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A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on December 3, 1963, that James Lustig, Chairman of the Communist Party of New Jersey (NJCP), assessed the assassination of President John F. Kennedy for a group of club organizers of the NJCP on December 2, 1963. This source furnished the following information:

Lustig had a small file of newspaper clippings on which he based his analysis of the assassination. Lustig made the following observations and conclusions:

It was not possible to be sure whether Lee H. Oswald was the person who shot the President because Oswald never admitted the shooting and conflicting evidence had been cited to prove he was the assassin.

There had been three different reports on the gun with varying details on such matters as the caliber, the place where the gun was found, and whether the gun could be fired 3 times in 5 seconds.

There were conflicting reports on the capture of Oswald.

There were conflicting reports on whether Oswald was a good shot.



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The assassination was a "right wing" plot. If Oswald committed the assassination, he was a dupe of the "right wing". Oswald was a "nut". Oswald had twice joined anti-Castro groups, and was certainly not a Marxist. He was writing an anti-Soviet book. )

- Oswald was earning \$50 per week and had been unemployed only two weeks before yet \$150 was found in his apartment, so obviously someone was paying him.)

- A picture of the shooting of Oswald showed a "sheriff" looking the other way, so Oswald was led to a slaughter in order to silence him.

"The Worker" had called upon President Johnson for an investigation of the assassination. President Johnson had created a commission for this purpose. This indicated a "new climate" in that the bourgeoisie were now with the "left" forces and not the "right". President Johnson, by setting up the commission, inferred that he lacked confidence in the FBI. )

There was collusion between the FBI, the State of Texas and Dallas police. )

Things look better than ever before for the COMMUNIST PARTY. The people recognize the assassination as a badly handled "right wing" plot. One Congressman had resigned from the John Birch Society because of the assassination and a student in Kentucky had resigned from an organization named "YOUNG AMERICANS FOR FREEDOM". )

Now is the time for the COMMUNIST PARTY to step out.)

One CP member present questioned Lustig's logic in concluding that the "right wing" was weaker and the "left wing" was stronger, but others present appeared to agree with Lustig. )

"The Worker" is an East Coast Communist newspaper. "