

Boren Seeks Opening of Assassination Papers

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Senate intelligence committee Chairman David L. Boren (D-Okla.) said yesterday that all government papers on President John F. Kennedy's assassination should be opened to clear the air on whether federal agencies were involved in the incident.

Boren is the latest legislator to say the documents should be opened in the controversy over the movie "JFK," which portrays federal agencies as conspiring to kill Kennedy in 1963 so he could not end the Vietnam War.

Boren said all government documents, including those now classified, should be open to legitimate historians. He said the committee

will conduct a study on how this could be done.

"I have no information or knowledge which would lead me to believe that our government agencies were involved in any kind of plot in relation to the death of President Kennedy," Boren said in a statement.

"But it is time to find an appropriate way to clear the air," he said.

Rep. Louis Stokes (D-Ohio), who was the chairman of a 1979 House investigation of the assassination, said last week that he was exploring the possibility of having the House open files sealed after that investigation.

The House investigation concluded Lee Harvey Oswald fired the

shots that killed Kennedy in Dallas. It concluded there was no government or Cuban conspiracy to kill Kennedy but said it could not rule out a conspiracy by gangsters.

The National Archives has said about 2 percent of the documents collected by the official Warren Commission investigation in 1964 remain classified.

It said papers not already published in a voluminous House investigation report are sealed only because of a House rule that seals all such unpublished papers for 30 years.

Stokes said he was confident the sealed papers would reveal no significant new information on Kennedy's assassination.