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## Police to release evidence in RFK murder

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Researchers who have been waiting more than 18 years to study the primary evidence in the assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy will soon gain access to more than 50,000 pages of material from the Los Angeles Police Department.

An advisory committee to Mayor Tom Bradley heard appeals Monday from four ar-

chivists eager to undertake the task of cataloging, censoring and releasing the findings of Special Unit. Senator, the police task force that investigated the shooting June 5, 1968, in the pantry of the Ambassador Hotel. The committee is expected to make its decision next week.

"If these materials become available, there will be a new era opening up in terms of understanding the RFK assassination," said Gregory Stone, a for-

mer aide to the late Rep. Allard Lowenstein of New York. Stone has pursued the case for nearly two decades.

"There are profound and glaring questions about the evidence of this case," he said. "We don't know what happened when Kennedy died, and we don't know why he died."

The Robert Kennedy case is the only assassination in recent history in which the primary investigative files have not been

made public, said Philip Melanson, director of the Robert F. Kennedy Assassination Archives at Southeastern Massachusetts University, one of the applicants for the LAPD files.

The LAPD released a summary of the findings last March, with names of witnesses crossed out, but Melanson said it is necessary to study the evidence itself to determine if police investigated all aspects of the case,

particularly the possibility that a second gun was involved.

Sirhan Sirhan was convicted of the assassination and remains in prison, but students of the case say many questions are unresolved.

Police destroyed a door jamb and a ceiling tile that may have contained bullet holes, said Paul Schrade, a former Kennedy aide who was wounded in the shooting.