

For Hugh McDonald, the Answer Is 'Yes'

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WHILE A LOT of people are still asking questions about Kennedy's as-



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sassination, along comes Hugh C. McDonald.
McDonald says he tracked down, met and talked with Kennedy's killer. He says the assassin was a "mercenary and a pro" who pulled off the murder for some group which might have been "a rogue element of the CIA."
Further, he says that "Saul" the name he has given the hit man, confessed his role to him in a London hotel room in 1972.
But McDonald, 62 and a former chief of detectives for the Los Angeles County sheriff's office, didn't take this information to an official government body "because it would have been classified and buried," he said in a recent Bulletin interview.
Instead he wrote a book, "Appoint-

ment in Dallas: the Final Solutions to the Assassination of JFK."
In the book he gives Saul's story—the confession, McDonald says, of the man who shot Kennedy and within two hours after the shooting was out of the country.
McDonald, who told The Bulletin he had worked for the CIA "on assignment for \$100 a day," said he first met Saul in CIA headquarters in Washington, following the Bay of Pigs invasion.
He said the second meeting, in the London hotel room, took place after a three-year search in 10 countries.
"It's a difficult story to believe," he admitted. But because he believed Saul, he said, "the truth of Saul's story has to come out," and that's why he wrote the book.

"Taking it to the CIA," he said, "would be like carrying coals to Newcastle. I think the CIA is involved either officially or through a rogue element. I would lean toward some sort of runaway situation within the agency. . . I would hope that's what it is."
McDonald says he believes the U.S. has "trained people to be involved in assassinations" but he doesn't condemn it "because of the world we live in."
He suggests that although the U.S. might "set up" assassinations, it would hire foreign killers.
"The first time I met Saul I was sure he was in that capacity. . . working only on assignment with the CIA," McDonald said.

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