

Insertion for Chapter VII: Motivation

It has been suggested that ^a motivating influence upon Oswald was ^{the} the spirit of hate directed against ^{President} Kennedy; some say from the right, some say from the left. Some would attribute this to the hatred of ^{Certain} reactionary circles in the city of Dallas itself which found expression in the incident involving Vice President Johnson during the 1960 campaign to which we have referred and to the treatment of Adlai Stevenenson a month before the assassination of President Kennedy. Some say this ^{was} reflected in the ^{Scandalous} ~~vermin~~ newspaper anti-Kennedy/advertisement and handbills which we have mentioned earlier. ^{As} As we have already discussed Castro's Cuban influence upon Oswald, ^{and} its propaganda, ^{as well as} and the Soviet communist influence on him, we will here direct our attention to the ^{influences} ~~so-called~~ campaign from the right.

Our study of the facts and of the ^{influences} influences upon Lee Harvey Oswald lead us to reject the hypothesis that the hatred of ^{Some} reactionaries toward President Kennedy played any role in Oswald's actions on November 22, 1963. There is no evidence whatever that he had any personal or friendly contact or association with any of the personalities

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or groups which epitomized this general point. ¹⁶⁰⁰⁰⁰ His writings and his reading habits indicate that he had an extreme dislike of these circles and there is no evidence that he knew of or was influenced by their advertisement, handbills or other writings or even that he was familiar with the vicious attacks that they ^{had made,} represented. In this area Oswald's attitude is more ^{nearly} reflected by his attempt to shoot General Walker than by any affinity for rightist reaction.

Oswald often chose the Dallas-Fort Worth area as his place of residence not because he was attracted to this range of opinion or to the people representative of it but was due to other circumstances particularly, initially, family considerations. His Marxist and later Trotskyite leanings would certainly not have endeared him to the reactionaries and his ^{sympathies were} ~~sympathies~~ against not toward the extreme right. Finally an analysis of his writings as well ^{people} as the testimony of those who knew Oswald best do not lend the slightest comfort to those who would ascribe the hatred engendered by the so-called spirit of Dallas as having anything whatsoever to do with his act in assassinating the President. Far from being an authoritarian

Oswald on the left (Vagovoy)

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of the right, as in his confused state of mind, he had any
objective which was that of destroying authority. "