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DiEugenio's notes on Talbot's Chapters 1-4

Add ons to my notes on Chapter 1 of "Brothers."

Note review DiE's pages before class.

Make the useful point that Chpts 2-4 provide reasons and sights for why Bobby believed that JFK was the victim of an assassination plot by elements of the national security state It was a domestic coup d'etat. . . .to remove a president in order to change national policies

He cites Chapter one in "Brothers" as perhaps one of the most important chapters ever written about the Kennedy assassination.

P. 3 Be sure I address the point re: If Bobby remained silent about his plans to run for the presidency in 1968 and once elected he would openly investigate his brother's assassination.

In remaining publicly silent about this did he assure his own assassination?

Had he gone public with his plans would this have been his best insurance against any attempt on his life. I will tell class in passing that the LAPD investigation into Bobby's assassination makes the WC's investigation a model of probity and investigative excellence., . .

He adds that Talbot in discussing the Bay of Pigs left some of the CIA's manipulations and subversions untold:

Operation Forty: Was for the CIA's handpicked Batista-loyal Cubans to eliminate the Kennedy picked Cubans (liberals and anti-Batista elements.)

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Failed to mention that CIA Deputy Charles Cabell (whose brother was mayor of Dallas) was trying to the analysts at CIA HQers on the night of the invasion to report to Kennedy that the Cubans were using Russian Migs to strafe the beaches to force JFK's hand and pressure JFK to call up US air to clear out the Migs. . .and therefore commit a public appearance of US military in support of the invasion.

He notes reservations about Talbots treatment of the Vietnam policy and JFK's intentions to liquidate the US involvement. (Is this covered in Chapter 3??)