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Panel Studies F.B.I. Links to Oswald and Ruby in '63

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Washington, Oct. 13 - A House of Representatives subcommittee has opened an investigation into the Federal Bureau of Investigation's relationship with Lee Harvey Oswald and Jack Ruby before President Kennedy's assassination, the subcommittee's chairman said today.

This is the first official public inquiry by Congress into whether evidence was withheld from the Warren Commission since its report saying that Oswald was the sole assassin was issued in 1964.

Representative Don Edwards, chairman of the Civil and Constitutional Rights Subcommittee, said that the purpose of his panel's investigation "is not to reopen the Warren Commission, others may later decide to do that, but to set the record straight on just what went on."

The California Democrat said that several recent disclosures about the F.B.I.'s role before the assassination on Nov. 22, 1963, had convinced members of the subcommittee that the matter required its scrutiny. Mr. Edward's subcommittee has oversight responsibilities for the F.B.I. and has been conducting a long-term investigation into the bureau's operations.

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