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CIA AND FBI CAPTURE  
CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE INVESTIGATING  
JFK AND KING ASSASSINATIONS

New Evidence Suppressed--  
Lawyers and Investigators Fired

"The CIA and the FBI have effectively captured and destroyed the House Select Committee on Assassinations," Mark Lane, senior executive editor of the Special Report, published bimonthly by the L.A. Free Press, said today.

At the press conference, primarily top secret material from the Select Committee investigating the assassinations of President Kennedy and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was released for the first time. Wesley Swearingen, a former twenty-five year veteran Special Agent of the FBI who had been stationed in Los Angeles, was present and will be assisting in this independent investigation.

Lane charged that the intelligence organizations had forced out or fired the original staff hired by the Congress to investigate both murders. He said that the former General Counsel of the Committee, the attorney

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in charge of investigating the Kennedy assassination, the attorney in charge of investigating the King assassination, the chief researchers for both cases and others had been fired. He added,

"Before surrendering to the police and spy organizations, the Committee, through its independent staff, had uncovered extremely important and decisive evidence in each case. It had conducted sophisticated tests including ballistics tests, neutron activation analysis scans and revealing photo analysis. These tests, conducted by independent experts, destroyed the official versions of the two assassinations.

"For example, the results of the scientific examination of the bullet taken from Dr. King's body, if released, could provide the basis for a new trial for James Earl Ray.

"In addition, investigators for the Committee had uncovered documents and interviewed witnesses which provide evidence of FBI and CIA participation in the cover-up of the evidence and in some instances, evidence of participation in the planning of the murders."

Lane said that he had interviewed the "key personnel, lawyers and researchers of the Select Committee staff."

He said that they "had been threatened with substantial jail terms if they told the truth about what they had learned."

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