

JFK Assassination FORUM

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STRAWS IN THE WIND?

It is not generally considered that critics and researchers are any more of a pessimistic nature than Joe Public, but to judge from the noises emanating from various sources in the U.S. the impression to be gained is that the current House Select Committee on Assassinations is about to add another coat of whitewash to the infamous 1964 verdict of the Warren Commission that there was no conspiracy in the JFK assassination!

With so little information being made available from the Committee since Robert Blakey took control, we may tend to grab merest scrap and treasure it. However, as the following responsible piece by J. David Truby would suggest - we may prepare ourselves for some shattering news.

It appears inconceivable that such a conclusion can be reached by truthful investigators, especially when we consider that 80%+ of the American public believe otherwise; in view of the most recent in the long line of unexplained, violent deaths of individuals connected to the case - Giancana, Roselli, de Mohrenschildt, Prio Socarras, Nicoletti, Sullivan etc.; the refusal of Santos Trafficante to testify; etc. etc.

In addition, in a very recent issue of Gallery, Fletcher Prouty has written as follows:

"..... President Carter has recently obtained the long-hidden CIA files on the Kennedy assassination at the cost of firing the Deputy Director and the top echelon, clandestine services staff of the CIA. What they contain is so earthshaking that it will not only totally reverse the old Warren Commission fable of the single assassin, but will threaten Carter's own administration and perhaps his life.

A top-level, high-powered cabal planned and paid for the liquidation of John Kennedy and has retained much of that power. It has engineered the massive coverup of that murder which persists to this day. That power center can strike again, today and any time.

Carter's biggest problem today is what to do about this explosive information, how to break it to the world, and how to help Admiral Stanfield Turner in the CIA.....

..... the generation-long cellularization in the Agency has produced an octopus which no one can tame.....

..... Meanwhile, watch for an explosion in the JFK murder story and for its tremendous impact on the Carter Presidency. The greatest danger will come if Carter cannot get this story out to the public. If he is forced to bottle it up, as the CIA have been doing, it will consume him....."

THE WARREN COMMISSION IS ALIVE AND WELL AND ACTIVE IN WASHINGTON!!

THE OTHER CHEEK

by J.David Truby

It breaks my heart to report that the House Select Committee on Assassinations is going to lie to the American people. By the time you read this they may have already done so.

I have it on the best authority from an insider that the honest investigation was subverted when Richard A.Sprague was forced out and the fix was put in.

My source tells me the House Committee is going to announce there was no conspiracy to kill John F.Kennedy and close its doors to the truth. There is a conspiracy and it exists today.

The American public, I feel, knows there is a conspiracy behind Kennedy's murder. From my standpoint as a rational and careful investigative journalist I know there is a conspiracy. The hard evidence proves it - factually, truthfully and beyond doubt.

The House Committee could have easily told you the truth. Yet, it appears they will not. The pressures are too big from too high up. The invisible government that really calls the shots for our puppet leaders has the fix in. Their coup will continue to be covered by "official" whitewash.

I had placed as much faith as I, a tarnished idealist, could muster in the Committee. The original investigators were good people. The chief "cop" was Richard A.Sprague, a hardnosed and honest man. He didn't last long. The Washington "system" poisoned them off, and the power group replaced the honest ones with more puppets.

I have just corroborated all this with a former staff investigator, an insider who is too big and classy a person to spill sour grapes. What this person told me is a gut-felt truth.

"The American people are going to be sold out by the Committee of gutless wonders," I was told point-blank. "The fix is in. Some big people are pulling some strong strings. They don't want the truth to come out officially."

Just before writing this column I called another insider, a deep source I rarely contact so as to preserve our relationship. I had left this source alone because I didn't want to cause any sort of personal interference on his honest investigation of the Kennedy assassination. Today, I broke that pledge and we talked.

He totally confirmed the worst, the American public will be lied to again.

"They're going to say Oswald acted alone, which is an absolute crock of (deleted)," the source told me. "The top staff made all the investigators sign a legal oath of silence. They did this before we knew a new coverup was in progress. Now, they've got us by the short hairs."

I cannot believe the men behind Kennedy's murder could be so cynical and so arrogant as to risk yet another coverup. They must be very sure of their absolute power.

My source agreed, "I suspect they are counting on the fact they have the media snowed and that the average American has a short memory. But,

the truth remains, John Kennedy's murderers not only walk free, they now rule us."

I asked him the big question, "who is the 'they' we're talking about?" I already knew, I wanted to hear his answer.

There was a lot of long silence on the other end of the long distance line.

"Take a run through the roster of the top people at the Trilateral Commission, the Bilderberg meetings, the really top men in Oil, Hughes, Crime, the CIA. There's where you'll find the masterminds of this entire conspiracy."

"They are the only ones with the total means, motive and method to pull off a successful coup and to seize control of the government of this country as they did."

Then, my friend said something that bothered me even more, because it was exactly what I was thinking.

"I am never going to trust anyone of authority in this country ever again."

THE LAST OF THE FARTING FORDS

by Brian Burden

Lyndon Johnson was, regrettably, mistaken when he declared that Gerald Ford was "too dumb to fart and chew gum at the same time". It is now becoming clear that Ford was endowed with more than his share of animal cunning.

A long-time buddy of Richard Nixon, Ford was appointed to the Warren Commission as a result of a personal request to Johnson by Nixon himself. Nixon's immediate motivation may have been his desire to suppress the fact that he was in Dallas on the day of the assassination, something which he did not admit until four years after the event. It is clear, however, that Ford had larger ambitions. Robert Oswald was right when he characterised Ford as "a very ambitious young man who saw his assignment on the Commission as an opportunity to get some public attention."

Already well known as "the best friend of the CIA in Congress", Ford made speed to set up as an FBI mark as well. Among Warren Commission documents mysteriously missing from the National Archives is "Letter from Gerald Ford, April 7, 1964, concerning expediting the FBI investigation." Recent disclosures from declassified FBI documents tend to indicate why this letter was discovered missing in 1976, the last year of Ford's presidency.

According to Jonathan Steele writing in The (Manchester) Guardian on January 20, 1978, Ford contacted Hoover aide Cartha de Loach on December 12, 1963, and informed him that he was unhappy with the way Warren was running the enquiry. He offered his services as an FBI fink and proceeded to file reports on secret Commission discussions about Oswald's possible connections with the FBI.

This "special relationship" with the Bureau helps to explain why Ford was able with impunity to defy a top-secret classification and report in his book Portrait of the Assassin upon Commission discussions concerning the

allegation by journalist Alonzo Hudkins that Oswald was an undercover informer for the FBI: it also explains why, in that book, Ford arbitrarily changed Oswald's informant-number from S-172, as reported by Hudkins, to S-179.

Other aspects of Ford's contribution to the Commission's enquiry may be viewed in the light of his role as "best friend" of Richard Nixon/the CIA/the FBI. Ford played an active part on the Commission, participating in the questioning of 70 out of 94 of the witnesses - more than any other Commissioner. As one of the two Commissioners (the other was Warren) who went to Dallas to interview Ruby, Ford endorsed the decision not to bring Ruby to Washington for questioning, despite the fact that, unlike Warren, Ford actually asked Ruby whether he could supply more information if brought to Washington, and received a vehemently affirmative reply.

Ford also threw his weight behind the absurd single-bullet theory, though later (on the LP. "The Controversy") he attempted to put the blame for it on the government medical experts. When the Report was drafted he insisted that the term "no evidence of conspiracy" be used in preference to "no conspiracy". Just what sort of conspiracy Ford had in mind is indicated by his personal insistence that, among Oswald's alleged motives for shooting JFK, the Report should list "his commitment to Marxism and communism". Since the Commission's own records showed that Oswald was not a member of any far-left group, and included the statement by James

McVickar of the US Embassy in Moscow that Oswald had

little understanding of Marxist ideology. The "commitment" which Ford had in mind obviously consisted of his idea of Oswald's acting as a Russian or Cuban agent.

Ford's clandestine relationship with the FBI clearly played a part in Nixon's decision to appoint him as Vice-President at the height of the Watergate shambles and also helps to explain why there were no protests from the Bureau when Ford, installed as President, granted a retrospective pardon to Nixon for all crimes disclosed or undisclosed.

No wonder Ford was so upset when he lost the 1976 election - to the point of losing his voice, a well-known hysterical symptom. It is a sad comment on the political health of modern America that men like this can obtain supreme power.

LATE BOOKNEWS ++++++ Bob Cutler's latest volume, 76 Seconds in Dallas, has been slightly delayed but we are pleased to announce that it will be published on February 22, 1978 at £12.00. We will soon be including a review but in the meantime any British reader who requires a copy should send £6.50, to include postage, to the Editor at the address below.

