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RESPONSIBILITY IN GOVERNMENT

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In this issue, FREEDOM probes the assassination of John F. Kennedy, a man who was one of our most beloved and respected presidents.

Serious charges have been leveled by a number of experts and authorities to the effect that the CIA played a major role in JFK's death. Considerable evidence points to the fact that CIA contract agents and operatives were the men who wielded the fatal weapons in Dealey Plaza.

Such allegations take on a particularly sinister light when one considers a 1954 CIA document which describes an ongoing CIA program named “Artichoke.” The Artichoke document shows that the agency was preoccupied with the question of “Can an individual of [deleted] descent be made to perform an act of attempted assassination involuntarily under the influence of Artichoke?”

Artichoke was one of the CIA's early mind control programs. A later CIA document, dated November 3, 1960, shows that the CIA was at that time seeking to:

“a. Induce deep trance in an unwitting and unwilling subject.

“b. Induce deep trance rapidly, i.e., within seconds.

“c. Produce indefinitely durable amnesia concerning the trance.

“d. Produce indefinitely durable control of future behavior through post hypnotic suggestion, including behavior in conflict with the subject's normal pattern.”

Still other documents show that the CIA had plans for “disposing of” individuals it considered “blown agents.”

The upshot of these and other documents is a clear indication that the CIA was up to its gills in mind control work — work which included the programming of unwitting and unwilling subjects for chores that included acts of assassination.

When a leader of the magnitude of the president is assassinated, and the possibility arises that our own intelligence agency may have been involved, the question then becomes, “Who is the CIA really working for?” Certainly not the president. Not the Congress. And not the American people.

Responsibility is a concept which lies at the heart of our system of government. When an agency of our government has raised such serious questions — as has the CIA in connection with its assassination programs — it is the responsibility of those within the agency to clean house.

When they have failed to do so, and when those within the agency have moved to cover up alleged wrongdoing, we have taken tragic steps away from our democratic ideals.▲