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THE TRUTH ABOUT CHAPPAQUIDDICK

How Edward Kennedy Was to be Framed for a Murder He Didn't Commit

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Summary

Once again, the whole world has been duped about the true background and the real facts of a Kennedy tragedy - the third of a series. What happened on Chappaquiddick on the night of July 18, 1969, and has been billed as the most famous automobile accident of all times, was no accident at all. It was cold-blooded murder - and Sen. Edward Kennedy was to be blamed for it.

The plan misfired slightly, due to an unforeseen mishap, but its overall purpose, namely to drive Ted Kennedy out of public life and especially to cut short his budding aspiration for the presidency in 1972 was achieved.

The whole thing was another CIA operation, carried out with the smooth efficiency which characterizes all its operations in the US (where the Agency legally has no business at all), while it mostly bungles its foreign ventures.

The CIA, having assassinated President John F. Kennedy at the behest of LBJ and with at least the tacit blessing of Richard Nixon - as TRUTH LETTER readers are well aware - has been under the absolute necessity, ever since, of preventing a Kennedy "restoration" at all costs. For, another President Kennedy would have the power to bring out the truth about the Dallas coup d'état and that would probably be the end of the CIA, as well as of a number of its prominent instigators.

That was the reason Sen. Robert Kennedy was killed by the veteran CIA agent Sirhan the moment he virtually had the presidency within his grasp. Now, in the summer of 1969, Sen. Edward Kennedy began looming as an even greater menace. He had decided to run in 1972 - while of course publicly denying that he had any such intentions, and he was practically

assured the Democratic nomination. Nixon, who bids fair to become the biggest failure in American history, would have been a pushover for any Kennedy running against him in 1972. In the words of Jack Olsen \*, "whatever his (Ted Kennedy's) intentions, the GOP had taken dead aim on his potential candidacy, he had become Public Enemy Number One to Richard Nixon and his aides." \* The Bridge at Chappaquiddick, p. 56.

What looked to the world - due to Ted Kennedy's own ambiguity and the usual misreporting in the press - as a suspicious get-together (think of it - six men, all but one of them married, and six young girls meeting at a late hour in an isolated cottage on a lonely island!) was in effect only the social wind-up of a three-day political strategy meeting under the cloak of the Edgartown Regatta. All of the girls had been previously active as Kennedy aides and campaign helpers; some of them were actual campaign veterans, having worked successively for John F., Robert F. and Edward M. Kennedy in senatorial and presidential races. All of the men, too, had been campaign managers, staff aides or close political associates of the three Kennedy brothers; and, in particular, Ted himself. That steak cook-out on Chappaquiddick, which had followed several other meetings and discussions between the 12, both in Edgartown and at the cottage, was as innocent as could be. There wasn't a whiff of "Roman orgy" about it, but a strong political smell that reached deep into the White House.

Unfortunately, one of the six "boiler room" girls, and seemingly a close friend of Mary Jo Kopechne's, had sold out to the CIA some time ago. The name of this traitress will be revealed in due course. This woman not only knew all about the arrangements that had been made for the political strategy meetings at Edgartown and in the secrecy of the Lawrence cottage, but she also shared Mary Jo's most intimate secret - that she was pregnant. But the child she was going to have was not Ted Kennedy's - there never had been an affair between him and Mary Jo - ; rather, it had been bred by a young U.S. State Department diplomat whose name is also known, even though it has never been mentioned in the press. The good-looking diplomat, in his early '30s, had been sent abroad at exactly the time the Chappaquiddick meeting was planned - about one month before the fatal "accident."

Mary Jo's pregnancy was a key element in the vicious trap the CIA set for Ted Kennedy - with the knowledge and the blessing of the White House - in order to eliminate him from the political scene. Mary Jo's treacherous friend had suggested to her that she talk out her troubles with the Senator who might be able to help her. For the Kopechne, a devout Catholic, was desperately anxious to bear a legitimate child, while her lover fought shy of marriage. So the idea was that Ted Kennedy might be able to persuade the young diplomat - whom he knew - or to compel him through influence to do the right thing and marry Mary Jo. That's why the latter, on the fatal night at about 11.15 p.m. asked Kennedy to take her out for a short drive on the island so she could impart her secret to him without risk of being overheard. When they left together, they did not drive either towards the ferry or towards the bridge, but headed south into the most deserted portion of the island.

There, they were intercepted by a party of sea-borne raiders who knocked out Kennedy cold, leaving him semi-conscious by the wayside, and then drove off with Mary Jo, who had been drugged (by an injection which left traces of blood all over her shirt and sleeve) into unconsciousness. They then drove the Oldsmobile to Dike Bridge, carefully poised it on the edge of the bridge and then pushed it into the water exactly the way Peter Dawnay had already described this operation in TRUTH LETTER, Vol. II, No. 1. The idea was that the dead girl would be discovered in Kennedy's car, that an autopsy would reveal her state of pregnancy and that it could be proved in court by experts that the car did not drive off the bridge, but was deliberately pushed into the water. And who but Senator Kennedy would be the presumptive murderer of Mary Jo - for one of the oldest reasons on earth? This shocking true story of a diabolical frameup will be fully documented in subsequent issues of TRUTH LETTER. It may run for as long as a year, or even longer.

(Detailed account starts in the next issue)

Red Herrings?

Two lawsuits have been filed in recent weeks for the purpose of shedding new light on two of the Three Great Assassinations. In Chicago, early in April 1970, a "legal researcher" named Sherman Skolnick filed a suit in U.S. District Court charging the National Archives in Washington with suppressing documents concerning an alleged plot to assassinate President John F. Kennedy at the Army-Air Force football game in Chicago, Nov. 2, 1963. Allegedly a man named Thomas Arthur Vallee who is supposed to have been "a double for Lee H. Oswald" and three or four other unidentified men planned the assassination, but were thwarted in their attempt when Vallee was picked up on a minor traffic violation and police found a rifle in his car. He is supposed to have disappeared since.

On the other hand, Los Angeles Attorney Godfrey Isaac and free lance writer Theodore Charach on June 4 filed a complaint against the LA Police Dept. and the District Attorney's office for disclosure of information under the Brown Act which is supposed to protect the people's "right to know." The complainants contended that the then Deputy Chief of Police, Edward M. Davis, District Attorney Evelle J. Younger and Robert A. Houghton, then Chief of Detectives and more recently author of a book entitled "Special Unit Senator", did "deliberately, intentionally and knowingly" suppress "fact and evidence" relating to the Assassination of Senator Robert Kennedy. That much of the complaint is certainly true, as every TRUTH LETTER reader who has been following my "Trilogy of Murder" will be well aware of.

I'm not so sure, though, about the precise findings Charach, who claims to have been an eyewitness of the shooting and to have investigated the assassination for two years, bases his allegations on. In a nutshell, he claims that Sirhan fired but missed the Senator who was really shot from behind by one of the hotel's security guards, an extreme rightist named Thane Eugene Cesar. The case is largely based on the autopsy findings of Dr. Thomas T. Noguchi, the Chief LA County Medical Examiner, which were in stark conflict with the official version of how Sen. Kennedy was killed. It will be remembered that the LA authorities then conducted an extremely shabby campaign against Dr. Noguchi and even wanted to have him declared insane. That fact certainly lends a certain credibility to the Isaac-Charach allegations. So does the fact that the story so far has been published only in the "Los Angeles Free Press" of June 12. Anything that is worth a conspiracy of silence to the Establishment press certainly has a ring of truth.

Conversely, the Skolnick story got a lot of publicity (among others, by the AP, the Washington Post, even Time), which is a bad sign as far as its truthfulness is concerned. On the other hand, the amount of evidence indicating that the Dallas coup d'état had been in the making for a long period of time makes it appear most unlikely that it has been just a substitute plot for the one that misfired in Chicago 20 days earlier.

For the time being, I'm withholding final judgment on both these actions, pending further developments, but I urge caution with regard to such late "sensations". The CIA which is getting pretty desperate over the disintegration of its Oswald Hoax and its failure to make real headway with its new version that JFK was killed by Castroites with the blessing of the Kremlin, has a whole department working overtime whose sole assignment is to dream up "red herrings" with which to confuse, mislead and ultimately discredit the honest truth-seekers.

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Notice to the CIA and To Whom Else It May Concern: Copies of the complete text of "The Truth About Chappaquiddick" which is being serialized in TRUTH LETTER, beginning with this issue - and which is going to be a real embarrassment to you - have been deposited (a) with a book publisher (not in the US) and (b) in a bank safe inaccessible to you.

A bon entendeur, salut.

the materials in question in Washington, but the government had refused to allow this.

The judge also said he had assurances that items would be protected in Louisiana and would remain in the custody of national archivist Dr. Rhoads. A Garrison representative in Washington, Numa V. Bertel gave assurances that Dr. Rhoads would be given 48 hours' notice before his scheduled appearance at the trial in New Orleans.

In spite of all these guarantees, the federal government immediately filed an appeal against Judge Halleck's ruling and in doing so dealt the death blow to Garrison's hopes of obtaining the autopsy materials in time for the Shaw trial. For the chances that the superior court - or maybe even the Supreme Court - would act on this appeal, and any other possible legal moves, before the trial had run its course, were practically nil. And so Garrison gave up on this vitally important issue, the materials were not available at the trial and in consequence - in part at least - the case was lost by the State.

In the meantime, of course, there had been a change of Administration in Washington, but not, as the attitude of the new President and Attorney General in the matter showed, any change in the determination of the federal government to withhold the truth from the American people at all costs.

To recapitulate the shameful story of the Kennedy Autopsy Fraud, it was based on at least eight major elements of deception, some of which were downright criminal, while others were unlawful, unethical or at least improper, as follows:

1 - The outrageous kidnaping of the President's body from the jurisdiction of the Dallas County Medical Examiner, over the vigorous protests of both the coroner, Earl Rose, and Justice of the Peace Theron Ward - an act of unheard-of lawlessness and, by all normal standards, a most serious crime (for details, see my book Oswald: The Truth, pp. 286-292);

2 - Performing the autopsy in a naval establishment under military instead of judicial control - another clearly unlawful, & if not outright criminal move;

3 - The selection, by the government, of incompetent and unqualified hospital pathologists, instead of forensic experts, for the most important autopsy of the century - another crime, at least against history;

4 - Tampering with the date of the "Autopsy Protocol" and its "Supplementary Report" (for details, see Oswald: The Truth, pp. 296-297); unlawful.

5 - The admitted fact that the pathologist in charge, Dr. Humes, burned the original notes he had taken during the autopsy. A copy of the formal document certifying this will be found reproduced on p. 201 of "Six Seconds in Dallas" with the legend: "Commander Humes's formal document certifying that he had burned preliminary notes of the autopsy. The reason, one Commission staff member believes, was that they reflected a finding contrary to the official report. - Unethical, to say the least, on the part of Dr. Humes; a crime on the part of whoever ordered this destruction of vital evidence;

6 - Instantaneous sequestration of the X-rays and photographs by the Secret Service, without judicial inspection and subsequent turning over of this government property to the custody of private individuals - unlawful and improper;

7)- Ramsey Clark's Parthian Shot - unqualifiable;

8 - The deliberate, tenacious and successful withholding of vital evidence by the federal authorities from the lawful jurisdiction of a district attorney probing the assassination of a President of the United States, - a huge crime which has made not only LBJ and his Clark, but also Nixon and his John Mitchell overt accessories-after-the fact in the "Crime of the Century."

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The new book by Joachim Joesten TRILOGY OF MURDER

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Part II

The Frameup of James Earl Ray

How the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King was Covered Up

Chapter I - At the Mercy of the Newsmakers

On Feb. 15, 1970, the London Sunday Telegraph carried on its front page a two-column story entitled "Lurid U.S. Disclosures on News 'Doctoring'", written by its New York correspondent, Andrew St. George. The dispatch began with these words:

"Evidence of deceptive reporting by American news organisations - assembled in secret over the past seven months by a Congressional investigations sub-committee and several Government agencies - is expected to be made public this month. The disclosures are explosive and occasionally lurid..."

"The inquiry has been undertaken by the investigations subcommittee of the House of Representatives Inter-State and Foreign Commerce Committee. The investigators have sworn all witnesses to secrecy. Sources close to the subcommittee, however, have disclosed to me that disturbing evidence has been unearthed on the custom of television reporters to "set up" news events for maximum effect on film..."

After citing a few instances of how this is done and commenting that "such direct participation by news organisations in court cases is seen in Washington as inexcusable interference with the administration of justice," Mr. St. George went on to report:

"The second case involved the Martin Luther King murder trial. All defence costs of the accused assassin, James Earl Ray, were underwritten by news media, principally by a national magazine. When he was brought to court, Ray unexpectedly entered a guilty plea. In effect, this cancelled proceedings providing the evidence that are normally the heart of a trial. Since then, there have been reports - and accusations from the convicted assassin - that Ray was persuaded to plead guilty by Percy Foreman, his chief counsel. These reports have led to speculation that the only method of keeping Ray's story exclusive for the news organisations which paid for his defence was to prevent its becoming public property in a traditional trial. That is, by having Ray plead guilty on first appearance..."

TRUTH LETTER readers have known for a long time that James Earl Ray, who no more killed Dr. King than I did, was sold down the river by his own lawyer, Percy Foreman, as the result of a conspiracy which also involved that shameless literary Judas, William Bradford Huie, LOOK magazine (Cowles Communications Inc.) and members of Ray's family. (Cf. TL Vol. I, No. 15). They also know that in an Open Letter dated January 27, 1969, which was distributed by the United Press, I had explicitly warned Judge Preston Battle that Ray was about to be forced to plead guilty, in spite of his demonstrable innocence. And, finally, that Judge Battle mysteriously died immediately after Ray had been convicted and sentenced at one of the most farcical trials ever held in the U.S.

Although the report of the Congressional subcommittee, which provides striking confirmation of all this, has, to my knowledge, not yet been made public, there can be no doubt that the sensational disclosures of the Sunday Telegraph are based on solid and authentic information. The following day, Monday, Feb. 16, 1970, the Daily Telegraph, in a dispatch cabled by Alan Osborn in Washington, reverted to the issue in these terms:

"There are reports that the anxiety of a news organisation to preserve its exclusive material may have led to an even greater perversion of justice in the case of James Earl Ray, the accused assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King. Ray's defence costs had been underwritten by the news media, chiefly one national news magazine. The reward was exclusive rights to Ray's story.

(to be continued in the next issue)