
Even Kennedy Intimates Want New **THE LINK TO INTELLIGENCE**

Investigation **AGENCIES**

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“We have found no evidence of a conspiracy, foreign or domestic...”

That simple statement, spoken by Chief Justice Earl Warren in September 1964, was the start of an echo that would be heard again and again during the following decade.

Almost word for word, it would be repeated after assassin's bullets cut down the nation's key political leaders — John Kennedy, Robert Kennedy, George Wallace, Martin Luther King and King's mother.

Suspicion and doubt among the vast majority of Americans, bolstered by fantastic recent disclosures of political intrigue in government intelligence, is at long last about to cause the real truth to explode to the surface.

Kennedy family intimate Frank Mankiewicz puts it most aptly:

“It's got to be reopened for the sake of the nation's sanity.”

Mankiewicz was speaking of the investigation of the assassination of the President he served as a top aide — John Fitzgerald Kennedy.

“The nation is alive with questions about the whole thing and the answers haven't been provided,” Mankiewicz told a Southern Methodist University class a few weeks ago. **“We can't let this thing eat away at the**

future.”

By now, almost everybody — with the possible exception of some of the surviving members of the Warren Commission — is convinced a conspiracy was involved in the assassination of President Kennedy on the streets of Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963.

No longer can it be accepted that the youthful President was murdered by one deranged man acting alone and not in association with any other individuals, groups or governments.

AT LEAST TWO OF THE seven members of the Warren Commission — which said Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone in the assassination — have since expressed doubts.

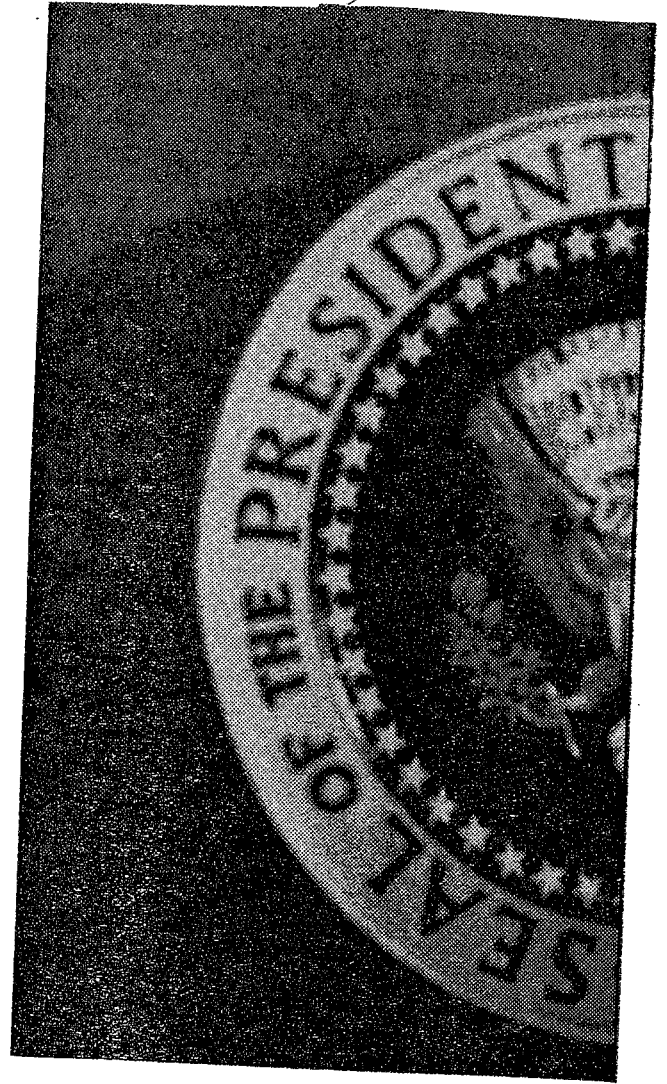
Even President Lyndon B. Johnson, who appointed the commission, repeatedly expressed belief that a conspiracy was involved in the assassination before he died in early 1973.

Now a wave of actual new evidence, revelations of intrigue, claims by assassination experts and undeniable motives point strongly to government intelligence agencies being involved or knowledgeable — if not outright responsible — for the assassination of John Kennedy.

And American intelligence could have been involved in the assassinations of Robert Francis Kennedy during his campaign for the Presidency; the slaying of civil rights leader and Nobel Peace Prize winner Dr. Martin Luther King, and the shooting-crippling of Alabama Gov. George Wallace that ended his snowballing campaign for the Presidency in 1972.

THERE IS EVIDENCE — indeed, considerably new evidence — that Lee Harvey Oswald, the slight-built 24-year-old former Russian defector, was either an agent of the Central Intelligence Agency or had connections with the CIA.

Belief that Oswald had connections — in fact was a paid informer or agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation — has taken on new credibility as a result of recently disclosed “top secret” Warren Commission testimony that shows the commission members were reluctant to press the FBI for the truth and early efforts by the FBI to remove or cloud any possible connections between the agency and Oswald.



For an extended period of time, TATTLER has made a comprehensive investigation into whether the intelligence community could have been involved in a conspiracy to eliminate national leaders through assassination.

The conclusion is:

More than enough evidence exists for a government agency with subpoena power to reopen the John Kennedy assassination investigation and seriously -- and publicly -- settle the issue once and for all.

At the same time, Congress should thoroughly probe -- and set to rest once and for all -- the strong indication that government intelligence was involved in the Bobby Kennedy slaying, the gunning down of Gov. Wallace and the snuffing out of the non-violence preaching Dr. King.

COULD OSWALD have been a representative of more than one intelligence agency?

This is far from being in the realm of comprehension. "It has been shown that they are all virtually the same thing ... their activities run together," Los Angeles assassination researcher Donald Freed told TATTLER about the activities of various intelligence agencies.

Recent disclosures show this to be true.

The CIA, chartered to carry out its activities abroad, has been exposed as having conducted thousands of investigations on citizens within the United States. This disclosure of domestic spying led to President Gerald Ford's appointment of a commission headed by Vice President Nelson Rockefeller to investigate.

One former government intelligence official says he believes the CIA was involved in President Kennedy's assassination. He is Col. L. Fletcher Prouty, who was the Pentagon's liaison with the CIA before he retired in 1963.

ANOTHER FORMER CIA official, Victor Marchetti, has said flatly that the late Clay Shaw, the man former New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison tried to convict for the JFK death conspiracy, was a CIA agent. This was what Garrison always contended, but the confirmation didn't come until after Shaw was tried and acquitted. Not long after Marchetti's disclosure, Shaw was found dead under mysterious circumstances.

It's been revealed that the Post Office Intelligence system cooperated with the CIA in illegally opening and monitoring the first class letters mailed by law-abiding citizens in the United States.

It's also interesting to remember that postal inspectors were among the legions of various federal agents who interfered with the questioning of Oswald in Dallas and perhaps thwarted famed Dallas homicide Capt. Will Fritz from eliciting a statement or confession from the youthful suspect. Oswald was shot dead by Jack Ruby two days after the assassination -- silencing him forever.

One Louisiana private detective ardently pursued an investigation on a theory that Naval Intelligence was involved in the Kennedy assassination. The detective and a TATTLER reporter tracked down fascinating, never-before-disclosed evidence in the case. The detective was found shot to death soon afterward under extremely mysterious circumstances -- the death officially ruled a suicide.

Domestic spying is not uncommon in other intelligence branches of government agencies. Even the Internal Revenue Service hires women to engage in sex acts with prominent citizens to gather intelligence information, it has been revealed.

In 1964, the Warren Commission -- and perhaps the general public -- was willing to take the word of the CIA and the FBI that Oswald was not connected with either agency. But today, with the flood of revelations of the misdeeds, half-truths and outright lies of the intelligence networks, it's a different story

OSWALD'S MOTHER, Mrs. Marguerite Oswald, contended from the start that her son was probably a government agent.

She renewed these views in an interview published recently in the Fort Worth Press.

"Who can prove he is not a CIA agent?" she asked. "He isn't going to say he's a CIA agent, and the government isn't going to say he is. I have as much circumstantial evidence that he was as the Dallas police have that he was the assassin.

"When I said CIA, I meant Government intelligence, like the Internal Revenue or FBI."

Mrs. Oswald, now living on a meager income in Fort

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LEE HARVEY OSWALD in his Civil Air Patrol Cadet uniform at which time he first came in contact with those who would later be allegedly implicated in a conspiracy to assassinate the President.

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Worth, believes Oswald went to Russia in service of his country

Now, a onetime Texas journalist, has revealed to TATTLER a secret he has kept for nine years -- he has met the man who claims to be a CIA agent and that Oswald was a CIA agent.

THE SOURCE, W.R. MORRIS, now living in Tennessee, said he is still in contact with the former CIA "spook," who now is a lawyer living in California.

Morris told TATTLER he is willing to reveal the agent's identity to a proper government investigating agency. He has kept the information confidential since he met the agent at Oswald's grave in Rose Hill Cemetery in Fort Worth in 1966.

The author of "The Twelfth of August," the life story of Buford Pusser, the "Walking Tall" hero, Morris is planning to write a book about Oswald.

A representative of the Rockefeller Commission, which is investigating domestic spying by the CIA, has contacted Morris, he told TATTLER. The author said he is willing to reveal details of Oswald's services to the CIA, as well as the identity of Oswald's CIA contact, if subpoenaed to testify in a closed-door session.

Critics of the Warren Commission express doubt that any

serious investigation will be made by the Rockefeller Commission.

Rockefeller has reportedly said that an aggressive investigation of the CIA "could destroy two former Presidents."

THE ROCKEFELLER Commission chose as its executive director David Belin, who was a junior counsel to the much-criticized Warren Commission.

Belin has been accused by at least one commission witness of changing the witness' testimony for the record published in the Warren Commission volumes. And Sylvia Meagher, a prominent New York assassination researcher and author, has accused Belin of getting a key assassination witness to change his testimony to fit the commission's findings.

After joining the Rockefeller Commission, Belin was quick to discount any efforts to link the CIA or anybody except Oswald to the assassination.

"There is no hard evidence that has come to my attention that in any way diminishes the veracity of the conclusion that Lee Harvey Oswald was the assassin and the sole assassin of President Kennedy," Belin said.

Despite this, a three-man team of Warren Commission critics has presented evidence to the Rockefeller Commission that a conspiracy indeed existed in the Kennedy assassination and that the CIA was involved.

This team is made up of Dick Gregory, a comedian and civil rights activist; Robert Groden, a New York photographer; and Ralph Schoenman, a writer-researcher, former secretary to Nobel Prize winner Bertrand Russell and an associate of former New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison during Garrison's 1967-68 probe of the Kennedy assassination.

GRODER HAS SPENT nine years researching the famous film of the Kennedy assassination taken by Dallas dress manufacturer Abraham Zapruder, now dead.

The Zapruder film clearly shows Kennedy's head ex-

ploding backwards and to the left - conclusive enough to a viewer that at least one of the two shots that struck the President was fired from the front of Kennedy's motorcade, not from the Texas School Book Depository. The Warren Commission contends Oswald, described as "a poor shot" as a Marine, fired three shots into the Kennedy motorcade "from behind Kennedy" from a window on the sixth floor of the old brick depository building.

Gregory viewed the Groder blow-ups of the Zapruder film - including spliced in portions of a film taken by another citizen - in Boston in February at a meeting of the newly-formed Assassination Research Bureau.

Gregory was then launched on what became a nation-wide lecture tour urging an official reopening of the investigation. Gregory has also been publicizing pictures of tramps arrested in Dealey Plaza soon after the assassination. He contends one of the "tramps" in the pictures is E. Howard Hunt, the ex-CIA official who is serving a prison sentence for his role in the Watergate scandals of the Richard Nixon Administration.

Gregory says the Zapruder film "will change the fate and destiny of the world" and will "save Teddy Kennedy's life."

SCHOENMAN, after presenting the results of his decade-

long investigation to the Rockefeller Commission, told **TATTLER** he is convinced the CIA was involved in a conspiracy to kill the President.

"There is a common theme uniting Watergate, the Bay of Pigs and the assassination of President Kennedy," Shoenman said. "That is the CIA."

"The CIA was set up to conceal, rather than to disclose."

"This was never made clearer than the cynical testimony meeting Jan 27.

of the Warren Commission in a closed-door meeting in 1964 when the commission members discussed reports that Oswald was an intelligence agent.

Commission member Allen Dulles, former director of the CIA, said flatly that Oswald could have been a CIA agent and even he would not have known about it.

DULLES SAID IT would be "terribly hard" for the FBI or CIA to prove that any individual was not an agent.

"How do you disprove a fellow was not your agent? How do you disprove it?" asked Dulles.

Despite this cynicism and skepticism, the Warren Commission chose to accept the word of the CIA and the FBI that Oswald was not in their service or employ.

AT ANOTHER session, Oswald's movements in Russia were discussed.

"I would like to get that material into the hands of the CIA as soon as possible to explain the Russian parts," said Dulles at the June 6 meeting.

"I think you've got more faith in them than I have," Sen. Richard Russell, conservative Democrat from Georgia, replied. "I think they'll doctor anything they hand to us."

These were among documents the Warren Commission kept "top secret" for "national security reasons" for a decade before assassination researchers, through court battles, forced their disclosure.

RUSSELL, NOW DEAD, told author-researcher Harold Weisberg he did not believe the commission majority who said Oswald alone was responsible for the assassination.

Before he signed the report, the senator told Weisberg before his death, Russell received an assurance that a footnote would be added in the report that Senator Russell dissented from the findings. Weisberg's investigation of declassified Warren Commission records showed that Chief Justice Earl Warren, now dead, did not add the footnote.

Rep. Hale Boggs of Louisiana, another member of the Warren Commission, told staff aides and friends in 1972 that he was convinced the commission conclusions were wrong and he felt the Kennedy assassination should be investigated again. That was a few months before Boggs was killed in an airplane crash in Alaska.

President Lyndon Johnson, before his death in 1972, repeatedly expressed to many people that he was convinced

a conspiracy existed in the assassination of President Kennedy

More evident now than early critics ever imagined is just how questionable the President's control of the CIA is.

PRESIDENT KENNEDY bucked the CIA in 1961 by refusing to send out the U.S. Air Force to strafe the Cuban beaches, providing protection to CIA-trained Cuban freedom fighters trying to overthrow revolutionary Prime Minister Fidel Castro in the abortive "Bay of Pigs" invasion.

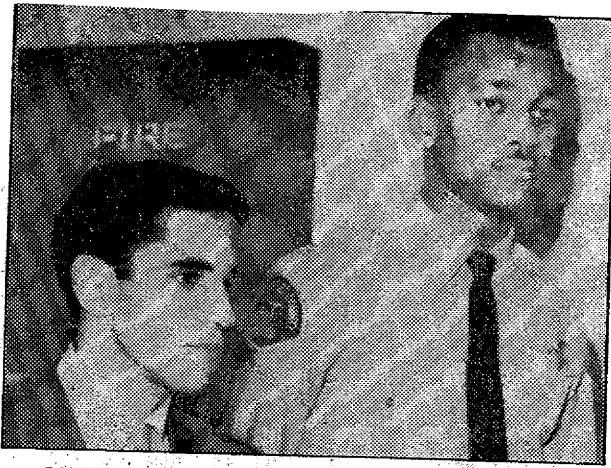
This act by Kennedy infuriated many members of the CIA, especially E. Howard Hunt, who directed the Cuban invasion, which resulted in all the invaders being killed or captured.

E. Howard Hunt, in his book about the Bay of Pigs - "Give Us This Day," even discusses the Cuban situation as being the motive for the assassination.

"... Lee Harvey Oswald was a partisan of Fidel Castro and an admitted Marxist who made desperate efforts to join the Red Revolution in Havana," Hunt wrote.

"In the end he was an activist for the Fair Play for Cuba Committee.

"But for Castro and the Bay of Pigs disaster, there would have been no such 'committe.'" And perhaps no assassin



SIRHAN SIRHAN AND JAMES EARL RAY (right) ... lone assassins or patsies in conspiracies in deaths of RFK and Dr. King?



named Lee Harvey Oswald."

Kennedy had vetoed a plan by Hunt to assassinate Fidel Castro. But attempts were made on Castro's life.

This caused an irate Castro to tell the Cuban people:

"If the United States can deal in assassinations, so can we."

THAT WAS SEPT. 8, 1963. Kennedy was killed two months later.

Kennedy was planning to break up the "invisible government" known as the CIA. He was killed before carrying out the plans.

When President Johnson succeeded Kennedy in the White House he was shocked to learn of the activities of the CIA.

"We have been operating a damned Murder Incorporated in the Caribbean," LBJ snapped to an aide.

LBJ aides earlier this year revealed that Johnson held the U.S. directly responsible for the assassination of Dominican Republic dictator Rafael J. Trujillo and the assassination of South Vietnamese President Ngo Dinh Diem.

The CIA also made repeated efforts, according to syndicated columnist Jack Anderson, to assassinate Francois Papa Doc Duvalier, the dictator of Haiti.

THE CIA WAS ALSO put out at President Kennedy because he planned in 1964 to deescalate the U.S. role in Vietnam.

Robert Kennedy began stepping on CIA toes even when he was attorney general when John was president. Bobby Kennedy prosecuted more Mafia gangsters than any other attorney general in history.

At the same time the CIA had a left hand-right hand relationship with the Mafia. The CIA used Mafia intelligence sources and recruited Mafia gunmen to carry out assassination.

In the late 1950s and early 1960s, the CIA had connections

with Sam Giancana, the dread boss of all Mafia activity in the Chicago area.

The Chicago Sun Times reported an interesting swapout between the CIA and Giancana.

The CIA used Giancana to exploit the Mafia's former gambling network in Cuba under Batista against Castro.

In return, a detective agency front of the CIA bugged the Las Vegas hotel room of a singer-girlfriend of Giancana's at his request.

WHEN CASTRO visited the United Nations in 1960, CIA agents went to high-ranking New York City police officials with a bizarre plot to assassinate the Cuban dictator

A box of cigars, containing a bomb, would be placed in Castro's hotel room. But the CIA called off the plan, police said.

When Bobby Kennedy heard of the CIA plot to use the

Mafia to assassinate Castro, Kennedy as attorney general angrily attacked the agency's plot.

And when RFK made his snowballing campaign for the Presidency, the CIA knew its days of power and autonomy were numbered.

This threat to the intelligence system ended June 5, 1968, when the youthful senator was shot down in the pantry of the

Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles.

ANOTHER "LONE ASSASSIN" was seized. Sirhan Bishara Sirhan was blamed for RFK's murder. No conspiracy, Los Angeles police officials said. They maintain this position despite almost overwhelming evidence from leading criminologists that shots were fired from at least two guns into Kennedy and the crowd of well-wishers around him.

In the case of John Kennedy's murder, the blame fell on Communists in general. In Sirhan's case, the motive was attributed to Kennedy's anti-Arab, pro-Israel position. Sirhan was an Arab immigrant and had written in his diary, "RFK Must Die."

Lyndon Johnson's first reaction after the assassination of JFK was that it might have been the result of a Communist plot. Later, when he found out the U.S. was responsible for the deaths of Trujillo and Diem, he felt the JFK murder may have represented a terrible retribution.

BOTH TRUJILLO and Diem were killed in military coups. Diem's murder paved the way for the pro-U.S. Thieu regime

President Richard Nixon in 1971 said there was U.S. "complicity" in Diem's assassination.

The disclosures spreading the cloak of suspicion over the CIA have caused intelligence officials to react in the obvious ways.

Through nationally-syndicated communists, the CIA have leaked stories to the effect - so what if we deal in assassinations, other governments do.

One story leaked by the CIA was the report of a Russian KGB (the U.S.S.R.'s CIA) defector who revealed a plot by the Soviet Union to assassinate Richard Nixon, had he not been defeated by John Kennedy in 1960.

THE CIA LEAKED stories of the terrors of the Cold War of



W.R. MORRIS ... he's willing to testify that he has concrete evidence that Oswald was a CIA agent.

the 1950s with hero-CIA agents going behind the Iron Curtain only to be captured, tortured or killed.

But more recent disclosures now show that the U.S. intelligence system cannot claim much different standards. Two former FBI officials revealed recently in The New York Times that the FBI has engaged in a program of kidnapping persons suspected of being foreign agents and even threatening them with death if they did not provide sought-after information.

One agent of the Cold War was Gary Powers. Powers, a CIA officer, was flying the U-2 spy plane shot down over Russia. President Dwight Eisenhower at first denied that Powers was an American spy. Later he was forced to admit that Powers was CIA.

Which gets us back to the deranged, lone assassin named Lee Harvey Oswald.

Much evidence exists that Oswald had a role in the downing of the U-2 spy plane

WHEN OSWALD DEFECTED to Russia, he volunteered to give American military secrets to the Russian government. He was in a position to have knowledge of the U-2 spy operation and perhaps was acquainted with Powers.

The full details may lie on a still-classified document in the National Archives with the heading:

"Lee Harvey Oswald's Access to Classified Information About the U-2."

What is known is that Oswald had been stationed at an American base at Atsugi, Japan, as a Marine in 1958 and 1959. Atsugi is where the U-2 flights originated.

A radar operator assigned to ground control work, Oswald was in a position to gather valuable information to turn over to the Russians. The Reds had been trying to shoot down the high-flying U-2s, but lacked the technical knowledge until after Oswald's defection.

Another yet-to-be-revealed Warren Commission document is headed: "Letter from Director, FBI with attached results of interview with Yuri Ivanovich Nosenko."

YURI NOSENKO had been a staff officer of the KGB who defected to the U.S. on Feb. 4, 1964, less than three months after JFK's assassination.

Incidentally, the Warren Report has no mention of either Nosenko or the U-2 connection, even though the controversial commissioners said their report and 26 volumes of testimony would "put to rest" any questions that could arise about the

assassination.)

Yuri Nosenko, the turncoat Russian "spook," knew Oswald in Russia. A commission "internal memo" routinely declassified recently tells of Nosenko being interviewed about Oswald's marksmanship.

"...Oswald was an extremely poor shot and it was necessary for persons who accompanied him on hunts to provide him with game" was Nosenko's appraisal.

At the Japanese U-2 base, Oswald took up an interest in Communism as he observed the takeoffs and landings of the U-2s. His Marine Corps pals called him "Comrade Oswaldovich."

But still Oswald did not lose his top security clearance that gave him access to U-2 intelligence.

At the base, Oswald was visited by a strange civilian and his attitude appeared to change. When the visitor asked for him, Oswald was released from guard duty and they disappeared for a private several-hours talk.

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IT WASN'T MUCH LATER that Oswald turned up at the U.S. embassy in Russia, loudly denouncing his American citizenship and volunteering U.S. military secrets to the KGB.

Even Powers, in his book "Operation Overflight," notes that Oswald might have passed on the information the Russians needed to shoot down the U-2.

Was Oswald, then, a KGB agent? He and his Russian wife, Marina, certainly had strong connections with the Russian secret police.

Marina Nikolayevna Pruskova was introduced to Oswald at a party in Moscow by Col. Nicolav Aksenov.

Col. Aksenov was a high-ranking official in the KGB. Aksenov was also Marina's uncle.

THE INTRODUCTION was on March 17, 1961. On April 30, a little over a month later, Lee Oswald and Marina Pruskova were married. The KGB had cut through all the red tape including special consent for the American to marry a Soviet citizen.

Marina, although the Warren Commission didn't see fit to pursue the matter, was a leader in the Komsomol Communist Party organization.

However, she lied about this in obtaining a passport to join her husband in returning to America. She entered the U.S. as a simple European immigrant.

But while in Moscow, the turncoat American Marine and his Communist bride lived in style and comfort.

Apparently compliments of a grateful Kremlin, the newlyweds were given a nice rent-free apartment.

OSWALD WAS GIVEN an adequate factory job. But the Russian government saw fit to supplement his salary by \$70 a month. The subsidy came from the Soviet Red Cross, which is actually a KGB intelligence front and is not connected with the international charitable organization of the same name.

The KGB smoothed the way for the Oswald-Marina marriage and then greased the path for Marina to immigrate to America. The State Department appeared delighted to expedite Oswald's return to America, apparently forgetting that only two years before Oswald had become a traitor to his country, had denounced his citizenship and had offered and apparently provided aid and comfort to the enemy.

Back in the United States, Oswald was interviewed three times by the FBI, according to FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, now dead.

But in one case, it was Oswald who arranged the "interview." This was in 1963 in New Orleans, where during a Fair Play for Cuba demonstration, Oswald was arrested and jailed on a misdemeanor disturbance charge.

OSWALD TOLD THE jailer he wanted to see the FBI and

two FBI agents came running.

"What would happen if you or me was arrested on a piddling thing and we asked to see the FBI?" scoffs Penn Jones Jr., Texas newspaper editor who has been investigating the Kennedy assassination since 1963. "They'd laugh at us."

The FBI knew much about Oswald and his movements in Dallas prior to his arrest for the assassination and his slaying two days later.

Dallas FBI special agent James Hosty was the man assigned to keep tabs on Oswald. Hosty had visited the home of Ruth Paine in Irving, a Dallas suburb, where Marina lived. Oswald was holed up at the time alone in a room in the Oak Cliff section of Dallas.

After Oswald's arrest, police found Oswald's notebook which contained, among other things, Hosty's name, his address, his phone number and his auto license plate.

WHEN THE FBI furnished the Warren Commission with a list of the contents of Oswald's notebook, the references to Hosty were conspicuously omitted. When commissioners learned of the omission, they obviously took J. Edgar Hoover's word when he informed them it was simply an oversight.

Could Oswald have been both a KGB agent and an agent of the FBI or the CIA?

At the time of the assassination, Kennedy had embarrassed the Russians by backing them down during the blockade during the Cuban missile crisis in 1962. Castro was

Russia's ally and he was irked because of the CIA-backed Bay of Pigs invasion and attempts on his life he believed were staged by the U.S. government.

This would give the KGB motive enough to assign the Marxism-brainwashed young Oswald to murder the President of the United States. Did the CIA have a motive to condone or participate in the assassination of the President?

Read the facts and judge for yourself. Perhaps only an extensive congressional investigation can indict or exonerate American intelligence agencies in the JFK case - and perhaps not even then.

Quite a few other possible CIA operatives have turned up in the various investigations of the Kennedy assassination:

CLAY SHAW -- Shaw, now dead, was indicted, tried, and acquitted of charges in New Orleans that he conspired to murder John Kennedy. Shaw, who died under mysterious circumstances last year, was also a paid contact for the CIA in the early 1960s.

Victor Marchetti, who worked for the CIA for 14 years before resigning in 1969, confirmed this to a TATTLER investigator.

Marchetti learned of Shaw's CIA connections during Jim Garrison's 1968 probe of Shaw. During briefing sessions that Marchetti attended, high CIA officials often worried aloud that Shaw's CIA connections might be revealed by Garrison. And Garrison, now practicing law in New Orleans, had always claimed Shaw was CIA, but couldn't prove it.

Marchetti said high CIA officials - including then Director



Richard Helms himself – often talked about the need to “give help to” Shaw and his defense team.

The ex-operative said Shaw and David Ferrie were working with the CIA operatives E. Howard Hunt, Frank Sturgis and Bernard Barker – all convicted in the Watergate capers – on the Bay of Pigs planning operation.

“It is very possible that Shaw and the Watergate buggers

remained in contact after the 1961 Cuban invasion failed,” said Marchetti.

Ferrie’s connections with Oswald and other figures in the assassination were many. TATTLER has interviewed witnesses who saw Ferrie and Oswald together. Ferrie was the captain of the New Orleans Civil Air Patrol when Oswald was a cadet.

In addition to providing services for the Mafia, Ferrie was in a position to provide valuable services to the CIA. Ferrie was something of a soldier of fortune and was involved in gun-running to and from Latin American countries, for example.

Ferrie, if he held the information needed for Garrison to prove beyond doubt a conspiracy, took it to the grave. He died under mysterious circumstances a month after Garrison’s probe hit the newspapers. Doctors said a single karate chop on the back of his neck could have killed him.

GORDON NOVEL – Novel was a CIA operative and perhaps may still be. He is now living in Dallas, where it all started. Novel was subpoenaed in the Garrison investigation. After he fled the subpoena, the Orleans Parish Grand Jury indicted him in connection with a munitions burglary in which David Ferrie also participated.

Novel fled from state to state to escape Garrison’s questions. Garrison could not find a governor of any state to which Novel fled who would extradite him.

His lawyers denied, then confirmed after evidence surfaced, that Novel was a CIA man. After Garrison’s investigation went under during a flood of criticism against the crusading DA, Novel dropped into obscurity, only to emerge years later in connection with plot – never carried out – to erase the controversial Nixon electronic tapes.

GUY BANNISTER – According to TATTLER sources, Guy W. Bannister, a New Orleans private detective, former

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Chicago FBI agent and ex-deputy New Orleans police commissioner, was a CIA agent and may have been a contact for other military intelligence agencies.

Bannister also knew Oswald – or at least was in a position to.

Three months before the assassination, Oswald was arrested in New Orleans following a disturbance with anti-Castro Cubans. Police were upset because Oswald was distributing pro-Castro leaflets. The leaflets bore the address – 544 Camp St. The office at that address was used by the Cuban Democratic Revolutionary Front, a CIA-funded front organization.

That office at 544 Camp St. was next to Bannister, a government contact with Cuban revolutionaries. Witnesses recalled seeing arsenals of guns and ammunition in Bannister’s office.

GEORGE de MOHRENSCHILDT – deMohrenschildt, a Russian-born petroleum engineer who trots around the world on oil deals, befriended Oswald and Marina even when they were living as paupers in a Fort Worth slum.

It was months before the Warren Commission could take testimony from deMohrenschildt because he was on business

in Haiti, which was being run by Papa Doc, whom the CIA wanted assassinated.

The Warren Commission in effect ruled that deMohrenschildt, now living in Dallas, had no connection with the assassination. But they did not rule out CIA connections.

DeMohrenschildt, after his return from a Communist country where he was working on an oil deal, was interviewed by a CIA agent and the agent and the Russian became good friends, deMohrenschildt testified before the commission.

DeMohrenschildt happened to be in Guatemala when the CIA launched the Bay of Pigs invasion from the Latin American country.

DeMohrenschildt has denied that he is an agent for the intelligence agencies of any country.

GARRISON, WHO IS NOW in a position of saying I-told-you-so after being ridiculed by the world’s press a few years ago, still maintains elements within the CIA – not the CIA as a structure – were involved in the John Kennedy assassination.

He also links government intelligence operations to all the assassinations of the 1960s.

“The murder of John Kennedy, the murder of Robert Kennedy, the murder of Martin Luther King. Each of them bears consistent earmarks of the involvement of government intelligence operations of men somehow associated with government intelligence activities,” Garrison told the Washington Star recently.

About the three assassinations, Garrison said they contained “an intelligence scenario, replete with false sponsors, obstacles, red herrings and scapegoats. There is always the well-established scapegoat whom the public is allowed to have only a brief view of before he’s snatched away forever.”

Dismissed as outrageous that the government could have been involved in an assassination conspiracy a few years ago, now the idea is being taken seriously as new assassination evidence and intelligence disclosures keep turning up almost daily.

FORMER DALLAS POLICE CHIEF Jesse Curry, in a recent interview, conceded there are still many unanswered questions.

Curry, whose Police Department has been internationally chastised for letting Jack Ruby slip past a police cordon to slay Oswald, said:

“I’m relatively sure Oswald shot (Officer J.D.) Tippitt because there were witnesses who saw him and I feel sure Oswald was involved in the assassination. But I always felt that there might have been a possibility that Kennedy was shot from the front.”

Curry said the Secret Service should not have removed Kennedy’s body – in violation of state law – before an autopsy could be performed at Parkland Hospital. And too many officers were involved in questioning Oswald, the former chief said.

CURRY CHARGED that George O’Toole of Gaithersburg, Md., is wrong in contending that Dallas policemen lied about the investigation.

“I don’t believe Dallas police were lying and I don’t believe they’re involved in a conspiracy,” said Curry. “There wouldn’t be any reasons for them to lie.”

O’Toole, a former CIA operative, made scientific tests of tape recordings of the voices of Oswald and others on a relatively unknown type of lie detector called a Psychological Stress Evaluator.

O’TOOLE, WHO HAS written about the tests in a new book,

"The Assassination Tapes," says the tests show Oswald was telling the truth when he told newsmen after the assassination:

"I didn't shoot anyone, no sir."

Strangely enough, the U.S. Justice Department did reopen the investigation into the John Kennedy assassination recently — confirmed the new probe, then denied it.

KENNEDY MIGHELL, assistant U.S. attorney in Dallas, told newsmen the Justice Department was accepting and examining new information about the assassination.

But a Justice Department spokesman in Washington denied later it had asked the U.S. Attorney's office to look into the matter.

The spokesman said the Justice Department is advising congressmen — who are being deluged with inquiries from constituents wanting a new investigation — that no significant new evidence has turned up in the Kennedy case.

Nelson Rockefeller, in the early stages of his commission's probe of the CIA, ruled out the possibility the commission would reopen the Warren Commission's investigation of the JFK tragedy, saying "that would be entirely outside of our problems."

But later, in secret sessions, the Rockefeller panel began questioning witnesses about the assassination. Two witnesses — Watergaters E. Howard Hunt and Frank Sturgis — while admitting engaging in other assassination plots, denied they were involved in the Kennedy death.

Moreover, one TATTLER source received an official request from Rockefeller commission senior counsel Robert B. Olsen for an affidavit concerning Oswald's alleged links to the CIA.

OSWALD'S MURDERER JACK RUBY, believed by many to have ties with organized crime, Dallas police and government intelligence, had hinted more than once that a conspiracy was involved in the assassination. He begged to be taken from Dallas to Washington to present his statement, but the Warren Commission turned him down.

Not long before Ruby's death, he told a TATTLER correspondent he believed a conspiracy was involved.

Scoffing at Oswald's left-wing leanings as an ideological motive for the assassination, Ruby snapped:

"The louse did it for money. He got his orders when he made that trip to Mexico. If he had carried it off just right — which almost happened — he'd be living like a king somewhere in the world right now."

In a letter smuggled out of the Dallas County jail in 1965 and purchased at an auction by Penn Jones Jr., Ruby again hints at his conspiracy beliefs. He said he "walked into a trap" when he walked down the basement ramp to shoot Oswald.

"THIS WAS THE spot where they could frame the Jew, and that way, all of his people will be blamed as being Communists, this is what they were waiting for," Ruby wrote.

"They alone had planned the killing, by they I mean Johnson and others. I guess that is why Oswald was able to escape the building as he did, because they wanted him to escape. That is why there has been so much contradiction and confusion as to the identity of the rifle used, etc."

The track record of the seven members of the Warren Commission indicates they were relying heavily on the research and advice of the commission's lawyers, including several who later turned up playing key roles in the Watergate investigation during the Nixon Administration.

The late Earl Warren himself was the only commission member who sat in on parts of the testimony of all 94 witnesses who appeared before the commission.

GERALD FORD HEARD testimony from 70 witnesses, but

he used the transcripts of all the commission interviews when he and his staff aide wrote the book, "Portrait of an Assassin," based on the commission investigation.

CIA chief Allen Dulles was present to hear 60 witnesses, but the interest of the other four commission members appeared to be considerably less.

Senator Cooper heard 50 witnesses — a little more than half those who testified. John J. McCloy heard 35 witnesses. Rep. Hale Boggs was there for the testimony of 20 witnesses. Senator Russell was present to hear only six witnesses.

The commission gave only fleeting glances to documentation that there were advance warnings that Kennedy would be killed.

IN MIAMI, ONLY TWO WEEKS before Kennedy was assassinated, a member of a right-wing faction described to a police informer how Kennedy would be killed from the window of an office building with a high-powered rifle.

The man told the police informer:

"They will pick up somebody within hours afterward — just to throw the public off." Oswald was arrested an hour after the assassination, was charged, and promptly murdered by Jack Ruby.

Miami police gave this information to the Secret Service, but still Kennedy was permitted to ride in the limousine "Lancer" with the bubble top down during the motorcade ride through Dealey Plaza. Despite the warning, Kennedy's motorcade route was changed just before the assassination — requiring the presidential car to make an awkward, illegal turn from Houston St. onto Elm St. into Dealey Plaza, bringing the vehicle to almost a crawl as the assassin or assassins prepared to fire the fatal shots.

ON NOV. 23, the day after the assassination, the man told the police source in Jacksonville, Fla., train station:

"Everything ran true to form. I guess you thought I was kidding you when I said he would be killed from a window with a high-powered rifle."

When the police informer asked him if he was "guessing" when he made the original threat, the man replied:

"I don't do any guessing."

This was far from being the only advance threats made against President Kennedy's life.

ONE OF THE MORE exotic occurred in Oxnard, Calif., when a woman's voice apparently accidentally cut into an operator's line and proclaimed excitedly that the President was going to be killed.

This occurred 20 minutes before the time Kennedy was shot.

Eight days before Robert Kennedy was shot he was in Oxnard on the campaign trail. He disappeared from his entourage for a few hours and some Kennedy intimates believe he may have been trying to trace the source of the mysterious telephone threat. If Bobby Kennedy learned anything, he took the information to the grave.

The intelligence community strangely has ended up involved in almost every major event changing the course of America's history during the "gun barrel politics" of the 1960s.

The FBI, it has been revealed, conducted a reign of harrassment against Dr. King before the Nobel Prize winner's death. If nothing else, government intelligence contributed to ill-feeling against the civil rights leader

NOW JAMES EARL RAY, who pleaded guilty to King's assassination and later demanded a full trial, claims a conspiracy was involved. He claims he was duped by the actual assassin — a man he knew as "Raoul" and himself was

just a "fall guy."

His lawyers have claimed, but have not established concrete evidence, that King's slaying was linked to the John Kennedy assassination.

Robert I. Livingston, Memphis attorney and member of Ray's team, has said he has "very, very strong suspicions" that the killers of King fired the weapon that killed JFK.

Livingston believes the King gunman was part of a team of professional assassins hired by four "wealthy, socially prominent Americans."

With all these facts, is it any wonder that people everywhere are questioning that simple statement of the Warren Commission: "We have found no evidence of a conspiracy, foreign or domestic..."