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# The Crackpot Theories

Not long ago I commented on one of the worst aspects of what might be called Watergate fallout: a spate of fresh leftwing crackpot theories concerning the assassinations of President John Kennedy and Sen. Robert Kennedy.

Since that column, several new amateur assassination experts have come forward with such theories, including former comedian Dick Gregory who says that the same gun that killed Martin Luther King was used to kill Robert Kennedy two months later.

Gregory is the second ex-comic to go into the field of historical revision. Mort Sahl was the first. Sahl actually became a member of New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison's investigative staff during that fearless prosecutor's merry hayride, trying to prove that JFK's assassination was part of a massive CIA-FBI-Pentagon plot.

Garrison, since removed from office by New Orleans voters, must be kicking his cat these days. It develops he was only a few years ahead of his time. Since Watergate, "CIA" is a magic password guaranteed to trigger any wild story, so long as it's lurid and ugly.

Let an ex-CIA file clerk call an editor in New York or Washington to report that the agency was involved in anything from the disappearance of Amelia Earhart to the CCNY basketball fix of 1951, and the story is headed for the national wire.

*Assassination of  
President John F. Kennedy  
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Which is what happened? These are facts only read, few weeks ago when an old not lived through, by a secure former CIA snooper generation which has reached nonentity with a story that since that dark day in Dallas, voice of Lee Harvey Oswald young minds made susceptible had returned to deny he was to the wild stirrings of intellectual man who killed JFK. usually dyspeptic publicity hounds like Dick Gregory.

It seems this ex-snooper tracked Oswald's voice patterns on a lie detector. That convinced him of Oswald's innocence. We can thank the Nixon White House's perverse Watergate cover-up for that.

Seasoned followers of such occult scientific phenomena will immediately discern that this latest revisionist hallucination escalated the crackpots' campaign to discredit the Warren Commission report. Until now the zealots, with their plots-within-plots, have been satisfied to argue simply that Oswald, while there with his rifle, was only one man in a larger conspiracy. Young people who came to their age of political understanding during 1973-74 can be led to believe almost anything if somebody gives the magic password: "CIA." Such young minds are fertile ground for seeds of doubt and distrust against "the establishment." And the leftwing crackpots, with their Kennedy assassination theories, are trying to make the most of it.

Presumably, enough time has elapsed for the revisionists to hope that the original corroborating evidence in the John Kennedy assassination case will be forgotten.

Small details — such as Marina Oswald's testimony about how her husband left home the morning of Nov. 22, 1963, with a rifle-shaped package under his arm; the testimony of his fellow workers at the Texas Book Depository; the tracing of the ownership of the murder weapon to Oswald; his brutal killing of police officer Tippitt; and the struggle in the theater between Oswald and his captors, in which innocent-voiced Lee almost killed another officer.