

'Others' Tied To JFK, King Deaths

WASHINGTON (UPI)—There is evidence — not heard before — which suggests the involvement of others in the deaths of Martin Luther King, Jr. and John F. Kennedy, but the House Assassination Committee's chief counsel said the panel's infighting has prevented "a thorough check."

The committee—facing a March 31 termination — sought to restore its credibility yesterday as Richard Sprague, the counsel, outlined the progress made so far by the panel.

A new chairman—in place of Rep. Henry Gonzalez, D-Tex., — installed

the committee is attempting to convince Congress the effort is worth making.

As new Chairman Louis Stokes, D-Ohio, presided yesterday, Sprague told the panel:

✓ The investigation has been bogged down for weeks and "we have been unable to do what I consider a thorough check."

✓ "The sum total of information in each case would be in the nature of evidence indicating that others may have had knowledge or participated in arranging for the assassinations of Dr.

King and Kennedy."

✓ Information in the Kennedy case "indicates there was some prior knowledge of the assassination before it occurred."

✓ Investigators have turned up uncorroborated evidence that James Earl Ray was not alone in the King murder.

Sprague assured committee members the information will, "be new" and not "a rehash."

Meanwhile, in San Antonio, Tex., Gonzalez told a local newspaper that Sprague had met with Cuban agents and jeopardized the panel's work.