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Re: The Kennedy Assassination

Dear Sir,

In connection with your book Inquest, I wish to call to your attention certain other facts and circumstances bearing on the Kennedy assassination that have so far been carefully withheld from the American people. These facts have come to my attention over a period of years, starting long before the Kennedy assassination, because they have involved me and members of my family, in a very unusual and unexpected way, with certain leading events in recent history. They consist, in the first instance, of a series of remarkable coincidences:

- July 16 - My father's birthday (1880 - Indianapolis)
- July 16 - My birthday (1913 - Indianapolis)
- July 16 - First atom bomb test at Alamogordo (1945)
  
- Aug. 6 - My elder daughter's birthday (1943)
- Aug. 6 - First atom bomb dropped at Hiroshima (1945)
  
- May 8 - VE Day proclaimed (1945)
- May 8 - Father's death in Indianapolis (1945)
  
- Aug. 14 - VJ Day celebrated (1945)
- Aug. 14 - Cruiser Indianapolis sinking announced (1945)
  
- July 27 - My sister's birthday (1917 - Indianapolis)
- July 27 - Korean Armistice signed (1953)
  
- June 24 - Date of my marriage (1939)
- June 24-- First "flying saucers" reported (1947)

These are by no means the only coincidences of this same personal-public type that I have uncovered, but they are fairly typical. I do not know who deliberately contrived them nor what purpose they were supposed to serve. Neither do I know why they were deliberately contrived to revolve around my family. Obviously, however, they could have been arranged only by someone with access to the highest levels of governmental policy and action. For this reason I have, over a period of years, called these circumstances repeatedly to the attention of both the executive and the legislative branches of the federal government. A petition of mine for an investigation of this entire matter was, as a matter of fact, pending before the House Judiciary Committee in November, 1963, at the time of the Kennedy assassination.

It has already been publicly pointed out that there were certain strange and unexplained coincidences connected with the Kennedy case. For the

most part this information has been simply ignored or dismissed as unworthy of serious consideration. To these publicly acknowledged coincidences, however, must be added certain others which have been withheld from the public but which contain the same oblique personal references - and therefore clearly display the same remarkable pattern of thinking - as the first six sets of coincidences listed above.

Please consider these additional coincidences carefully. First, Mr. Kennedy was reportedly assassinated from the sixth floor of a school book warehouse at the same time I was employed on the sixth floor of a school building in Chicago. Second, Mr. Kennedy was buried on November 25, which, in conformity with the now-familiar pattern of the "birthday coincidences", was the third birthday of his son, John. Third, there is even the seemingly trivial coincidence that Mr. Kennedy and his son, my father and I, all four, share the same first name and middle initial: John F. I do not accept any of these coincidences, of course, as being either trivial or accidental. Neither can I explain what these three coincidences, any more than the others, were supposed to accomplish.

I called the three latter, as well as the former, coincidences directly to the attention of Chief Justice Earl Warren and other members of the investigating commission appointed by Mr. Johnson. Unfortunately that commission completely, and quite mistakenly, avoided all reference to these circumstances in its final report. I have, of course, protested that report as being inadequate and deceptive, and still regard the Kennedy case, like other elements in this situation, as unsettled.

It is not necessary to labor the obvious. Information that is highly relevant, even if puzzling and obscure, has been officially withheld from the American people in the Kennedy case. The Warren Commission, supposedly appointed to bring the American people the full truth, served first to throttle all other proposed investigations, and then to block access to the facts. The American people have been - and are being - used very badly in this entire matter.

Sincerely

  
John F. Engelke