

April 1, 1999

Dear Harold,

As the months slip along, it is difficult to believe we are soon to enter year 2000!! I have been giving my meager library (ML) quite a going over looking for the author's text reference to a local Dallas reporter putting his pencil through a hole in the limo windshield after the Dealey event. Also I am searching at the same time for the footnote where someone reports that LHO gave <sup>him</sup> them a rifle as part payment on a loan. Problem is I get to rereading some of the information. All that sets a tone for the events and activities. The overall feeling is one of desparation and disgust!! One of my nephews when he was a wee boy put it into perspective. When he found that "things" did not suit his logic, he would remark, "Something is cockedy-eyed!!" That's the feeling one gets in reviewing the JFK case: something is cockedy-eyed!!! Now, my book club offers the final word in the case, a book by Gus Russo. Who the hell is he??? But, why not another stab at making money out of the sad affair?? And right below the review is yet another broad who claims she slept with JFK!!! CIA yet!! And more money for the "authors. etc." My daughter-in-law has a theory. Albeit, plenty of tongue in lots of cheek. She says JFK wanted rid of his wife but his faith did not allow that so he arranged to have her bumped off and the affair boomeranged!!! An old guy lingering at the periphery of our local discussions says the Soviets did it!! The bulk of their economy was dedicated to supporting military ordnance for the North Vietnamese and calling a halt to the war would hasten their economic problems. Just another JFK ploy in bringing them down. Hence, the Soviets stopped the guy who could pull the enemy out of Nam!!! Everyone can have a theory. Why not Russo!!!

I hope "things" are getting somewhat better for you!!!! It is difficult once health problems set in and now it is double for you!!!! As I wrote so often, my dear departed mother always said, "If you have your health you have a million dollars!!" The building captain's wife passed on while I was on my annual trek and we (his daughter and I) found him head-first in the bath tub. He had his shorts down around his ankles and his butt in the air as he was drapped over the tub. A prescription anal ointment was on thr floor next to his right leg. He apparently was trying to apply the ointment, dropped it and "fished" for it while holding himself off the tub bottom with his left arm and hand which slipped out from under him and he crashed into the tub! After a stint in the hospital he went into a nursinghome where

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he is getting therapy. He must learn to stand and walk again. Always something. <sup>(2 photo of F)</sup>

Enclosed find my little Mexican girl's Easter present to me. It is her school science project. It was laid out on a new box (unfolded) so it would form a free-standing cubicle for display.

The drawing of the little girl depicts herself. The hair is many pipe cleaners laid out row after row and the cat's whiskers are the same. The girl's collar and hem are real lace something she likes to do - I think they call it collage!! The Japs have origami. which reminds me, an old gal from NY City moved here recently and was disgusted because she joined the origami class and she said all that people wanted to do was sit around and fold paper, even the men!!!! The display is amply loaded with real pennies to help along the experiment!! Her first communion is July 31 in Mexico City which I will try to attend. Over 200 people are invited!!!

I do, do hope things are looking better for you and Lil - I know you cannot continue pushing the JFK envelop as you have during the past. A Minnesota girl who attends the Dallas conferences, used my PATPOT (People and The Pursuit of Truth) material for a recent presentation on MLK at COPA in Washington, D.C.

Those were strange times - hardly fertile ground for lone nuts, however!!

My very best to you and Lil. My thoughts and prayers are with you!! Please be aware of that!!!

Best,

Paul H.

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The thesis of  
this science project  
is making dull pennies  
shine!! Ambitious  
enough for a 7-year-  
old!!!

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# Live by the Sword

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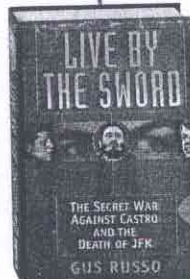


Gus Russo's book is one of the best accounts ever written of the killing of JFK—astonishing in what it claims, responsible in what it disproves. Russo, a veteran journalist, has investigated the Kennedy slaying for two decades. His pursuit of the facts has impressed colleagues such as Dan Rather, who calls him "among the most knowledgeable and respected critics" of the Warren Report.

Fidel Castro knew of Lee Harvey Oswald's plan to murder JFK and may have even assisted him—that's the headline argument in this book. In Russo's view, the Kennedys' secret war against Castro, which included the Bay of Pigs fiasco and numerous assassination plots, tragically backfired on that day in Dallas. Russo cites never-before-seen documents and his own exhaustive interviews with key players in support of his theory. He then examines the cover-up that followed in order to pro-

tect the CIA's covert operations, many of which had been overseen by RFK, who firmly believed the Cubans had a hand in his brother's death and felt guilty about his involvement.

Russo also provides new and persuasive proof that there were no shooters on the infamous grassy knoll, and that Jack Ruby acted alone out of misguided patriotism. To some, Russo will seem like just another conspiracy buff. He's not. Gerald Posner, author of *Case Closed*, calls this "a thought-provoking book.... Filled with new pieces of evidence and new-found witnesses.... [It] throws a bright spotlight on the politics that swirled around the murder of John Kennedy." 617 pages, black-and-white photographs and illustrations.



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