Notes for Op. Ed piece on Looking Toward the 30th anniversry

Note on the sc holarship on the JFK assassination. After 30 years not a single one of the many works that were published over the past 25 years is a legitimate or scholarly work. Can we expect the 30th to improve on this dismal record? They are all wpuld-be Perry Mason thrillers with no redeeming schoarly value as far as advancing readily available fact about the assassination.

Myth--that there are still "secrets" held in the Archives on the WC work. A ctualy fact is that 98% of the WC records have been in the public domain.

Key to the nature of the low scholarly achievement seen in the sources used by these JFK assassination thrillers absence of referencing from Archives and f ederal agencies like FBI and CIA. Practice of weriting knowingly withyout fear and without research.

New after 1967 is the House Assassination Committee Report and its conclusion of 1979 that there was posssible conspiracy in Dallas.

Then there was silence until the O. Stone film.

By 1967 there was enough material published about the WC and the Report to discredit the fundamental assertion that JFK was the victim of a single lone nut assassin. See CRS for polls that reveal that public rejects the WC solution as untenable and not believable.

For example take John Wilkes Booth. By the 1930s--90 years after the Lincoln assassination--it was clear that the "simple conspiracy" theory would not stand. Clear that Booth was not simply a noted matinee idol who hated Lincoln. We know that he was a Confederate spy. The recognition that the Lincoln assassination was not simply a matter of a simple conspiracxy that began and ended withy Booth and his entourage of misceants. Booth as a self-starter.

This explanation no longer satisfies. The Lincoln assassination was an event with roots deep in the Civil War. The simple conspiracy theory has long outlasted its usefulness. Is this the test of time that will be applied to the JFK assassination????

Booth's depiction of a deranged gunman agrees with the WC portrait of Oswald.

To argue as the authorities and media has done, that the assassination was an irrational act carried out by a deranged man. And the complaint that the public appears to have a neurotic compulsion to believ in conspiracies. Note here the conclusion of the HSCA.

Backed up the latest polls.

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