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AT LAST THE HSCA FINAL REPORT!

The long-awaited Final Report from the House Select Committee on Assassinations was finally released on 17 July 1979, although, to judge from the coverage of the British media it was almost a "non-event" and one could have been excused for not becoming aware of its existence.

We will hope to include a critique of the Report in a future issue and, at this early stage will content ourselves with reporting initial reactions and providing as much information on it that we can.

The Findings have not rocked the establishment. Lee Harvey Oswald fired three shots at President Kennedy. The second and third shots struck the President and the third one killed him. These shots were fired from the sixth-floor window of the southeast corner of the TSBD building. Although the scientific acoustical evidence establishes a high possibility that two gunmen were involved in the assassination the Committee is unable to identify the other gunman or the extent of the conspiracy. However, on the basis of the evidence available to it, the Committee believes that the following were NOT involved in the assassination:

- (1) The Soviet Government
- (2) The Cuban Government
- (3) The anti-Castro Cuban groups
- (4) The National Syndicate of Organized Crime
- (5) The Secret Service, Federal Bureau of Investigation and Central Intelligence Agency

Former Chief Counsel of the HSCA, Richard E. Sprague, commented that the Report was a "hoax" and that it had done "a disservice to history". He was angry about the conclusion that "it was possible ... that an individual organized crime leader, or a small combination of leaders, might have participated in a conspiracy to assassinate President Kennedy". He stated "It is outrageous and irresponsible for them to spend \$5.4 million to produce a report that says this 'might have' happened or that 'probably occurred'".

It was originally promised that "up to 40 Volumes" of evidence, exhibits etc would be provided to the public. As the following publication details show, only 28 volumes are available. Obviously there is to be as much classified material as the late, lamented Warren Commission provided. Can we ask why? Is important information to be squirreled away under the guise of "National Security" - again? (We ARE told that immunity orders were obtained for 165 witnesses who appeared before the HSCA. No doubt all the "naughty bits" will be included under the Executive Hearings!).

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The Final Assassinations Report.

July 1979. 792pp. 64pp. of photographs and illustrations. \$3.95.
Bantam Books Inc. 666 Fifth Avenue. New York. N.Y. 10019.

It is reported that Bantam Books were given the HSCA Report four days BEFORE its release by Chairman Louis Stokes. He said that he authorized the advance copy on the condition that Bantam did not release it before 17 July.

In an Introduction to this paperback version written by Chief Counsel G. Robert Blakey, he states that after his March 1977 appointment to this position "... (he) was determined to do a professional job, uphold the dignity of the House of Representatives, and not exploit the deaths of either President Kennedy or Dr. King for any partisan or personal advantage....". To a simple mind it therefore appears ironic when Bantam says that it paid "less than \$3,000" to Professor Blakey to write this foreword!

The jacket contain the promise that "... the \$6 million Final Report gives crucial and reasonable answers to burning questions...". This is Bantam's 66th "Extra" or "instant book". Their first one promised on its jacket "the final truth behind the most shocking crime of the century!".

That was the Report of the Warren Commission!!!

WE(A)K ENDING

The 19 July edition of the BBC Radio show contained this spoof item:

BBC Radio 4

"In Dallas, Texas, sixteen years ago, John F. Kennedy met his death. We bring you a "Week Ending" special investigation which, after 17 years of painstaking research, has come up with this startling conclusion.

He was shot!

But, was it murder, assassination, a hunting accident or an ingenious suicide, and, if it was a conspiracy, was it by two or more people, and if it was five people, was it the Cubans, the Vietnamese, the Puerto Ricans, the Irish, the Basques, the KGB or the Wiltshire Nationalists, and, if it was the Mafia, why?

To all these questions and more we have the answer:

We don't know!

But we can reveal that a survey we conducted suggests that over 87% of our sample of a typical cross-section of Congressional Assassination Committees believe Kennedy's dead, while a staggering 95% have already written a book about it.

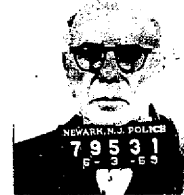
Is this the key?

Was Kennedy killed by a conspiracy of would-be Committee men who knew they'd have a job for life, and, if so, should another Committee be set up to investigate?"

NEWSBRIEFS

+++ On 3 June 1979 a leak from the HSCA revealed that, perhaps, a conspiracy by Organized Crime was responsible for the JFK assassination. "The Mob did it".

As, within six weeks of this conclusion the self-styled "Godfather of Godfathers", Carmine Galante (right) was shot dead in New York, is it in order to ask if his demise was just another of the multitude of coincidences which appear to haunt this mystery? Galante befriended Jimmy Hoffa in prison in 1967 and became of one his principal supporters in his struggle to regain the Presidency of the Teamster's Union along with Santos Trafficante and Carlos Marcello (who both testified before the House Select Committee investigation. Galante died on 12 July.



+++ The JFK Investigation has come up with the intriguing possibility of having suffered its own personal "Watergate".

The HSCA made public in mid-June that it had discovered that its most sensitive files had been rifled and that it had traced fingerprints on them to CIA officer Regis T. Blahut. The CIA later fired Blahut - (for incompetence??).

The incident involved the entry of a combination safe which held such items as the JFK autopsy photographs, the X-rays and the so-called "magic bullet" that, allegedly wounded Kennedy and Connally.

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President Kennedy and his wife leaving for Dallas, Texas, on the day he was killed.

THEY MIGHT KILL ME— INQUIRY'S ONLY SURVIVOR



Two days after President Kennedy's death, Lee Harvey Oswald, the assassin, was shot dead by Jack Ruby.

Why Kennedy probe man lives in fear

By TONY RILEY

A former U.S. Marine is living in fear because he believes he could meet with an "accident".

Bearded 40-year-old Nelson Delgado, who lives with his wife and two children in Fenwick, was a friend of Lee Harvey Oswald, the alleged assassin of John F. Kennedy in 1963.

He gave evidence to the Warren Commission which investigated the President's death — and he now believes he is the only survivor of a group of about 27 people who suggested at the inquiry that Oswald was not the President's killer.

A new official U.S.

report says that more than one person was probably involved in the killing and this has added weight to his original theory.

"But if they are starting it all over again I believe I may be considered a threat once more."

For Mr. Delgado thinks that someone inside the C.I.A. or F.B.I. was probably responsible for Kennedy's death.

"No one coming out of the book depository from where the shot that killed the President is thought to have been fired

has been attempted to keep him under surveillance and before leaving the U.S. Army in 1977 he spent his last eight months living under self-imposed curfew.

He met Oswald four years before Kennedy's assassination. They were both members of the U.S. Marine Corps in a radar scanning room in California and they shared quarters for 18 months.

"We became good friends," he said.

"I saw him fire on the rifle range and he was not the expert marksman needed to fire the shot that killed the President."

He is convinced since then an organisation has

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