

4. Boys In Beards

Fetzer also wrote an essay that he uses as the first half of His Part VI, ~~which is~~ ^{he} mistitled ^{it is} as Righting the Record. ^{He does not} ^{do such thing} Of his appendices, of which ^{he} has seven, the first two are his (pages 421 and ~~to~~ 424).

^{is} ~~His~~ Note preceding his first appendix, which he titled "A Precis of Assassination Science," says that it serves as an introduction ~~to~~ to the kinds of studies in his current book. He uses the word "studies" ~~to~~ to describe the kind of demonstrations of subject-matter ignorance we have just examined.

The subtitle of his first ~~book~~ ^{book} is Experts Speak Out On the Death of JFK. Fetzer's first book consists of a number of shorter pieces that he has in his second. And leading those he calls "experts" is Fetzer himself. He is one of those "experts" ~~of~~ fourteen ^{times} ~~times~~ because he wrote fourteen of those "expert" opinions ~~of~~ ^{Not one was an assassination expert}.

^m Along the other ~~great~~ great assassination experts is a young doctor who held a bottle of fluid ~~being~~ ^{dripped} injected into the President's leg and the lawyer who represented him in a lawsuit ^{assassination} he filed against the Journal of The American Medical Society (JAMA). Also as assassination expert in Fetzer's opinion is a ^{(1963 story written by} newspaper reported, Richard Dudman (page 167). Then also, in Fetzer's mind, are people ^{whom he} to ~~whom~~ ^{he} wrote letters, his ~~letters~~ ^{letters} and their responses. One is a woman Department of Justice lawyer, Mary C. Spearing

He wrote three letters to the New York Times but ^{it} ~~was~~ was not sufficiently impressed by Fetzer's claimed expertise to answer him ^{or print his letters}.

Under "Correspondence with Distinkuished Americans" Fetzer

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does not include what he ^{wrote} ~~write~~ them.

They are all short and little more than formal politeness. Ellior Richardson's reply, including formal thanks, is of three sentences (page 201).

Robert McNamara's reply is, including thanks and apologies, is a trifle longer but only two sentences are not an apology for ~~his letter~~ Fetzter's letter getting mislaid and for McNamara not responding himself. McNamara's secretary used short sentences to tell Fetzter that her boss "is not qualified to discuss" the assassination (page 202). The third letter is a form letter mechanically signed by President Clinton. It consists of three short sentences (page 203).

This, in Fetzter's expressed opinion, is more of what he claims is "Experts" who "speak out on the Death of JFK."

This also is ^{true} ~~typical~~ of the letter Fetzter wrote the attorney general (page 187) and one he wrote the ARRB and its reply (pages 204-205).

He has a few assassination unknowns, except among the nuts, with contributions ~~of~~ allegedly on the alteration of the Zapruder film (pages 211 ff.)

Mantik, of course, contributes heavily.

Among the few other "experts speaking out" is "Certificate of Death for JFK prepared by Admiral George G. Burkley," who was dead long before the assassination but bit Fetzter (page 439). Fetzter gives no course ^{for} on the official certificate of death. It was ~~not disc-~~ disclosed by the Warren Commission which, as ^{and expert} scholar that he says he is, Fetzter does not say. In fact, the Commission, which had more than nine hundred pages for its Report

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and an appendix of twenty-six large volumes of an officially
estimated ten million word, hid that death certificate and more
and they ^{me by telling the Archives where they were hidden} remained hidden until I forced their disclosure to
me. Literally, that disclosure was exclusively to me and I published it
in Post Mortem (1975) on pages 308-9) Fetzter also published, ^{it,}
again as the result of ^{when it was not} his own work, what the Commission also
did not publish and did hide the official body chart, the
original ^{on which} that Burkley wrote that he "Verified" it. That I ^{also}
published in Post Mortem on pages 310-11).

Other hidden Burkley originals that I rescued from their
official oblivion and others used also, as coming from their
own work, is a number of short records that Burkley "verified".

Fetzter says of some of those he called "experts" ^{that} ~~reg~~ that
they did distinctive works on the "assassination". He also says
that they are "among the best qualified individuals
to even examine the medical and photographic evidence"
of the assassination (page 4221).

Fetzter also boasts that Assassination Science is
distinctive among works on the assassination of President Kennedy
for several reasons." The ~~see~~ first reason is the number of
collaborators, of whom we have seen enough, including their
utterly meaningless form letters. His second reason is that it includes
the most important medical studies since publication of David
Lifton's Best Evidence. Lifton's book's medical "evidence"
was a monstrous and an indecent medical fraud featuring his
fabrication of the utterly impossible, that the President's
body was snatched and the wounds altered to create a fake.

Also a boast and also extraordinarily untrue is Fetzter's
next baseless boast that the medical "results" he does not

identify, ~~the~~ those he publishes, Lifton's faketry or both, "completely undermine previous investigations of the death of JFK." (page 421).

When Fetzer gets himself ^{se} swarmed up, he gets really hot, to say nothing of ridiculous in his exaggeratex and ~~completely~~ completely false calims. He prefaces them with another manifestation of his subject-matter ignorance:

Third, it provides the only comprehensive and detailed critique and response to a series of articles published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA)* in 1992-93. [Editor's note: An exception is Harold Weisberg, *Never Again* (1995 page 422)]. ~~... interviews with the physicians who~~

Why tell a lie, and is it a big lie, when he knpws it is a lie!

The correction was so late ~~is~~ is not included in the index (page 460).

This is Fetzer's boast when theretere is not a single real subject-matter expert in all of those whose writing he collected and published. And all he published does not being to equal, ^{even} if true, what NEVER AGAIN! ~~INCLUDE~~ on the incredible ~~stupid~~ stupidity: repetition of outright lie^s and repetition of prior perjury by all of those involved in the JAM A indecency ^{ALL} were assassination ignoramuses, the author in ~~a~~ particular.

Then:

Fourth, it reports and explains the most important scientific findings in the history of the study of the assassination of John Fitzgerald Kennedy, which include:

- the discovery that some autopsy X-rays have been fabricated to conceal a massive blow-out to the back of the head caused by a shot from the front;
- the discovery that other autopsy X-rays have been altered by the superposition of a 6.5 mm metal object that was not present on the original X-rays;
- the discovery that diagrams and photographs that are supposed to be of the brain of JFK must be of the brain of someone other than John Kennedy;
- the discovery that the President alone was hit by at least four shots: one to his throat (fired from in front), one to his back (fired from behind) and two to his head (fired from behind and from the front);
- the discovery that the official "magic bullet" theory cannot possibly be true;
- the discovery that an absolute minimum of at least six shots were fired in Dealey Plaza during the assassination;
- the discovery that the Zapruder film of the assassination, which has been viewed as the nearest thing to "absolute truth" by some, has been extensively edited using highly sophisticated techniques;
- the discovery that Lee Harvey Oswald appears to have been framed using manufactured evidence, including the back-yard photographs;
- the discovery that the Warren Commission inquiry was a political charade featuring —a phoney bullet —a phoney limo —phoney wounds (page 422).

The writing would never end if all of Fetzer's untrue, exaggerated, subject-matter ignorance and not infrequently ^{as his} stupidities were corrected at length. In this quotation, where Fetzeer claims "discovery," where the what he claims is discovered in his book is at all factual, it is not at all a "discovery" ^{Some} Some of it has no basis in fact at all, like the "discovery" of how many shots were fired and how many hit the President. Some of what he claims "discovery" in 2000 for were "discovered" ^{and published} in 1965, in ~~the~~ the first Whitewash. (Of which ~~the~~ and his are ~~r~~profoundly ignorant. They go for the assassination slop.

There is no doubt about it, ~~zzzzz~~ Oswald was framed and this has been indicated in many books, again beginning with the first hook.

So again, and not by any means relating to this alone, there is endless evidence ~~r~~provided by Fetzer himself of his subject-matter ignorance.

It does not end. This is what follows, and again, his ignorance is spectacular:

Sixth, it reports and records repeated and strenuous efforts to bring these new findings and discoveries, which completely undermine previous investigations by the federal government, to the attention of the Department of Justice.

The correspondence between James H. Fetzer, Ph.D., and Mary Spearing, Chief of the General Litigation and Legal Advice Section, provides a case study of the difficulties encountered in the pursuit of justice in a bureaucracy. In spite of his best efforts, Fetzer was unable to convince the Justice Department that the new findings concerning the fabrication of the X-rays and the substitution of diagrams and of photographs dictate a reinterpretation of the evidence in this case, even though previous government inquiries took for granted that this evidence was authentic.

Seventh, it reports and records sustained efforts by American citizens to contribute their time and their talents to clarifying the nature of what has previously been assumed to be the "best evidence" in this case in an effort to bring closure to the American people. The members of this group, including distinguished scientists and recognized authorities within their respective fields, have sought to fill the vacuum created by the failure of the government to adequately investigate the assassination and to compensate for the dismal record of the press by reporting new discoveries that appear to demonstrate conclusively that there was a large-scale conspiracy and cover-up by the government in the death of JFK.

The studies published here are thus intended to convey at least three general lessons. One, that even journals as prestigious as JAMA are not immune from political abuse, indications of which abound with respect to its coverage of the medical evidence in this case. Two, that new discoveries, including scientific findings of fundamental importance, continue to be made, supporting the possibility that truth is not beyond our grasp. Three, that journals, newspapers, and agencies on which we all depend do not always serve the people's interests. The pursuit of truth, the protection of justice, and the preservation of democratic institutions require eternal vigilance. As long as we are ignorant, we are not free.

(pages 422-2).

In considering this and so much more like it, it should be kept in mind that Fetzer represents, supposedly, scholars, the educated, those who teach and those on whom society

depends to be informed as they can ^{be informed} get it. Fetzer did lament the abdication of historians, which was close to total abdication.

But ~~he~~ ~~omitted~~ the media, on whom we depend most of all.

4 But There are others on whom society depends, including other college professors and almost all of them have also abdicated.

We will get to a ^{professional} historian, used as a source in this ~~book~~ book and although he is not an exact duplicate ^{con} of the Fetzer

we are seeing, ~~they~~ they are alike in their subject matter in their prating as though they knew all there is to know, ignorance and in their writing misleading and deceiving the people - in making a false, deceptive, misleading, ^{and} ludicrous for professors, and ignorant ^{can't} records for history. This is a great danger to the country.

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9) Then if those Johnny-Come-Lately were man enough, they could go to court and try to get those records by judicial process. But despite all their bragging and all their high opinion of their cowardly and entirely inadequate efforts, they failed. If they were not subject-matter ignoramuses they'd have made the real effort when rejected or denied, gone to court. But not one of them was man enough. ^{Yet} But when I was broke and in debt I did, a dozen or so times. (The suits are listed in ~~an~~ NEVER AGAIN!) And not quite, the Commission's word, "alone and unassisted", I ~~obta~~ obtained about a thidⁿ of a million pages, ~~and even~~ got the Department not to charge me for what I had not yet received and even to refund what I had already pages!!

In this sense those late-comers were boys with beards.

9) That I made all I got available to all ~~was~~ ^{was} well-known in the field but not one of them asked to see any of the abundant records I got. It also was well-known that I let all, mostly those with whom I agree, have unsupervised access to those records and unsupervised ~~use~~ ^{use} of our copies.

Two ^{of the Fetzer's} were not unfriendly ~~and~~ in correspondence with me. Until I told them that they really had to know what was disclosed for their work to have meaning. That was followed by both Aguilar and Mantik breaking off any communications with me. As though I, not the government, was their enemy.

Now with the cover-up ^{by} these ^{Fetzer's} youngsters claim to have exposed, that expose, to chose a more recent proof of titt, ~~was~~ a quarter of a century old when they brought ^{out} what they consider a new expose ^{of it} out. The earlier one, particularly in Post Mortem, ~~was~~ was based entirely on the official evidence and was in quite considerable detail. Only it was not based on an opinion that, ~~even~~

if ~~cor~~rect, did not and ~~to~~ could not have the impac t, the effect, of ~~the~~ the government's own evidence.

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~~With~~ which these newcomers have no knowledge and as ~~the~~ a Result, are assassination ignoramuses.

This is not the place for all that evidence and here there is no need for it. But if these men with juvenile thinking had made the slightest effort to see and understand what I tried to get them to understand they needed to know, they would have known that the government did not have to be told that it was ~~the~~ covering up. That was the ~~an~~ ^a national^l policy ~~of~~ ^{with} which ~~all~~ those Fetrow could ~~have~~ dealt ~~with~~ ^{with} ~~knew~~ very well.

But they were overwhelmed with what they had done but even if it is unquestionable, it did no more than ~~duplicit~~ ^{duplicit} ~~d~~ what was and long had been public only they used a different means.

The assassination was midday Friday, November 22~~nd~~, 1963,

The fix was in as soon as Oswald was killed ^{on Sunday, Nov. 23rd then} ~~and~~ the government knew, with Oswald the only suspect, that there would be no trial, ^{no} need to have evidence that could ~~survive~~ ^{survive} ~~cross-examination~~ ^{in court.}

^{which memo in public}
 Without here going into greater detail, which I have done elsewhere, I provide a ~~rec~~ ^{rec} ord those newcomer boys could have had, along with the ~~docu~~ ^u ments that relate to it.

Deputy attorney general Nicholas Katzenbach, and ~~he~~ ^{he} not ~~he~~ alone, had been talking the fix over, although they did not use that appropriate word for it. Katzenbach had no secretary that ^{he} Sunday so he did it in ~~lon~~ ^{lon} ghand. He was also in touch with his proper channel to the new President, ~~Bill~~ ^{Bill} Moyers. After he and Moyers agreed Katzenbach wrote the channel memoradndum out in ~~lon~~ ^{lon} ghand, lacking a secretary that Sunday ~~a~~ ^a fternoon. His holograph is ~~in~~

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(This is clear in the key paragraph^{"1."} The Public must be satisfied that Oswald was the assassin; that he did not have confederates who are still at large; and that the evidence was such that he would have been convicted at trial. This memo is also the beginning of the Warren Commission. The full memo is at the end of this chapter.)

Justice Department file 129-~~11~~ 11, from which it seems to have been withheld for more than two years-by the man Katzenbach loaned the Commission after he talked about placing someone there to be his "eyes ^{and} ears." Howald P. Willens, whose initials are on this Justice file copy, got to be the Number Three man on the commission staff.

In the memorandum Katzenbach had written ^{typed} out the next day, early, after which he distributed it, he ~~begins~~ begins with ~~what~~ what is obvious untruthful, that they had an airtight case on Oswald. In fact, they had no case at all, as the official records I got ⁱⁿ ~~in~~ all those FOIA lawsuits which this braggart of a subject ignoramus shunned.

That memo speaks for itself ^{and} it is here with no changes in it but if it had not been true that they had no case against Oswald at all after only ~~half of a~~ ^{one} working day after the shooting, it ~~is~~ ^{is} obvious that in so short ^a ^{time}, or even a little longer, it ^{is} was impossible for what Katzenbach was laying on the President to have been ^{fully} in hand and without question.

This memo is a forthright statement that they are going to put the ~~hat~~ ^{blame} on Oswald ^{alone} and cut off anything else.

It also is a clear statement that the crime itself was ~~not~~ going to be investigated and the available hundreds of thousand pages reflect that, in fact, the crime itself was never investigated.

~~This alone makes it clear that Fetz or made a fool of himself~~
~~And these boys with bears make fools of themselves with~~
~~their~~ ^{his} petty letters to the Justice Department, where they were laughed at.

For one example, compare Fetz's childish letters with what the Justice Department and the FBI went through with my FOIA lawsuits alone.

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(I did not write pointless letters. I sued them for disclosure. The Spearman division, Civil, defended ^{those} the suits. They were so frustrated at what I was ^{doing} ~~going~~ to them in court that they put six lawyers to work and that. They called themselves "the Get Weisberg" crew. But they did not get me and in time they were disbanded.)

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Lamentably, it is also childish, representing the understanding of a high school boy, as we see.

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With regard to what Fetzer refers to as their "strenuous efforts to bring" what he believes ^{is} their "new findings and discoveries", which completely undermine previous investigations by the federal government, ^(thirty five years after) which is baloney. ~~It was long~~ ^{for} ~~refer~~ the assassination ~~but bite~~ those few Johnny-~~Comes~~ Latelays that they ^{claim}

what they claim they did

"undermining" was ~~an~~ accomplished fact. The first book, Whitewash, ~~did that~~ and as I continued to write and publish, ^{with} ~~it~~ was done in new areas, ^{with} new official evidence. Post Mortem did that at ~~length~~ length, in great detail and entirely ~~new~~ ^{with} ~~worth~~ the official record, not opinions, no matter how good ~~those~~ opinions may have been. All before that bug bit them and more in NEVER AGAIN!, which was after the bug bit them but before they got anything on paper.

And calling it to the attention of the Department of Justice was that endless subject-matter ignorance. It must have had the people at Justice laughing, as we soon see,

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Especially Mary Spearing and her Civil Division associaed.

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Fetzer does not say that he sought to use the Freedom of Information Act. That requires disclosure unless what is sought is exempt.

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What Fetzner says he wrote was, compared to what Justice knew ~~and~~ and what it was involved in, ^{is also} childish ~~stunt~~.

I am not the only ~~one~~ who used FOIA effectively, despite the strong official opposition. In those lawsuits I ^{also} made ~~and~~ ~~recd~~ record for history that is solid and is based on official records only. Not an opinion thzt ~~that~~ duplicates the ~~ref~~ record, if ~~true~~, by different means.

I did not write letters to lady lawyers who laughed in unexpressed response. Wheⁿ the FBI was getting away with perjury to block compliance I decided to go head to head ^d with the FBI. Instead of making what I wanted to allege in lawyers ^{pleadings, I put} oke-sings, I put myself under oath so that, if I lied, I would be subject to a charge of perjury from the officials I was suing. I state ^d, under path, that the FBI was ~~reporting~~ reporting to perjury to block compliance with the law.

The FBI's reply, ^{through} ~~into~~ the Department of Justice, is totally irrelevant but ^{is} was enough for that particular judge to wipe ^{out} the truth of ~~the~~ FBI's ^{of perjury} repeated felonies, which I had charged.

That was in Civil Action (CAD) ⁷⁵ 226, in federal district court in Washington. Head-to-head with a powerless old man whose strength was that ^{was} he ~~is~~ not dear ~~to~~ those representatives of unlimited power. ^{Raj} ~~rather~~ than denying what I had alleged under ^{oath,} ~~arg,~~ ^{the} FBI stated that I "could make such charges," perjury by the ~~FBI~~, "as ^{admission} ~~admission~~ since he is perhaps more familiar with events surrounding the investigation of President Kennedy's assassination than anyone now employed by the FBI."

I could and I did continue charging the FBI with perjury and it never once did not blink, but the judges feared what the FBI could do to them and ^{they} ignored it.

This is but ^{part} ~~part~~ of what could be said to ~~address~~ address the

Childish ^h boasting of these few boys with beards and their childish boasting that stems from ego and ignorance. Of which one of many samples is just above,

With this the reality, and only part of that reality in which for years the Justice Department and the FBI were defending themselves from documented charges, these boys with beards are ignorant of it and believe their childish efforts could have made a difference. And as they were to ignorant of the actual record to know, the Justice Department knew without the simple little nudged from Fetzer that they were covering up. That was policy and it was laid down by Katzenbach and has been the policy ever since. Justice needed no childish nudges to be informed. They all lived and worked every day under that policy.

Katzenbach was then the Number 2 man in justice, the Deputy Attorney General of the United States. He was in charge on the Kennedy case because the Attorney General had recused himself.

The cover-up memo, the decision to make Oswald the lone assassin, which at that time meant without the evidence to prove it, the evidence that never did exist, was not classified. The copy that ^{went} to the FBI was ^(I have it too) not classified. This meant that almost anyone in Justice could have seen it, the same was true of the FBI. ^{FBI} Meanwhile, there were ^{many} ~~a number~~ who had to know policy ^{to know} it very early and they did and early they had to see it.

But it was withheld for a decade and a half ⁱⁿ violation of the law.

Here again we see Fetzer as the kind of expert he really is, and that expertise is not congenial ^{with} to what he says he is doing. That he began with a preserved subject-matter ignorance did him no good in what he said he wanted to do and boasted about, for all

world sd though he had succeeded when all ^{he} succeeded in was making the Justice Department feel less uneasy and making it possible for them, ^{while} ~~making it possible~~ and giving the lsfy lseyer ^{another} ~~wrote a~~ good laugh.

Fetzer's exaggerated representation of what he and ^{three} his other Fetzers were doing, contributing "their time and talents" to what they regarded as "the best evidence", was justification for another wound of laughs

Describing his Fetzers as "distinguished scientists" was more than enough for another guffaw.

Justice did not need any amateur attempt to ^{show} ~~d-jow~~ there had ^{been} ~~verb~~ a conspiracy when they lived and worked under ^{the} ~~official~~ ^{official} prefetermination that ^{there} ~~they~~ had been ^{none. They knew.} ~~none~~

Referring to all ~~that~~ ^{he} has in the book as "studies," FETZER says they are "intended to convey at least three general lessons" One is that even "prestigious journals" are "sometimes political," which is hardly new and requires ~~not~~ Fetzer for it to be a ^{new} ~~lesson~~ "lesson".

Next is ~~that~~ ^a that they have "new discoveries" he says are ~~of~~ "fundamental importance" Plus that truth is not always beyond our grasp." This to the people who knew every well that they were not to "grasp" and truth. ^{and didn't}

~~This is~~ ^{rests} the publications do not always serve the interests of the people. This is a new "lesson" the Fetzers are giving the government? When it was well known and forcefully articulated in the earliest days of the country?

In all of ^{his} ~~this~~ amateur stuff Fetzer makes a fool of himself and deprecates what he says he intends, In it, still again, not a word, leave alone a new word, about the "death" of President

Kennedy, the supposed purpose of the book, ^{with that} ~~th~~ subtitle printed on the cover.

It also is not the way to ~~make~~ make an impression on those he calls "bureaucrats," people experienced in government service, policies ^{and} ~~s~~ ^M determinations.

And, as the records shows, Fetzner got nothing out of ^{it} other than the personal attention he craves and what he did not intend, the formidable record of being a subject-matter ignoramus ^{who could} ~~and did~~ ^{not} ~~and~~ not ~~able~~ to "teach" anyone any kind of "lesson" ^{or anything} from the depth of his ignorance.

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The so called Katzenbach memo, partly quoted above, has an importance never mentioned. For ~~that~~ matter, the memo itself has never been the subject of any public discussion of it. Calling it Katzenbach's because he signed it may be too much of a shortcut because there is reason to believe that ~~th~~ ^{the} idea did not originate with him. It ~~is~~ ^{is}, it should be hoped, unique in our history because first of all, it records a conspiracy ~~to~~, a government conspiracy, not to investigate the crime ^{of the assassination} itself. Next ~~it~~ ^{it} records a conspiracy to frame Oswald, to find him guilty without any trial ~~at all~~ and even without a real investigation made - or even possible.

There is a series of related records, all included ⁱⁿ ~~in~~ another book intended ~~as~~ ^{as} a record for our history, so there is no need to include them all here. However, ~~briefly~~ ^{briefly}, they records that Moyers got through Johnson about nine o'clock ^{that} Sunday night, ^{November 14} ~~at~~ a few minutes later Johnson called J. Edgar Hoover and a few minutes ~~after~~ after that Johnson phoned Katzenbach. place

This was before Johnson had his phone tapping system in ~~place~~.

What kind ~~of~~ sick ego Fetzer has to have to presume that, ignorant as he is of the subject and with all the mistakes he makes, he could teach anyone anything at all about the ~~ass~~ assassination other than what is not true.

Some "lesson" he should learn from this, if he is capable of learning.

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November 25, 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. MOYERS

It is important that all of the facts surrounding President Kennedy's Assassination be made public in a way which will satisfy people in the United States and abroad that all the facts have been told and that a statement to this effect be made now.

1. The public must be satisfied that Oswald was the assassin; that he did not have confederates who are still at large; and that the evidence was such that he would have been convicted at trial.

2. Speculation about Oswald's motivation ought to be cut off, and we should have some basis for rebutting thought that this was a Communist conspiracy or (as the Iron Curtain press is saying) a right-wing conspiracy to blame it on the Communists. Unfortunately the facts on Oswald seem about too pat--too obvious (Marxist, Cuba, Russian wife, etc.). The Dallas police have put out statements on the Communist conspiracy theory, and it was they who were in charge when he was shot and thus silenced.

3. The matter has been handled thus far with neither dignity nor conviction. Facts have been mixed with rumour and speculation. We can scarcely let the world see us totally in the image of the Dallas police when our President is murdered.

I think this objective may be satisfied by making public as soon as possible a complete and thorough FBI report on Oswald and the assassination. This may run into the difficulty of pointing to inconsistencies between this report and statements by Dallas police officials. But the reputation of the Bureau is such that it may do the whole job.

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The only other step would be the appointment of a Presidential Commission of unimpeachable personnel to review and examine the evidence and announce its conclusions. This has both advantages and disadvantages. It think it can await publication of the FBI report and public reaction to it here and abroad.

I think, however, that a statement that all the facts will be made public property in an orderly and responsible way should be made now. We need something to head off public speculation or Congressional hearings of the wrong sort.

Nicholas deB. Katzenbach
Deputy Attorney General

Holograph of Katzenbach 11/25/63 memo

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~~three reasons why this is important~~

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