

Push grows to open JFK files

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Staffers who served on the Warren Commission are joining the effort to make public all files — including CIA records — on the assassination of John F. Kennedy.

His murder has come under renewed scrutiny since the release of the film *JFK*.

Director Oliver Stone suggests U.S. agencies conspired to kill Kennedy.

"I would like to deny ... that we are part and parcel of some kind of coverup," says Howard Willens, one of the 13 commission staffers who Thursday requested the files be opened.

They join former presi-

dent Gerald Ford — the only surviving commission member — in seeking the release of sealed files for:

► The Warren Commission, which concluded Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone in killing JFK.

► A House panel's investigation in the 1970s, which said his death probably was the result of a conspiracy.

Only 2% of the Warren Commission files remain sealed. National Archives spokeswoman Jill Brett says only the "originating agency" can order them opened.

Opening the sealed records may convince some doubters, but, says Willens, "You can never put the controversy to rest."

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