 888-page report supplemented by 20 volumes of documents, that Lee Harvey Oswald "acted alone" in

killing the President in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963, and that Jack Ruby, alone, killed Oswald two days later.

Those findings left millions of Americans dissatisfied. Conspiracy theories multiplied until Congress decided in 1976 to create its own Assassination Committee for a "final" assessment.

After two years and more than \$4 million in investigative ex-

penses, it began last month to display its findings in the companion probe into Martin Luther King's assassination.

At those hearings, convicted assassin James Earl Ray insisted he did not kill King and was "framed" by unknown persons who did. The panel began introducing evidence to demolish Ray's case.

The King hearings have been adjourned until November and,

in the interim, the committee begins its public review of the Kennedy case with 17 open sessions scheduled this month. The first is Wednesday.

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The assassinations panel has worked hard to maintain secrecy in its work.

The best information available, however, suggests it has found nothing to alter the Warren Commission's basic conclusions — although it may offer new insights into exactly what happened in Dallas and how the FBI, CIA and Secret Service handled the investigation.

"This is one last chance to talk to live people" who have some direct evidence to offer on the slaying, a senior committee source said.

He referred to the estimated 50 witnesses, none yet identified, expected to testify this month.

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis will not be called, but an appearance was not ruled out for former Texas Gov. John Connally, who was badly wounded in the fusillade that killed Kennedy.

Oswald's Russian-born widow, Marina, is believed to have said all she has to say and probably will not testify.