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P R E S S R E L E A S E

The District Attorney's Office today announced the removal of William Boxley from the investigative staff. Boxley was fired after evidence recently developed by the District Attorney's staff indicated current activity by him as an operative of the Central Intelligence Agency. Boxley's initial service with the C.I.A. was in Washington, D.C., where he served for years as an active agent for what was then termed the Department of Covert Activity.

As this office has indicated repeatedly, President Kennedy was assassinated because he was ending the Cold War, and the Cold War is the major source of power for the warfare complex which influences Washington today. In the few months prior to his murder, for example, he reduced the American troops in Vietnam from 15,000 down to 14,000. Now there are 537,000. He also made clear that he was going to "break the C.I.A. up into 10,000 pieces".

The reason that New Orleans has jurisdiction over some parts of this national tragedy is that a large part of the preparation for the assassination took place in New Orleans. Although the basic origin of planning was likely Washington, in view of the indications of extensive government involvement, New Orleans was used for many parts of the operation. The warfare apparatus of the federal government made a serious mistake in using New Orleans for this federal project. Federal officials and federal projects do not have a great deal of influence -- to use an understatement -- in the City of New Orleans. We will continue to press against those individuals who participated in the assassination of John Kennedy in every case where their activity took place in New Orleans and all the power in Washington will not stop us in any way.

Federal intelligence efforts to interfere with the investigation into the assassination of President John F. Kennedy have been occurring since the beginning of the inquiry. The work of this office in bringing out the truth about the assassination -- and about the federal government's concealment of the facts from the American people -- will continue in spite of these obstructions.

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