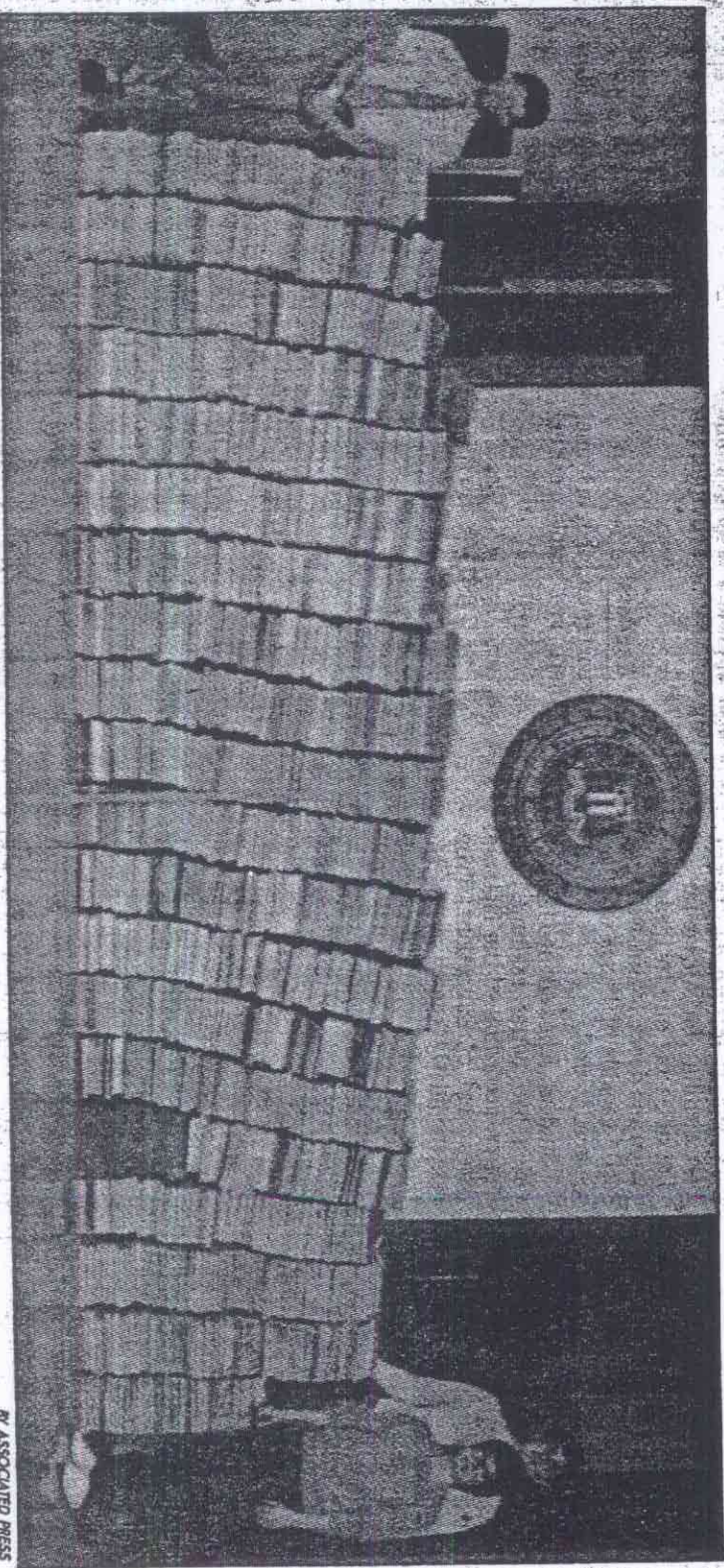


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# FBI's Files on JFK Assassination



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Justice Department clerks posed earlier this year with FBI files — just part of the documents held by government agencies on the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. A House subcommittee unanimously approved legislation yesterday that would release secret assassination records after they are reviewed by a citizens' committee. The story in on Page A10.

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# New Step Toward Release of JFK Files

## House panel backs plan for citizens' group to check secret material

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A House subcommittee unanimously approved legislation yesterday to release secret records dealing with the assassination of President John Kennedy.

The Judiciary Committee's economic and commercial law subcommittee gave the legislation its first favorable vote after defeating two GOP amendments that would have increased executive branch control over government secrets.

The bill would set up a judicially appointed citizens review board to examine all the secret government material on the assassination and recommend which should be released. The president could withhold documents on national security or privacy grounds.

### Photos to Tax Returns

The secret material, held by Congress, federal agencies, libraries and archives, contains everything from autopsy photographs and top-secret reports to news clippings and tax returns.

Representative John Conyers, D-Mich., said the final bill will probably allow President Bush to name the review board with the consent of the Senate. Conyers is chairman of the House Government Operations Committee, which is also considering the bill.

### Autopsy X-rays Called Fake

Meanwhile, two Navy medical technicians who witnessed the autopsy of President Kennedy said at a news conference that autopsy photographs and X-rays recently released by the government have been tampered with and falsified.

Jerrold Custer, who took X-rays of Kennedy's body at Bethesda Naval Hospital in Maryland the night of the Nov. 22, 1963, assassination, told a Manhattan news conference that the X-rays "are wrong" in indicating that a portion of Kennedy's face was destroyed.

He said, "There was no damage

to his face and no part of his skull was missing on the forward part of his head. These are fake X-rays."

Photographer Floyd Riebe, who took pictures of the body during the autopsy, said the photographs released by the government are "phony and not the photographs we took."

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## L.A. Grand Jury Rejects Claim of RFK Coverup

Los Angeles — A Los Angeles County grand jury has refused to probe allegations of a coverup by Los Angeles police in the assassination of Senator Robert Kennedy in 1968, according to a citizen's committee that requested the investigation.

The committee, led by former labor leader Paul Schrade, who was also shot during the attack on Kennedy, contended that police files on the assassination, made public in 1988, contained evidence of a coverup.

Schrade and other critics say evidence suggested a second gunman was involved. Sirhan Sirhan was convicted of murdering Robert Kennedy and is serving a life prison sentence. He claims to have been the lone assassin.

The grand jury, in dismissing the request, said the matter had been investigated several times by various agencies and no new evidence had been uncovered.