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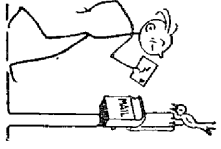


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RAY PALMER'S NEWS LETTER



In my last Newsletter, I told you about the Russians receiving intelligent signals from our upper atmosphere, and I stressed the importance of the term "upper atmosphere". Actually I was doing more than stressing—I was definitely on a "fishing expedition". I tried to tell you something extremely important—that if we are talking about intelligent signals coming from our upper atmosphere, all of our concepts about our planet, about life itself have to be drastically revised. It seems incredible to me that the Russian statement ever got published at all! It is even more incredible to me that no "educated" scientist asked the inevitable question—"HOW CAN FHAP BE?" Since 1943 I have been stressing this subject—that there ARE intelligent civilizations in our atmosphere, even as little as 100 miles up, totally invisible to us, but easily detectible by radar. The famous case of Grote Reber (placed in charge of the grant \$10 million dollar receiver in Hawaii) was the beginning of my discovery. It was strengthened over the years by the flying saucer phenomenon, particularly that portion of it in which radar plays a

corroboratory part. There is something there! It is intelligent! It can be "listened to"! I even went so far as to suspect that Edward Teller, father of the hydrogen bomb, could only have gotten his technical "know-how" from such eavesdropping. Oh, it surely is fantastic, right in line with Ray Palmer, master science fiction writer, formulator of such things as the world-famous Shaver Mystery, the discoverer of Jesse James, still alive, the creator of the flying saucers (so said the Air Force at one time), the biggest "3-ring circus man" on this planet! What a master creator of fascinating fiction! But to take him seriously? Ridiculous! Yet, that is exactly what such organizations as the FBI, CIA, Treasury Department Agents, Military Intelligence, Air Force Intelligence, Navy Intelligence, and even the Committee On Foreign Relations did! For 29 years now they have kept constant surveillance over me—Ruppelt's Project Bluebook book for example. Why would they take me seriously at all? Why would the FBI, for example, tell Richard Shaver that "at least 25% of what you say is

true"? I am reminded of the Air Force Intelligence Major who came to investigate my own personal "radar" receiver (to make sure I hadn't actually built one!), and thereby confirmed my suspicions about the reality of the Grote Reber affair, and that they knew where the signals were really coming from. There was a humorous element involved (after his week-long spying on me, asking my neighbors all sorts of questions about my activities and finally calling on me personally with a trumped up story about a friend of mind who needed "references" from me to get a job in Air-Force Intelligence, specifically in the secret cryptology department devoted to UFO) when he asked me about some concrete foundations remaining from something I had torn down. You should have seen his face when I said: "Oh, that's my rocket launching platform."

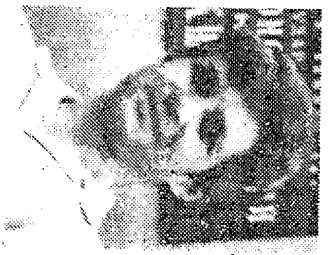
Well, this Newsletter may well contain the most important information you will ever get from me. And I am not unaware of the danger I place myself in in giving it to you. However, as I've said before, any "accident" to me will confirm everything I've said in the last 25 years. There are too many of you who have been with me that length of time, and know much of the truth. I doubt if they would confirm it by murdering me. Also, I am 64 years old now. How long can I expect to live, anyway? See how "dramatic" the old science fiction fox can be? After all, does the Air Force (or any official agency) REALLY believe in flying saucers, or deos, or even in ghosts! So, for those who want to "make something of it", honestly—this is all I have! Don't believe a word of it!

Accordingly, the first thing I want you to disbelieve is a pretty obvious thing; remember how the Russians said "upper atmosphere", and that specifically, it wasn't any satellite(!) of theirs or ours (which places it even more firmly in a terrestrial orbital position). It was inevitable that this terribly embarrassing concept be refuted and covered up. So, it was totally predictable that the refutation would be published—and it was. One

of the best places to place such material is in the widely read (particularly by the type of people reached by Ray Palmer) prestigious NATIONAL ENQUIRER. And that is where it appeared. Maybe you read it—but if you didn't, we'll reproduce much of what it said, then make our comments on it. Said the ENQUIRER (pay strict attention to the words I have italicized, because these portions will be those upon which I have pertinent comments to make):

Russians Receive Radio Signals From Civilization In Outer Space

Two top Soviet space scientists say that beyond any doubt they have received radio signals from a civilization in outer space. In an exclusive interview with The ENQUIRER, the Russian experts declared that not only are they "certain" the signals are from another planet but that they "had to be transmitted by civilized beings." Soviet astrophysicists Vsevolod Troitsky and Kikolai Kardashev made

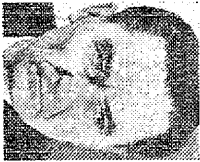


Nikolai Kardashev

the historic discovery. Troitsky is director of the famed Research Radiophysical Institute in Gorky, USSR, while Kardashev, a doctor of physics and mathematics, is laboratory chief at the Institute of Space Research, USSR Academy of Sciences. Dr. Kardashev explained to The ENQUIRER: "We have been receiving

radio signals from outer space in bursts lasting from two to 10 minutes. "Their character, their consistent pattern and their regular transmissions leave us in no doubt that they are of artificial origin—that is, they are not natural signals, but have to be transmitted by civilized beings with sophisticated transmission equipment. "So far, we have not been able to establish exactly from where the signals emanate. But we can say the source is located in our own solar system."

Troitsky and Kardashev granted The ENQUIRER an interview immediately following their first jubilant announcement in the Soviet Union of their exciting discovery.



VSEVOLOD TROITSKY

which was read to the Second International Symposium on Extra-terrestrial Civilizations being held in Baku.

The scientists disclosed that they had been trying to detect such signals for years. Said Professor Troitsky: "We have been carrying out regular monitoring of radio signals over the entire celestial hemisphere since 1970."

The "celestial hemisphere" refers to the sky, conceived of as a bowl or hemisphere surrounding any part of the earth.

"The problem was to isolate the signals from other static noises in outer space," Troitsky continued. "To do this, we each made carefully synchronized readings from four different parts of the Soviet Union."

"Using different wavelengths and different methods of observation, we both succeeded in receiving regular radio signals at regular intervals over several hours, each lasting a few

minutes. The best reception was in the morning and evening.

"They are definitely call-signs from an extra-terrestrial civilization—that is, a civilization outside the earth."

"This is only the beginning of some very exciting discoveries," he asserted. "It will be followed by lots and lots more of observations, analysis, calculations and finally conclusions on the mysterious origins of these signals from outer space."

Another noted Soviet astrophysicist, Professor Samuil Kaplan of Gorky University, believes the signals may be intelligible right now. He said: "The signals may be carrying information that can now be decoded on our computers. We are looking for long radio signals because that gives us the best chance of successfully decoding them."

Speculation about the source of the signals resulted in a survey of the Soviet scientific community. Professor Kaplan said that the majority believe the signals are coming from one of 10 civilizations somewhere in our galaxy, all older and more advanced than man's. "If we accept the beliefs of the Soviet astronomers, astrophysicists and physicists I have surveyed, it appears that there are 10 other civilizations out there existing simultaneously with us. In fact, their civilizations are probably older than ours," said Kaplan.

"Our civilization is only 10,000 years old. It's still a baby compared with some out there that are 100,000 years old. Scientists believe that, if living beings have been out there for that long a time, they must have progressed further than we have. Their scientific and technological development must be more advanced than ours."

Now for my comments on the foregoing. First, it is a coverup for the specific reason that "outer space" is immediately stressed, in spite of the fact the editors of the ENQUIRER, when they published the original Russian report, made a great point of the "atmospheric" location of the signals. Could it be that they are such

poor editors that they "forget" the real "kicker" in their original story and allow it to be so totally discredited, also open themselves to the accusation of "yellow journalism"? Next the words "exclusive interview". It should be "orders from the top"! Imagine the Russians, having had their top scientists make such positive statements, going to an American publication about whom they couldn't care less, and completely recanting their original statement, casting grave doubt on their capabilities as "scientists". They didn't make any such recantation in their own country. And what magic power does the ENQUIRER have over the Russians that they can command them to make fools of themselves before the American public, and also risk severe punitive action from their own government?

Next, notice the careful "quibbling" when they talk about the inability to establish exactly from where the signals originate. But they CAN say THE SOURCE IS LOCATED IN OUR OWN SOLAR SYSTEM! That DOES cover our ATMOSPHERE, doesn't it—in case it eventually proves to BE the actual source. Even the ENQUIRER can say: "We didn't lie to you!"

Notice that business about the "celestial hemisphere", even including a specific definition: "the sky, conceived of as a bowl or hemisphere surrounding any part of the earth." If that isn't the atmosphere, what is it? Let's assume that when anyone wants to communicate a thought, he uses words that have a specific meaning so that he cannot be misconstrued. So, let's go to the dictionary, and look up the word "sky". It means: "The region of the upper air seen as a high vault or arch over the earth; the firmament. Atmospheric condition or appearance of the upper air; cloudy sides. The celestial regions; heaven." What that does to the coverup term "outer space" should be obvious to my readers. If it isn't to the ENQUIRER'S. Of course, all my readers are entirely familiar with the Air Force's policy terminology which

is compulsory in referring to UFO—"there is no evidence that we are being visited by craft from outer space". It's about time those smart boys dropped that double-talk. It's getting to be a joke.

How about the Russians synchronizing readings from "four different parts" of the Soviet Union? If we are "reading" signals from 10,000 light years away, we are using tremendously sophisticated equipment (there is doubt any such exists on this planet, unless we mention Groe Reber's Hawaiian "dish" and the big ones at Jodrell Banks in England, and the Goldstone tracking dish). Anyway, the Russians do not have four such dishes to use in "synchronized readings of anything that far away, PARTICULARLY over a period "of several hours, each lasting a few minutes". Even a simple-minded computer could tell us in an instant that the problem we have fed into it is "illogical" and reject it! It would say: "Cannot answer."

Of particular importance to me is the fact that the best reception is in "the morning and evening". That would be the WORST time for signals from deep space! There would be tremendous electromagnetic interference due to the waves generated by the rising and setting sun, and the gross multiplication of atmospheric interference. These things disturb radar in the same ratio they disturb astronomical observations. It is a silly thing to mention, I suppose, but oddly enough, these periods are claimed by paranormal experts to be the best for making psychic tests.

The Russians do say that the call-signs are definitely from an extra-terrestrial civilization, specifically a civilization "outside" the earth. Not in it, or on it, mind you—but outside it. Not too far outside, we'd hazard—surely not in that area popularly termed "outer space" or in other galaxies 10,000 light years away.

We are particularly interested in the Russian belief that the signals carry information that "can now be

decoded on our computers". We keep recalling our theory that Edward Teller may have been given such "decoded" information (how to make a hydrogen bomb).

The more we read about the Russian claims, the more amazed we get. They can be SPECIFIC enough to state that there are precisely TEN civilizations "existing simultaneously" out there with us. That word "simultaneously" is a real "doozy"! If they were 10,000 light years away, they certainly wouldn't be "simultaneous"; they might even be vanished in the dust of ages, dead and gone—because for their signals to reach us now, they had to be dispatched 10,000 years ago! However, if they actually do exist simultaneously with us, and they are in our atmosphere, it makes a lot of sense that they would still keep their particular "identity", and even their own "national boundaries" in that "strange land in the sky" that Admiral Byrd was so anxious to see—to say nothing of Winston Churchill who "wanted to go a bit further than that" when he died. (He was referring to evidences that had been presented to him that there were civilizations existing 100 miles up—which were inhabited by the spirits of the dead).

That just about covers our comments on the ENQUIRER article. We say it was inspired by "the organization" to cover up the "ship" that was made in failing to "point at distant galaxies" so we won't look at the nearby "thing we shouldn't see". To those who ask the question: "Why shouldn't we see?" we refer you to Richard Shaver's answer to the same question: "It is traditional that the secret be maintained, because discovery might mean attack, and destruction—so they foster the 'wool' that they are really 'spirits'—and anyone knows it is fruitless to even search for, much less attack, such things as ghosts."

It is my conviction that the "organization" to which I refer, is the agents of those atmospheric civilizations who want their secret kept because it is a fact that we CAN

attack them, if we only become convinced of their existence and that they have something we want. If we mounted an all-out campaign to decode their signals, we would learn their secrets, and even how to be a menace to them. We would become aware of their plan to subjugate us under their system and to incorporate us into it, and we would take steps to evade it.

Let's go now to another bit of news I gave you in a previous Newsletter, that bit about the real reason for the bombing in Cambodia (to protect our UFO observation post set up at Lop Buri, just 90 miles northwest of Phnom Penh. Remember how the news got out—the sign-painter who was told to distinguish between two doors, one to the latrine, the other to a highly secret room where highly secret investigations and observations were kept. He dutifully painted the word "Latrine" on the proper door, and then to make sure nobody would make a mistake, he painted on the other "Observation Center For Unidentified Flying Objects". I haven't used the precise wording, because I'm too lazy to look it up, but you get the drift of it.)—It is significant that the bombing in Cambodia was halted at the same time that the giant new "observation installation" in the Aleutian Islands was completed and placed into service, thus making the Cambodian installation unnecessary.

Sometimes even my own readers question the reliability of some of my reports, therefore it gives me great satisfaction to be able to back this one up. Accordingly we present the following letter (a photostat is in my possession for the CIA to peer at if they are so inclined):

MISSION PERMANENTE DU CAMBODGE
ALPRESIDE
L'ORGANISATION DES NATIONS UNIES
New York, October 31, 1968

No. 8025
Dear Mr. Vonkevizky,

In reply to your letter dated July 29, 1968, I have the honour to inform you that the Royal Government of

Cambodia has carefully examined your proposition concerning the formation, within the United Nations, of an International Institute for research and study on Unidentified Flying Objects.

The Royal Government of Cambodia is extremely sorry for not being able to consider the possibility of bringing your above mentioned proposal to either the United Nations Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, the Security Council, or other agencies connected with the United Nations, being of the opinion that it belongs essentially to the industrialized big powers to take such an initiative.

As you are well aware, Cambodia is a very poor country and will not be able to offer either money or equipment for the research and study Institute in question.

However, the Royal Government is willing to offer wide lands for the construction of headquarters of the Institute and of other observation buildings, and to grant all the guarantees of non-nationalization as well as certain immunities and privileges consistent with the international practice on the matter, to persons who will be sent by the United Nations.

Mr. Colman Vonkevizky
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With my best wishes, please accept, dear Mr. Vonkevizky, the assurance of my high consideration.

HUOT SAMBATH
Permanent Representative
of Cambodia

So, you see that prior to October 31, 1968, the Cambodian government was "willing to offer wide lands for the construction of headquarters... for research and study of Unidentified Flying Objects"; all this during the turmoil of war, in a threatened area that had to be defended. We did defend it, with some of the heaviest and most sophisticated and expensive and politically dangerous bombing of all

time! The reason, we feel sure, for the Cambodia location was geographic (in relation to the source of some important signals from our atmosphere—one (?) of the ten "civilizations" mentioned by the Russians). It would seem that the Aleutians are also suitable for this purpose, and the location was moved as rapidly as possible, so that the embarrassing bombing of Cambodia could be discontinued.

Recently in FORUM magazine we made the statement that the Kennedy assassination cannot be divorced from flying saucers. We said that in reply to a rather derisive article by Peter Kor which we published. Mr. Kor, who is hot on scientific methodology, wants documentation of everything we say, so we stated a few outlandish things with no corroboration at all just to needle him. But of course, we never make any statement as bizarre as that unless we do indeed have some basis for its truth. It is a fact that the two are related, just how is a very long story indeed, and we hope that it will all be told in due course. However, it is a strange thing the remarkable results we sometimes get from apparently unrelated statements such as those we made on our last two newsletters.

What we are going to present to you now we will not identify as to our source. That may render it all hearsay, or even some more of Ray Palmer's "fiction"; but for the record, we'd prefer you accept it as fiction—it will save me a lot of trouble, and will keep my sources open, which is of great importance at the moment.

We hardly expected that such things as the Russians receiving intelligent signals from our atmosphere would afford a connection with so unrelated a thing as the mysterious 18-minute "erasure" in the Nixon tapes! But, because there actually is a giant network of interconnecting relevances (how's that for double-talk!) between so many things, like the Kennedy assassination, flying saucers, Watergate, Cambodia, psychic phenomena, and even ancient history, we find this new development very

intriguing indeed. If you read our last two Newsletters, what in them would cause a visit from an electronics expert who would link the Watergate tape erasure to us? We say "link," because of some rather "stretched" reasoning, but oftentimes our most weird reasoning on things turns out to be not weird at all, but right on the button. The only "link" here is that the same person considered to be an "expert" on the erased tape is also an "expert" on us and our theories, and particularly on "signals from our atmosphere" (what else but an electronics expert, to be interested in such fascinating electronic hijinks), plus the Kennedy assassination. Anyway, we were the recipient of a visit from a "person" (we refuse to identify him because it would destroy our "source") of still more information, which we want very much) who may not know what he is talking about when he gets into our territory, (Shaver, flying saucers, psychic phenomena, etc.), but who sure does know about electronics and Watergate, and Kennedy.

Let's just talk about Watergate for a minute. The question is not what was done, and why—it was entirely legal, and the duty of the administration to determine in the interests of national security, if another "Chicago" wasn't being planned in the Watergate Hotel—it was WHO did what. The whole thing was a sort of "double-agent 007" thing. The bugging was legal, but the "buggers" were counter-agents intent on "getting the president". The same "Organization," "got" Kennedy, and Rev. King, and Diem, but too many assassinations spoil the broth, so this new tactic was employed. It worked, too!

However it is a potential boomerang that might be a disaster of national proportions. It is my personal opinion that the patriotic Republican who erased the tape should receive the highest medal this country can give. If the contents of this tape, and dozens of other tapes (which we hope are now destroyed) were known, it would be the permanent death of the Democratic

party and thus the two-party system in this country, and a giant step forward for the "organization" and its plot to rule the world under an "industrial-military complex-socialism" system that would be the death of all liberty, and of all individual expression.

Not only was Watergate a plot against the Republican president, but against the Democrat nominee. At stake is the integrity of the government of the people, by the people, and for the people, no matter which party is in power! It is very important for the people of this country to retain their faith in their system of government, and avoid destroying the integrity of the presidency, or of the congress. Forget impeachment, forget Watergate trials, forget accusations. No, don't forget the lessons of Watergate—do your best to elect responsible people of integrity to represent us in Washington, and try to curb political crime, dirty politics, and unnecessary secrecy. Watergate is a plot to destroy you, to make you aid in your own destruction by destroying your trust in your form of government. We are the only barrier to world socialism remaining. If it were true socialism, it wouldn't be too bad (although I am totally antagonistic to the anti-hill beehive form of society); however it will actually be total slavery to a master whose horrifying dimensions in reality you cannot even imagine in your present framework of references.

Let's just indulge in some fancy fantasy with words and pictures. I won't draw any firm conclusions from the material, but it should be interesting to you in the sense of "coincidences come in bunches like bananas". Recently a movie titled "Executive Action" was released about a "theory" of a plot to kill Kennedy. You might have seen it. If not, I'll describe it briefly:

"Executive Action" is fiction. It is not a documentary on the assassination of John F. Kennedy, however substantial portions are based on documented material. The only important thing to me is that the

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Warren Commission decided that Oswald alone fired the shots that killed Kennedy and wounded governor Connally. Yet, as this film points out in such a "fictional" way, it is more likely that Oswald did not fire any shots at all, or only one, which missed. I have a troublesome problem which I never discuss, except that perhaps now in these Newsletters the time has come. Whether it adds to or detracts from my "credibility" is immaterial to me—it is useful only to me anyway, and I never accept challenges to prove it. It has to do with an article I wrote in FORUM some years ago on the subject of "how we know things". I theorize that in addition to our five senses, we have others, perhaps similar to ESP, which is a sort of ability to "tune in" on any bit of knowledge at will (although this is extremely difficult to do—the usual occurrence being unwitting and haphazard). It is in this way that I am personally sure that Oswald was not the killer, and I am also personally sure of who is. Added to this is a bit of personal involvement, which proceeds out of the famous Shaver Mystery, the flying saucers, a man named Christman, and District Attorney Garrison of New Orleans who, like me, knows there was a plot to kill Kennedy, and that there has been a monstrous covering that makes Watergate seem like child's play. So, in lieu of stating things I cannot (and won't) prove, I will present only those pertinent facts (largely from the movie, and partly from information that has come my way from individuals and small publications, etc.) Here are some of the things the movie brings out (backed by documentation):

1. OSWALD'S RIFLE—The rifle that is linked to Lee Harvey Oswald by the alias A.J. Hidell, an Italian Mannlicher-Carcano 6.5 mm rifle, is, according to FBI rifle expert Sebastian Latona, a "Cheap old weapon."

This inferior weapon was described in more detail by rifle expert Walter H.B. Smith in *The Basic Manual of Military Small Arms*, as "poor military weapons in comparison with



United States, British, German, or Russian equipment." And by the magazine which specializes in such equipment, the Mannlicher-Carcano was described as "crudely made, poorly designed, dangerously and inaccurate."

The Mannlicher-Carcano, according to the Italian soldiers who used it during World War II, was known as "the humanitarian rifle" on the grounds that it could not hurt anyone on purpose."

2. ARLLEN SPECTER'S TESTIMONY—Arten Specter, District Attorney of Philadelphia, was the attorney who handled the investigation of the shooting for the Warren Commission. He made the statement that of all the witnesses at the scene of the shooting which numbered in the hundreds, "Governor Connally was perhaps the most important witness. To accept the conclusion that Governor Connally and President Kennedy were hit by separate bullets is synonymous with saying there was more than one assassin." And yet that conclusion, that the two men were hit by separate

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bullets, was precisely the conclusion that Governor Connally testified to before the Warren Commission. Mrs. Connally has always corroborated her husband's testimony.

3. GOVERNOR CONNALLY'S TESTIMONY—Connally testified: "It is not conceivable to me that I could have been hit by the first bullet."

Connally further testified: "Well, in my judgment, it just couldn't conceivably have been the first one because I heard the sound of the shot. In the first place, I don't know anything about the velocity of this particular bullet, but any rifle has a velocity that exceeds the speed of sound, and when I heard the sound of that first shot, that bullet had already reached where I was, or it had reached that far and after I heard that shot, I had the time to turn to my right, and start to turn to my left before I felt anything."

The reason Governor Connally's testimony is so crucial to the determination of how many assassins there were is that he could determine best whether or not he was hit by the first bullet which was fired. If he was not, as his testimony indicates, then the assassination was the result of a conspiracy.

The legal definition of a "conspiracy is simply, 'two or more persons acting in concert to commit an illegal act.'"

4. NUMBER OF SHOTS FIRED—The FBI determined that the 6.5 Mannlicher-Carcano rifle had a minimum time of 2.3 seconds. That is, the minimum time during which the rifle could be fired, the bolt opened and closed (thereby ejecting the shell and pushing a new bullet into the chamber), and fired again was 2.3 seconds. That does not include the time it would take to aim again since the operation of that bolt would take the focus of the aim of a person away from its original position. FBI expert Robert A. Frazier was able to fire within the 2.3 seconds when he tested it although he fired not at a moving target, as Oswald was alleged to have done, but at a stationary target. When asked what would have happened to his ability to fire the rifle

that fast had he used moving targets as Oswald was alleged to have done, Frazier responded, "It would have slowed down the shooting."

Oswald, it should be noted, was no match for the experts who tested the rifle since he was qualified only one point above the minimum for the Marine Corps. Oswald was further described by Marine Corps Lt. Col. A.G. Folsom, Jr., head Records Branch, Personnel Dept, Headquarters U.S. Marine Corps, as "a rather poor shot."

Breaking down the number of shots which were fired at the two victims, President Kennedy, and Governor Connally, by the evidence to support the number which could be accounted for, there were possibly five shots, enumerated as follows:

FIRST SHOT: Struck President Kennedy in the back and did not exit.

SECOND SHOT: Struck Governor Connally in the back, exited through his chest after shattering his fifth rib, penetrated his right wrist, and ultimately lodged in his left thigh.

THIRD SHOT: Struck President Kennedy in the neck.

FOURTH SHOT: Struck the Main St. curb ricocheting up and cutting the face of James Tague.

FIFTH SHOT: Struck President Kennedy in the head, causing him to thrust violently backward and to the left.

Governor Connally testified that he heard the first shot but was not hit, therefore the first shot either missed or hit President Kennedy. Since Secret Service Agent Roy Kellerman testified that the President cried, "My God, I am hit," after the first shot, and he could only have done so if he had not been harmed by a later shot which struck him in the throat, it is likely to assume that President Kennedy was struck by the first bullet in the back (see autopsy diagram) as described by the two FBI Agents who witnessed the autopsy of the President.

The second shot struck Governor Connally as described above and he so testified.

The third struck the President in the front of the neck.

The "miss" which hit the curb on Main St. and ricocheted upward cutting James Tague's cheek came at some point during the sequence of the shots which, it was determined, lasted from 4.8 to 5.6 seconds. For the sake of explanation only, we will treat it as the fourth shot although it might have come at any time after the first shot and before the last.

The final shot, as graphically depicted in the Zapruder film and according to the testimony of witnesses, struck President Kennedy in the head, driving him backward and to his left. His head movement, according to medical specialists, was faster than can be explained as a neuro-muscular reaction.

It is not clear if there were two shots which hit the President in the head almost simultaneously or not, although there is some evidence to support that contention.

According to the FBI reports on the capability (the minimum operation) of the weapon, the five shots would require 9.2 seconds. Since the entire span of time covered by the actual shots was determined to be a maximum of 5.6 seconds, the only possible conclusion is that there was more than one gunman, firing from positions in front of the President to cause his anterior neck wound and shot in the head which propelled him backward, as well as two gunmen firing at the President and Governor Connally from the rear.

5. THE ZAPRUDER FILM—The Zapruder film shows the entire span of the shots as a sequence of timed photographs which compose it. It was determined by the FBI that the camera ran at 18.3 frames per second. Therefore the 2.3 second minimum operating time of the rifle would be equivalent to 42.09 frames in order to fire two shots.

Governor Connally specifically identified his earliest possible hit as Zapruder film frame No. 234, and it was officially accepted that President Kennedy was hit by Zapruder frame No. 225 and not before No. 210. Therefore there was an interval of 24

frames or approximately 1.3 seconds, or enough time to establish that the two men could not have been hit by the same bullet as indicated by Governor Connally's sworn testimony, but far too short a period of time for the weapon to fire two shots with the 2.3 second minimum time.

There is support for only one conclusion: there were at least two gunmen firing from behind the President and the Governor. From the angle of trajectory established for the wounds it is probable that one of the assassins shot from the Texas School Book Depository and another from the roof of the County Records Building.

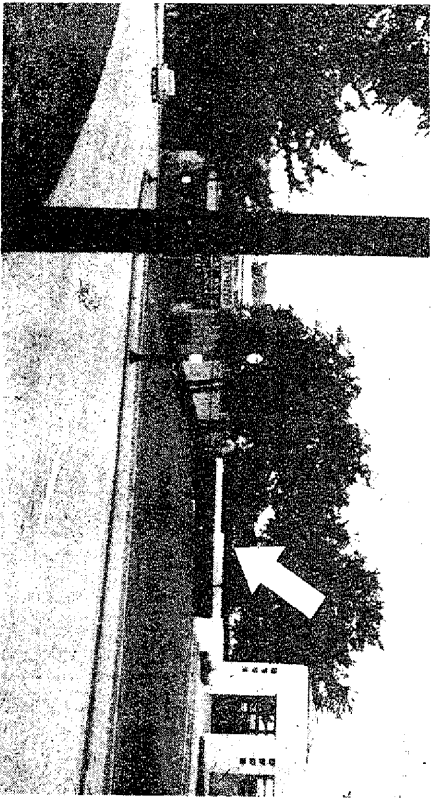
6. THE GRASSY KNOLL—A key witness in the assassination was Lee J. Bowers, Jr. who testified that he saw: "something occurred in this particular spot" pinpointing the spot behind the fence on the Grassy Knoll behind which he watched from his tower. He continued:

"At the time of the shooting, in the vicinity of where the two men I have described were, there was a flash of light or, as far as I am concerned, something I could not identify, but there was something which occurred which caught my eye in this immediate area on the embankment."

S.M. Holland, an employee of the Union Terminal Company (in charge of the railroad track area behind the Grassy Knoll) gave an interesting description of what he saw behind the fence:

"And I got over to the spot where I saw the smoke come from and heard the shot; I was looking for empty shells or some indication that there was a rifleman or someone over there. Well, you know it'd been raining that morning and behind the station wagon from one end of the bumper to the other, I expect you could've counted four or five-hundred footprints down there. And on the bumper, oh about twelve or eighteen inches apart, it looked like someone had raked their shoes off; there were muddy spots up there, like someone had been standing up there."

Holland continued:



The grassy knoll at Dealey Plaza.

"Just to the west of the station wagon... there were two sets of footprints that left... I noticed these two footprints leaving; now they could have stepped out between the second and third cars on the gravel or they could've got in the trunk compartment of this car and pulled the lid down, which would have been very, very easy."

J. C. Pritchard, who saw the assassination from the roof of the Terminal Annex building across Dealey Plaza said in an affidavit filed November 22, 1963.

"I saw one man run towards the passenger cars on the railroad siding after the volley of shots. This man had a white dress shirt, no tie, and khaki colored trousers. His hair appeared to be long and dark and his agility running could be about 25 years of age. He had something in his hand. I couldn't be sure but it may have been a head piece."

He later said: "the man was carrying something in his right hand" which "could have been a gun."

Two motorcade officers rushed up the Grassy Knoll after the shooting, apparently in pursuit of gunmen. The officers, Hargis and Haygood testified that they thought that was the direction from which shots had been fired.

The Secret Service and the official

report indicate that there were no Secret Service agents in the area of Dealey Plaza after the shots were fired. And yet, three police officers were given Secret Service identification by men who were on the Grassy Knoll and in front of the Texas School Book Depository



FIGURE 1. Photo taken near grassy knoll, Dealey Plaza, Dallas, Texas, Nov. 22, 1963.



FIGURE 1-A. Closeup of unknown person in Dealey Plaza photo.

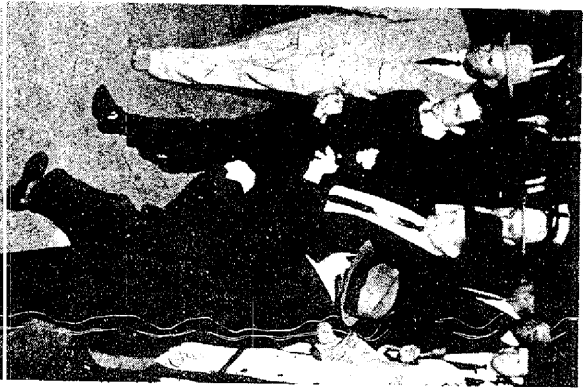
Building. These alleged Secret Service Agents were never accounted for in Secret Service reports and were never seen again.

7. JACK RUBY'S ACCESS TO OSWALD—Jack Ruby testified that he entered the basement of the Dallas Police Station on November 24, 1963 and shot Lee Harvey Oswald to death. He said that he entered through the Main St. ramp although there was an officer of the Dallas Police specifically stationed in the ramp, which was a little wider than a car width, to keep anyone who hadn't been able to present the proper identification of being either police or press, expressly out of that basement. N.J. Daniels, himself a former police officer on the Dallas Police Force, happened to be in the area and stopped to see his friend, Officer Vaughn, who was guarding that entrance. Shortly before the shooting, Daniels saw Officer Vaughn acknowledge a man and allow him to pass into the basement without stopping him or asking him for his credentials. This man appeared to Daniels to be holding a heavy object

like a gun, in his pocket, yet Vaughn did not stop him. A few minutes, if not seconds later, Oswald was shot. Daniels later identified the man who he had seen walk past Vaughn and into the basement as Jack Ruby.

8. IMPOSSIBLE ODDS IN DEATH OF WITNESSES—In the past decade more than 40 people who were directly, or indirectly connected with the assassination, either as witnesses or participants in the lives of those involved, have died strangely. A list of 18 "material witnesses," that is, people who could have been called to testify in the event that Lee Harvey Oswald had stood trial, perished in a shorter period of time. The list, and the methods which caused the death of these witnesses, provides some important data.

"Of the 18 witnesses, 5 died of natural deaths, and 13 were the victims of accident, suicide or murder. The unnatural causes constitute 71.5 per cent of the total. There were 6 murders, 1 manslaughter, 2 suicides, 3 motor vehicle accidents, and 1 presumed accident (or suicide) by a



fall through a plate-glass window."

An actuary of the London Sunday Times computed the life expectancy of 15 of the deceased witnesses and concluded that on November 22, 1963 the odds against all 15 being dead by February 1967 were 100,000,000,000,000 to 1.

There is much more to the movie and there is also much more literature available about theories on the assassination, but I am concerned only with the things that come into my personal sphere. The fact that I have had personal (although sometimes indirect) contact with some of the figures in the assassination serves to "check out" my "ability" to know things. You can see why I don't care to prove that ability when you consider how dangerous any knowledge was to about 40 of the witnesses—they are dead. Fortunately, all the things I know are now documentable from other sources, and I am quite willing to be called at least an opportunist after a fast buck, or at most an outright liar.

The following (including photos) comes to us from our long-time friend, Leon Davidson, as published in "Anomaly—A Journal of Fortean".

Those who have followed the tangled theories of conspiracy woven around the assassination of President Kennedy know that it was an incredibly complex event and certainly not the work of a solitary "nut" with a cheap, inoperable mail order rifle. A handful of hardy civilian investigators have been quietly working for years to put all the pieces together. Some of these people have suffered terrors and harassment which dwarf the antics of ufology's notorious Men In Black. The aftermath of the assassination included the wholesale deaths of key witnesses, the tampering of photographic evidence, and even the falsification of sworn testimony... that is, the text of signed affidavits was altered before publication in the Warren Report.

There is documented evidence of Lee Harvey Oswald's relationship with both the F R I and the C I A David

Ferrie's New Orleans library card was found among Oswald's effects in his room in Dallas. Jack Ruby's connections with both the Mafia and the C.I.A. have also been documented. Ferrie, of course, had once served as a C.I.A. pilot. The drug trade is also implicated. Finally, Cuban gangsters and financiers with Cuban interests appear to have played a role in the plot.

A great many people were directly and indirectly involved in the preparations for the assassination, setting up false trails and patterns of deliberate confusion, and covering the escape of the actual gunman. The fatal shot was fired by a .45 automatic at close range. Ballistics studies indicate that three gunmen were involved. One rifle shot missed, one hit Governor Connally, one struck President Kennedy in the throat. The attempt would have failed if a fourth gunman, armed with a .45 loaded with hollow dum dums, had not been in a position to fire the fatal shot.

The motives for the killing are as complicated as the *modus operandi* of the assassination itself. Several different groups, each with their own motive, were apparently involved. Fanatical right-wingers were suckered by the conspirators into taking part. Cuban refugees unwittingly volunteered to participate in the various cover-up deceptions. Victims of the coup in Indochina only weeks before may have also been involved. Madame Nu (remember her?) had fled to the United States after her family, the ruling family of Viet Nam, had been wiped out in the coup. The day before the assassination she boarded a plane to Europe. Known as "the Dragon Lady", she and her family allegedly ruled drug traffic in southeast Asia. It has also been firmly established that members of the C.I.A. in Viet Nam operated a profitable sideline in drugs. In Dallas, Jack Ruby served as "bag man" for gangsters engaged in the illicit drug business.

President Kennedy knew of, and was very disturbed by, the activities of the C.I.A. He intended to put the screws to that organization. He was

appalled by the murder of the Viet Namese leaders in the coup of November 1963, and was dismayed by what President Johnson later described as "the C.I.A.'s Murder Inc. in the Caribbean".

The Bay of Pigs invasion was planned during the Eisenhower administration. Invasion plans were in the final stages when Kennedy took office. He ordered U.S. air support removed from the plan and insisted that only Cuban refugees could take part in the actual invasion. The C.I.A. believed the invasion would inspire a popular uprising among the Cuban people. Instead, the Cubans rallied to Castro and the invasion was a failure. The Cuban refugees blamed Kennedy for the failure even though air support would not have altered the course of the battle.

One of the C.I.A. agents in a key position in the planning of the Bay of Pigs was E. Howard Hunt. The army officer who acted as liaison between the Kennedy White House and the C.I.A. was Major Alexander Haig. (Here is the relationship between Diem, Bay of Pigs, Kennedy assassination and Watergate—Ray Palmer.)

According to the official records, no members of the Secret Service were stationed in Dallas' Dealey Plaza on the day the President was shot. However, two men claiming to be Secret Service were present on the grassy knoll that day and were even wearing the small colored pins that identified them as such. (The color of the pins is changed daily... they were wearing the right color.) There were numerous other strangers about. William Allen, a photographer for the Black Star agency, snapped pictures left and right after the assassination. One of his photographs was Dallas policemen leading a man away from the grassy knoll. He was slim, with thinning hair, an angular face, a sharp pointed nose and a determined jaw. The photo is printed here. (Figs. 1 & 1a).

There is no official record of this man's presence in Dealey Plaza that day.

The five year's pass. The New Martin



E. Howard Hunt, 1973

Luther King is shot down in Memphis. A few days later the F.B.I. announced that the name of the killer was Eric Starvo Galt and they released a drawing (Fig. 2) which was widely published. It was supposedly composed from the descriptions of the people who lived in the rooming house across from the motel balcony where King was shot. The sketch resembles almost exactly the man photographed in Dealey Plaza. It does not resemble James Earl Ray, who was later arrested and convicted of the crime. The rooming house witnesses agreed that the sharp-nosed man was the one who had rented a room. When they were later shown photographs of Ray they said he was not the man.

Apparently the man in Dealey Plaza had been directly involved in the King assassination. The name "Eric Starvo Galt" was from the name of a character in one of Ian Fleming's James Bond novels.

When the blundering Cuban



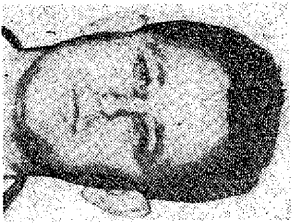
FIGURE 2 Sketch of "Eric Starvo Galt", released by the F.B.I. after the assassination of Martin Luther King.



E. Howard Hunt

Watergate burglars were first arrested they produced false identification bearing names from the novels of a writer called David St. John, David St. John specialized in spy novels, and novels based on witchcraft and black magic (he's quite an authority on these subjects). His home in Washington, D.C. is named "Witch's Island". David St. John's real name is E. Howard Hunt. He has an angular face, sharp nose and determined chin. (Figs. 3 & 4)

If we add ten years to "Eric Starvo Galt's" face and subtract some hair do



James Earl Ray

we have E. Howard Hunt? If so, his reputed flair for the romantic has carried him a long way... from Dallas in 1963 to Memphis in 1968 to, finally, jail in 1973. In a review of his more public career, the New York Times recently pointed out that he has published more than forty books and was earning more than \$50,000 a year at the time of his arrest. Yet the Times called him a failure. Failing, presumably, is a synonym for getting caught.

Other C.I.A. men have fared better. Alexander Haig skyrocketed from the rank of major in 1962 to the rank of four-star general in 1973. Normally it takes 20-30 years for a career officer to reach such rank... if he is very lucky and well-positioned.

The late Robert Kennedy once complained that there were guns between him and the White House. He is also supposed to have expressed concern that he and his brother, the President, were facing a revolt of the generals, even a possible military coup.

When a Canadian businessman, Richard Giesbrecht, overheard two men (one of them was apparently Ferie) discussing the assassination in

reported the conversation to the F.B.I. Later he says, they called him back and told him to forget it because "It's too big... We can't protect you." There seems to be a long-range scenario involved here. The assassinations may have been only small parts of that scenario. Giesbrecht reported that Ferie said something about "now we're getting all the money we need from Mercury, Nevada." Mercury is a fly speck on the map but is the headquarters for all of the Atomic Energy Commission's underground nuclear tests.

The world is afraid of the United States. The United States is the most powerful nation on the face of the earth, ever. With a tiny effort she can blow up this universe and twenty times more. Her power knows absolutely no limits; here is the seat of fear. As America stumbles and gropes for a path, a guide, an idea to take her back to reality, it is possible either through mad design or human error to destroy whole nations and maybe end at last man's feeble quest for a civilization.

Although the American people never hear it unless they have access to our contacts with foreign readers) because our "noble" Press is totally controlled and dedicated to destroying our Constitution (witness the resignation of Richard Nixon, who, when and if the truth is known, is a super-patriot who has sacrificed himself for the good of the country) carefully kills every domestic reference to it, it is the one big question among our allies—who really rules America? Their answer, believe it or not, is... the CIA!

Twice, in public news conferences, Nixon gave reasons why some of the tapes (now in Judge Sirica's hands through Supreme Court order) had to be classed as Presidential Confidentiality. First reason was: The security of our country would be endangered by revelation of the facts behind the assassination of Diem. Second reason was: The Watergate tapes would reveal security information concerning the Bay of Pigs. (Incidentally Hunt engineered all three!). Now, why did not these

zealous newsmen, fretting out every "damning" word on the tapes, seize on these two fantastically startling statements and dig out that "news" that the public "has a right to know"? They never even gave indication that they heard the President's words! Why? I can tell you why—it would answer the question our allies are asking—the CIA does rule this country! And the answer would be a disaster, leaving us alone in the world. We would be a super-Russia, our CIA making the NKVD look like children playing at cops and robbers. Let's go back to the Kennedy assassination and PROVE what we have just said.

The federal commission headed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Earl Warren, officially reported that the assassination of John Fitzgerald Kennedy on the streets of Dallas, November 22, 1963, at 12:30 had been the mad work of Lee Harvey Oswald, an itinerant janitor. Oswald had used a scoped Mannlicher-Carcano 6.5 mm rifle and, from a nest on the sixth floor in the easternmost window of the Texas School Book Depository, had fired three shots down into the back of the president. Two shots hit President Kennedy, one missed him. There was absolutely no conspiracy.

This is what the Warren Commission said. It is false in every fact. There was a conspiracy and Oswald had nothing to do with the actual shooting. First, there is no evidence that Oswald could or did fire a shot. Second, a frontal shot hit the president. The proof, in either case, proves the existence of a conspiracy.

Oswald did not shoot President Kennedy. (1) The government said they had an eyewitness of Oswald shooting out the eastern window, a Mr. Brennan. This is false. Brennan said he could not identify the "man". Further Brennan was neaighted, used glasses, did not wear them that day, testified to a physical impossibility of the man leaning on the frame and changed his testimony. More than this, there is a photograph taken at the precise time of the murder which shows the "sniper window" to be empty. Further, at least three

witnesses testified to seeing a sniper, or a man with a gun, in the western window. The government ignored both the photo and the eyewitnesses. (2) The government states Oswald fired three shots with an Italian-made, scoped rifle. But the rifle found on the sixth floor had a wobbly scope; a scope that could not be fully focused; a scope that was aligned for a left-handed man, though Oswald was right-handed; a firing pin that was fragile, worn and rusty; a trigger pull that threw the sighting out of line each time the gun was shot; a sling that does not match a picture of a rifle known to have been owned by Oswald; it could not be traced to Oswald; by purchase slip or serial number or any other way and it had a bolt that had to be rammed to engage the shell thus throwing off the sighting. Further, a picture of a scopeless rifle found on the sixth floor is seen in the Mentessano film, sequence 2, Dallas Cinema Associates, and a highly reliable witness also testified to discovering a German Mauser rifle on the sixth floor. (3) Oswald could not have fired through the open window on the sixth floor. The sash was too low to permit the rifle to poke through and allow the gunman room to sight and to kneel. This is established by photographs ignored by the Warren Commission. Further, Tom Alvey, a professional newsmen rushed into the building at the time of the shooting and shot four reels of film—filmed, in effect, the entire search. His film of the sniper's nest shows a scene snapped by the police and federal agents a few hours later and used in the *Warren Report*. The window sash is lower; three, not two, boxes are on the ledge; the wall of boxes behind the window is closer and so forth. The Government ignored the pictures. There are other ignored and suppressed pictures of the two different views of the sniper's nest—the actual one and the faked Warren Commission one. (4) The wall of heavy boxes behind the alleged sniper's nest did not, in the private or Commission photographs, allow any space for the sniper to squeeze through and race to the second floor

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where his presence is timed by witnesses at one minute and one-quarter after the shooting. Oswald had to scale the boxes and not leave finger prints—the did not wear gloves. The wall of boxes is a fake. (5) The Warren Commission placed Oswald near the scene of the crime on the sixth floor through the testimony of a co-worker Charles Givens. But the record shows incontrovertibly that Givens' testimony had been changed and probably purchased. Givens originally placed Oswald on the first floor eating a sandwich and, four months later after much pressure from law enforcement officials, changed his story and placed Oswald on the sixth floor. Three other persons also placed Oswald on the first floor; but they were ignored or their testimony was suppressed.

From these facts and the conclusion they demand, Oswald did not shoot President Kennedy.

President Kennedy received one or more shots from the front, fired from the area known as the "grassy knoll": If they came from the front, the existence of a conspiracy is proved.

(1) Judith Ann Mercer swore she saw a truck parked at the site of the grassy knoll one hour before the President's car passed. She stated the truck was green without markings and that the driver was Jack Ruby. She stated she saw a man take a rifle from the truck and carry it to the grassy knoll. After hearing her story, the federal officials then forged her statement. They changed the coloring of the truck, said she could not identify the driver and that she wasn't sure what the man carried away. Then, they forged her signature. The so-called story is brought out in a federal court case.

(2) Of the ninety persons who witnessed the assassination and were asked where the shots came from, 58 indicated the grassy knoll. (3) Seven testified to seeing smoke from the area. (4) Photographs of the scene made by amateur and professional photographers show armed men fleeing the area. (5) The film of the President's car made by Abraham Zapruder shows the president's head

being blown to the rear and his body slammed to the rear, indicating a frontal shot. (6) The autopsy reports, seven medical doctors, the priest who administered last rites, the secret service agents and nurses swear that it was a frontal wound. (7) There is other evidence. All of this evidence was either ignored or suppressed by the Warren Commission and its staff. For example, they did not view the Zapruder film or 485 other photographs and films of the assassination site, they did not take testimony from scores of informants and witnesses with key information.

A highly organized conspiracy murdered President Kennedy on the streets of Dallas. Several men, shooting from at least four sites and helped by other men, shot the president four times.

All the key institutions of America touched upon the investigation into the assassination of President Kennedy. The court is involved through the failure of the Commission headed by Chief Justice to solve the crime; the legal profession is compromised, tainted by its numerous failures and violations of legal ethics; political groups deserve heavy censure because they care not for a violent change of government and further they failed to care enough to find out who killed the president; the church's contribution is prayer and, finally, the scholarly professionals—historians, political scientists, sociologists, philosophers, and literati—utterly failed. Of twenty thousand trained historians none in ten years have ever looked into the documentary base of the murder.

It is no coincidence that the key figures in Watergate—Liddy, Hunt, Sturgis, Krogh, Caulfield—were drawn from the conspiratorial world of government narcotics enforcement, a shady realm in which the operations of organized crime, counter-revolution, and government intelligence have traditionally overlapped. Nor is it a coincidence that one of these men—Watergate burglar Frank Sturgis—played a minor role in the cover-up of the Dallas assassination years ago. A full exposure of the

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Watergate conspiracy will help us to understand what happened in Dallas, and also to understand the covert forces which later mixed America in a war in Southeast Asia. Conversely, an analysis of the cover-up in Dallas will do much to illuminate Watergate and its ramifications.

What makes this Miami connection so dangerous, and what links the scandal of Watergate to the assassination in Dallas, is the increasingly omninous symbiosis between U.S. intelligence networks and the forces of organized crime.

Since the Warren Commission closed its books, new evidence has been dug up.

(1) Lyndon Johnson in an interview published after his death in *Atlantic* (July 1973) said he believed Kennedy was the victim of an organized conspiracy. "I never believed that Oswald acted alone, although I can accept that he pulled the trigger." The interviewer, Leo Janos, continues, "Johnson said when he had taken office he found that 'we had been operating a damned Murder Inc. in the Caribbean.'"

"A year or so before Kennedy's death, a CIA-backed assassination team had been picked up in Havana. Johnson speculated that Dallas had been a retaliation for this thwarted attempt, although he couldn't prove it." LBJ told Walter Cronkite a similar story, but after the taping, asked this be deleted for "national security reasons."

A member of the Warren Commission, Senator Richard Russell (D-G.A.), was convinced of a conspiracy, too.

(2) New Orleans district attorney Jim Garrison is said to have a copy of an FBI report, quoting Oswald, and warning of the assassination of President Kennedy. This did not appear in the Warren Commission reports. Professor Peter Dale Scott of the University of California claims to have evidence of a massive official "cover-up" of evidence of the slaying. (3) A Secret Service man present at the scene of the assassination says privately he is sure shots were fired from the knoll. He was not questioned

by the Warren Commission, and has not volunteered his information publicly for fear of retaliation.

(4) The French newspaper, *L'Aurore* (October 2, 1972) claims a French soldier of fortune was hired to kill President Kennedy May 31, 1961 during his visit to Paris. The contact with the hired gunman was made through a CIA man in Algiers.

(5) The *Washington Star-News* reports (November 6, 1972) that four detectives hired by Aristotle Onassis conducted a private investigation and presumably found "the names of the 'real' murderers of President Kennedy." The report is locked away in Onassis' private safe at Glyfada.

(6) Donald Freed, co-author of *Executive Action*, a novel of the assassination, told the *Los Angeles Star*, "The professionals in the Watergate... are tied to the CIA, Cuban politics, the Miami area, and assassination." He states there was a plot "to assassinate Castro before or coincident with the invasion," and this was called off by President Kennedy. Freed claims Hunt and Frank Sturgis, another Watergate defendant, were involved in this action, and two other assassination plots, in Haiti and Guatemala. Also, he states in a new book, *Give Us This Day*, that Hunt, Sturgis and Liddy "were in Mexico City in 1971 as part of an executive action to assassinate the president of Panama" but this was "called off and aborted".

Freed suggests the answer to a mystery of the Watergate hearings. Why did the White House order CIA officials to stop the FBI from investigating the laundering of funds through Mexico? "The probabilities were that they (FBI) might come up with someone from the Kennedy assassination and the whole thing would be blown open," a disaster to the integrity of this nation in the rest of the free world!

Let's talk about RAY PALMER'S NEWSLETTER for a moment. First, to clear up a misunderstanding, the issue you are reading is NUMBER TWO of your subscription. It is the second letter of 1974. Actually, there were two other newsletters issued in

1974, but they were FREE! They were small two-page affairs, the last one being a response to the suggestion that we make the letter a regular subscription thing—and in this we solicited the subscription you now have. So, to all those angry subscribers who have written us stating they only got one issue, my apologies for failing to make clear the facts I have listed above. When we sold the subscriptions, we said there might be as few as two letters a year, or as many as ten. That was for 1974, and it is now your 1975 subscription I am interested in, for which you will receive at least four dozen! Not all will be in this catalogue form, some may be simply first-class letters in an envelope. But each will contain important news that I fear very much would be intercepted if placed in our magazines. There is no way your \$2.00 will cover the cost of even one catalogue newsletter, but as some of you have noted with annoyance, all you got was a "catalogue". Not really true—there were five pages of newsletter in the last issue; the rest was 19 pages of advertisements of our books and magazines—because the only way we can cover the costs, and get enough money to keep on publishing our magazines and books, is to sell them, and therefore the newsletter doubles for an advertising piece. You ordered many books and magazines from the last newsletter, and because of this the newsletter is a success and remains a mainstay and guarantee we stay in business. Would you prefer that we had sent you a 5-page newsletter instead, and gone out of business?

There is one fact that I want to impress on all of you who feel that what I present in my magazines and books (and in this newsletter) is worthwhile, ALL I NEED TO STAY IN BUSINESS IS YOUR CONTINUED RENEWAL OF YOUR SUBSCRIPTION, AND PURCHASE OF ANY BOOK YOU WANT TO OWN! No handouts, no subsidies. Because this current newsletter is late, many of you have stated you will not renew and have even requested a refund. One of the reasons for this

lateness is a stay in the hospital with a very dangerous infection—in fact it is something of a miracle there still is a Ray Palmer! Another reason should be obvious from the weird kinds of paper and even book cloth we are using in publishing our magazines. Paper is almost unobtainable, and at twice the previous price. We simply cannot remain in business at those prices—so we have beaten our brains out finding other sources, even from as far away as Germany and Taiwan! We have had to pay CASH for deals such as this, and without borrowing from the bank at 9 1/2% interest, we could never have managed it. They, to have many subscribers desert us because they do not understand the tremendous problems confronting us, is so terrifically discouraging that we are tempted to give up a fight that has lasted 50 years and admit defeat. MARTIAN DIARY uncompleted, the very important Shaver book half finished (for lack of the hundreds of full-color pages which cost \$75.00 per page!), and our magazines late (which hurts sales seriously)—all this makes our nights a sleepless nightmare. If I quit everything else and just published SPACE WORLD, I would have a very comfortable income, would be able to take off three weeks out of every month and go fishing. But you all know my interests, and what I have dedicated my life to—giving people what truth I can dig up, and give them

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT!

Just as an example of how swiftly events are moving, the line above separates a dilemma from a solution! It's quite a surprising solution, at least to me. I've just been despairing ever getting MARTIAN DIARY printed, and in almost a flash, the deed is done! Since I wrote the material at the top of this page, I have suffered a complication of the illness mentioned above, a rather strange complication which I won't dwell upon, but it required some rather potent medicine to slow down a very fast heart (which has since checked out perfectly normal)—with a blood pressure of 120 over 64, which is fantastic for a man over 64! How you can be so sick, and

the chance to think for themselves and find answers for themselves. No, I'm not going to quit—but I have the uncomfortable feeling that when I ask you to renew your subscription to NEWSLETTER, you are going to weigh the thing in your hand and say you aren't getting your money's worth—and say, go to hell you crook, Ray Palmer!

Well, OKAY—but I'm putting a renewal blank in this issue for 1975 anyway, and I hope a few of you feel that what I say is worthwhile, not how I say it! Or how white the paper is, or whether or not it reaches you precisely on the first of the month. Recently a fan magazine editor pointed out his magazine had a circulation greater than all mine combined, and it was a shame, because my magazines were good (but his inference was that I was not a good business man). Yes, he tends to his making a profit—but it has been Ray Palmer that has fought the Organization for 40 years to make it possible for him to issue his magazine. The flying saucer is not dead today because it was never possible to squelch Ray Palmer, even with the full weight of such things as the Treasury Department, the CIA, the FBI, Air Force Intelligence, and constant harassment by the IRS. (Shades of Nixon and Watergate!) If you think the IRS isn't used as a punitive thing, just pray you never do anything the Organization wants to stop!

everything check out normal is beyond me! Anyway, while under the influence of the drug, my mind worked out every problem that has been troubling me.

I have abandoned the idea of a book called MARTIAN DIARY! Instead, combining the advance sales I made on it with the advance sale on Richard Shaver's THIS ANCIENT EARTH—ITS STORY IN STONE, I can solve two impossible problems with one book. Since both books (Shaver, and Book One of MARTIAN DIARY) were ready, I hit upon the idea to combine them both into one book. I'd call SECRET WORLD, publish it as VOITRIVE ONE—1975,

and then go on with VOLUME TWO and so on, one book every ninety days, so that eventually I would wind up with a whole bookshelf, each one easy to do, instead of one massive volume of my MARTIAN DIARY. SECRET WORLD, VOLUME ONE—1975 went on the press immediately, and is now off to the binders, who promise delivery by the end of November or early December. At that time I will mail the book to all who bought either MARTIAN DIARY or THIS ANCIENT EARTH!

Best part of all is an unexpected source of paper, which I was able to pay for in cash, and also finish up the color separations without going into debt. All of which requires an explanation so that those of you who bought both books previously will understand what you are getting for your money. And along with that, the necessity of selling still more books in order to pay for the binding, which is also on a C.O.D. basis. First, if you are one of those who purchased MARTIAN DIARY (list price \$15.00) at the special \$10.00 price, or who bought a series of three smaller books in paperback at \$3.50 each, or even one book at \$3.50, you will be sent SECRET WORLD containing BOOK-I of MARTIAN DIARY, and the complete Shaver book THIS ANCIENT EARTH—ITS STORY IN STONE (which was sold in advance at \$12.50). Because the SECRET WORLD series of books will sell for \$8.50 each, any balance due you will be credited to the second SECRET WORLD volume, for which you will be billed when it arrives from the binders. (Yes, the second book is also in the process of being printed!). It is possible that some of you may even receive as many as two volumes of SECRET WORLD before your advance payments run out, and maybe even a portion of the third volume. As an adjunct to publishing MARTIAN DIARY in this new form, I have printed still another book which is ready now. It is a rather amazing book that came across my desk in a remarkable manner, with the stipulation that I get it out immediately because of its timeliness.

It is a book of prophecy, as up-to-date as Watergate. Actually, it is a psychic translation by the famed medium A.J. Inger of THE REVELATION OF ST. JOHN. You will find a further description of it on page 23. This is being offered at its cost of production, plus mailing and postage. What its sale will do is reimburse me for some of the paper I had to buy, and make that money available to pay for the binding of SECRET WORLD.

On page 23 you will find four options available to you concerning this new book, SECRET WORLD and Ray Palmer's NEWSLETTER. If you have not already purchased SECRET WORLD (formerly MARTIAN DIARY and THIS ANCIENT EARTH), now is the time to do it. For a very good reason! 2000 copies will go to those who have already bought the book(s) and because I can't print more than 5000, there will be precious few remaining for those who want them. The possibility of reprinting is rather remote, and considering that many, many more than 5000 people have already requested my MARTIAN DIARY, it is a certainty that somebody is going to be disappointed! Already I've had to inform hundreds of people that the 1974 Newsletters are all sold out, and only enough of this one is being printed to fill subscriptions. It's going to be even worse with SECRET WORLD. If you're up on your current news, you'll know that this present Newsletter is way ahead of the facts on the CIA and the terrible danger that faces our country from this arm of the Organization. I hope you will take page 23 seriously, and order everything you really want, get your order in for the remaining SECRET WORLD print order, renew your subscription to Newsletter, or subscribe to it if you haven't already, and secure your copy of the 1000 copies of THE REVELATION OF ST. JOHN printed. Lastly, on page 24 I have listed all our current books and magazines, and if you have planned to purchase any of them, now is the time—it will all help to assure that SECRET WORLD continues to come out on schedule!

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OPTION I
I am one of those who purchased either your MARTIAN DIARY or Richard Shaver's THIS ANCIENT EARTH—ITS STORY IN STONE in advance. As outlined in your Newsletter, send me SECRET WORLD, Volume One—1975 (which contains BOTH your first book of MARTIAN DIARY and THIS ANCIENT EARTH—ITS STORY IN STONE) in its place, at a cost of \$8.50. Please credit any remainder due me toward Volume Two—1975 and bill me for any balance due on Volume Two when it is ready.

OPTION II
Please send me your new book SECRET WORLD, Volume One—1975 (which I understand is now at the binders) as stated in your Newsletter. I am enclosing \$8.50 in full payment. Also, reserve a copy of Volume Two—1975 for me, and bill me at the time you ship Volume One.

OPTION III
Renew my subscription for RAY PALMER'S NEWSLETTER for the year 1975. I understand this is issued only when there is important news and information to impart, and that there is no specific number of issues per year. (There were three issues for 1974 plus two free ones before going on a subscription basis—all of which are sold out). I enclose \$2.00 in full payment.

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