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On the House side (at least in recent years, and probably back in the late 70s too), the Clerk of the House issues a quarterly report (known as the Clerk's Report) which is a big, fat, bound softcover book containing the expense reports for every House office (individual Member offices, Committee offices, etc.). There's a payroll section and an expense/expenditure section for each office. Every employee of these respective offices is listed by name in these books, along with their salary for that quarter. Similarly, there is an expense report for each office, denoting non-payroll expenditures (if consultants, for instance, aren't listed in the payroll section for a Committee, then any payments made to them would be listed in the expense report). The Clerk's report wouldn't have any addresses, though. For the addresses of these employees, you'd have to get into the actual personnel files, which are kept by the Office of Finance (262 Cannon House Office Building). The old Clerk Reports from the HSCA/Pike Committee era are no doubt out of print, but either the Sergeant-at-Arms office or the Finance Office should know where to find some. Similarly, the Finance Office should be able to tell us/you how/whether we can access addresses for these former employees. Having said all that, probably the best thing to do would be to simply write/call the House Oversight Committee (formerly House Administration Committee) and tell them what we need and see if they'll help us. They can get the information a lot quicker -- if they want to -- than we'd be able to do ourselves. Also, the Committee tends to be a bit proprietary about these things, and it might be better if they got the names and addresses for us than if they heard from the Clerk or Finance Office that we were talking to these offices unilaterally and wanting to "nose around" in old personnel records. My sense is that this is a political call that David and Tom need to make, but I think I would ask the Committee first so that, even if we have to pursue the matter ourselves in the end, we're on record as having requested their assistance before striking out on our own. Even if we end up having to do the legwork ourselves, the Clerk and Finance Office will be much more cooperative if they get the word from the Committee to help us. I am weaker on the Senate side, but I think the same principles apply. We should talk to staff on the Senate Rules Committee or Governmental Affairs Committee first and get some direction, then approach the Senate's Sergeant-at-Arms office (the Senate, like the House, issues periodic reports on employee salaries and office expenses, but not as frequently). Sorry for the long-winded advice.

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 I need to get the employment records and the committee expense records for all Hill committees and panels which have done any investigative work on the JFK assassination, in order that I can get current addresses for all these people in order to send them a letter looking for assassination records they have. What is the best place to go