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Abzug May Air Assassination Data

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Rep. Bella Abzug (D-N.Y.) will attempt to lay open hundreds of assassination documents that have been hidden for the past 12 years.

In earlier columns, we revealed that the FBI had withheld from the Warren Commission many documents dealing with the John F. Kennedy assassination.

Investigators for Abzug's Government Information Subcommittee have also learned that the National Archives has held back numerous Warren Commission documents from the public, including the actual minutes of two of the commission's 12 executive sessions.

One of the suppressed transcripts contains an analytical discussion by psychiatrists of Lee Harvey Oswald's conduct and motives. The accused assassin's relationship with

his wife was discussed in such explicit terms that the archives felt the transcript violated the Oswald's privacy.

The other transcript, involving Oswald's stay in the Soviet Union, was based on statements by Soviet defector Uri Nosenko. It was withheld at the request of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Similar requests from federal agencies have kept secret 142 other items at the archives, including 95 from the FBI.

Other internal memos, betraying the timidity of the commission and the failure of its staff to follow up leads, were also never released.

Those familiar with the suppressed documents insist they contain no evidence that would change the commission's verdict that Oswald acted alone. On the contrary, some insiders believe the documents would help end the wild speculation over the Kennedy assassination.

Rumsfeld's Future—Republican leaders are sizing up Donald Rumsfeld, the new choice for Defense Secretary, as a presidential possibility.

At age 43, Rumsfeld and photo-opportunistic staff

But other White House aides are whispering about the possibility.

Mr. Ford has had his eye on Rumsfeld ever since moving into the White House. As we reported on Oct. 8, 1974, the President then had Rumsfeld "in mind to be the next Secretary of Defense."

We reported a year ago, however, that Mr. Ford "needed someone in a hurry to replace Alexander Haig who had headed former President Nixon's White House staff. The President, therefore, summoned Rumsfeld."

We added that "Ford still intends to send the able Rumsfeld to preside over the Pentagon." We noted that "the President's plans for Rumsfeld, of course, Secretary of Defense Schlesinger will announce from the Cabinet a victory for the State Department has secured."

Affairs has a record of bungling and betrayal.

On most reservations, the Interior Department has found Indian leaders who will do its bidding. The worst of them is Dick Wilson, whom Interior maintains in power as the Oglala Sioux tribal chairman even though the Civil Rights Commission reports his election was through with illegal fraud.

The controversy also under fire for alleged "defraud"