

THE HISTORY OF THE INVESTIGATION

Nov 22nd 1963... 12.30pm Dallas.. J.F.Kennedy shot  
1.30pm Dallas... J.F.Kennedy's death  
1.55pm Dallas..Lee Harvey Oswald arrested  
2.38pm on Air Force One, L.B.Johnson is sworn in as President.

Evening: Bethesda Hospital, Washington.  
The Autopsy....

Nov 23rd 1963.. J.F.K.'s body taken to the White House

Nov 24th 1963..Ruby shoots Oswald in the basement of the Dallas Police station

Nov 25th 1963..J.F.K.'s funeral

Nov 29th 1963.. L.B.J. creates the Warren Commission

Dec 9th 1963..FBI issues summary report, saying Oswald acted alone

Dec 20th 1963.. Secret Service sends the autopsy report to Warren C.

Jan 1964.. Harold Feldmans article "Oswald & the FBI" published in the Nation.

Feb 1964.. Time Life publishes photo of Oswald holding the rifle on cover

March 1964.. Leo Sauvage article "A Critique on the case against Oswald" published in Commentary.

Sept 1964.. The Warren Report is released

Nov 24th 1964 .. 26 volumes of Warren C. hearings released

Nov 1964 ....Joachim Joester's book "Oswald, Assassin or Fall Guy?" published

March 1965...Vincent Salandria has an article published in Liberation Mag.  
This was the first article to critically analyse the medical evidence

Spring 65'..Gerald Ford's book out "Portrait of an Assassin"

Summer 65'...Sytran Fox publishes a paperback "The Unanswered Questions about J,F.K.'S Assassination"

April 1965.. Secret Service transfers autopsy materials too Robert Kennedy

August 17th 1965.. Harold Weisberg publishes "Whitewash", He pays for the printing costs himself.

June 1966....Edward Epstein publishes "Inquest". Use's Wesley J. Liebeler's  
Warren Commission papers and the FBI summary and supplemental report

August 1966 Mark Lane publish's " Rush to Judgement "

Both Lane and Epstein's books dominate the 1966/67 debate. But they disagree on one major point. Lane beleived that Oswald was innocent and accused the Warren C. of framing Oswald. Epstein accused the Commission of deliberately lying, but believed Oswald to be guilty.

They both agreed that the 'original' autopsy report had been withdrawn and modified after the Commission had viewed the Zapruder film in Jan '64.

Summer 1966... The national press began to wake up and a mass of doubting articles began too appear...Newsweek, Look etc..  
It had become legitimate to doubt.

Sept 1966 ... A public opinion poll revealed that Americans doubted the Warren Report by a margin of 3 to 5. A 'Credibility Gap' as it was known This poll caused much concern to the Government.

Oct 1966 .... Prof. Wesley J Liebeler of the UCLA Law School, and former Warren Commission Attorney set about writing his defence to all the bad publicity he was recieving. He got a 10,000Dollar grant from the University of California, and a publishing contract. With the help of hired student assissants, he set about investigating Mark Lane's book "rush to Judgement". David Lifton joined this project against all the 'Critics' advice. He found himself ostracised from the 'critic's' circle. This was because Liebeler was 'establishment' and Lifton was selling out by joining him. This feeling came out of the utter contempt that researchers had for the Warren Report and anyone involved in it. The fact that the CIA and theFBI had misled the Commission had not yet surfaced.

1966... The Government came under intense pressure to produce the autopsy x-rays and photos for independant examination.

1966 Ray Marcus has " The Bastard Bullet " published

Mid- Oct. 66' " Rush to Judgement " hits the top of the bestseller list..  
Mark Lane tours the country doing radio shows, debates & lectures

Oct 29th 1966...The Kennedys donate the X-rays & photos to the National Archive

- Nov 66<sup>9</sup> ....Esquire publish a major article by Edward Epstein & Sylvia Meagher
- Nov66'.... Ramparts publishes an article critical of the Warren C. This featured Penn Jones mysterious deaths claim which brought him overnight fame
- Nov 22= 1966... Life Mag. publish "Did Oswald act alone ? A matter of reasonable doubt". This article did much to broaden the debate and legitimise peoples doubts.
- Nov 66'... Harrison Salisbury the N.Y. Times chief spokesman on the Warren C. changed his position and started to criticize the Warren Report. The N.Y.Times also started its own investigation which folded in Jan67'
- Nov 26th 1966 J. Edgar Hoover issued a statement on the case. His first in 3 years. It attempted to clear up the controversial autopsy report.
- 1966..... Harold Weisberg produces "whitewash 2 " another selfproduced book
- Nov 1966 ..L.B.J. requested background memoranda on 8 Warren Report critics whose books and articles had dominated the controversy; ie. Mark Lane Edward Epstein, Sylvan Fox, Joachim Joesten, Penn Jones, Richard Popkin Leo Sauvage & Harold weisberg. Johnson read all the books and articles
- 1966... Warren Hinckle -editor of Ramparts, wrote a memoir "If you have a lemon, make lemonade." He discuss's his stormy relationships with the critics
- Jan 3 1967..Jack Ruby dies in Parkland Hospital from cancer
- Jan 25th67'..Mark Lane V Wesley Liebeler; a debate before 5000 people at the UCLA.
- Jan 1967... Ramparts publish "The Case for Three Assassins" by Lifton & Welsh
- 1967..... Richard Whalen of the Saturday Evening Post criticizes Warren Report
- Feb 1967.. Jim Garrison announces his investigation. The Clay Shaw trial follows
- ~~Feb~~ <sup>Nov.</sup> 1967.. Sylvia Meagher publishes " Accessories after the Fact "
- March 67'.. William Manchester's book " Death of a President " is published
- Nov 67'... Prof. Josiah Thompson publishes " Six Seconds in Dallas". This causes widespread controversy.
- Spring 1968.. L.B.Johnson suddenly announces that he won't stand for re-election

June 4th 1968.... Bobby Kennedy is murdered in Los Angeles

Jan 1969.... Justice Dept. release the Clark Panel report. This report was based on the evidence of 4 doctors Clark, Homes, Boswell and Finck who examined the x-rays, photos and clothes in 1966. This report confirmed the Warren Commission findings.

March 69'... The Clay Shaw trial ends with his acquittal. The national press savages Garrison.

1969.... Harold Weisberg threatens to sue the Secret Service under the Freedom of Information act. He wants a receipt from Agent Robert Bouck listing materials taken from the autopsy room.

Jan 7th 1972... The X-rays and photographs are allowed to be examined by pre-arrangement. Dr John Lattimer is allowed in first. His findings support the Warren C. The critics claim that he is not qualified to examine them.

August 72'... Cyril Wecht gets access to the x-rays from Burke Marshall

1973... Cyril Wecht publishes article with Robert P Smith that supports the Warren C.

March 1975 .... Robert Grodens optically enhanced version of the Zapruder film is seen on national tv.

1975.... The Rockefeller Commission panel is set up.

April 25th 1975... Walter Cronkite on CBS Evening news interviews L.B. Johnson who claims that he didn't believe the Warren Report

1976... "The Assassinations, Dallas and Beyond" published by Peter Dale Scott, Paul Hoch, and Russell Stetler

1977.... "Crime and Cover up" published by Peter Dale Scott

Jan 1978... The FBI de-classifies nearly 10,000 pages of its records concerning the assassination, under the Freedom of Information Act.

June 1978... CIA agent Regis Blahut caught tampering with the autopsy photos which are evidence for the Senate Committee

1978 .... Seth Kantor publishes "Who was Jack Ruby"

August 1978 ... Dr James Barger conducted an audio reconstruction of the assassination in Dallas. These are compared against the Police outrider tape that Mary Ferrell recently found in Dallas. His findings are that there is a 50/50 chance that there were shots from the grassy knoll area. Two more experts examine the tapes and report that they are 95% sure that there was a fourth shot and that it came from the grassy knoll.

1978 .... Epstein publishes "Legend". The critics accuse him of selling out to the CIA, as Angleton has provided much of the information.

Jan 1979... The House Select Committee on Assassinations releases its findings which are that there were 4 shots, probably a conspiracy and probably a Mafia plot. Much of the press comment was derisive and the editorials criticized the Committee for wasting tax payers money.

July 1969... The HSCA Report was released

1980.... "Conspiracy" by Tony Summers was released

1980..... "Best Evidence" by David Lifton is published

1984..... "The Kennedys" (An American Drama) Peter Collier & David Horowitz

1985..... "Reasonable Doubt" by Henry Hurt is published

1985..... "The Kennedy Clan" by John H. Davis is published.