

## House Panel Plans Public Hearing On Hint of a 2d Kennedy Gunman

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (AP) — Members of a House committee, raising questions about new evidence suggesting involvement of a second gunman in President Kennedy's murder, decided today that their investigation should not be ended until the findings were further scrutinized.

The House Select Committee on Assassinations is to conclude its two-year, \$5.8 million investigation of President Kennedy's slaying and that of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on Dec. 31. The panel agreed, however, that one more public hearing would be held next Friday to explore the results of the new evidence, which was based on refined acoustical tests.

Committee members say the new evidence indicates there is a 95 percent likelihood that a shot was fired at Mr. Kennedy's limousine from a grassy knoll in Dealy Plaza in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963.

That contradicts the findings of the Warren Commission, which said that only three shots had been fired at Mr. Kennedy and that all three had come from the sixth floor of the Texas School Book Depository Building. The commission concluded that Lee Harvey Oswald was the lone gunman.

While some committee members questioned the accuracy of the new evidence, the panelists unanimously agreed that another hearing should be held.

"I'm always suspicious of these new-fangled sciences," said Representative Richardson Preyer, Democrat of North

Carolina, who is head of a subcommittee that has focused on the Kennedy assassination. "The question of its credibility is certainly crucial."

Representative Robert W. Edgar, Democrat of Pennsylvania, suggested that impartial experts be called to give "an analysis of how accurate acoustical studies are" to determine what "validity and weight" should be put on the new results.

"On the whole, we ought to wait for that evidence," he told the committee.

### The New Evidence

An acoustics expert, Mark Weiss, who used sophisticated computer techniques that were unavailable to the Warren Commission, says now that there was a fourth shot that may have missed the Presidential party.

The finding is based on an analysis of a tape recording made on a Dallas police radio frequency from a police motorcycle transmitter in Dealy Plaza.

An earlier analysis of the tape by another acoustics expert, James Barger, said that there was only a 50-50 chance of a gunman on the knoll. Mr. Weiss was commissioned to see if he agreed with that finding. Both Mr. Weiss and Mr. Barger are expected to testify next Friday.

Representative Louis Stokes, Democrat of Ohio, the committee's chairman, said that even with the new developments the committee would go out of business on schedule at midnight Dec. 31, and a report on its findings and recommendations would be delivered to the clerk of the House and be made public by noon on Jan. 3.