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Since our last issue appeared in June very few happenings have been logged. So, its to be Carter v Reagen in November for the "big" prize and it would appear very obvious that the Department of Justice will do very little - if they intend to pursue any further investigations - until the results are in.

Meantime, another leading principal related to the Dallas assassination, Jesse Curry, has succumbed to a "heart attack". He "expired" on 22 June 1980.

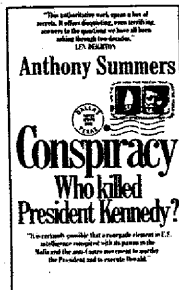
Also, in Dallas, there are more moves, orchestrated by Michael Eddowes, to exhume the body in the Fort Worth grave. As we go to press all efforts in this direction have been halted by Robert Oswald. The final legal decision is awaited in early September. This morbid exercise has been more than covered by the British media with many press reports and articles and two lengthy television offerings from BBC 2 tv on their current affairs programme, "Newsnight".

However, there still appears to be more public interest, as far as Dallas is concerned, in "who shot J.R.?" rather than "who killed J.F.K.?". Therefore, this particular issue of JFK.AF will concern itself mainly with news of those forthcoming and new books that we are expecting in the next few weeks and months.

Perhaps we may have more wasty news next time?

CONSPIRACY - A CRITIQUE

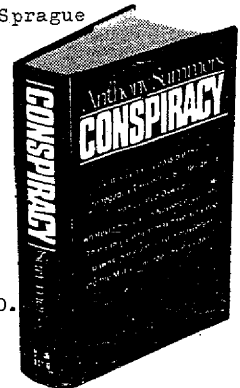
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The trouble with hedgers in the JFK case is that they help feed the guns of the CIA writers who supply book reviews to the columns of the New York Times.

Tony Summers, probably unintentionally, did just that by hedging on Oswald's role, in his book Conspiracy. The CIA apparently felt obliged to again defend the "Oswald did it" position. They employed one of their best agents, Thomas Powers, to review the book in their Book Review Section on Sunday, June 29, 1980.

Powers, of course, used the book to demonstrate that even Tony Summers really believes Oswald did it. Powers quotes from that other well-known CIA writer, Priscilla McMillan, to support his contention that the world knows Oswald did it.

After 17 years of various pieces of evidence appearing that prove that Lee Harvey Oswald was a patsy, that he fired no shots and that he was not part of the assassination team, one would think that Mr Summers should have known all of that. One would expect the CIA the PCG (Power Control Group) and the New York Times to never give up the fight. Perhaps Tony is not aware of the highest levels of the multi-conspiracies that grip not only the United States, but the world? The control of the media, Congress, the Executive Branch, the 120 murders, the series of cover-ups etc, are an essential part of the whole. The New York Times review is to be expected, as are many others that will appear in the near future.

My prime criticism of Conspiracy is just that. By hedging on whether Oswald did or did not fire any shots, the book feeds the opposition. It should not have been difficult for a thorough objective researcher like Tony Summers to state positively that Oswald fired no shots. The photographic evidence alone proves that fact. Tony omitted an examination of the window photo evidence, as did the Warren Commission and the House Select Committee on Assassinations.

Oswald's patsy role has been well documented in a number of articles, and in at least one book, my own. Summers skips past all of that documentary evidence, some of which is more than ten years old. The importance of the patsy role, when connected to Oswald's CIA and FBI history, is that it clearly demonstrates a very high level, very carefully planned, intelligence operation, and not a simple conspiracy in the dictionary sense. Only the CIA clandestine section had the tools, techniques and motivations to set up Oswald while killing the President in such a sophisticated manner.

The author appears to have missed this point entirely in this book. Rather, he leaves us, and Thomas Powers, with the impression that Oswald probably did fire some shots and was involved in some sort of lower level conspiracy. This is precisely what the Power Control Group wants as its newest fall-back position. Robert Blakey is their latest spokesman for this position. Blakey, of course, limits the "other" lower level conspirators to the Mafia.

When will we see a widely published book that begins with the simple fact that no shots came from the sixth floor window, and follows the trail of logic and evidence from that fact all the way to the high level PCG chain of intelligence murders and cover-ups still taking place?

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Drawing by Glenn B. Fleming



Did you shoot J.R.?

No, I haven't been charged with that. In fact, no-one has said that to me yet. The first I heard about it was when, uh, a newspaper reporter in the hall, uh, asked me that question.....

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BOOKNEWS

Although there are still reports of many new books due to be published over the next few months, since the appearance of our last issue there is very little addition information.

Among the tidbits that we have unearthed are the following:

+ Beyond Conspiracy by Peter Dale Scott, Paul Hoch et al. was scheduled for publication in April 1980 by Pocket Books. It was announced to the wholesalers but there is still no definite issue date. Price - \$2.95(?).

+ David Lifton's book - which has been promised since 1966 - will, reports state, be actually titled, Best Evidence. It is expected from MacMillan in early 1981.(January?) @ \$14.95.

+ No Stone Unturned, the account of the HSCA by Robert Blakey is rumoured to be due from Times Books in November.

+ The manuscripts for the HSCA index compiled by Sylvia Meagher and Gary Owens has been with their publishers, Scarecrow Press, for some considerable time past. It may be published around September or October and will include in the one volume Mrs Meagher's classic 1966 Warren Hearings Index, which has been out of print and only available in xerox copy for some time past. This, obviously will be an important book for all serious researchers and should be top of their shopping lists;(it most certainly will not top the N.Y. Times bestsellers lists!!)

+ David R.Wrone advises that his new JFK Assassination bibliography (which is co-authored with DeLloyd J.Guth) should be available from August 30 from Greenwood Press 88 Post Road West. Westport. CT 06881. About 500 pages, it will also include some original material, 4 new maps plus a critical introduction and legal summaries of cases on JFK etc. No price advised, yet.

+ There are whisperings of a "new book" out from Fred Newcomb. Have any of our readers any definite information?

+ In October, Harcourt, Brace, Jovanovich Inc will publish, Kennedy and Lincoln. Medical and Ballistic Comparisons of their Assassinations by Dr John K.Lattimer. 352 pages. 225 photographs. \$14.95.

When Dr Lattimer appeared briefly on the scene in January 1972 to defend the Warren Commission Findings and Autopsy Reports it was discovered that far from being an expert in Forensic Pathology, he was, in fact, a leading Urologist. As one of the leading critics put it at that time - "He never gets above the belly-button!". We wonder what treasures he has in store for us this time? Perhaps, Lincoln was NOT killed by a conspiracy, after all?

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NOTE: It has been suggested by some subscribers that it would be an important addition if each issue of JFK.AF gave over some space to including a marketplace corner where JFK Assassination items, books magazines, films,tapes, etc. etc. could be listed on a Buy, Sell, Swap, system. Can I have your reactions and feedback to this idea, please?

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WHO ARE THESE MEN?

Pictured above amongst these faces are: William Seymour, Jack Lawrence, J.D. Tippitt, Harry Dean, Guy Gabaldin, Emilio Santana, David Ferrie, Jim Hicks, Lee Harvey Oswald, Jack Ruby, John Rosselli, John Fitzgerald Kennedy, Sam Giancana, E. Howard Hunt, "Frenchy", J. Edgar Hoover, Gary Patrick Hemming, Jimmy Hoffa and Richard Helms.

They are all important characters related to the JFK assassination, but, strangely, they do not appear in many of the books and articles written about the case. However, they are all named and appear in the text of Richard E. Sprague's revised, second edition of The Taking of America 1.2.3.

This important book is now available and is strongly recommended. The first edition was only produced in a strictly limited edition of 500 copies and quickly sold out. It has now been updated and revised and printed with additional chapters.

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Sylvia:

As it seems like a very long while since I heard anything from you, here is a brief note to accompany No.39. My usual best regards!

How are things at your end? What news have you - and, more importantly, what is the situation as regards publication of your new HSCA Index?

Can I ask you to provide me with an inscribed, EARLY review copy through your publishers??

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the name "Henry", written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath.