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In my note of 11/15/93, I advised you that the House Governmental Operations Committee (HGOC) was to hold a hearing yesterday regarding the implementation of the JFK Assassination Records Collection Act of 1992 (the Act). Further, I indicated that the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) was the only Government entity scheduled to provide testimony.

The HGOC hearing was attended by representatives of the Office of Public and Congressional Affairs (OPCA) and the JFK Task Force. The hearing was chaired by Representative John Conyers. Representatives Alfred McCandless and Glenn English were the only other members of the Committee present. Representative Louis Stokes, who is not a member of the Committee, was present at the hearing because of his interest in the JFK legislation.

Dr. Trudy Huskamp Peterson, Acting Archivist of the United States, testified first to describe NARA's response to the Act. Although her full written statement submitted for the record generally discussed the releases of JFK documents made by various Government entities, her oral testimony did not. Members of the Committee did not ask her for information relating to the responses of the FBI or any other Government entities.

Five other persons, all of whom have done research regarding the assassination, testified after Dr. Peterson. least three of these individuals expressed concerns regarding the fact that the FBI had not yet released any JFK documents. However, members of the Committee did not pursue the issue of the FBI's response to the Act.

The hearing also produced testimony regarding the fact that various Government entities other than the FBI, to include Congress, still have many documents to be released pursuant to the Act. In addition, Chairman Conyers expressed concern that the Presidentially appointed Review Board, which is to oversee implementation of the Act, is not yet in place.

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