

DENTAL FILES RIFLED AFTER EXHUMATION APPLICATION by Brian Burden

(Note: The source for this story is an unidentified American student at the University of Essex. He stated that the dentist in question was a family friend.)

A dentist who believes he once treated Lee Harvey Oswald had his files ransacked within 24 hours of the recent application to exhume Oswald's body from the grave in Fort Worth.

The dentist (name unavailable) was visited for minor treatment by a "Harvey Oswald" in the fall of 1962, about a year before the JFK assassination. Harvey, who was very talkative, jokingly stated that he was named after "Harvey, the giant rabbit in the film", and talked of his ambition to travel the world, stating that he had already been to Japan and to Russia ("a real drag").

Although the dentist has often mentioned the encounter to friends, he did not contact the authorities after the assassination, since he felt that he had nothing to add to the information already extant and did not want to be pestered by reporters. He does not believe that anything related to "Harvey" remained in his files at the time of the burglary.

This writer suspects that "Harvey" was one of the several bogus Oswalds, and that his purpose was to set up an alibi for one of his namesakes. The burglary may have been prompted by talk of dental evidence in connexion with the exhumation. It is worth noting that September-October 1962 was the period of the Cuban missile crisis.

LET'S DIG UP LEE!



When the news broke in late October of plans to exhume the body of Lee Harvey Oswald (or whoever lies in his grave?), it was reminiscent of one of the worst S-I-C-K jokes of the 60s:

"Mummy, mummy, can we play with Grandpa?"
"No, kids, that's the fourth time you've dug him up this week!"

For some considerable time the British author Michael Eddowes has been obsessed with the mysteries of "the multiple Oswalds" and who is really buried under his name. His theories have been fully listed in his books (November 22. How they killed Kennedy available from Neville Spearman Ltd. 112 Whitfield Street. London W1P 6DP. @ £4.50 and the U.S. edition, The Oswald File, hardback @ \$10.00 from Clarkson N.Potter Inc. One Park Avenue. New York. N.Y. 10016, and paperback @ \$1.95 from Ace Books. 1120 Avenue of the Americas. New York. N.Y. 10036.)

Despite widespread coverage in the British press the subject of the proposed exhumation appears to have to have dropped out of public sight just as quickly as it was brought to our attention. Dr Charles Petty, the Dallas County medical examiner, has asked officials of neighbouring Tarrant County to allow the coffin which is buried in Rose Hill cemetery to be dug up and re-opened for a new post mortem examination. These officials say that they will do so only if ordered by a court.

Speculation has always been rife as to whether there is a body in the Oswald grave at all, and, if so, is it merely a headless corpse.

Perhaps, time will tell?

In the meantime we can only wait to see what the result of Eddowes' continuing efforts bring forth.....

(Right: (London) Daily Mail.
20 October 1979.)

Secret in the grave of Kennedy's killer

From FRANK THOMPSON
in NEW YORK

THE body of President Kennedy's assassin may be exhumed after sensational claims by a British author.

Medical experts are now uncertain whether the body buried at Fort Worth, Texas is Lee Harvey Oswald—or a Soviet agent who stole his identity.

And last night author Michael Eddowes was preparing to fly from London to Dallas to help the authorities.

His book The Oswald Files claims the killers' body differed in many ways from his 1956 army records.

Four years before President Kennedy was shot in 1963, while riding through Dallas in an open-top car, Oswald defected to Russia.

And in his book Eddowes speculates that the man who later returned to America was not Oswald but a KGB agent with a mission to kill the President.

Dr Linda Norton, assistant county medical examiner at Dallas said: "I feel it



Oswald after his arrest

would be in the best public interest to conduct the exhumation."

She is asking for permission from Oswald's mother Margaret, who lives in Fort Worth.

Kennedy's assassin was himself gunned down in the basement of Dallas county court by nightclub owner Jack Ruby, who later died. One claim was

that Ruby had previously been injected with cancer germs.

Last year after a 2½-year inquiry costing almost \$3 million, a Government committee concluded that Oswald shot Kennedy—and the Soviet Union was absolved from any blame.

But the question today is: Which Oswald?

"WATERGATE" IN THE HOUSE ASSASSINATIONS COMMITTEE? by Jeffrey P. Hoyle

On 18 June 1979 a small article appeared in my local newspaper, the Providence Journal, concerning a discovery by the HSCA that its most sensitive files had been rifled.

The incident had involved entry into a safe where the autopsy X-rays of John F. Kennedy, photographs and other physical evidence, including CE399 (the so-called "magic bullet"), were stored.

In July I wrote to the CIA's Information and Privacy Coordinator, George W. Owens, about this incident. I asked basically the following questions:

- (1) Did the entry take place before or after HSCA experts examined the physical evidence in question?
- (2) Were steps taken by the HSCA to authenticate the evidence after they became aware of the entry?
- (3) Can any light be shed on the purpose of the entry? Was this the only entry by this individual?

I closed by explaining Robert Groden's claim that the autopsy photographs are forged, and how, if these photos are forgeries, the whole HSCA's case will be in jeopardy.

The answer I received (which is reproduced below) doesn't answer all of the questions I asked and it is a little self serving (Mr Owens says the incident occurred in the Reading Room, but Agent Regis T. Blahut's fingerprints were found inside the safe, as well as on photos, X-rays and CE 399) but what I find very interesting is where Owens states that Blahut did look through the notebook containing the autopsy photographs "on at least two occasions".

Every article I have seen to date speaks of the entry as ONE incident - but it is obvious from Mr Owens that, in the case of the photos, they were handled more than once, and at least twice.

Hopefully the House Intelligence Committee who are currently investigating the incident will be able to shed more light on this case as my "curiosity" is far from satisfied!

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Jeffrey P. Hoyle
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Dear Mr. Hoyle:

This is in response to your letter of 24 July, in which you asked several questions concerning the alleged "entry" by a CIA officer into a safe belonging to the House Select Committee on Assassinations.

I have been asked to advise you that this matter has been thoroughly investigated. In essence, a CIA officer who had been assigned as a Security Escort to the HSCA staff offices did look through a HSCA notebook containing photographs of the autopsy of former President John F. Kennedy. He did this on at least two occasions when the notebook was left unsecured in the reading room of the HSCA, where he had been sent to control Agency classified material.

The investigation has established that this officer acted on his own out of curiosity, not at the direction of anyone else. Certainly his actions did constitute a serious indiscretion, although they should not be described as "rifling" HSCA files. Immediately after the occurrence of this incident, the Agency asked for, and received the officer's resignation.

With respect to your second question (Were steps taken by the HSCA to authenticate the evidence after they became aware of the entry?), I suggest that this question would be more appropriately directed to:

Stanley Brand
General Counsel
Office of the Clerk
House of Representatives
Room H-105, Capitol Building
Washington, DC 20515

Mr. Brand has custody of the records of the HSCA, and may be able to answer more fully. As to the allegations of Mr. Groden, the former HSCA consultant whom you quote, to the effect that the photographs themselves are forgeries, I have no way of knowing whether Mr. Groden is right or wrong. I do believe that the Agency has taken appropriate action under the circumstances.

I hope that I have been able to resolve your problem.

Sincerely,

George W. Owens
George W. Owens
Information and Privacy Coordinator

BOOKNEWS

Two books of which I have only recently become aware - but which have been published for some time - are the following:

The Freedom of Information Act and Political Assassinations. Volume 1.
Editor: David R. Wrono. 1978. 249 pp. \$8.95 + postage.
University of Wisconsin. Stevens Point Foundation Press. Stevens Point, WI 54481.

If any one person must be given the credit for winking out of the various Archives those various secret documents related to the JFK assassination by means of the U.S. Freedom of Information Act it is Harold Weisberg. Over the years he has worked unceasingly away from the public glare on this task and, at last, this account of his endeavours and successes has been gathered by another expert on the assassination who is best known for his bibliographic efforts.

Although pretty dry reading to other than the legal mind it is an excellent account of the problems faced by present-day investigators in the face of the bureaucratic structures of government.

The two executive session transcripts of the Warren Commission which Weisberg forced into the public domain are reprinted and reveal that the Commissioners did not believe the lone assassin theory and were conscious of being presented with a cover-up by the Federal Investigative Authorities.

We wonder what the classified Executive Sessions of the HSCA will reveal in the fullness of time?

LBJ and the JFK conspiracy.
Hugh McDonald and Robin Moore. January 1979. 242pp. \$2.25.
Condor Publishing Co. Inc. 29 East Main Street. Westport. CT 06880.

This obvious follow-up volume to Appointment in Dallas defies description. On this occasion McDonald has enlisted the help of a professional writer, Robin (The French Connection) Moore to no apparent benefit!

All we can say is that the late, lamented, Joachim Joesten did a much better job on a similar theme with his The Dark Side of Lyndon Baines Johnson in September 1968.

STOP PRESS In our Issue No.29 we made reference to "an imminent book" to be published by Fontana Books. After all these months we are pleased to confirm that Conspiracy: the assassination of JFK by Anthony Summers will appear in (early?) 1980. According to the author it will be a "major opus". It is the result of an 18-month investigation in the U.S. following Summers' excellent documentary on the subject which was screened by BBC TV in "Panorama" in March 1978. More news as we get it....

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