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rial, bibliography, and subject bibliography. Most of the citations cover works from the modern era in English and indigenous languages. The annotations are bibliographically complete and include some evaluative judgments. Bangladesh is a new entry, but Soviet Asia continues to be excluded. Under unique headings, there are Russian citations for some countries, but not for Dutch (Indonesia) or French (Vietnam) publications. For indigenous materials, locations and a list of the more elusive publishers' addresses would have been a helpful feature. A comprehensive fine arts section would have been useful, too. In spite of such omissions as *Index Islamicus*, Reilly's *Nepal*, Majumdar's *History of India*, and Needham's *Science and Civilization in China*, Nunn's exhaustive bibliography is a scholarly undertaking and will be an invaluable addition to Asian reference collections.—Prabha Sharma, Assistant Professor of Bibliography/Subject Specialist for History and Political Science, Library, University of Alabama in Huntsville.

***The Assassination of John F. Kennedy: A Comprehensive Historical and Legal Bibliography, 1963-1979.*** Comp. by DeLloyd J. Guth and David R. Wrone. Westport, Conn.: Greenwood, 1980. 442p. 79-6184. ISBN 0-313-21274-0. \$37.50.

***Master Index to the J.F.K. Assassination Investigations: The Reports and Supporting Volumes of the House Select Committee on Assassinations and the Warren Commission.*** By Sylvia Meagher, with Gary Owens. Metuchen, N.J.: Scarecrow, 1980. 435p. 80-17494. ISBN 0-8108-1331-9. \$20.

For nearly two decades, the American public has pondered the question: Who killed President Kennedy? A number of official government and private investigations have been conducted, but none have yielded sound, indisputable, conclusive evidence. Rather, wildly conflicting theories have surfaced, and a voluminous body of literature on this controversial subject has been generated. In a twenty-four-page introductory essay, compilers Guth and Wrone have surveyed this literature and deftly categorized it into six divisions: works that support the Warren

Commission's conclusions, irrational works, subjective and unsubstantiated theories, exploitative literature, sinister publications, and objective theories. Preceding the text are chronologies of the assassination event and Lee Harvey Oswald's life, maps of the scene and Oswald's residences, and a list of abbreviations used throughout the book.

The first section describes primary (published and unpublished) sources found in private and public archives, including the National Archives and the FBI. Federal and local judicial records are thoroughly summarized, and photographic evidence of Dealy Plaza and Oswald's whereabouts prior to November 22, 1963, is provided. Secondary and published sources follow in Section II. Each of the five parts of this section has a chronological subject arrangement, and topics range from "News Media" to "Manchester-Kennedy Book" to "Officer Tippitt and His Family." Fully cited, but unannotated, are entries for bibliographies, books, novels, plays, periodicals, journalists' reports, films, TV programs, photographs, records, and tapes. Because of the overlapping quality of the subject matter, the newcomer to assassination literature might consider the twenty-five subdivisions somewhat mazy. The subdivision "The Surviving Kennedys" seems too brief, considering the wealth of information written about the family since 1963. The third and final section is a chronology of *New York Times* and *Washington Post* reports from 1963-1978, a name index for Sections I-III, and a *Times* and *Post* correspondents index.

With its 5,134 entries spanning the years 1963-1979, *The Assassination of John F. Kennedy* is, as it is designed to be, comprehensive. It represents a full-scale expansion of David Wrone's first annotated bibliography published in 1972. It is the most complete bibliography on the subject and should be consulted by the serious Kennedy assassination researcher.

Since November 1963, there have been two major official investigations of the assassination of President Kennedy. The first was conducted by the Warren Commission which, in 1964, published its findings in twenty-six volumes of reports, hearings, and exhibits. More recently, the

investigation was reopened by the House Select Committee on Assassinations, which produced its fourteen-volume report on John Kennedy in 1979. (The HSCA also at that time investigated the Martin Luther King assassination.) Because neither committee provided an index for its publication, frustrated researchers and investigators (and committee members themselves) faced mounds of published evidence without any key, until Sylvia Meagher indexed the Warren Commission Report in 1966 (*Subject Index to the Warren Report and Hearings & Exhibits*, Scarecrow, 1966). Now Meagher, this time with Gary Owens, has provided researchers and investigators interested in the Kennedy assassination with a second indispensable tool. She has indexed the HSCA report, and amended and reissued the index to the Warren Commission Report, an action dictated by researcher demand. The result is a *Master Index* to the majority of official assassination investigation literature.

Part I of *Master Index to the J.F.K. Assassination Investigations*, in a total of eighteen indexes, completely covers the HSCA report. It includes name and selective subject indexes to the one-volume report, the five volumes of public hearings, seven volumes of appendixes, and two volumes of legislative and administrative reform. These indexes are individualized so researchers may work with a single volume. Comprehensive subject and name indexes for the fourteen volumes follow, complete with volume and page citations. *See and see also* references guide the reader to direct headings. Concluding Part I is a "Key to Names" index, which identifies individuals and their roles in the assassination or investigation according to thirty-eight possible categories, including "Anti-Castro Cuban Exiles and Their Associates," "Persons Linked to Conspiracy Allegations," and "Defectors to the Soviet Union." Since there are no page references for this section, the user must go back to the comprehensive name index to complete the search. Part II is the amended index to the Warren Commission Report. Its subject classifications are designed to encompass all elements of the assassination and give background information for those involved. It, too, provides selective name and "Key to Names" indexes

Meagher has written extensively on the assassination; her works are touted by fellow investigators and researchers alike. Perhaps she will consider yet another such undertaking—this time preparing a master index for all official investigations that include the Church Committee, Rockefeller Commission, and the HSCA's report on Martin Luther King. Meanwhile, this master index is a one-of-a-kind research tool, and libraries holding both the Warren Commission Report and HSCA report should not be without it.—*Shirley A. Jobe, Librarian, John F. Kennedy Library, Boston, Massachusetts.*