

Quoted by Historian

De Gaulle Viewed Death Of JFK as a Conspiracy

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PARIS, Oct. 19 — To the large body of Frenchmen who believe President Kennedy was the victim of a deep conspiracy, the chief Frenchman himself has now been added — President de Gaulle.

A new book by historian Raymond Tournoux, France's leading and respected de Gaulle authority, quotes the General as saying:

"The police were in on the job. Either they ordered it to be done, or else they allowed it to be done. In any case, they are in on the job."

According to Tournoux, this was de Gaulle's considered conclusion upon his return from Kennedy's Washington funeral in late 1963.

The General's views are reported in Tournoux's new study "La Tragedie du General" (The General's Tragedy). It will be published here in a few days, although the magazine Paris-Match has already published extracts.

[Asked in Washington if the White House was aware of the sentiments attributed to de Gaulle, President Johnson's press secretary, George Christian, said, "I have never heard of it until this moment."]

Tournoux, who gathered his material from exhaustive research among the persons with whom the General talks freely, reports the following:

In his refusal to believe that the Kennedy assassination could have been the work of a lone fanatic, de Gaulle compared it to assassination attempts against himself here in France.

"His story is my story. What happened to Kennedy almost happened to me. The assassination of the President of the United States in Dallas is the assassination which could have struck down the French Chief of State in 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030, 2031, 2032, 2033, 2034, 2035, 2036, 2037, 2038, 2039, 2040, 2041, 2042, 2043, 2044, 2045, 2046, 2047, 2048, 2049, 2050, 2051, 2052, 2053, 2054, 2055, 2056, 2057, 2058, 2059, 2060, 2061, 2062, 2063, 2064, 2065, 2066, 2067, 2068, 2069, 2070, 2071, 2072, 2073, 2074, 2075, 2076, 2077, 2078, 2079, 2080, 2081, 2082, 2083, 2084, 2085, 2086, 2087, 2088, 2089, 2090, 2091, 2092, 2093, 2094, 2095, 2096, 2097, 2098, 2099, 2100, 2101, 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