xvron How The Mighty Have Fallen!

the Worren Commission testimony of the utterity irrelevant White Russian community. Obviously Mailer did not belive and excerpt he uses of George de Mohrmenschildt's testimony, that they were not really friends of the Oswald, "we were just too bisy to be with them - period...they were very lost, penniless, mixed-up." Both Oswald's annoyed me." (Page 439) In his chapter 4 of his Part II "ailer has \$\overline{\chi}\$ 22 sources notes. Only one of them is not from the Warren Commission or House assassins published volumes. That one sources is Mcmillan. This is not a rehash of what was well known? Not a cut-and-paste job, a escripton Random House was quoted as objecting of to?

If w by any chance Mailer imparted new information to this, that would be understandable. But he does not. He just repeats what had been so well and so publicly known for so many years, What else does it to require to get rave reviews from hack reviewers, or fat contracts from such publishing empite empires as Random to this, that would be understandable. But he does not. He just repeats what had been so well and so publicly known for so many years, What else does it to require to get rave reviews from hack reviewers,

Part III is titled "Dark Days in Pallas." The real dark is in Mailer's mind.

He even attrubutes to Oswald's reading on Mich Kampf some of the overflowing sickness of his own mind in his endless mind reading of the dead and shrinking of them to. Thus his to Chapter 2 in it is of all things for an anti-fascist whose favorite book was the Animal arm, and Mailer cannot slick-talk himself around that Oswald "Awas more than ready to read Mein Kampf and feel some identity with Mitler...

working at a low-paying job while feeling within himself every presentiment that he was a man destined for grantmannax gretatness." (page \$ 457)

Never in his life did Oswald have other than "a low-paying job" other perhaps than in Minsk, where he did get more than others working at the same job, given to him by the Soviet Red Cross. But Mein Kampf? When as Mailer admits, among other books through 325 he read at the same time were Shirer's Rise and Fakl of the Third Reich and 1984 and The

Animal Fram.

MA Distriction of the more dies disreputable points in Nailera's total dispreputable work of gross and indecent fiction he says is nonfiction where Meiler builds

Ry Mailer's what he likes to call "fogic" should Oswald not have had twice the "presentiment" drawing him more to Grwell's thinking when he at the same time read twice as much of Orwell as he did of Hitler? To say nothing of this extensive reading before and after this brief interval?

And with Oswald's well-known political bediefs how can even Mailer-type"logic" have Oswald "Identify" with Hitler more than with Shirer, Orwell or both?

Mailer's invention of any Oswald thinking like Hitler, invented with not even a dubious basis for suspecteing it, while essential to his book in fact is baseless.

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Mailer is long on his "presentimet" excuse for using Mein Kampf as a source so he can attribute Whitler-like ambitions to Oswald but it is Mailer himself who Ho proves this is, that sometime favorite of waiter's, bullshit. If we skip ahead to page 561 we find no less a pr"presentiment" that Oswald's real ambition, Mailer attribbuting great ambition to him, was really to become President of the United States becasue there we find Mailer reporting that Ostald read Manchester's Dortrait of a President. But, again using what Mailer' palms off as reason or logic, a word he qlso likes if not its rational practise, if Oswald were somehow rive to cassassination, does his not taking from the library at the same time Solzhenitsyn's A Day in the Life of Ivan Depasy Denisovich mean that what Oswald really longed for was to knock Khruschev off?

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and as in time we see, even then warrantecould be note with all of his trick to seem to be possible by Mailer's absolutly unconscionable as suppression of what was so the while with publicly available that he had to know about or, if he did not, by such abstral ignorance he had no business even thinking of writing any work of even pretended nonfiction.

nonexcipting basis for saving himself from ter bankriptcy with which he and

Schiller return from getting creamed by the hinsk KGB. From the sickness of his own 32

mind, his own self-concept and overweening ego and most of all from desparate need

Mailer here gets into his irrational case for Oswald killing Kennedy because he felt that

would make him a great man and and a world leader— as Mailer does not say and as

would have been inevitable, from the figil where he'd spend the rest of MIS life world in the grave if not that lucky only a sick, a unconscionable and desparte

man would be capable of this kind of worse than nonsense that all of his effort in this bind book is intended to make seem real we when it was not, could not have been, and is as crazy an idea as Shrink Mailer could make up to save himself.

When he says that Oswald was "feeling within himself every presentiment that without he as a man destined for great ness against all odds," that is total fabrication, without even a peasonable suspection to gave it any semblance of any possibility at all. But to make it appear to have some basis Mailer invokes of all authorities, words he elets from Hitler's Mein Kampf - about his onw life and imaginings! Mixed in with irrevelant additional selections from the testimony by those White Russian emigrees Mailer has additional quotations from Mein Kampf!

And this is the bsis from "ailer's whole solution" through his known biography" of Oswald!

now an again with selctions from other such eminent experts as Priscilla McMillan.

No less insance is Mailer's statement that in saying he did not believe Oswald was the assassin deMohrenshildt used that as his way of serving and entirly imagibed, by Mailer, way of Serving notice on the CIA." (Page 474)

depite this, Shrinking away with no thought of even minimal reasonable rationality, Mailer that despite this Mailer imagined "serving notice on the CIA", "George maintained his covert stance," still another figment of the Mailer mind or conscious expression of his desparate need. (page 474)

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If any riter other than a Mailer produced such awful slop of the mind he would be laughed at for the rest of his life. And standard should be. But craziness like this comen coming for from mailer gets him rave notices and people standing in line to heard him.

When we come to the trift- meaning the official truth in evidence, not the overflowing of intellictual sewers - this will then seem to be more impossible that At could be published and that he could be adored for making it all up.

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Mere Mailer is his usual generous seft: ht does not claim an exclusive patent on making our history up. Thus when Eper Eostein, knowing that de Mohrenschildt was the psychitic, believes every word he says and has no indehdent confirmation, that making with purious history has becomes in Mailer's words, Exploring the matter further."

That is like those beautiful clothes on the emperor of the fable, those clothes that did not exist. There was no such matter to present the saying it surely helps sell books. Continuing, nothing omitted in quotation,

Sick as this is, obviously insane without any question at all, utterly sourceless as the esult, it is what the "intelligence" experts like the pat's Finder revelled
in and waxed rhapsodic about. Mailer next devotes this rare telents of his to a pring
young Japanese woman a named Yaeko Okui who was at a Christman part with most of
the "hite Russian & community." (pages 477-80) She was a musician, playing with the
"alles symphony and was from a very fine Japanese family. ... wealthy." (page 477)

Not mailer!
But that does not fool Mailer one bit. No, sir, not the littlest little bit! No siree,
not the Harlot's host expert on spoking that he is. And neither did O'cald's talking
Japanese to her.

That was

All cover that Mailer sees through, of course.

Mailer says of him de mohrenshift; end 328

chasing a couple of girls, but his antennae were out and he remarked to Marina: "That Japanese girl—I don't trust her. I think she works for some government or other, but which one, I don't know."

We can take it for granted that De Mohrenschildt, in the course of debriefing Oswald, would have had many conversations with him about sex and would have known of his considerable regard for Japanese women. In *Legend*, Edward Epstein explores the matter further:

George De Mohrenschildt subsequently testified that ... [Oswald] had made some "contacts with Communists in Japan" and that these "contacts" had induced him to go to the Soviet Union. At least this was what Oswald had confided to him. Now, as he watched them talk across the room, he wondered whether [Yaeko] might be trying to find out about this earlier period in Oswald's life. In any case, [George] didn't trust her.

Yaeko herself never fully divulged the contents of this long conversation with Oswald . . . She would later say when questioned by the FBI in 1964 that she and Oswald had discussed "flower arrangements."

At about midnight, De Mohrenschildt suggested to Oswald that they leave . . . Oswald wrote down a number that Yaeko gave him, as Marina observed; then he followed De Mohrenschildt out the door.¹²

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indut Lugle Harlot's Ghosting he way merrily along Mailer gives us much to consider so

I break the quotation at this appoint to note that his footnote 11 Veferring at to that 32

"Japanese girl" is to Mcrillan's book. For de Mohrenschildt's "debriefingnof Oswald,"
what "ailers says "we can take it for granted," because Mailer says we can take it for granted we have no choice. "e has no source, there bing none other than oozes from his mind and he striggles to meet his need on August him Mind and Mind Owell in Munk, own for all the rest Mailer.

For all the rest Mailer has but that (footnote Mg. 12. It reads, Freet
"Epstein, Missessite op. cit. pp. 481-2)" (page xxix) Although Mailer says "pstein"
he efers to McMillan. Epstein's book is not that long. Yet the texts says what "citer
says is what that it is in Legend that Epstein "explore; further that I quote above,
"We can take it for granted that De Mohrenschildt, in the course of debriefing Oswald,
would have had many conversations with him about sex." That is "debriefing" (Harlot's
Ghost variety, for intelligence purposes?

"Many conversations! How many is that many. By most concepts de Nohrensch
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ildt and Orwa Oe Oswald did not have than "many" private meetings for my debrighing "to be

prosible."

Mailer's reference to de Mohrenschildt's "subsequent" testimony, which does not even suggest where he testified or to what it was "subsequent," has no source note unless that to, too, comes of from McMillan. But then Mailer has all the printed testimony of both the Warren Commission and the House ssassins as the two leading items in his bibliography, so why the he use "cMiddlan) as a source for his own sources? O bd?

shildt killed hi sself to avoid meeting with the House investigator because de Mohrenscildt was f afraised that testimony beforeit would ruin hin. So it cannot be that
testimony he never gave.

Mailer does says his book, byt its subtitle, if AN American Mystery." This, then, must remain part of that mystery.

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Whatever the alleged source, what is groted is entury unreal, although Eosteein did fabricate a ridiculoys case of Oswald as a Communist agent in Japan.

It is all based on assumptions that do not exist and have no reason to exist.

There is no reason even to suspect that the Japanese was musician from her wealthy family in working for Japanese intelligence. Or for the CIA. Or that demohrenschildt has any kind of "operation" in the CIA. Or that it needed him for one. Or that he had been given any instructions. Or that the metting with Ohui was arranged. Or that there has been any assignment to her to "debrief" (how Mailer loves that word without any understanding of what it is and means to magnify his love of it!) Or that Oswald or word that, had any intelligence information at all that was not well known to all the world's spookeries that could use it other than the radar codes that had been changed and thus no longer had any meaning. Or that intelligence confacts are made in publiculaces.

Or that for Okui to see Oswald it had to be at a party if she had worked for the Japanese intelligence. On the CIA.

None of this is even sensible fiction for readers past high-school freshman.

And what kind of "intelligence" could Oswald obtain working as a shipping

clerk on school text books for which that imagined bee "deeper use can be made of him?"

"Deeper use" of a stock clerk on school gexts?

"Deeper use," of course, implies an existing use not as f'deep," whatever that may be intended to mean and is not spook tradecraft other than in the nittiness of such authorities as Harlot's Chost. Which was enirely but fabricated anyway.

This is not even, reviewer's word, "brilliant" as fabrication. It would designate the writing of a reasonably intelligence teenager. It reflects the "deepest" ignorance of what intelligence is, real intelligence or the dirty works some of it has degenerated into. The best that can be said for this juvenility by a septegenarian is that it is more of his "arlot's "Ghosting with our history and with what people can know mand believes."

What if they believe any of it at all will confuse them even more.

Not a word of this is true, not a single word. Not a word of it is even possible.

It is not even rational for a novel. No matter how we much the hack reve reviewers rival each other in their praises of it and of Mailer for making it all up when so out of contact with way any reality at all.

"Intelligence experts" like the Post's finder and the Sunday Times' Powers, who wrote a Wo biography of the CIA's richard Helms could Not recognize this as the most awful wind of chilydish trash? Did not puke on reading it.

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On the bsis of common sense alone all other reviewers had no question about this stuff? It is incredible but as we see this is far from the only illustration of it.

Incredible! Absolively incredible!

The quotation from Page 479 that I interrupted, continues, nothing omitted:

Mark Owly le of had

As happens over and over in attempting to find a credible route through Oswald's adventures, the trail forks, then divides again:

1) It is all as it seems on the surface; Oswald has found an attractive girl who likes him. 2) De Mohrenschildt is not, in fact, prepared for Miss Okui, since she is working for Japanese intelligence. 3) As Marina believes, Yaeko Okui is connected to the CIA, only it is for a section that is not connected to George's operation. Or, 4) De Mohrenschildt has been given instructions, and the meeting with the young lady has been arranged in advance—Miss Okui is there to become friends with Oswald and debrief him in depth to see whether deeper use can be made of him. Indeed, Miss Okui is

exactly the reason that George brought the Oswalds to the party; he and Jeanne are only pretending to be distrustful.

Perhaps who before he diese perhaps after a nice long rest in the booby-hatch who was not well that this i kind of writing indicates ailer revally does need, he may see that the who absolutely the only "trails" route " to be followed beclutwit crazy series of "trails" that do not exist, that there was no reason for them to xist, that there was not even a rational basis for even suspecting any one of them—that it is all entirely rraxy no matter how much the Finders of hack reviewing adore him for his scholarship and his brilleince.

This is not even brilliant fabrication. It is hore ghosting harlotry with out history and with the people can known and believe.

Not a wond of this, not a a single word of it is rue true. Every word of it is of Tailer's fabrication.

But I do note that again he infers that deless Mohrenschildt works for the CIA but not as an employee.

which refers to the CIA in its title, Grubs for the Organization. Its first words are:

If one would ask why the CIA would now be interested to this degree in Lee Harvey Oswald, it may be worth offering one insight on the complex nature of the Agency.

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The proof the long Harlot's Chosting of the list is too sick, too

but it is really

childish to men quote, it all being Mailer's juvenile opnopet of the M CIA, penndyo

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fereate dreadful-style of an ignorant nevelist who is so ignorant he cannot getreal even by accident.

And ga again neither of those "inelligence experts, Finder of Powers, perceived this, any of it, especially Powers who researched and wrote his Helms biography. "Expert" is hardly the right word for their not spotting any of this!

The beginning of Mailer's following paragraph is worth quoting as he his mould have to imagine himself the Harlot's Ghost in writing, despite his apologies to marker and the CIA about that dreadfully bad book as it relates to the CIA:

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It will not come as shocking information to most readers that through the Bay of Pigs, and then for the year and a half that followed, there had been a working agreement between the CIA and the Mafia to assassinate Fidel Castro. It had been perhaps the most important and secret aspect of a large effort, called Operation Mongoose, that worked out of the most powerful CIA base in the world, JM/WAVE, stationed in Miami and southern Florida for the purpose of harassing Cuba through a variety of raids, bombings, and other means of sabotage.

Mailer is correct in say that noe of what I quote will come as a shocking information. There is a minThe Harlot's ghost reason it will not shock shock. It is all false, all from Mailer's endless imagine that becomes instant fact s soon as it pops up in his minds, which is as soon s he thinks he needs instant fact.

First of all there was no "working agreement between the CIA and the Mafia to

assassinate Castro." It was an agreement with Robert Maheu as the intermediary between

two Mafia w

six of the top CIA exacutives and three of the mafos who did did not long survive

Waltway

That agreement. Sam "Momo" Giancana and John Roselli were both assassinated, Roselli dismembered and fed to the fish.

It was not at the beginning of the Bay of Pigs. It was conceived and arranged

earlir, dring the Eisnehower administration, as he Bay of Pup was.

Othe Cht his astronoledge This and this
(It was not part of Operarion Mongoose.

JM WAVE was not part of it and if it knew about it, it knew only informally. It was not informed by headquarters. 2334

And it has nothing to do with "raids, bombings and other means of sabotage."

[can say there things because I have and remme remember, I offered mailer acces too all I have, as I do with all writing it the filled the COA's records on this.

What also is beyond belief is that later in this very paragraph Wailer says he does not really know a thing about the solution to the 1962 Cuba Missile Crisis by saying that it did what it was not do and whot saying it did what it did do. He says it "was to avdert further nuclear confrontation." It was in fact to remove the danger of nuclear confrontation is and over Cuba and said nothing about any other confrontation of any kind anywehere in the world. As Mailer dod n say, the solution was kennedy's officer to g promise to guarantee Cuba against any invasion. Mailer then says as a "It byproduce" of this nowexisteing averting of further not nuclear Confrontation" Kennedy "gave orders to cut down on Operation Tongoose." It was in fact ended and I think it was ended before them, not just "cut down on."

Then this character who gets away with making it up as he goes and having that acea acclaimed as nonfiction sets "Soon after, the FBI began to disarm various anti-Castfo kriups that until then had been in a special training camps..."That was not a function of the FBI and the FBI did not do it. To the degree it was done it was done by the authized federal and local authorities.

ebtrayed. To them, "this seers who has no sources for what he makes up and needs none, "Oswald could certainly have been of interest. If the reaswe quants to know why, it is not in Mailer's book. Needing no sources for what there can be no source, none of it being real or even tangible enough to warrant events conjecture, Mailer then intones, with his usual conjecture.

passed along a favorable verdict: This fellow is essentially desparate and

enough to pull off quite a few things." (page 481)

Not nearly as desparate as Mailer for whom none of this is soruces, noth of it being even within reason.

There is no reason to believe that de Mohrenschildt had ever been "debriefed" by anyone about Manything at all. He was form timeinterviewed by the Domestic Contact Service about his for foreign traves and work, absolutely normal, about

above-board, legal and proper and nonsecret.

There was absolutely no reason for the Domestic Cintact Service, the only ones to speak tide Mohnrensheilfdt, or any other part of the CIA to have any interest in Oswald that if one had existed the Domsetic Contact Service could have speaken to home about openly, not clandestinely.

But in all this immitation penny-dreadful writing Mailer has yet to even hint at any knowledge of interest to the CIA Oswald had or could have had.

at any knowledge of interest to the CIA Oswald had or could have had.

Other New DCS, after his return

But if the CIA had had any interest in Oswald, as only an intelligence ignoramus like Mailer would not know, it would use its own experienced and trusted employees to obtain the information about him it wanted in the usua and normal ways in such matters, not through a geologist who had had slight social contact only with him.

Main and this does ssume what there is no reason to ssume, that the CVA had any linters interest in Oswald.

or, and this is Mailer's childish conception of how intelligence agencies work, if by any chane the CIA had had any interest in any) "desparate enough to do anything," they would have been specialists in the Vanythings" the CIA might want, not kids with no skills of any kind. And for what Mailer implies, killing Kennedy, 330 it would certainly have been a se superb shooter with a weapong in which be was skilled and a record of being an excellent shot. One not by any means with Oswald's public reputation.

"Few things?" Mailer? what kind of things besides assassination for which no go owald would ever be considered. What kind of "things" did the CIA need done that it had to go outside its stadd staff to get done?

Other than in the ignorant and irrational mind of a self-import subjectmatter ignoranus who believes that whatever childish nonsense suggests itself is real
only because it occured to him and has he is the genius of all geniuses on intelligence
and anything related to it.

the alk this childishnes he makes up he has no reason to believe even that for

that "things" he is careful not to meantion, which disturbed not a single reviewer, the CIA preferred "desparate" people.

piffle. one was various page. Mailer xonjs conjectures if presume that Oswald and being and Mynchoting and manipulating and mynchoting and manipulating and manipulating and manipulating and manipulating and manipulation for special services, but he at no point quotes Marina on ther once having enough to live decently on, he does conjecture that Oswald used some of that imagined money to repay the State Department for the money it advance to bring the Oswalds here but the neitre sum was small and he had repaid some of it. The total long loan was for only \$345.71. Unable to prove a thing Mailer literally invokes his novel about the CIS that it laughed at as authority to say hat hopoling someone is easily done by paying off a debt of his.

Wholly into speculation (how pleasnt an honest statement and dmission truly is in this ever (hough it do not land lung) 1 337

Long (hough it do not land lung) 1 (page 484)

some sort of prova provocateur in left-wing organizations?"(It did not last long!)

The question is vital in Mailer's mind only, not in fact or real ty.Porvocateurs in domestic organizations was outside the CIA permitted activities or interests. In part because that was the turf of the FBI and they had enough problems over
addry to Dury with Maden's invented
what made a difference to them without making a bookerney of this silliness. No matter
how that "ack Sennett of intelligence agencies, Mailer, may regard it. Or essential as
he regards it in his rescue of Oswald in Minsk.

To put it simply, the "question" that Mailer says is "vital" is a question that in freality does not exist.

Mailer meanders a round with t even a dip back to Minsk with more imaginings that mean nothing at all xcept as part of an amateurish plot of a bad nove.

But in the course of it he is building up to call Oswald the assassin based on no evidence at all. Building conjecture on imagine on conject that has no basis at all and, of course has no source note, none being possible for the inside of Mailer's mind,

This is "logic?" end 399

Even as entirely imagined, which is what it is, is is simply crazy!

"Unfinished business" from when he was a boy? What "inemi"unfinished business?"

Mailer does not say so again if the reader wants to know the reader will have
to become Mailer and do as Mailer does, just make it up.

But my,

these are that the first words of his Chapter 9, "AStoicism, Majestic in Purpose.":

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In the depths of Oswald's logic lies an equation: Any man who is possessed of enough political passion to reach murderous intensity in his deeds is entitled to a seat at the high table of world leaders. Such may have been Oswald's measure. The route to becoming a great political leader—given his own poor beginnings—might have to pass through acts of assassination. (page 505)

To paraphrwse farina, Socrates it isn't.

Nor is it even reasomable.

But he plants his notion as a substitute for evidence and builds on it as he dones on his to jet conjectures. The matter how much so many reviews loved it.

Part IV is "The Big tasy." (pages 2529 ff.) Mailer likes that old and rarely-used reference to it better than Mew rleans, this being a work of nonfiction. His style of nonfiction is that of a nevolist when he sees the cance to work little local stories in ash as he does at the beginning of his Capter 2. It has the provicatives title, within quotes, "He Walks and Talks like Man." He begins its second paragraph with what is indispendible to Tailer if he is to have a word to say but not his more usualy forms of bas baseless conjecturing, "It could bassaid also be said." What is it that "could also be said?"

Single Spece

It could also be said that Lee had unfinished business in New Orleans, having spent part of his adolescence (once Marguerite could no longer afford the rent at Myrtle Evans' apartment) living in an apartment over a pool hall on a street on the edge of the French Quarter, Exchange Alley, which had its share of whores, small-time hoods, and petty gamblers. Rare is the adolescent who listens to such nocturnal action from a second-story window without expectations building up in him of a dramatic street life to come.

Norman, what you do miss here!

If Mailer knew naything about New Orleans what he says about that, no-longer—

and but was called "flace what he says of it he

mexisting narrow stestre street that was an alley to begin with could have been said ab

share of whores he did something to which he is not prone: he understated. But in making up his nonexisting case of Oswald as a homosexual here is where he missed a real trick,

Earlier I quoted what that former friend of Oswald's in the "arines told me that

included what I later proved to be fact, of Ospald's very high security clearances when he as a Marine. He also told me that Oszald as a pool shark, that he loved to shoot pool, that they did it often together, and that Oswaldwas good at it.

In the course of checking that out although the narrow alley did still dxist, and the back door of Orest ena's Habana Bar and Grill eas to Exhanc Exchange Alley, what had been on the other side of that alley had been torn down when I was there. In fact whevever I was there in 1967 and 1968, I was there fairly often to ee Orest and speak to some of his employees. And checking Oswald as a kid pool shark took me back there, although the pool hall and that building n 2 m no longer were.

the edge of the French quarter. It was, on Pailer could have said that place was of two edges of the French Quarter Mussespel the edge toward the Aver and the edge twoard Canal Street, the main street in that area and the dividing street between uptown and downtown, which are reveresded in New Areans.

It is not surprising that Mailer has only sources he cut and pasted for this

chapter. Nothing local, nothing form anyone who knew anything a bout what he writes Only the hearings, McMillan and Posner. (had was avo about. And nothing absort that buelding at 126 and other buedlings near it. His sources include MdMillan nor Posner He draws on McMillan and Pozner, neither one of whom did any checking gbhere, either.

And thus it was that Mailer did not know that the apartment pnext to that of the Oswold's was tenanted by aftr and Mrs. Sawyer. We ownd the nearby Society Page bar, which called

itself a cocktail lounge. His wife was so well know as "Mom" I've forgotten he real

name but I think it is mmildred Mildred. They had had to relocate the bar when those bulsings were torn down. They ree relocated only a short walk away, at 819 St. Louis. If Exchage had gone that far, as it did not. St. Louis Street Alt runs rom the nearby river at right angles to Exhcange, When I found Mom there a few blocks

blees from the river. Hom told me that she had had the apartment next to her son's. She remembered that the boy was alone much too often and for too long.

Wath the possible exception of San Francisco New Orleans had what may have The city been the largest percentage of himosexuals in its population. Most of the time it was homospe absorbe men fun far tison charge with he assauration, quite tolerant of them Clay Shaw was well and publicly known as a homosexua, and was widely respected socially and in business. The French Quarter held quite a few homoand restaurants Some were sexual bars, that catering to homosexuals and those owned by them. The Society Page

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Catered to Them,

was one, before and after it moved to St. Louis Street.

mgong home typed

My memo is dated March 16, 1968, the date I wrote it after returning home. I had picked the mroning to go there to avoid the rush of business later. Mom's bartended had been with her for seven we years, beinning at the old place near where she had lived on Me Sunefloor as with the Oswalds and near that pool hall.

So, what Mailer missed, is that as a boy Oswald lived where homosexuals hung out. I asked the barkeep if Oswald had had any association with them and he said not, not at all. So, when Oswald had the opportunity to make a little money when he had none he did not make it the way Mailer conjectures.

Gree The barkeep, whose name a remember, also gave me the name of the poolhall in which Oswald the boy bung out. It was White's.

So, Mailer not only misses his chance he made incorrect assumptions and them based on what he had no personal know ledge of, what he got from the hearings, where there was no first -hand information and from the illan and Posner, neither of whom had any While Mineile Mailer is correct in saying that whores, small-time hoods and petty famv gamblers were numerous there when Osweld was a boy, Osweld did not know about them "from a second-storey window" only and he and the homox sexuals who were more numerous there because they patronized The Society Page had nothing to do with each other.

"aving missed a legitimate opportunity to make it appear that Oswald was homosexual, Mailer was not abobe above altering testimony to make it appear that Oswald was homosexual and then gring farthur and writing about his non-existing himosexuality as a fact.

I referred above to Lean Andrews having told me that the way Liebeler handled the questooning he appeared to have said that Oswald was in association with those homosexuals who had come to see him after being arrested whe in fact Oswald as with a "edican and just happened to be at Andrews office at the same time as the other.

On Pages 537, 538 and 539 Mailer alters those pages of what he presents as from what Mailer eliminated from it to make it give the false impression he gives it. And what Mailer eliminated is Aber Andrews' separating Oswald and his Mexican companion from the homosexuals. Who in fact were of a spectral kind. What Mailer does is doctor the testimony to make it lie. He does quote the testimony. But he eliminates what says and means the opposite of what Mailer is corrupted it to mean. For example:

Mailer's first line on page 538 is:

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Mr. Andrews. About 50....I was went down for the onest represented. ..."

Now those three little dots Mailer uses to eliminate what disporves his fabrication.

In the course of his he eliminates another question a another answer. Kiexwie What

Mailer eliminated separated 20 swld w from h those homosexials.

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The 50 A ndrews referred to were mostly transvestites who had been scopped up in a police sweep. From the Mailer Mailer alters the testimony there is no way of knowing the truth he eliminated. Not much sope when he gones on with projudicial misrepresentations fot all this space. Here is what he eliminated that made it clear Oswaldwas not with or associationed with the homosexuals.

guestion, authority of they weren't with Oswald, ere they?" And Andrews response beins with "no."

To gi e this more credibility Honest Norman, honest in the way hoc-shop operators called themselves honest", pilled the same kind of cutie on the preceeding page.

There Mailer has this sentence, referring to Oswald going to Andrews' office:

"Mr. Liebeler. The first time he came in he as with these ... gat kinds."

what few words did Mailer eliminate, we not fro space consideration in his tome of more than 800 pages? Exactly what "ndr@ews had told me, that Oswald and MTthe mailer mexican jws just happened to be there when the others were. Before Maler altered the testimony and questioning to make the Mlie in support of his own fabrication about Oswald, what the trascripts says and Mailer eliminated I'll underscore:

"Mr. Liebeler. The first time he came in he was with these Mexicans, and there were also some gay kids"

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Nagghty Norman makes the clear statement that "swald was not with fit those gays read, as he altered it on page 537, "Mr. Liebeler. The first time he came in he was with

these ...gay kig kids." Which hewes not!

Mailer then quotes part of a line of an Andrews response and then has his truty three dots again what he eliminates is that he never againsaw those Megay kids" and Oswald together again but that although they did not come back with Oswald the Mexican did. The Those three little dots Mailer replaced testi mony with replaced to lines as the commission published it. (11H 326)

try svestite when those "gay kids" in question all were, Mailer makes more "improvements" in the supposedly verbatim uses he makes of the official testimony. On page That is the supposedly verbatim uses he makes of the official testimony. On page 538 he has Liebelr asking Na rews, "You say that some of the gay kids [that] the police arrested...were the ones that had been with Oswabdd?" Andrews' response also has Mailer's three-dotting of truth. he has Andrewes respond only, Yes..." What Mailer's used of "[that]" and those three dots eliminate as the time of all of this, Mailer's eschanges making it appear that the setronseverial tearrests were before the joint appearance in us office of those people and Oswald when they were not together and the arrests were later and that they were transvestites. Mailer was not about to add to his making an homosexual of Oswald also making him a transvestite. Whe words he which belong in place of [that] and to "the police arrested" and after "the police arrested, "this large group of them wearing clothes of the opposite sex."

The follows imediately after Liebelr's asking Andrews what Majler eliminated, "They weren't with Oswald, were they?" and Andrewsresponse of "No." end 344

Maiolr also made changes that altered the testimony/so he could make it

appear to support his flee story of Oswald as a himosexual, which is an indispensible

part of his creating a false biography of Oswald as part is his falsification of

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Oswald makes him the assassin. Thus onpage 538 he has lieber lieleber asking, "Let me

fry to pin don't how it it was after the first tome oselad came in with these kids that

much?" Free Dand and Manney

got arrested... Was it a "morth?" What Andr ews eleminated, and he made the elimination

total— MeNailer's reader has no way of knowing why Oswald went to see Andrews— and it had nothing to do with spex or any sexual preference. As Mailer present it this is after thew those three dots eliminated those "gay kilds" as tatransvectites and to make if appear that they were with Oswald when it was merely coincidence, they they happened to be in Andrews' office "at the same time." The n Majker eliminated Andrews volunteering that Oswald "had come back with this Mexicano one more time," not with the gay kids. Refering to that econd time that Mailer three-dotted entirely out Andrews started to tell Libebeler that "the second time he came back, we falked about the yellow-paper discharge, about his status as a citizen, and about his wife's status." Along with eliminating this with three dots Mauler alos eliminated without any three dots what debeler said before "Let the try and pin down..."These are Alieblere's words Mailer memory-holed:
"Now before we get into that," and then after a comma comes, whet me to to pin down..."

it appear falsely that "swald was homosexual and was with those" gay kids" when he was not with them then ar ever, when he was always with a Mexican, and that he sole and exclusive purpose in Tgeing to see Andrews was abilt his Marine's discharge, his citizensbip and his wife's status in this country.

thonk the foregoing is sufficeith. Except for how Mailer winds it all up after his deliberate corruption of it to make Oswald appear to be what he was not and never had been but what is important to Mailer's making him into something other than he was for his book's dishonest purposes. Here are two excerpts from his two conclusing paragraphs of his Chapter 2 of his Part IV:

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The enigma of Oswald's homosexuality might now be clarified to a degree, except that we are being told all this by a man whose word, according to Posner, is not considered reliable. We have, then, no more than another question to add to our understanding of Lee's relation to Marina now that she is arriving and his vacation from marriage is over.

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ear be enriched by its reverberation. If he is homosexual at all, if the inner drama of his marriage is that he is only half connected to Marina and the other half of him is drawn toward having sex with men, and if this need has been intermittently expressed in his adolescence, his Marine Corps years and, covertly, in Russia and perhaps in Dallas, then the picture offered by Dean Adams Andrews takes on credibility. It certainly helps to explain those periods of desire for Marina that alternate in him with a lack of interest in Marina so complete that she complains aloud about it to people she does not even know well. In the sexual sense, it could be said that he seems married to her no more than fifteen weeks in the year.

Mailer's corrypting of the official testimony to make it lie in supprt of his lies that is essential to hisfalse portarit of Oswald could not be more deliberate. It could hardly have been more dishonest. Mailer altered Lidebeler's questions and comments and Andrews' responses to have the all mean har Oswald as in open associations with homosexuals who were were arrested when he was not.

mailer eliminates any other reason for Oswald having been in Andrews office

than homosexuality. Mailer Maltered the test imony tohave it lie and say that Oswald

was to see Andrews with those homosexuals when i fact he was not with them, then

or ever, was with a MeX ican, and with the specific purpose of eeking information and

perhaps help over his discharge, which had been changed from Monorable to less than

honorable; about his citizenship after having given the appearance of changing it to

Russian and living there for two years; and about his wife's legal situation as a foreign

national. All of this Mailer knowingly, deliberately, changed so he can treat it as The

"the enigma of Oswald's homosexuality."

His chapter title, referring to Oscald, is "He walks and Talks Like a Na."

The question Mailer poses after this or many such chapters, but this on in particular, is can this chapter title be applied to himself? Does he in the foregoing "talk like a man," an honored wifter twice-Culitzered?

In fairness to the reviewers, they did not have the familiarity with the actual debutidy
evidence to be able to suspect that Mailer Perpetrated such grees gross corruption of the official evidence to help him kale his phony case for his phony solution in his

phony books. If they had read whiteawas, of which there is little possibility, there is every lesspossibility that they would have remember the truth about all of this as I, of course did, more so because Andrews, with shom I do developed a friendly relationships, had sicussed it with me in at some length.

Howver, this does illustrate the importance for an honest publisher intending honest publication having an authentic proper review, the former tradition that Random House dispend dispensed with for its lusty and enormously-promoted books is dishinest support of the official assassination mythology. Mailer's piddling revision of our history and he making an entropy different person of Oswald than he was would not have susvived competent peer review.

This nastiness of "ailer's making Ogwald into a homosexual in pursuit of Mailer's own self salvaging of his Minsk failures is, as it was with de Threnschildt and Muaring and his character-assassination of them, possible only by "ailer's total departure from what we all expect and have every right to expect, all recognized standards a and traditions of h nonfiction writing.

The totality of bis intent to be dishonest, of his actual corrupting of official evidence to make a knwoingly fakse case, is clear and without question. The did it as to a degree we have just seen.

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h, how the mighty have fallen! end 349.

If those reviewing Mailer's monstrosity had paid and attraction tereviewers should they small have remembered that 400 pages arlier Mailer printed what should have been definitive proof that Oswald was not homosexual. He got it from the KGB. It, all he long from he was minute. Memember, had wtached Oswald arund the cloudwonto and off trolleys, into and put of stores, movies, theaters, concerts, dances-everywhere he went. It had no reason even to suspect that he was homosexual.

One of Mailer's KBG sources gave him an ambiguous response on this. Mailer was trying to cook it up that far back. But tother, the one mailer refers to as Stepan, told him, as Mailer ended a chapter with it on page 133,

Oswald didn't exhibit any deviations. That was Stepan's forthright statement. Before his marriage to Marina, they had observed that Oswald would "meet with a girl sometimes and take her home, and God knows what they did there. Sometimes he took her only to the nearest tram stop." In that respect he led a normal, ordinary life, at least as they understood it by Soviet ways. If he was attracted to a lot of girls, that just meant he had what it takes—he was a guy. Otherwise, girls would have rejected him. "Besides, a homosexual reveals himself in his behavior," said Stepan, "and in his interests, in his voice. Usually a homosexual has a thin voice, something feminine to it, and then, such a fellow is only interested in women in a formal way, but his eyes start blazing when he sees a man, especially—excuse me for saying it when his butt is big. He is constantly showing up at public toilets, and often they perform their acts there. So a homosexual has certain constant, distinctive traits which can be used to flush him out, and we didn't observe such traits in Oswald. I spent all this time thinking about traits because, before this, I had a case involving a homosexual and I knew a thing or two about such matters."

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