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RFK murder report assailed

Former aide says it's incomplete

For Paul Schrade, the release Tuesday of a report on the assassination of Robert F. Kennedy is only a part of what he's been seeking.

The former Kennedy campaign aide says the real story lies in the 50,000 pages — including pictures and tapes — that the Los Angeles Police Commission won't give up.

Kennedy, then a presidential candidate, was gunned down by Sirhan B. Sirhan on June 5, 1968, in a Los Angeles hotel. Among the report's conclusions: Sirhan, who's still imprisoned, was legally sane and acted alone in the killing.

"To us, it's only 3 percent of the total and actually provides no new information," said Schrade, 61, one of five people wounded in the shooting.

Tuesday, Schrade — who

said the unreleased files raise questions that Sirhan was not alone — pressed the commission to release all evidence.

Sensitive sections of the document, such as names of people investigated, were erased during a legal review.

"You are a public commission, but you act as if you own these records," said Schrade, now working with the ACLU. "You don't. The public does."

Lewis Unger, assistant city attorney, denied claims that the panel sat on the report. "We tried to do it as fast as we could. But it's a big city and things come up," he said.

Tuesday, the commission recommended that Mayor Tom Bradley appoint a separate committee to handle the editing of the full file, and to set a timetable for its release.