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CONGRESS PASSES BILL TO RELEASE JFK ASSASSINATION FILES
WASHINGTON, SEPT 30, REUTER - THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
ON WEDNESDAY PASSED AND SENT TO PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH A BILL TO
RELEASE GOVERNMENT FILES ON THE 1963 ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN F. KENNEDY.

THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT BACKS THE BILL, WHOSE SPONSORS SAID
THEY WERE CONFIDENT BUSH WOULD SOON SIGN IT INTO LAW SO THE
JFK:: CONSPIRACY THEORY IS PROVED OR FINALLY PUT TO REST.

THE BILL, PREVIOUSLY PASSED BY THE SENATE, WAS PROMPTED BY
OLIVER STONE:S MOVIE
JFK,:: RELEASED LAST YEAR.

THE FILM SPECULATED THERE WAS A CONSPIRACY WITHIN THE
GOVERNMENT TO MURDER KENNEDY. MANY AMERICANS ALSO BELIEVE IN THE
CONSPIRACY THEORY.

THE BILL ESTABLISHES A BOARD NOMINATED BY THE PRESIDENT AND
CONFIRMED BY THE SENATE TO REVIEW MATERIAL FOR NATIONAL SECURITY
AND PRIVACY CONSIDERATIONS, SO SOME OF THE INFORMATION IS NOT
EXPECTED TO BE MADE PUBLIC FOR SEVERAL MONTHS.

BUT SENATOR DAVID BOREN, THE OKLAHOMA DEMOCRAT WHO
CO-AUTHORED THE BILL, SAID MANY DETAILS SHOULD START FLOWING OUT
FAST.

I THINK IT:S GOING TO BE MONTHS, NOT YEARS, IN TERMS OF
GETTING THE JOB DONE,:: HE TOLD REPORTERS.

I WOULD EXPECT SOME

DOCUMENTS TO START ALMOST IMMEDIATELY COMING OUT.::

A COMMISSION HEADED BY SUPREME COURT CHIEF JUSTICE EARL
WARREN CONCLUDED IN 1964 THAT KENNEDY WAS KILLED ON NOVEMBER 22,
1963 IN DALLAS, TEXAS BY LEE HARVEY OSWALD ACTING ALONE.

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY DIRECTOR ROBERT GATES HAS SAID
HE WELCOMES RELEASE OF THE FILES TO CLEAR THE AGENCY:S NAME OF
SUSPICION THAT SOME OF ITS EMPLOYEES MIGHT HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN
KENNEDY:S DEATH.

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