

Holy Cross College Professor Charges...

Nixon Is Tied to Suspects In Kennedy Assassination

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A prominent college professor has developed a shocking theory with significant documentation that links Richard M. Nixon, disgraced ex-chief executive, with persons involved in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Trowbridge Ford, 44-year-old political scientist from Holy Cross and former member of the U.S. Army's Counterintelligence Corps, turned his information over to John Doar, the special counsel to the House Judiciary Committee, which voted articles of impeachment against Nixon. When contacted, Doar refused to discuss Ford's charges.

Part of Ford's documentation is the revelation that Nixon, acting as a member of the House Committee on Un-American Activities in 1947, bailed Jack Ruby out of a jam with the committee.

Ruby, of course, murdered Lee Harvey Oswald before millions of television viewers in the basement of the Dallas City office building, just two days after Oswald supposedly assassinated Kennedy.

A DALLAS STRIP joint operator, Ruby previously lived in Chicago and went by the name Jack Rubenstein.

An FBI memo obtained by TATTLER indicates that Ruby was to be called as a witness before the Un-American Activities Committee until then-Congressman Nixon intervened.

"It is my sworn statement," the



TROWBRIDGE FORD, prominent college professor, gestures as he makes a point during his shocking revelation in linking former President Nixon to major suspects in the assassination of President Kennedy.

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Group 5412/2, a group working within the White House in the late 1950s to coordinate actions of the CIA and the Defense Intelligence Agency.

Operating invisibly under the protection of the National Security Council, the group plotted attempted assassinations of Fidel Castro and outlined what became known as the Bay of Pigs invasion.

NIXON, THEN vice president, was "action officer" for Special Group 5412/2, which is CIA jargon for chairman. Others who were on that Nixon team included Alexander Haig, who ultimately became Nixon's last chief of staff. E. Howard Hunt and CIA contract employees Frank Sturgis and Bernard Barker.

It is known that Kennedy planned to dismantle the CIA and pull the American flag out of Vietnam after his second election. This, Ford theorizes, could have motivated action by the intelligence group. Ford, who has investigated the assassination for seven years, charges that Ruby and others actually shot Kennedy and "Oswald never fired at anyone." He said Ruby murdered Oswald to coverup the truth.

memo, written by an FBI staff assistant, says, "that one Jack Rubenstein of Chicago, noted as a potential witness for hearings of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, is performing information functions for the staff of Cong. Richard M. Nixon, Republican of California. It is requested Rubenstein not be called for open testimony in those aforementioned hearings."

Ford theorizes that Kennedy's death could have resulted from actions taken by so-called Special

Nixon's friendship with E. Howard Hunt, said Ford, dates back to Nixon's vice presidential trip to South America, where Hunt was a senior CIA agent. Later, the college professor said, Hunt managed to feed sensitive political information about Kennedy to Nixon.

Ford said he is convinced two Watergate figures were in Dallas the day Kennedy was killed, armed with Secret Service credentials to aid the getaway of the actual assassins. Both Hunt and Sturgis have denied they were in Dallas.

THE PROFESSOR ALSO noted

the involvement of Special Prosecutor Leon Jaworski in the Kennedy investigation.

Concerned about Oswald's rights, then Dallas Bar Association President H. Louis Nichols visited the accused assassin in jail. Shortly after the visit, Nichols was called and questioned by Jaworski, who said he was representing the American Trial Lawyers Assn.

Actually, Jaworski was an investigator for then-Texas Atty. Gen. Waggoner Carr, who had planned his own court inquiry into the

assassination.

"Jaworski said he was interested only in infiltrating the defense to see if Oswald getting a fair trial, but I feel he was interested only in infiltrating the defense to see if Oswald had spilled his role in the plan, telling for whom and why he was being a patsy," Ford said.

Asked if he feared libel actions by Nixon involved in his charges, Ford said:

"If Nixon or any of the others would care to sue me for what I've said, I'd be more than happy to explore our arguments in court."