

Author Claims He Has Proof Oswald Was An Agent of CIA

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A Tennessee author claims he has proof that accused Presidential assassin Lee Harvey Oswald was a government intelligence agent.

The author, W.R. Morris of Loretto, Tenn., told TATTLER he has agreed to make his proof known to the Rockefeller Commission investigating alleged domestic spying by the Central Intelligence Agency.

Morris said he has been contacted by a representative of the Rockefeller group and has agreed to testify.

Morris, author of "The Twelfth of August," a biography of Buford Pusser, the real-life "Walking Tall" movie hero, said he knows definitely that Oswald was an employe of the CIA when President John F. Kennedy was slain in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963.

He said he has Oswald's CIA number, his salary and the day he was employed by the federal agency.

The 37-year-old author said he met Oswald's CIA contact while covering a story about the many visitors who gathered at Oswald's grave in Rose Hill Cemetery in Fort Worth on Nov. 24, 1966.

Three years after Oswald was gunned down in the basement of the Dallas City Hall by strip joint owner Jack Ruby.

"I ARRIVED AT the cemetery early that morning and saw a man place a vase of large yellow mums beside Oswald's flat headstone," Morris told TATTLER. "A poem was attached to the bouquet of flowers.

"When the man turned around, he was surprised to see me. I told him I was a news reporter. He begged me not to mention about him putting the flowers and note at Oswald's grave."

Morris, who was on assignment to write the grave site story for a newspaper wire service, said he stooped and read the card which said:

"LEE HARVEY OSWALD ... DID HE ASSASSINATE THE PRESIDENT? WAS HE TRUTHFULLY ACCUSED? GUILTY, YES? OR WAS HE INNOCENT? HE HAS LEFT ALL THE WORLD CONFUSED." It was

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signed, "J.R."

Morris said he asked the man his name.

"He said he would tell me if I promised not to mention him in my story. So, we made a deal. He told me many things about Oswald's involvement with the CIA. Also, he showed me his official credentials."

Morris said he agreed to keep the agent's name secret — though now he is prepared to reveal it to federal investigators.

MORRIS SAID he will reveal details of Oswald's involvement with the CIA in a book entitled "Lee Harvey Oswald" which he hopes to have completed within six months. He told TATTLER he is still in touch with the Oswald CIA contact who was at the point of resigning from the CIA when the author met him.

"He lives in California now. He is now an attorney," Morris said. "He said he knew that Oswald was not the lone assassin that killed Kennedy. He was leaning toward Oswald's side very heavily."

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Morris said the man had been sending flowers to Oswald's grave since the accused assassin's death.

"There is no doubt in my mind that Oswald was a CIA agent," said Morris. "No doubt at all."

Morris said he was contacted by Oswald's mother, Mrs. Marguerite Oswald of Fort Worth, after he wrote the Oswald grave story.

The author said he signed a contract with Mrs. Oswald on Jan. 9, 1967, giving him the right to write a book about her son. He said he later landed in a contract disagreement with Mrs. Oswald, but his attorney advised him to proceed with the book.

MRS. OSWALD turned over to him

Oswald's passport and other documents and asked him to write the book, Morris said.

Morris said he launched a year-long investigation into Oswald's background.

The probe led him to New Orleans and interviews with former Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison, who conducted an abortive investigation of an assassination conspiracy.

"I spent quite a while with Garrison," Morris said. "I'm convinced the man had something."

Morris said his book on Oswald will contain information provided by friends of the accused assassin.

"I talked to one friend who went hunting with Oswald," said Morris. "He (Oswald) was such a bad shot the friend had to give him rabbits to take home."

YET OSWALD was named as the sharpshooter who fired the shots from the sixth floor of the Texas School Book Depository in Dealey Plaza that killed Kennedy and wounded Texas Gov. John Connally.

"I think Oswald was set up as a decoy to take the attention away from the real assassins," Morris said.

After his book on Pusser, which differed greatly from the film version, Morris received one threat, but said nothing came of it.

HE SAID HE doesn't mind taking risks in his Oswald research "if I can help to clarify any of what happened."

"From what I have learned about Oswald so far, said Morris, "I don't believe he was capable of planning and engineering the killing by himself."