

# JFK's assassination was

(Editor's Note: This is the first of three articles by Manchester architect Robert Cutler, who has spent almost two years investigating the murder of President Kennedy. His conclusion: it was a well-conceived plot and the conspirators are still alive. Cutler, who lectures on his theory, has read volumes about the murder and carried his investigation as far as Dallas and New Orleans. He lives on Boardman Avenue in Manchester.)

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In the July 13 New Yorker, Edward Jay Epstein has written an interesting article on his experiences and thoughts concerning the activities of Jim Garrison, the District Attorney of New Orleans Parish, as they relate to the assassination of President Kennedy.

This lengthy self-congratulatory piece has as its prime thesis the reprehensibility of the D A's methods of gathering evidence and the worthlessness of the witnesses on whom the case for the prosecution of Clay L. Shaw is based. (Ed. note: Shaw is the New Orleans businessman Garrison believes conspired to shoot the President.)

Epstein travelled to New Orleans and as a member of the original band of critics of the Warren Report, whose book "Inquest" was a bestseller, he was welcomed as an ally by the District Attorney, who has had more than his share of difficulties in bringing Shaw to trial.

Before looking into the New Yorker piece, it is pertinent to peruse a quote or two from "Inquest" (Bantam Book edition,

Viking Press, 1966) and establish the proper background for Epstein's current revelations.

### Demonology

Page 2: "With regard to the Commission, most of the writing on the assassination falls into two diametrically opposed categories: demonology and blind faith.

"Writers in both groups seem to subscribe to an assumption of governmental omnipotence i.e., that the government can do whatever it sets out to do. It should be noted that this study rejects both lines of reasoning because it rejects the common assumption on which they are based."

Page 30: "There was a dualism in purpose. If the explicit purpose of the Warren Commission was to ascertain and expose facts, the implicit purpose was to protect the national interest by dispelling rumors."

### Cuts Little Ice

This latter quote is all very erudite, succinct and sanctimonious as befits a master's thesis in government, which "Inquest" started out to be.

It cuts very little ice with the simple-minded segments of the population who feel strongly that the top echelon of their government should possess the courage and intelligence to direct all available departments of the government, USIA, CIA, FBI, SS, etc., to ascertain beyond the shadow of a doubt who murdered one of the most popular presidents this nation has ever had.

Part One of "Inquest" is titled "Political Truth," which examines in depth the discrepancies between the FBI's Summary and Supplemental Reports and the Warren Report, particularly relative to the number of shots, the autopsy, wounds, projectile paths, etc., etc., and ends with this sentence:

Page 56: "It indicates that the conclusions of the Warren

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Report must be viewed as expressions of political truth."

Cause for Shouting  
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this will include those who have read all pertinent demonology; this is cause for shouting from the housetops, dancing in the streets and burning effigies (almost anyone even remotely connected with the "investigation").

To the ordinary man in the street, who has not experienced the benefits of the rarified atmosphere surrounding doctorial thesis-writing, "political truth" is immediately, instinctively and unequivocally equated with "lie."

Part Two is titled "The Investigation"; the final sentence in Chapter 6 is worth re-reading:

Page 90: "The function of the Commission hearings, then, was to record, rather than to investigate, the evidence." Those who love demons, and the loveliest of all is stabled in a stall labelled "Truth," leap from their seat and once more run up the flag in honor of Epstein their shining white knight returning from another successful foray against the Warren Commission dragon.

## Meat for Demonologists

Part Three, "The Report", in the round Epstein wins without even trying. Wesley J. Liebele, one of the most frustrated of the assistant Commission Counselors, wrote a 26-page, single-space critique of the Report's Chapter IV on September 5, 1963, just 2 days prior to publication.

It was Liebele who befriended Epstein allowing him access to the material in his files, without which "Inquest" would have remained in the honor-thesis category.

The revelation of the behind-the-scenes, frantic compilation of the behind-the-scenes, frantic compilation of material; the helter-skelter, writing, editing, re-writing plus the tension of obtaining the Commission's unanimous approval all pursued under the political pressure of publication prior to the presidential election in November, 1964; this was blood-red, rare meat for the demonologists and they devoured it sans carving or chewing.

(to be continued)



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