

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

27 September 1976

1. I received an AUTOSEVOCOM call this morning from Bob Andrews, who said that the Office of Professional Responsibility and Integrity, Department of Justice, had been "charged by the Congress" to thoroughly reinvestigate the "harassment as well as the assassination" of Martin Luther King. Mr. Fred B. Folsom of that office will be conducting the investigation of any DoD involvement. He will be seeing Tom Latimer shortly to initiate the investigation and, presumably, thereafter will be dealing directly with DoD components. In preparation for this first meeting, Latimer has asked for a review of any information that NSA has concerning King, including that which may have been unearthed and reported during the Church, Pike and Abzug hearings. For example, was he on the watch list, what requirements pertaining to King did NSA receive from other agencies, etc.? Andrews asked that we make this review as soon as possible and notify either him or Latimer of its results.

2. I asked Andrews where in Congress the charge levied on the Department of Justice had originated. He didn't know but will try to find out. Our guess is that it originates from a 12-man committee recently appointed by Speaker Albert to look into the King and JFK assassinations. If so, Andrews probably has only half the story, and Latimer and Folsom will also want to know similar information pertaining to JFK/Oswald.

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cc: General Allen  
 Mr. Buffham  
 Mr. Drake  
 Mr. Banner  
 → Mr. Foster

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*Action:*  
 Cong. Activities Office via  
 Coordination with DDO + DB.

**Panel Is Named  
 On King, JFK**

United Press International

Speaker Carl Albert (D-Okla.) named 12 members of the House yesterday to a new committee to look into the assassinations of John F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King Jr.

Rep. Thomas N. Downing (D-Va.) who is retiring at the end of the year, will be chairman.

Other members are Del. Walter E. Fauntroy (D-D.C.) and Reps. Henry B. Gonzalez (D-Tex.), Richardson Preyer (D-N.C.), Louis Stokes (D-Ohio), Yvonne B. Burke (D-Calif.), Christopher J. Dodd (D-Conn.), Harold E. Ford (D-Tenn.), Samuel L. Devine (R-Ohio), Burt L. Talcott (R-Calif.), Stewart B. McKinney (R-Conn.) and Charles Thone (R-Neb.).

The resolution mentioned specifically the deaths of King and Kennedy, with authority for the group to investigate others.