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Dear Mark,

Hope they're not shooting too many bullets at you. You guys work harder than we do.

I related our conversation to Jim Marrs and he has assembled a list of new information included in his book.

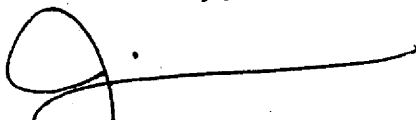
When talking with Jim, one quickly realizes that information-wise, we've only seen the tip of the iceberg. A face to face meeting where hard questions can be asked and answered would be beneficial, I think, for all concerned.

I am totally convinced we have a commercial property (book & video) that if marketed to the appropriate audience, could return substantial profits.

I know you have many things going on, and I appreciate whatever time you can allocate for this project.

Again, thank you for your visit. That's the most fun Terry and I have had all month.

Sincerely,



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CROSSFIRE ON KENNEDY: The Plot That Killed Camelot

by Jim Marrs

CROSSFIRE ON KENNEDY: The Plot That Killed Camelot is a major book designed to bring an overview of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy to a broad public audience.

This book provides the necessary background for anyone wishing to study the events in Dallas on November 22, 1963.

For the assassination novice, there is a complete accounting of the official version of Kennedy's death along with sections dealing with the life of Lee Harvey Oswald, the rise of the intelligence establishment and Organized Crime and the connections between government agents, anti-Castro Cubans, crime figures and the accused assassin.

For veteran students of the assassination, CROSSFIRE ON KENNEDY includes a wealth of material neverbefore made available to a national audience.

Until now, written accounts of the assassination have been written and published by people outside of Texas. Yet the tragedy occurred in Dallas and, in 1963, legally was a Texas crime. The obvious starting point for a truthful investigation must be in Dallas.

After more than 15 years of active investigation in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, here are just a few examples of new evidence and information which have been gathered for inclusion in CROSSFIRE ON KENNEDY:

- A. THE BADGEMAN BLOWUP -- A photographic enlargement of the background of a polaroid snapshot made at the moment of the fatal head shot on Kennedy reveals a man firing a rifle behind the wooden picket fence atop the infamous Grassy Knoll. This evidence supports acoustical studies which indicate at least one shot from that location as well as numerous eyewitnesses who claimed shots came from that area.
- B. A GRASSY KNOLL WITNESS -- This author has a videotaped interview with the only-known witness to what went on behind the picket fence at the time of the assassination. Ed Hoffman's account of a man with a rifle and his accomplice is corroborated by 19 pages of FBI documents which were kept from the public until 1986.
- C. A TELLING MAP -- This book will contain a copy of the original map made by the Dallas surveyors who recreated the assassination for both the FBI and Life magazine. This map shows the locations of extraneous bullet marks on the street and curb as well as gives the distances involved based on still frames from the famous Zapruder film. These figures, which disproved the lone-assassin theory were altered when published by the Warren Commission, solid evidence of government deceit.
- D. RUBY'S STRIPPERS -- Two of Jack Ruby's most notorious strip-tease dancers still live in the Dallas area and have been interviewed for this book. Both Tammie True and Shari Angel tell of contacts between Ruby and Oswald. They also tell of being intimidated by federal authorities.

- E. STRANGE SHELL CASINGS -- Several years after the assassination, a 30.06 shell casing was discovered by a maintenance worker on the roof of the Dallas Criminal Courts Building overlooking Dealey Plaza. The weathered casing has a strange circular crimp around the top which could mean it was used with a sabot, a device which allows another type of ammunition to be fired from a 30.06 rifle. Since knowledgeable assassination witnesses claimed to recognize the sound of a 30.06 rifle, this leads to the possibility that slugs from the Oswald rifle may have been fired through another weapon at a different location. In a related development, there is evidence that the shell casings now in the National Archives identified as those found at the scene of Officer Tippit's death could not have been fired from Oswald's .38-caliber pistol. This evidence has been developed solely for this book.
- F. THE DOCTOR'S STORY -- An interview with a Dallas doctor who treated inmates of the Dallas County Jail reveals further evidence that Jack Ruby was murdered by being injected with live cancer cells, just as he claimed in notes smuggled to friends. This doctor claims x-rays of Ruby's lungs (which he still possesses) show no cancer only a few months before Ruby's death from lung cancer in January 1967. The doctor states a government physician was suddenly brought in to treat Ruby, who died shortly afterward. His main contention is that there was not sufficient time for lung cancer to develop normally.
- G. MORE MEDICAL EVIDENCE -- Yet another Dallas doctor has agreed to provide this author with a Parkland Hospital report signed by four pathologists clearly describing wounds on Kennedy which came from the front as well as an account of an intact bullet being found under the President's body during a pre-autopsy examination at Parkland. No mention has ever been made public of such a report.
- H. SUPPORT FOR DAVID LIFTON -- Author David Lifton in his best-selling book, Best Evidence, documents how JFK's body left Dallas wrapped in a sheet inside a bronze coffin. Yet, the body arrived at Bethesda Naval Medical Center in a black plastic "crash bag" inside a gray military shipping coffin. Lifton speculates that Kennedy's body was secretly taken from the Dallas coffin and this author now has new evidence substantiating this removal. An interview with subsequent owners of the ambulance service which transported Kennedy's body reveals that three items turned up missing from the ambulance -- two green-painted oxygen tanks and a black plastic body or "crash" bag. Vernon O'Neal has stated that when he recovered the bronze coffin used to transport Kennedy, he was unable to sell it because of green paint scratches on the sides and bottom. This is strong evidence that Kennedy's body was taken from the Dallas coffin and the oxygen tanks substituted before it was loaded on Air Force One at Love Field that afternoon.

- I. CLAY BERTRAND SPEAKS -- During the Garrison investigation, it was revealed that Oswald met with a man named Clay Bertrand to discuss assassinating Kennedy. It was later admitted that Bertrand was a pseudonym for a real person who was never identified. This author has a videotaped interview with a New Orleans man who claims to have been the real "Clay Bertrand" and to have met with Oswald in a New Orleans bar in the summer of 1963. Among other things, he said both himself and Oswald were working for U.S. intelligence and that Oswald was connected to former FBI agent Guy Banister.
- J. SUSPICIOUS PHOTOS -- The famous backyard photos of Oswald with his rifle have been the subject of debate for years. Even Oswald himself claimed the photos were incriminating fakes. New photographic analysis by researcher Jack White proves to even the most skeptical how these clever forgeries were made. White has made his work available for CROSSFIRE ON KENNEDY. Additionally, the author has interviewed Robert Hester and his wife, Patricia, both of whom processed film for the FBI at Dallas National Photo Company the day of the assassination. Both claim they saw the backyard photos (including one with no figure in it) in the hands of federal agents on November 22, a day before the photos were officially said to have been discovered by Dallas police, more evidence of government deceit.
- K. A KEY WITNESS SPEAKS OUT -- Jean L. Hill was one of the closest witnesses to Kennedy when he was shot. She later dated one of the Dallas policemen accompanying the President and became close friends with many of the policemen involved in the assassination case. They warned her not to tell all she knew to the Warren Commission, but today Jean Hill has revealed what she knows to this author. Her information includes seeing the Grassy Knoll gunman shooting as well as sighting Jack Ruby in Dealey Plaza at the time of the assassination (Her story is corroborated by at least two other witnesses and one photograph). More significantly, Hill tells of an incident with Secret Service agents which led her to believe that federal agents monitored the entire assassination from a nearby building. The bulk of her story is corroborated by the reports of November 22, 1963.
- L. THEATER PROBLEMS -- Butch Burroughs was manning the concession stand in the Texas Theater during the time of Oswald's arrest. Today, a manager of the theater, an interview with Burroughs reveals that Oswald entered the theater before 1:15 p.m. and was accompanied by a blonde woman who disappeared after police arrived. If Burroughs' account is correct, it is an alibi for Oswald's whereabouts at the time of the Tippit slaying. Burroughs claims that while someone slipped into the theater drawing police to that location, it was not Oswald.

- M. A SENATOR SPEAKS -- Former Texas Senator Ralph Yarborough was riding beside Vice President Lyndon Johnson in the Kennedy motorcade. In a 1986 interview with this author, Yarborough gave an account of the events at the time of the shooting which are totally at variance with the official version. He also told of being pressured by federal authorities to write an account for the Warren Commission which was satisfactory to the Johnson White House.
- N. A WITNESS' BOSS -- Howard Brennan (now deceased) was the star witness for the Warren Commission. Yet, in a 1986 interview with this author, Brennan's former boss said Brennan was held for weeks by federal authorities and intimidated into giving testimony incriminating Oswald. Sandy Speaker, who also was in Dealey Plaza and heard more than four shots, tells how he and other workers who witnessed the assassination were threatened into silence.
- O. AN AGENT'S STORY -- Few Americans have heard the incredible story of Richard Case Nagell, a decorated military intelligence agent who claims he was ordered to kill Oswald to prevent Kennedy's death. Nagell instead got himself arrested in El Paso and told about the assassination PRIOR to the event. He claimed Oswald was also an intelligence agent who believed he had penetrated a pro-Castro plot to kill the President and did not realize he was being set up as a "patsy".
- P. FASCINATING FRIENDS -- Dallas petroleum engineer George DeMohrenschildt and his wife, Jeanne, were not only close friends to the Bouvier family (parents of Jackie Kennedy) but were the last-known close friend to Oswald. Jeanne still lives in Dallas and had provided this author with a wealth of information indicating that Oswald was innocent of the crime and was being maneuvered by U.S. intelligence in late 1963. George died under strange circumstances in 1977 just hours after an attempt was made to contact him by the House Select Committee on Assassinations. George's intelligence contacts include Nazis, French intelligence and the CIA. This author has access to documents, tapes and information on the DeMohrenschildts neverbefore made public.
- Q. TRACKING A SPY -- This author has accumulated much material which indicates that Oswald was an active intelligence agent. Included in this material is an account of a small Minox "spy" camera recovered from Oswald's belongings by Dallas police. According to Dallas detectives, the FBI attempted to have Dallas police delete any reference to the camera. The reason for this became known in 1977 when check with Minox Corporation revealed that the Oswald camera carried a serial number which was not available to the public, strong evidence that the camera may have been issued to Oswald. Additionally, a Dallas Police evidence photograph reveals that Oswald had several thousand dollars worth of miniature optical and camera equipment in his possession. This equipment was cropped from the photograph when published in the Warren Commission volumes.

- R. A TEXAS HITMAN -- Charles V. Harrelson is currently serving a life sentence in Texas for the 1979 assassination of federal Judge John Wood in San Antonio. Harrelson, on more than one occasion has admitted playing a role in the Kennedy assassination and this author has accumulated a significant amount of evidence to indicated he may have been telling the truth. This evidence ranges from Harrelson's connections to the Dallas underworld and Jack Ruby to photographic analysis of the famous "three tramps" of Dealey Plaza which presents a strong argument that Harrelson is the taller of the mysterious men. This information has never been published outside of Texas.
- S. DOCUMENTS OF DUPLICITY -- This author has a copy of the original Dallas Police evidence sheet which states only two spent 6.5 mm rifle rounds were found in the Depository as well as the results of a paraffin test which showed no nitrates were found on Oswald's face --- court-admissable evidence he did not fire a rifle that day. Yet the same evidence sheet published in the Warren Commission volumes shows three spent rounds found and the reference to the paraffin test was deleted, more hard proof of government suppression of evidence. Additionally, this author has two FBI documents carrying identical dates and file numbers. However, one states the paper bag believed to have been used to carry a rifle by Oswald matched paper available in the depository while the other document states the paper did not match --- clear evidence of duplicity on the part of the FBI.
- T. MORE GOVERNMENT DECEIT -- Interviews by this author with key assassination witnesses such as Jean Hill, James Tague, Phil Willis and others show a troubling pattern of government deception in reporting what these people had to say. In the words of Willis, "When I told the Warren Commission 'Yes', they'd put down 'No'." Students of the assassination must be made aware that much of the original evidence is incomplete, inaccurate or altered.
- U. A QUESTIONED EXHUMATION -- In 1981, after evidence surfaced indicating that the man shot by Jack Ruby may not have been the real Lee Harvey Oswald, Oswald's grave was exhumed. The corpse's teeth were compared to Oswald's Marine dental records and authorities reported a match --- the body in the grave was Oswald's. Today, however, the two funeral home directors who buried Oswald in 1963 and were present at the 1981 exhumation claim the exhumed body was not the same one they buried 24 years ago. They base this contention on the fact that neither mortician saw evidence of a craniotomy scar on the exhumed body's skull, an autopsy procedure known to have been performed on Oswald's body. The proof of their allegations may be found in a videotape of the exhumation examination. However, this tape has been the object of court suits in Texas and has still not been made available to Marina Oswald despite a court ruling in her favor.

Several of these items of new information on the Kennedy assassination could be developed into books of their own. Yet they are only a part of the massive amount of information contained in CROSSFIRE ON KENNEDY.

Other bits of relevant information contained in this book include:

- The close friendship between next-door neighbors J. Edgar Hoover and Lyndon B. Johnson.
- How Johnson secretly reversed Kennedy's decision to pull U.S. troops out of Vietnam.
- Oswald's connection to CIA-connected David Ferrie, his former Civil Air Patrol commander.
- Photographic analysis of two men making signals at the moment Kennedy was shot. One of these men then sits down and speaks into a walkie-talkie.
- William Gaudet, a CIA operative who may have accompanied Oswald to Mexico City, tells his story.
- Beverly Oliver, known for years as the "Babushka Lady" tells of how the FBI took her assassination film and how she was introduced to Oswald by her friend, Jack Ruby.
- A chronological analysis of the wounding of James Tague in Dealey Plaza shows how a photograph of a bullet mark caused the Warren Commission to completely rethink their version of the assassination.
- A comprehensive biography of the major characters in the assassination drama -- JFK, Oswald, Ruby, Lyndon Johnson, J. Edgar Hoover, Earl Warren and many others.
- How a 1947 FBI document reveals that Jack Ruby was working for Congressman Richard Nixon at that time.
- A study of the communications blackouts in Dallas and Washington which prevented any immediate reaction to the assassination by persons in authority.
- How FBI documents released in 1977 reveal that just two hours after the assassination, Director Hoover gave Robert Kennedy a complete background of Oswald at a time when Dallas police were not even certain of the identity of their suspect.
- Photographic evidence of how an FBI agent walked off with vital evidence in Dealey Plaza moments after Kenney was shot.

CROSSFIRE ON KENNEDY provides a fresh and important look at both new assassination evidence as well as a new slant on much known information.

And, while much of the evidence of conspiracy is circumstantial, it is important to remember that the direct evidence in this case is seriously tainted.

Many people shaded their testimony in a well-intentioned effort to help authorities; others misinterpreted what they saw and heard; still others changed or fabricated testimony due to intimidation. In several instances, testimony and evidence was altered while in government hands.

The direct evidence in this case has come under question which makes the circumstantial evidence all the more important.

Circumstances don't lie. And the circumstances surrounding the assassination are fully and objectively presented in CROSSFIRE ON KENNEDY.

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