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Dear Ian,

Thanks very much for the printout on the conspiracy nuttins that is available on the World Wide Web. Of which I'd never heard.

Most of the names are strange to me.

I've heard from a few.

One is a PhD but I've forgotten his specialty.

Another wrote a book theorizing that LBJ had the dirty deed done. I've not read it.

The LaFontaines, man and wife, are sensationalists who have a book out now, Oswald Talked. When the Post gave them the space for a long Outlook piece several years ago I did a long analysis of that. The Post gave it to them and that delayed their book by several years. They theorize that Oswald was a police snitch on a deal for illegal weapons!

Each of these people seems to fix on one or two things to the exclusion of all else. That means that even if they are not nutty they can't really get into the essence of it and most are nutty.

Glad to have this as a matter of record.

We were glad to see you both looking so well.

And the chicken left-over were fine. Please thank ^{Cris.}

Best,

Henry

Dear Harold:

We were delighted to see you and Lil on Saturday. It is good to find you in sound health, even if you do get a little tired as the day wears on.

I checked in the World Wide Web and found these web sites for information on the Kennedy assassination. The only trouble is it has been compiled by a man called MacAdam, who seems to be a bit of a nut himself. But I'll check on some of the sites when I have the time and see what I can come up with.

With our warmest good wishes to you both.

Yours ever,

Len

A Conspiracy?



Just as conspiracy books have been more popular than books supporting the Warren Commission conclusions, there are more conspiracy-oriented web sites than lone-nut oriented web sites. While many web sites have **some** Kennedy assassination material, the following specialize in the subject.

Fair Play is an online magazine put together by John Kelin. It has a wide variety of materials, and almost always something of interest. Unfortunately, it often seems to support some of the most unreliable witnesses (Roger Craig, Perry Raymond Russo). It is also exceedingly mean-spirited toward authors who dispute conspiracy theories. A pioneering JFK assassination page.

Deanie Richards' JFK Place, a gopher site on the Akron Regional Freenet, has a database of important text files on the case. Although conspiracy-oriented, Richards has included some lone-nut material. Be sure to check out.

The DiNardo gopher site has a lot of text files from the "People's Spellbreaker" radio show. Most of the conspiracy authors that you can think of have been guests, and the transcripts are here.

The 50-Greatest Conspiracies of All Time is web site that includes Kennedy Assassination Material. Run by Jonathan Vankin, author of *Conspiracies, Cover-Ups and Crimes*, the graphic design of the site is arresting, and some of the material well worth looking at.

We've reached the point where the web is sexy, and traditional BBSs a bit old-hat. But that doesn't change the fact that Attention to Details BBS has a fine collection of files covering many aspects of the assassination. Fire up that old copy of Procomm and dial 1-909-681-6221.

Lisa Pease' Real History Web Site gives you a dose of the really extreme conspiracy view. Pease believes that a very large conspiracy murdered Kennedy, and continues to cover up the crime. She includes the mainstream media, much of academia, many conspiracy authors, all authors who believe Oswald did it alone, and virtually all the posters on USENET newsgroups who don't believe in a conspiracy in her cast of sinister people. For a scary reminder of where this sort of thinking leads, click here for Lisa Pease' page on the Oklahoma City bombing.

A new site featuring Probe Magazine has recently been put online by Citizens for Truth in the Kennedy Assassination. This site promises to explain "why the country is in the shape that it's in." The answer, which is not surprising since Lisa Pease (see above) is a staffer on *Probe*, is that a wide-ranging conspiracy is running things.

The Truth is Redacted is a new site featuring the work of Ray and Mary LaFontaine, a pair of conspiracy-oriented researchers who have also occasionally debunked conspiracy fables. Check here for The Three Tramps, and the John Elrod story.

Executive Action is an ftp site run by Joe Riley. There are a number of articles and Zapruder images there. Riley is quite fair-minded as conspiracy advocates go, and this site reflects that.

One interesting site, maintained by Tony Marsh, is the Puzzle Palace home page. It contains graphic images of several documents relating to Lee Oswald's visit to Mexico City.

Robert Harris' [JFK Assassination Home Page](#) deserves a special mention. Harris has assembled a lot of witness testimony and a lot of graphic images to make the case for his particular scenario of the shooting in Dealey Plaza.

[The Dealey Plaza UK Home Page](#) is evidence that interest in the assassination transcends the borders of the U.S. It contains a variety of articles, a selection of quotes from and about Kennedy, and information on the organization Dealey Plaza UK. One section of special note is a page where researchers ask for information on a topic on which they are currently working.

[Larry Charbonneau's JFK Page](#) is a new, quite interesting site. It's full of graphic images, and a variety of other interesting files.

Three very new sites, all under construction, bear watching:

The University of Ohio's CALL lab has a [new page on the assassination with links to several other sites](#). Gerald Posner, author of *Case Closed* and the man the conspiracy buffs love to hate, has a [home page](#). There is not much on it yet, but a major expansion is promised, and it bears watching.

David Perry, a crackerjack researcher who has debunked many of the stories conspiracy books repeat (although he in fact believes there was a conspiracy), now also has [a home page, this one on Compuserve](#).

Related Web Pages?

Is the Kennedy assassination a "cultist" topic? Do the people with an intense interest in the assassination display the same intellectual habits as those interested in other "crackpot" phenomena?

You might examine, for example, [The Bermuda Triangle Web Page](#). Does the logic and use of evidence in the Bermuda Triangle literature remind you of the conspiracy literature?

Likewise, the [UFO Skeptics Toolkit](#) raises the same question in the context of supposed aliens from elsewhere in the Universe. Does the rhetoric about a government "coverup" sound familiar?



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