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FBI, CIA to keep some JFK files secret

ARLINGTON, Va. (AP) — The FBI and the CIA have no plans to release reams of secret material on the assassination of President Kennedy, agency spokesmen said.

The comments followed concerns raised by an assassination expert about legislation proposed by Rep. Louis Stokes, D-Ohio, on the release of assassination documents held by the executive and legislative branches.

James Lesar, who heads an assassination research center, said in a forum yesterday on the assassi-

nation that Stokes' proposal may prompt resistance within the intelligence community.

FBI Director William Sessions has said he would cooperate with Congress in releasing assassination documents. But FBI spokesman Michael Kortan said the FBI continues to withhold some assassination material based on standard security restrictions.

CIA spokesman Mark Mansfield said the agency will continue to cooperate with investigations. But

CIA Director Robert Gates has made no commitment to unsealing documents kept secret for security reasons, Mansfield said.

Lesar said that some 750,000 pages of documents on the Kennedy assassination locked up by the House Select Committee on Assassinations until 2029 "could be released tomorrow" with a simple majority vote of the House. By including executive branch agencies, Lesar said, the release of documents would require House, Senate and presidential approval.