

Behind The Front Page

THE THOUGHT OF IT is pretty frightening: Richard Nixon mixed up with the assassination of John F. Kennedy?

It is not beyond the realm of possibility, says Prof. Trowbridge Ford, a political scientist at Holy Cross College.

In an exclusive interview published on page 3 of this issue, Ford reveals that Nixon was the "action officer" (or chairman) of Special Group 5412/2, which is the fancy CIA-type name for the men who got together and determined the course of intelligence agencies in the 1950s.

Ford theorizes that Nixon and the same bunch who brought us Watergate — E. Howard Hunt, Frank Sturgis and Bernard Barker — mapped out assassination plots on Fidel Castro and his likes in South America. And so, reasons Ford, why couldn't they have hatched a plot against Kennedy?

The events of the 1960s and the discovery of Watergate have radically changed the attitude of many Americans.

When Chief Justice Earl Warren and his commission investigated the assassination of JFK, they relied entirely on the investigatory ability of the FBI and CIA.

The members didn't question any possible link between Kennedy's assassination and those two secret agencies. To do so would have been heresay — no one in America would doubt the honor of the G-men.

Well, that time is no more.

Vice President Rockefeller — long tied to CIA activities in South America himself — has been charged with the responsibility of investigating what the CIA has been up to domestically.

WHILE NONE OF THE meetings of the Rockefeller Commission have been public, sources have told the editors of the TATTLE that the members are probing anew the murder of JFK.

That is welcomed news indeed.

But what is more interesting is that the Rockefeller Commission is not relying on the investigatory ability of the agencies it has been charged to probe. It couldn't.

And while many speculate that the Rockefeller Commission will likely be just another whitewash, TATTLE hopes not, and will reserve judgment when the commission's findings are public.

Like the speculation of Trowbridge Ford — almost thinking the unthinkable — our readers must pursue all angles on the Kennedy assassination. The case is far from closed in the minds of Americans, and it will not be laid to rest until all leads are followed to their conclusion.

In that light, TATTLE will publish another special pullout section next week, revealing many new details about the JFK assassination.

THIS BONUS PACKAGE is part of more than two-years of work by Special Projects Editor John Moulder.

We know you will find it interesting.

We hope the Rockefeller Commission will, too.

—THE EDITORS

What They Say...

"I want to find out how the solar system originated, how it works, and what its future is. I'm not claiming it will do anybody any good. It's a matter of intellectual endeavor." — Physicist JAMES VAN ALLEN, discoverer of the Van Allen radiation belts around the earth, urging intensified space exploration.

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