

Study Group on Slayings of King And John Kennedy Is Disbanding

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 (UPI) — The Assassination Information Bureau, a nonprofit investigative body that has concentrated on the assassinations of President Kennedy and the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. since 1972, says it has lost its reason for being.

Carl Oglesby, a spokesman for the bureau, said there was no reason to continue operating the bureau after the House Select Committee on Assassinations concluded early this year that there was probable conspiracy in the Kennedy and King assassinations.

The committee, after a two-and-a-half-year investigation that cost \$5.4 million, concluded that Lee Harvey Oswald fired three shots at Kennedy on Nov. 22, 1963, two of which resulted in the President's death. But the committee also indicated a possible conspiracy in the Kennedy assassination, saying acoustical evidence pointed to a second gunman firing from a grassy knoll at Dealey Plaza in Dallas at the same time that Oswald fired.

In the slaying of Dr. King, the panel found that James Earl Ray, an escaped convict, fired a shot that killed the civil rights leader in Memphis on April 4, 1968. There was "a likelihood" of a conspiracy, the committee said.

Review 'Still Under Way'

The panel asked the Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Investigation to review its findings, a process that both agencies said was "still under way."

Clandestine America, the bureau's occasional newsletter, reviewed some of its work in its final edition and carried the text of a radio interview this summer in which the former chief counsel of the House committee said he believed organized crime leaders were responsible for Kennedy's murder.

Robert Blakey, the former chief counsel, was quoted as saying: "In light of the web of circumstantial evidence involving

Oswald's activities in Dallas and New Orleans and his connections to organized crime figures in New Orleans, and Jack Ruby's activities in Dallas, it is my judgment, not the committee's, that the mob did it.

"When you sit down, as I did, for two years and look at everything, there's only one theory that makes sense out of it, and that's that the mob did it."

He said he would be "deeply disappointed" if Attorney General Benjamin R. Civiletti and William H. Webster, the F.B.I. Director, allowed the case to die.

"They are both men of high integrity and great ability," he said. "I don't think they will let it die. There is no statute of limitation on murder."

Bob Katz, a contributing editor of Clandestine America, said he was saddened that the committee's conspiracy findings had so little impact.

"Sad to say, the revelations did not rock the Government, did not provoke soul-searching in the press, did not result in the widespread awakening one would expect from an official verification that clandestine forces murdered the President."

Mr. Oglesby said, "There may come another time for A.I.B. to come back, re-open its files, dust off its address books and crank up again. Time will tell."

U.S. Aids Colombia After Quake

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14 (AP) — The United States is sending 300 large tents and 1,200 double-decker cots to Colombia to aid people left homeless by the earthquake that struck that country this week, American aid officials said today. The supplies will be flown to Colombia from stockpiles in Panama. The earthquake left about 40 people dead and 500 injured in the city of Tumaco.

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