

"Well, it's all over now."

What Really Happened To John Kennedy?



Foreword

Who killed JFK? The question kept coming back. It will be fifteen years this coming November. We have heard the story of 'the boy who cried "wolf".' I have (in recent years) discovered a collection of people who were "crying wolf." They had information, pictures, and a film...and I joined them. It is to these people that this article is dedicated.

The Friends of John Kennedy will meet in Dealey Plaza (the site of the assassination)..Elm and Houston Streets, downtown Dallas, Texas at 12:30 P.M., November 22, 1978. Please join us here or those in commemoration at the same time in Arlington National Cemetary, Arlington, Virginia.

To Harold Weisberg
- Feb 1979 -

Cross out 1978 and put a "9",
We'll be there again this year.

*"Let the word go forth from this time and place
to friend and foe alike that the torch has been passed
to a new generation of Americans."*

— John F. Kennedy
January 20, 1961

Part I

A Murder

I'll never forget that day.

Mom had left early that morning. Her church group would be at the Trade Mart to help with the activities in preparation for the VIP arrivals. With a note from home, students could leave school to go downtown and see the presidential parade. So, I forged one.

I wasn't familiar with the Dealey Plaza area at the time, nor were two of my senior year classmates who furnished the transportation. We managed to command an excellent Main Street view from the second story cafeteria in the H.L. Green building, about eight blocks from the historical Dealey site.

I remember huddles of grade schoolers with dime store flags in hand. There were some guys handing out circulars. On the handbill was a picture of the president and under the picture were the words "Wanted for Treason." I threw my copy on the curb to be trampled underfoot with scores of others.

The disturbing thought of the handbills was soon obliterated by an increasing wave of sirens and cheering. The motorcade, the president smiling and waving, Mrs. Kennedy to his side with a bouquet of roses. As their limosine passed through the surging crowd, they seemed definitely impressed by the unexpectedly large and jubilant congregation.

We had left downtown and were nearly back to the White Rock area of Dallas, where we lived and went to school, when the news broke. I immediately thought that the people who produced the handbills shot President Kennedy. Then, soon after, the police had arrested a man.

I now know what really happened to the last realistically elected leader of our country. There may be little that can be done about it, but we *must* take that "torch" before it flickers out.

On occasion I have discussed the assassination with those older than I. More than one has told me; "Hell, I didn't even vote for Jack Kennedy, but he was my president too." Those younger vaguely remember him, but most consider him a brave and heroic man. He was *our president*.

Several people have theories regarding the murder in Dallas. An opportunity was *deliberately* denied the American people to find out what really

happened to him and this is no "theory."

The tragic murder of President Kennedy was not only the crime of the century, but of American and modern world history. The dire consequences of this event (as we shall see) affects us in our very lifetime. As is stated in the Warren Report, it was; "...a crime against mankind."

Because it remains dubiously unsolved to this very moment, a well known magazine publisher has offered one million dollars for the solution to the assassination of President Kennedy. This is very generous. However, for every million for the answers, there is ten to keep us from finding them.

I can't "solve" the case, but I can explain with complete certainty why the solution has never eventuated. I felt compelled to formulate an article for the benefit of those who care, are interested, and are determined to learn the truth, but haven't yet been properly inducted or lacked the resources and information to indicate the seriousness of this enigma. We owe it to our country, our dead president of fifteen years, his dead brother of ten (who I saw murdered on television!), and ourselves to stop entrusting the answers to our questions with the authority and their establishment prospectus and look for them *ourselves!* A selection of materials is listed in Part 3 — A guide to the truth toward the end of this article.

Our late president in invocation said; "..the torch has been passed.." We must try!! *We* are the "new generation" he so very much believed in.

What qualifies me who is neither a journalist, lawyer, nor detective by profession to research and epitomize the assassination of President Kennedy? The murder of Robert Kennedy in 1968 hit me hard. Every damn time a promising leader has stepped up to do something for the little guy, they have been unmercifully squashed. Their being shot in the head evidently did something to mine. I consider myself an increasingly concerned citizen. America was alarmingly stabbed in the back on those fateful days in Dallas and Los Angeles. I have seen since then the degeneration of American patriotism.

Any student of research into Kennedy's murder knows that to explain it, we must first establish motive, method, and opportunity. Like any criminal case, we use the science of logic and deduction. For fifteen years we have been bombarded with lies, speculation, rumors, theories, innuendo, hints and insinuations. There is something between the lines of every report and something is certainly amiss with the official one.

There are disputes among those involved in the inquiry...details that harass the investigation to no end. May 1976, Playboy's collection of critics put no less than a dozen gunmen in Dealey Plaza at 12:30 P.M., November 22, 1963. Some think the fatal shot came from a sewer at the foot of the grassy knoll...Some say the fence behind the knoll, others...the wall by the pergola. Personally, I have acquired enough pictures and information to confirm snipers at a couple of these locations. But we must agree, there was a team of killers and they framed, or as a consequence allowed Lee Oswald to be framed for their deed, and as obscure as the details appear, so let it stand

Opportunity rests with a president riding like a sitting duck through a city in an open car. This takes me back to my recollections of that day. My classmates and I commented beforehand about the possibility of an assassination. (Strangely enough I remember other comments about that possibility.) As we drove into the city, we looked at the surrounding buildings with hundreds of windows and wondered...What if someone had brought a rifle and was tucked away with a finger on the trigger? We recalled types of people like the handbill guys who mentioned that they "...hoped someone would shoot the S.O.B." "Nigger lovers" was an adverse blurb used to describe an entire Boston family. To strongly ally oneself with the catholic president brought a suspicious "maybe you're a communist too" look from these avid anti-Kennedy constituents. The "Wanted for Treason" handbills added emphasis to the..political mood.. it's called now. They were vaunt rednecks and I, as several who felt the same erratic vibrations of the presidential visit, didn't seriously think they would try to harm President Kennedy. This was before we realized that this "mood" had crept into the law enforcement agencies and the plushest business offices of our fair city. These same people or the heirs to their positions are conducive now to forget the day I won't.

This leaves us with method. Murder mechanics...experts..crack-shot professional hitmen complete with a communications squad were found eager to do ill to President Kennedy. Who pulled the trigger on the leader of my country? Needless to say I still want them found, or found out along with the individuals who employed them, and all of them exposed and/or prosecuted. Our list most probably contains a selection of hot headed Cuban refugees who, at the time, had friends and relatives in Castro's jails and who would have taken aim for an easy couple thousand plus expenses. Billionaire right-wing birchers, klanish oil barons and/or recluse tycoons with visions of demi-gods had this and more to spare. Money, obviously, was no problem in this caper.

Because the killing has remained an official blank..a whitewash..a nothing in terms of solution or logical explanation to the public, the only feasible/plausible conclusion can be that a serious brain trust masterminded this plot with the abilities to compromise everyone and I mean *everyone*.

1. The president of the United States to be...LBJ, was a Texan whose boss was literally executed in a main artery of his home state. Need one say more? Lyndon Johnson was the kind of man who would never concede going into history taking the highest office of this nation as the result of a coup d' e'tat. The thought must have sickened him because I saw the sickness on his face on a television set as Air Force One landed in Washington with a dead body and a new president. He was used and the usery killed the man before his time. President Johnson never knew who killed his predecessor, but he *wanted* it to be Oswald. If somebody wants to intelligently debate me on these points, I will accept the challenge. Mostly, because of this compromise, the following people inherited the "dirty laundry"...
2. The family of John Kennedy...these people were unduly compromised!

3. The Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court...Robert Anson put it well; Earl Warren never wanted to chair a cover-up commission. Sadly enough, he did anyway. Warren also died never knowing who killed Kennedy, but he knew who didn't. I'm compelled to call to mind another Dallas sight in 1963.. "Impeach Earl Warren" bumper stickers. They must have gone the way of the "Wanted for Treason" handbills.
4. The distinguished members of the President's Commission (I mentioned their chairman.)...The sole duty of the Commission was to sign the papers presented them by their staff. Examine who signed and who didn't want to. While you're at it, examine the staff and find out where they're at presently.
5. The law enforcement and intelligence agencies of the United States Government...The more information that poured in after that November's Good Friday in Dallas, the more pronounced the warts and blemishes became on the faces of our directors.
6. The intelligence agencies of the Soviet Union and executives of the Kremlin...I will indulge some food for thought later in this article. Kennedy's slaying must have been quite a lump for Mr. Krushchev to swallow. What ever happened to him? He was expelled. I never really heard why. We never will.
7. The chief of police of Dallas...I will offer Jesse Curry one hundred dollars to answer correctly a list of questions I have prepared for him.
8. The sheriff of Dallas County...Sheriff Decker died in office. Research and consider the case of Deputy Sheriff Roger Craig. A suicide (reportedly) of recent years. This man was spurned from the department because he saw something he wasn't supposed to and refused to change his story. A bizarre episode in the soap opera involving the investigation of Kennedy's death.
9. The Governor of Texas...John Connally once insisted that he was hit by a separate bullet but still endorses the official report. A separate bullet means a separate shot, which means a separate gun, which means a separate gunman, which means a conspiracy! This is like saying penance while strangling the priest! No absolution for Governor Connally.
10. Marina Oswald...Marina had two choices. She could go back to Russia and face the music or she could stay here as long as she wanted..but only as long as she would cooperate.
11. Jack Ruby...I have read a lot of myths trying to connect Ruby with Oswald. If he didn't know the man, why did he shoot him? Something evidently did not go Mr. Ruby's way. The real answer is one of the paramount mysteries of the case.
12. The citizens of Dallas...The embarrassment was horrible. If the case is to be cracked, it can only be done in Dallas where it happened. Secrets and many answers still remain in Dallas. —
Everyone else critically involved in this case for the last fifteen years has been systematically compromised..conveniently committed suicide..or had an accident.

Who can abuse people like this? If we are truly a quasi-manipulated society as I must regretfully imply, could it be our own fault because we're not only misinformed but continue to remain uninformed? Do we want to or are we afraid to know things? Perhaps our frustrations have programmed us to just not think about it. The psychology of our media seems to salve us and baby us..Is 1984 knocking at our door?

The Motive

I have evaluated many of the proposed grounds for the elimination of President John Kennedy: His civil rights program and the conflicting interests of the bigot radicals...the difference of opinion between the president and the military hierarchy (very much in contrast to the Eisenhower years)... the letdown of those concerned with the Bay of Pigs failure...the disapproval of big business concerning JFK's economic outlook...his vindictive effort to control union corruption and organized crime. There are other areas of more or less noteworthy suspicion. Many of them housed reprobable attitudes toward the Kennedy administration. Within these regions we would find the peel, the meat, and the core of a murder. We would certainly find persons of the lowest sort capable of committing it. Let's look further and see if we can find the seed ...that damned almighty "brain trust."

President Kennedy had a paramount desire to halt a general policy of world relations since the end of World War Two...the status quo of the cold war. It could be many years before the true impact of his death is fully known in general. This needs to be speeded up. Now! The investigation will be opened to the public shortly...toward the end of this year. If we do not put our nickle in soon, we may never have another chance.

We were lied to repeatedly, by the media, concerning the president's objectives in 1963 and then most blatantly after his death...the decisions concerning Cuba...the negotiations with Krushchev on limited arms...the support and renewed interest in the United Nations in lieu of clandestine operations... military withdrawal from Southeast Asia. What was Kennedy's problem? A little too over-cautious? There were proposals aimed at world peace...the Kennedy way. Someone did not agree.

I have heard theories about motive to JFK's death that have ranged to perhaps a jealous wife...and Ari Onassis contracted the job. To a true detective, I guess this remains a possibility, but all evidence so far points to the alteration of world politics...which in fact it very much did.

Review our history regarding foreign affairs since 1963. The shots have been called by the big business and military/intelligence cortege. The idea of changing policy at the polls has degenerated into a mockery and at critical times has been decided by bullets.

Kennedy was the kind of leader I wish we had now...a genuine person. I don't expect total agreement on that, but I may have agreement with this...it is this entire planet who has suffered from the likes of his opposition...after all *they* were cold blooded killers.

"Behold, I send my messenger before thy face who shall prepare thy way...the voice of one crying in the wilderness."

Jack Kennedy just didn't have the confidence he needed.

What happens when a war ends?

After a gang fight with motorcycle chains...after a tournament between chess masters...after a heavyweight championship bout or a super bowl...after the war with Japan in the Pacific and other such struggles with a purpose or goal, everyone simply quits fighting and pursues their livelihood...their other interests in life.

Even a street thug must have other interests or capabilities. Many athletes before retirement proceed to businesses of various classification. Don't grand-masters have pursuits other than playing chess? But what has happened to those whose sole livelihood is war or in the general sense, conflict on this planet?

President Kennedy wanted to take these struggling fools "...tear them in a thousand pieces and cast them to the wind..."—his very words to Attorney General Robert Kennedy regarding reorganization of the CIA. Unfortunately, John Kennedy was an idealist and there was no room for him in someone else's view of the "real world." This cost him his life and subsequently the lives of his brother and well over a hundred others who were just involved with the John Kennedy case (the cover-up killings...the micro-assassinations). I wonder if this is how I will go...snuffed by some militant asshole.

Who are we talking about? Who are these cold war grandmasters? The CIA and their counterparts the KGB? They are merely agencies. Who pulls the strings? Who makes the decisions? What is the agency within the agency? Victor Marchetti, in his book "The CIA and the Cult of Intelligence," asserts that the CIA is not a renegade, out of control agency. I believe him. The CIA has been very well under control.

Regarding having complete executive control; we found out President Kennedy didn't...it was apparently too awesome for President Johnson..President Nixon was suggestively very curious why he couldn't grip the reins when he really needed to. Richard Nixon and his family (also compromised) remain threatened. The blackmailing has been vicious. (It is needless to dwell on the disappointments of the early years of this decade. There is more to gain by dredging the truths of the early years of the *last* decade.) President Ford was willing to avoid the demise of his predecessors. President Carter promised an open government void of secrecy. The secrecy regretfully continues. More disturbing, through our congress, who approved Carter's appointments even though they seem completely opposite of what he promised, we the American people, give the world power syndicate everything they want.

A shutdown of all the various cold war operations whatever they have been ..U-2s...Cuba..Indonesia..Viet Nam..Pakistan..Cambodia..Angola..Chile..what was that nuclear satellite found earlier this year all about? All of this would have meant the livelihood of the too many but so few.

I strongly suggest that there remains a cabal within the class of the very rich and/or powerful. They occupy key positions in our world society.. but they are renegade to ideals..solutions for human rights (why should they care?)..proper leadership (can lead to problems)...organizations stronger than

their own (so, Dr. Martin Luther King had to go too...another great American leader, patriot and hero went down the drain while we watched and stared).. and to the constitution (each day a valuable charter slips into darkness). They are traitors to mankind. Who are they? Who do you expect the "Mob" to be? They could be a college professor at Harvard...the University of Moscow. They could be oil executives..high ranking officers in the Soviet Union..the Pentagon..Europe..heirs to the fame of prominent billionaire families. Their queens? The men they put in office. Their bishops? The executives of the media. Their rooks? The cream of the Mafia kingpins. Their pawns? Operatives, agents working for the company. They work together.. They affiliate with their own interests and satisfy their own needs and desires to run things and manipulate people. A tightly knit syndicate with all possible connections. Does it exist? Sure it does. The "cold war" of survival...with varying degrees of crookedness throughout. The evolvement of the power game which was spawned in the last world war definitely spun a vicious web. Who wouldn't have their own "company" if they could afford it? This "brain trust" was called (by another researcher)..the Illuminati.

The common feeding ground for the international spy agencies..the rich monopolists..the syndicate, and the radical fringe of weird-wingers in 1963 was the tiny island country of Cuba. Even Jack Ruby entertained visions of managing an Havana casino/nightclub extraordinaire. It was within this sphere of operations that a plot was hatched to assassinate the president of the United States.

I encourage you to explore further these events. We must try. Our country is no stronger than the people willing to defend it. Which thought is more disturbing..Who killed JFK?..or..Why is the truth still being squashed? A Watergate burglary received full focus..the murders of our beloved leaders remain obscured. The How? When? and Where?..surely homegrown. But the Why?...the whys blow with the wind about the earth..as we stand silently.

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

— Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Summary

Whoever was behind the attempt to humiliate Jack Kennedy in the "Bay of Pigs" affair...contracted (after the intended disgrace was foiled cleverly by the Kennedy family) the "only" alternative to put JFK out of office for good. Was JFK "betrayed in the Bay of Pigs" as did write ex-CIA/Pentagon officer L. Fletcher Prouty? My God! I didn't know that. Why didn't President Kennedy do something? What could he do? This may prove that the Bay of Pigs was a complete ruse to make President Kennedy the target of the frustrations that would follow. The mob is not slack in their cleverness..they are the stringpullers..the grandmasters of power.

To those who have read this far and thought..what if this is just another wild speculation to add to the list?...I must counter..what if I'm right?

Pay, as you research, particular attention to Mr. George de Mohrenschildt. He is dead now too. (another "suicide") This man will never again be called on the carpet to reveal just who he really was, (This is typical of the investigation's woes...everyone is dying of body or spirit.) I suggest very strongly that Mr. de Mohrenschildt was deeply involved with the assassination of President Kennedy. He simply had too much in common with everything. I have read every article and book I can lay my hands on (along with some snooping on my own). I have absorbed most of the benefit of hundreds of man years of work on this project. Mr. de Mohrenschildt most certainly was liaison for the Brain Trust..shuttling to and fro..the clients?..arch-conservative, fat cats..Cosa Nostra contacts..his old Soviet buddies..some oddballs in Langley.. some retired colonel and brigadier general clowns..and last but not least his star pupil..Lee Oswald. Was de Mohrenschildt in the CIA? KGB? Both? One of the too many but so few..I conclude. Let's play war for fun and profit. A master vying for grandmaster..But in the end...just an expendable knight.

Regarding involvement with the Soviets in Kennedy's murder..all the old clues can show their true color. This is the syndicate..not the Star Spangled Banner..or revolutionary new tactics to bury capitalism. Everybody wants the good life. Consider the facility with which Oswald left the Soviet Union with his Russian wife (an orphaned niece of a Soviet official). This does not happen every day. Most certainly, Soviet intelligence was advised of the anti-Kennedy sentiment in this country..and in the areas where it was coming to a boil. In fact, the Soviets knew and still know more about what is going on than our own American people. Information on Lee Oswald had been gathered and relayed from the Soviet Union by someone..perhaps someone who knew that LHO was shuttling an operations number for de M. and he was to be left alone. Who would be the best choice for patsy in this operation.....an operative? Mr. Oswald's rating was four star.

In the Soviet Union, the official story remains, as it did *immediately* after the shots in Dealey Plaza were fired..that President Kennedy was killed by a right-wing radical and that he acted alone.

In the United States, the official story remains, as it did *immediately* after the shots in Dealey Plaza were fired..that President Kennedy was killed by a communist and that he acted alone.
Now doesn't that make you wonder?

"What knowledge have we gained
from all this information?"
T.S. Elliot

Part III

A Guide To The Truth

For more information regarding the murder of your last realistically elected president, consult..and read between the lines...the twenty-six volumes of testimony and exhibits of the President's Commission to Investigate the Assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

If you can't find these materials...(hard to do)..obtain the Warren Report ..a one volume summary of the above plus a selection of the following publications:

In "Accessories After the Fact," Sylvia Meagher nails the official story to the cross. This is the researchers 'bible'..a most important book. There have been some 'new' revelations since Sylvia wrote this book (over ten years ago). Take the case of Wesley Buell Frazier whom she and everyone else had presumed told the truth concerning the "curtain rod" story. This was a fabrication, as was all "evidence" against Lee Oswald!

"Cover-Up" by J. Gary Shaw and Larry Harris contains a well rounded analysis of the red, white and blue fraud that we were forced to swallow. The photographic evidence contained within proves invaluable.

"Forgive My Grief"..Since the moment it happened, Penn Jones, Jr. has given his full focus to finding the murderers of his president. This kindly East Texas journalist has been my inspiration.

"They've Killed the President"...Robert Sam Anson gives an accurate in depth (one of the only) account of that day in history.

Some very interesting research was done by George O'Toole in "The Assassination Tapes."

"JFK: The Case for Conspiracy"...important accounts and invaluable Robert Groden photographs. A copy of the film of the assassination made by Abraham Zapruder will be most helpful. We have Mr. Groden to thank for obtaining it from the vaults after all these years. His "blow-up" copy is earth-shaking.

In "Counterplot," Edward Jay Epstein blasted Jim Garrison's New Orleans investigation. Epstein, (without intending to), in "Legend: The Secret World of Lee Harvey Oswald"..actually lends support to Mr. Garrison's most blatant claim those many years ago..that Oswald had been recruited as an intelligence agent. Remarkably....Mr. Epstein still insists that Oswald was the assassin.. Such a gross inaccuracy for so gifted a journalist!

"Executive Action," a Mark Lane co-authored book.."The Fifth Estate" (one of the best stories I have ever read) by Robin Moore author of "The French Connection" and Jim Garrison's "The Star Spangled Contract" may enhance your outlook about matters within our government...closer to fact than fiction may be contained within.

"The CIA and the Cult of Intelligence" by Victor Marchetti and John Marks and "1984" by George Orwell will provide some in depth thoughts.

I am concerned. I advocate neither communism nor the bureaucracy which presently plagues us...I am a citizen who suppliantly petitions my fellow citizens the order of our Creator...the rights of human beings.

The crises of the Kennedy murders...the killing of Dr. Martin King..the "removal" of Governor Wallace from candidacy for the presidency...the black-mailing of Richard Nixon...the Watergate setup...Years of lost life and money fighting needless wars and fighting among ourselves...and then a flip of a coin for the 1976 executive administration..remain a "thorn in the side" to the progress of our country.

Once again.."we must try!"..what can we do?...continue to live and love as Christ taught us. Jesus never lied. Also read..at your leisure...for answers to our dilemma..."The Holy Gospel."

Karl Gene Hilliard

The Friends of John Kennedy Committee

Epilogue

A lawyer I met here in Dallas told me an obliging and interesting narrative as our conversation drifted to the subject of the assassination of President Kennedy. This lawyer has represented (in police matters) Mr. M.N. McDonald who happens to be the arresting officer of record of Lee Harvey Oswald on November 22, 1963. Officer McDonald was more than happy to reminisce to this lawyer the never to be forgotten role that he played in the events of that day. Thus follows the lawyer's version of McDonald's recollection;..as McDonald was about to apprehend the suspect, Oswald drew a gun and exclaimed "well, it's all over now." McDonald grabbed the man and struggled with him..Reaching up to take the gun away, McDonald experienced what he described as the most beautiful feeling of pain he'll ever remember.. the hammer of the pistol pointed directly at him had released and struck the web of flesh between his thumb and forefinger causing the weapon to fail a discharge.

A damn good story..but I checked it..and found it well doctored since McDonald's blown up accounts in the newspapers and in the Commission's Report. According to the Dallas Morning News, November 24, 1963, McDonald's tale is as follows:

"..someone tipped me that the man I wanted was sitting on the third row from the rear." (come on McDonald! Who was that "someone who tipped you?)"
"I was crouching low and holding my gun. In case of trouble, I wanted to be ready for it..I walked up the aisle where Oswald was..when he suddenly stood up and said 'well, it's all over now'..I saw him going for his gun...I grabbed him around his waist..I was pulling the gun toward me when I heard the hammer click..I (had later) checked the shell out..*the primer was dented*..I'm sure glad that shell didn't fire."

Can we imagine anyone pulling a gun on a cop with his drawn? Maybe? Then can we imagine a cop who was "ready for trouble" doing something so friendly as grabbing an assailant around the waist? A suspected killer of a police officer would surely have been blown away right then and there in the Texas Theater.

According to testimony in the Warren Report and the Commission's findings.. none of the other arresting officers (there were a few others) heard Oswald say "it's all over now"..the click of a pistol..or saw a dent in any of the bullets taken from the prisoner. Hence a new story..(sick)..but satisfying the official one. I heard an off the record account (probably the accurate one)..that Oswald had punched McDonald out..and that this patrolman was on his ass when the other officers made the arrest.

Later in police interrogation, Oswald admitted ownership of the pistol.. (a standard Smith and Wesson snubnose .38). He denied, however, pulling it on any police officer. He was asked by Captain Will Fritz why he was carrying

the pistol. Probably Mr. Oswald did not desire to reveal that he was a counter-intelligence agent, involved in Cuban operations..(blowing one's cover) ..and that Oak Cliff was a "red flag" area and that he was under caution from his control. He was to sit tight. Someone would come bail him out of this mess...someone.

"Love those who seek the
truth!... but beware of
those who say they have
found it!"
Marcel Faust