

Ruby killing Oswald — his motive?

AIB goes to D.C.: Ruby the key?

The US House of Representatives' investigation into the assassinations of President John F. Kennedy and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. promises to be the congressional probe with the biggest budget since the Senate Watergate hearings. The prospect of such an inquiry has stirred the interest of the Assassination Information Bureau, housed in a hole-in-the-wall office on Inman Street in Cambridge. AIB members, who have traversed the country in recent years showing the Zapruder film of the JFK murder to encourage public skepticism about the Warren Commission's "lone assassin" theory, plan to set up a Washington office in the manner of other lobbying

"We're going to act as an information source," David Williams of the AIB says. "We hope to be able to pass information to the committee in conferences where other researchers might also be on hand. Being a presence there will influence what the committee might get away with." The AIB has been suspicious of previous congressional probes but retains hope about the current one. "What they investigate will partly depend on public political pressures." Williams says. "But this is the first time ever Congress has seriously investigated."

The AIB, which is already in contact with committee staff members, claims that the committee will look more deeply into Jack Ruby's murky connections than any previous investigation has. "I know from people on the committee," Williams says, "that the Ruby connection is an important one. Ruby opens the lid on the organized crime connection."

Aside from the House probe, the Senate Intelligence Committee, headed by Senator Daniel Inouye (D-Hawaii). has four subcommittees looking into the JFK assassination, although these investigations are proceeding phlegmatically. One of the subcommittees, Williams of the AIB asserts, is checking into the mysterious death of mobster John Rosselli. Before the Church committee investigating CIA abuses, Rosselli testified that he helped arrange syndicate participation in CIA-instigated assassination attempts on Fidel Castro. Rosselli was scheduled to testify further, but was found dead in a lye-filled barrel floating in the ocean. Williams says that last month he interviewed Las Vegas Sun publisher and editor Hank Greenspun. who told him that Rosselli years ago had admitted privately the CIA-Syndicare involvement in Castro assassination plots. The AIB hopes to give this kind of information to Congress in order to spark inquiries into new areas which may bear on the King and Kennedy murders.