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## Flame Around Castro

Blame it on Castro!

That's the newest tactic to further the coverup of the truth behind the conspiracy to murder John Kennedy. This latest disinformation, a polite word that means lies, can be traced directly back to the CIA.

The CIA funneled four major lies to the public through Tad Szulc, one of America's best journalists whose specialty is Latin America. Why Szulc accepted and published the CIA lies remains a mystery as I was unable to

contact him to ask him why.

The four blatant lies that appeared in Szulc's newspaper story are as follows:

1. "Castro was plotting to assassinate high U.S. officials."
2. "Robert Kennedy testified to this effect in front of the Warren Commission in secret testimony."
3. "Robert Kennedy formed a special unit to spy out Cuban death plots against U.S. officials."
4. "Lee Oswald killed JFK, acting as an assassin for Castro."

LIE #1 is patently false. The CIA began to disseminate this disinformation as justification for the Bay of Pigs activity. They intensified the spread of this lie when John Kennedy fired Allen Dulles after the Bay of Pigs failure. The "rumor" which originated within the CIA actually predated the murder of JFK.

LIE #2 is an error of fact. Robert Kennedy never testified, appeared before or even talked to the Warren Commission, secretly or otherwise. The only family member who testified was the President's widow. This is verified by Commission records, by Robert Kennedy's own word and by examination of his papers and staff interviews.

LIE #3 is easily disproved too, if someone would bother to check the facts before publishing. Robert Kennedy formed a unit to expedite the presidential orders to the CIA and their friends to cease efforts to assassinate Fidel Castro. This is exactly the opposite of what the Agency would have you believe and what Szulc wrote.

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What happened, of course, is the CIA and its Mob cronies continued to go after Castro, then they attempted to frame the Cuban leader after a conspiracy of ex-CIA employees, Mafia hitmen and right wing militants murdered John Kennedy.

LIE #4 that Oswald killed Kennedy is the most ridiculous and shallow of all. I can't believe the Agency is still trying to float this one. That Szulc still bought it says even less for him.

Very hard physical evidence proves that Oswald never killed anyone. Eye witnesses prove his innocence. Ballistic evidence shows Oswald's innocence. The use of Oswald as a patsy is the weakest link in the conspiracy.

The four lies are easily disproved. The Agency's motive for continuing the coverup, to protect its own shabby reputation, is understandable. But if you would want the world to know that three of the four men who actually shot the President were former CIA employees.

I don't understand how an experi-

enced, honest journalist like Tad Szulc would be a party to spreading these obvious lies. Perhaps someday I will get the chance to find out why.

Actually, there are a number of interesting things happening in the JFK case. Sen. Schweiker's rapid desertion is giving many people concern for what he found out and who or what frightened him off the quest for truth.

One very careful reporter I know interviewed Sen. Schweiker this summer and found him lying about his own investigation.

Dick Schweiker lying?

Then there was the very odd couple business with Ronald Reagan, which may have damaged our Senator's political career. Who orchestrated this business and why?

One thing is clear, Dick Schweiker was not telling the truth, getting the truth is not the goal. The final bottom line of his report was discouraging and very familiar—Castro did it, the old CIA line again.

On a positive basis, though, some very solid and methodical researchers

have put together hard-evidence, facts about just who hired whom to do what in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963.

In a future column I will share the information with you, naming the real names for the first time. Which is more than the CIA, FBI or Dick Schweiker have done.