

CONGRESS IN MOOD TO REOPEN JFK PROBE

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As the Supreme Court gave the go ahead to the prosecution of Clay Shaw, named by Garrison as a conspirator in the murder of President Kennedy, BARB learned that a new probe of the assassination is being actively conducted by investigators of at least one Congressional sub-committee.

Rumors of a possible reopening of the investigation have been coming out of Capitol Hill. Investigators have been interviewing persons who may have additional leads on the case more than five years after the fateful Dallas event.

One BARB reporter has visited one of the investigators connected with the Congressional sub-committee.

According to the Washington (DC) Examiner of November 21, a Capitol source said that the sub-committee has been looking into the assassination "more or less as a hobby." But it became a full time job when they became aware of further discrepancies in the Warren Report and other published and unpublished documents.

The Examiner stated the investigation is conducted under Congressional auspices. If this no longer is possible, the investigators would continue to work on their own, the paper reports.

A sub-committee spokesman said a new administration might enable further investigation into the case without fear of contradicting the Warren Report.

"This is not to say that the present administration has hampered any investigation. But an administration totally unconnected with the assassination might not be so emotionally involved in reopening old wounds," the sub-committee spokesman added.

The Supreme Court announcement of December 9 lends credence to this view.

The sub-committee investigation will probably focus on such questions as: Was there a conspiracy to kill Kennedy? How many shots were fired and from which direction? Was Oswald the only assassin?

Evidence such as autopsy photos would be viewed by the sub-committee. According to the spokesman the sub-committee has found some Congressmen who are sympathetic to the reopening of the case.