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FBI Faces Quiz on JFK Slaying

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WASHINGTON (AP) — A House panel is holding hearings next week into FBI links with Lee Harvey Oswald, Jack Ruby and agency activities related to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Rep. Don Edwards, D-Calif., chairman of the House judiciary subcommittee on civil and constitutional rights said yesterday that the panel will quiz FBI officials on three general areas:

—The allegation of ex-FBI code clerk William S. Walter that the bureau warned Southern field offices five days before the Nov. 22, 1963, assassination that there would be an attempt on Kennedy's life in Dallas.

—The relationship of the FBI to Jack Ruby, who turned out to be a paid informant of the agency.

—A letter reportedly written by Oswald before the assassination, threatening to blow up the Dallas police station unless the FBI stopped trying to interview him, and whether J. Edgar Hoover ordered the letter to be destroyed.

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The FBI and the Justice Department have said investigations were under way into the matter of the Oswald letter, which reportedly was sent in early November 1963.

Edwards said the hearings are not intended to reopen the investigation into the assassination, but rather "to lay on the public record the actions of the FBI in regard to these disclosures. It's very important, historically."

The areas the panel will focus on are new, unknown to the investigators of the Warren Commission which labeled Oswald as the assassin.

Edwards added that the FBI is "not reluctant at all to testify. They've been investigating all this themselves in the past few weeks."