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FORD CALLS ON CONGRESS TO RELEASE ALL JFK FILES

WASHINGTON — Former President Gerald R. Ford has called on Congress to release all files related to the government's investigation of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Ford was a member of the Warren Commission, the group appointed to study the Kennedy assassination. The Commission's finding that Lee Harvey Oswald was the lone assassin has been widely questioned.

Ford recently wrote letters to Speaker of the House Thomas

Foley (D-Wash.) and Rep. Louis Stokes (D-Ohio) urging full disclosure of all government files on the assassination except those the Kennedy family seeks to keep private, such as autopsy photographs.

Stokes, chair of the House Select Committee on Assassinations, which probed the JFK killing, is expected to introduce soon a resolution recommending that all of the Kennedy files be made public.

In his letter, Ford maintained his belief that Oswald was the lone gunman who killed Kennedy.

Stone throws praise at Warren panelists

Oliver Stone praised former Warren Commission members yesterday for calling for disclosure of CIA files and all other government records on the assassination on John F. Kennedy.

"We are pleased the Warren Commission staff has at last come up with an idea most Americans will endorse: Open the files, all of them," Stone said in a statement released late yesterday.

Earlier in the day, former commission member Jerry Ford also urged release of files in the Kennedy case (story, page 40).