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GOOD MORNING: It's rare that a movie can help change history but "JFK" is doing just that. Today, Sen. David Boren (D-Okla.) introduces the Senate Joint Resolution entitled the Assassination Material Disclosure Act of 1992. And it's fully anticipated it will pass both houses (within a month) without a problem. Congressman Louis Stokes (D-Ohio), chairman of the House Assassinations Committee, intros identical legislation in the House of Representatives ... The purpose of the legislation—to release all materials held re the Kennedy assassination ... Senator Boren, Congressmen Lee Hamilton and Louis Stokes met with Oliver Stone early this month and Boren says, "The recent release of the controversial film 'JFK' has again raised questions (about the assassination), suggesting that answers may well lie in the assassination records and other materials that remain sealed by our government." He continues, "It seems to me the time has come to open these files to the public and let them speak for themselves. Let historians and journalists read them and draw the appropriate conclusions." He says there are some 848 boxes of material on both Kennedy assassinations currently sealed until the year 2029. Senator Borne believes that this joint resolution would also "make it much harder to justify the continued shielding of a document from public view." An Assassination Material Review Board would be established to complete its work in two years. Eventually the materials would be released to the Archives, where they'd be available to public review and copying ... Oliver Stone said, "They (the lawmakers) deserve an Oscar for their courage and vision as leaders in the battle to make the American government open and fully accountable. I am proud of the role 'JFK' played in this first step in opening the files—now sealed until the year 2029." Stone, winding his Far East tour today in Bangkok, after a successful Japan bow, wings home tomorrow.