JFK prober cites Mob, Cubans for future inquiry

WASHINGTON (UPI) - A member of the House Assassinations Committee said yesterday the Justice Department should pay particular attention to anti-Castro Cubans and crime syndicate members in any follow-up investigation on the murder of President Kennedy.

Rep. Richardson Preyer, D-N.C., chairman of the committee's John F. Kennedy subcommittee, issued a statement noting that the full committee had found there was a probable conspiracy in the Kennedy murder.

Preyer said the committee did not find "a scintilla of evidence" linking the Secret Service, the CIA or the FBI to a conspiracy, and "we also believe that anti-Castro Cuban groups and the national syndicate of organized crime were not involved.

"However, our committee does not preclude that individual members of organized crime or anti-Castro Cuban groups were involved.

"This is an area in which we believe further investigation is most warranted by the Department of Justice.'

Preyer made the recommendation in

a statement issued in Washirgton, and he expanded on it in an interview published yesterday in the Greensboro (North Carolina) Daily News

He said Lee Harvey Oswald's connections to Carlos Marcello of New Orleans was the 'most likely possible area of conspiracy."

Preyer said he is suspicious of both Marcello and Santos Trafficante, a Florida man who once ran a string of

gambling casinos in Cuba.

Preyer said "evidence from five or six very credible witnesses" placed Oswald in Clinton, La., before the assassination in 1963 with two men, David Ferrie and Clay Shaw, who was tried and acquitted on charges of conspiring to kill Kennedy.

Both Shaw and Ferrie are now dead. Preyer said Oswald applied for a job in a Clinton hospital and was told he would have to register to voe before he could be hired. He said Shaw and Ferrie took Oswald to register.

He said the assassination committee's final report "will say these associations are the most likely possible area of a conspiracy."