

Evidence of Conspiracy in Murder

THE SPOTLIGHT

OVERVIEW

AN IN-DEPTH LOOK AT: JFK, 25 YEARS LATER

EXCLUSIVE TO THE SPOTLIGHT

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Since its inception in 1975, The SPOTLIGHT turned down many stories relating to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy in Dallas on November 22, 1963. In the opinion of The SPOTLIGHT's senior editors, the evidence in the stories this newspaper rejected (and in the stories published and broadcast by the Establishment media) was purely circumstantial.

Our readers, the editors felt, deserved something better than a "cooked up" account that hinged on unproved and unprovable circumstances.

But, because of a court case brought against The SPOTLIGHT by Watergate burglar E. Howard Hunt, this newspaper developed hard evidence relating to the murder which had never before been publicly aired.

In 1985, this newspaper published a series of stories outlining that evidence—naming names, dates and places.

That series led to the publication of "JFK: The Mystery Unraveled." Chapter by chapter, the editors of The SPOTLIGHT detail for you the circumstances and people involved in what has become the greatest cover-up in the history of the United States.

• **First Hard Evidence.** What began as a defense against a charge of libel by E. Howard Hunt leveled against The SPOTLIGHT and its publisher, Liberty Lobby, became the beginning of an investigation into the assassination of JFK. Evidence developed included a sworn deposition by Marita Lorenz, a CIA operative, who traveled to Dallas prior to the assassination where she met Hunt.

• **Oswald Had "Connections."** Who was Lee Harvey Oswald? Few believe the Warren Commission allegation that he was the "lone assassin" of Kennedy. Increasingly, the commission's characterization of Oswald as a drifter and a man with "no connections" is losing its credibility.

Could Oswald have been an intelligence operative? Marita Lorenz named Oswald as one of the people involved in the CIA's "Operation 40."

In a deposition read into the record of the E. Howard Hunt libel trial against The SPOTLIGHT and Liberty Lobby, Miss Lorenz identified Oswald as one of the people in a caravan from Miami to Dallas in 1963, just prior to JFK's assassination.

Does a man allegedly identified by the U.S. intelligence community as a friend of Cuba's Fidel Castro ride in a caravan with CIA operatives?

• **Caravan Story Confirmed.** A second witness, a man who once befriended Lee Harvey Oswald at a CIA training center in 1963, confirmed the testimony about

a two-car caravan carrying guns and ammunition that traveled from Miami to Dallas just prior to the assassination.

In July of 1977, "Newsreal" magazine (now defunct) devoted its entire issue to the JFK assassination. The issue was written by co-publisher Tom Lutz. His prime source was a CIA operative. "That man" (who must remain unidentified) told two investigators from the House Assassinations Committee about the Miami-to-Dallas caravan.

This was years before the Hunt trial in which Miss Lorenz testified to the same incident. Lutz was present when the operative told the story to the investigators.

The "Newsreal" investigations concluded what the "E. Howard Hunt vs The SPOTLIGHT" trial had confirmed, that government agencies—CIA, FBI, Secret Service and perhaps others—were probably involved in the assassination and the cover-up.

• **More Than One "Oswald"?** Could there have been more than one "Lee Harvey Oswald"? J. Edgar Hoover thought so. He noted the possibility years before the assassination.

On February 23, 1975, the New York "Times" reported that on June 3, 1960, Hoover had warned the State Department that there was "a possibility that an impostor is using Oswald's birth certificate" in the Soviet Union. Subsequently, the State Department circulated Hoover's warning in two interdepartmental memos—one on June 10, 1960 and the other on March 31, 1961.

Former Warren Commission lawyer David Slawson said: "The interposition of an impostor, if that happened, is a political act."

He also said that he thought the CIA and FBI may have been involved in suppressing the Hoover memo.

Richard A. Frank, who was the State Department's liaison to the FBI during the investigation, said: "When the Oswald file suddenly became the object of the most intensive research and review, Mr. Hoover and his friends in the security operation at State simply made it disappear."

Significantly, a cover photo purportedly of Oswald, published by "Life" magazine on February 21, 1964, has been called a composite by experts. Oswald himself said that a picture of his face had been superimposed on the rest of the picture. Hours later, he was shot by Jack Ruby.

• **Agencies Don't "Lose" Operatives.** If "Lee Harvey Oswald" was part of a two-car CIA-caravan taking guns from Miami, Florida to Dallas, arriving in Texas the day before JFK was shot, who was the "Lee Harvey Oswald" reported by the FBI to be already in Dallas? Obviously, a person cannot be in two places at once.

Oswald—the man killed by his known associate, Jack Ruby, in the basement of the Dallas police headquarters only days after he was arrested and charged with JFK's assassination—has been independently identified by two CIA operatives as

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Watergate burglar E. Howard Hunt and his wife Laura are pictured in Miami during the trial that pitted Hunt against this newspaper and its publisher.

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Evidence Shows Heavy CIA

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the same Lee Harvey Oswald associated with the CIA's "Operation 40."

Members of Operation 40 trained in the Florida Everglades, in several friendly Latin American countries and in Miami for overt and covert intelligence missions. At least one objective of Operation 40 was the assassination of Castro.

The CIA doesn't train people to kill and then lose track of them—particularly while an operation is viable. Operation 40 was viable in November of 1963.

With this in mind we have two choices:

1) The man identified as Lee Harvey Oswald who visited the Cuban and Soviet embassies in Mexico shortly before the assassination of JFK was not the Lee Harvey Oswald who was a CIA operative and who was killed by Jack Ruby; or

2) CIA agent Lee Harvey Oswald visited the embassies in Mexico, then traveled to Dallas, arriving well before the Lee Harvey Oswald who traveled with the CIA caravan.

But whichever way you slice it, there are too many Lee Harvey Oswalds.

• Hunt a Disinformation Specialist. E. Howard Hunt's adult life is laced with lies (sometimes called fiction, sometimes called propaganda, sometimes called disinformation and sometimes called perjury).

Perjury is a felony, and Hunt went to prison for lying under oath about his role in Watergate.

Hunt, active in the CIA from 1949 until at least 1970, has been named as a paymaster in the secret Miami-to-Dallas operation. During his tenure with the agency, others have testified under oath, he was a key figure in "Operation 40."

A deposition given by Hunt during the libel trial (won by The SPOTLIGHT) raises more questions than it answers about the CIA's role in clandestine operations that have been connected with Castro, JFK and a man named Lee Harvey Oswald.

• Rebel Spooks. On August 14, 1978, The SPOTLIGHT published an article authored by Victor Marchetti, former assistant to the deputy director of the CIA. That article concerned an internal CIA memo that said, in effect, "How will we explain E. Howard Hunt's presence in Dallas at the time when President John F. Kennedy was killed?"

The story led to the libel suit by Hunt against The SPOTLIGHT and Liberty Lobby.

In a later interview for the radio program, "Spotlight on the News," Marchetti answered a number of questions about his original article and his opinions on the JFK assassination.

Marchetti's article did not say that Hunt had murdered JFK. It did say that the CIA was "worried about what would come out during an investigation."

Marchetti said that he did not feel the CIA *per se* was responsible for the president's murder. He said, however, "I feel certain renegades in the agency, perhaps some who were already retired, were involved in a conspiracy to kill the president."

The difference, he said, is that the CIA, as an institution, had no reason to want to assassinate President Kennedy. "He was their kind of president," Marchetti said.

• Assassination Photographs

Switched. Did "Life" magazine participate in the Kennedy assassination cover-up? (See related story.) Who had the power to order a photo switch in the midst of a press run?

"Life's" issue of October 2, 1964 has a series of photos of the assassination. The cover of the magazine produced for newsstand sales and for home delivery is the same except for the cost (35 cents and 25 cents). But turn to the inside, and there is a difference—a very significant difference.

Both issues of the magazine (home and newsstand; same date) contain four frames from a movie cameras labeled frames 3, 4, 5 and 6 respectively. In one issue of the magazine, frame No. 6 shows blood and brain matter being blown from the back of President Kennedy's head and a person in the upper left of the photo.

Frame 6 in the other issue has neither of these. It's a completely different picture, proving photos were switched during the press run.

Those persons familiar with publishing know that such a switch cannot be a mistake. Someone important must make the decision to stop the presses and replate—i.e., make a new printing plate—then continue the press run.

In addition to this, "Life" lied about it, claiming in a letter to a person who inquired that no switch was made. This is documented in "JFK: The Mystery Unraveled," in which articles that have appeared in this newspaper are reprinted.

To charge as does columnist Jack Anderson, that "the Mafia killed JFK is to say that the Mafia controls Life."

Someone deliberately changed the photos and the order to stop "Life's" presses had to come from the very top.

• "Fairy Tales." Everyone who has followed the various investigations of the assassination of JFK is aware of the attempts of New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison to prove a conspiracy. Garrison was unsuccessful, and his efforts were downplayed and ridiculed by the Establishment media.

In a nationally broadcast press conference, Garrison said, in part:

Tonight I am going to talk to you about truths and about fairy tales; about justice and about injustice.

In the months to follow you are going to learn that many of the things which some of the major news agencies have been telling you are untrue.

You are going to learn that although you are citizens of the United States, information concerning the cause of the death of your president has been withheld from you.

In the months to come you will learn to your own satisfaction that President Kennedy was not killed by a lone assassin. You will learn that there has been and continues to be a concerted effort to keep you from learning these facts. And you will learn, I assure you, that what I have been trying to tell you and what I am telling you tonight is true.

As children we become accustomed to hearing fairy tales. They are always pleasant stories and they are comforting to hear because good always triumphs over evil. At least this is the way it is in fairy tales.

Garrison went on to explain how stories about Lee Harvey Oswald as presented by the Establishment media, and the Warren Commission could not be true because of evidence he had developed. He showed, among other things, how a bullet could not



Lee Harvey Oswald (center) is conveniently murdered by Jack Ruby (right, back to camera), making it impossible for Oswald to testify in court.

have done what the Warren Commission said it did—i.e., kill the president and wound then-Gov. John Connally—and remain virtually intact.

He said: "I want to assure you that, as long as I am alive, no one is going to stop me from seeing that you obtain the full truth, nothing less than the full truth—and no fairy tales."

• "Flattering" But Impossible. When the Warren Commission announced that the Mannlicher-Carcano rifle allegedly fired by Lee Harvey Oswald was the one and only gun responsible for JFK's murder, it lied. The rifle said to have been the murder weapon could not possibly have performed as the Warren Commission said it did.

Who would understand the capabilities of the Mannlicher-Carcano better than anyone? How about the director-general of the company that manufactures the rifle?

Interviewed following the assassination, he told two reporters that the Mannlicher-Carcano identified as the murder weapon (the rifle manufactured by his company) could not perform in the manner described in American newspapers.

"It was certainly most flattering," said the arms manufacturing official about the reports of his company's rifle's performance. "But as a matter of record," he said "the time lapse between two consecutive shots fired by the Mannlicher-Carcano rifle (which was used by more than 6 million Italian soldiers in two world wars) was always more than 2.3 seconds."

(Parenthetically, the two shots being discussed were the second and third shots of the Warren Commission report. These were the first two shots recorded on the Zapruder film.)

With that statement, the Mannlicher-Carcano official made liars of the members of the Warren Commission, who had Lee Harvey Oswald firing two of the three shots he is alleged to have fired in 1.2 seconds.

There was no mention of this interview in the American Establishment media.

• Kennedy's brain "disappears." Is Dr. Frankenstein alive and well and working for the CIA? According to Mary Shelly, Frankenstein set out to find a brain for the famous fictional monster. But ap-

parently brain stealing isn't just a province of fiction writers.

In February of 1985, attorney Mark Lane was interviewed for the radio show "Spotlight on the News." In that interview he revealed a number of facts generally unknown by the American public.

Lane said that during the autopsy the president's brain was removed from his body and placed in a stainless steel container with Formalin. Formalin "sets" the brain so it can be sliced and examined.

The body was buried without the brain, Lane said. The brain remained in the National Archives, under lock and key, in a vault.

Later a test called a neutron activation analysis was performed. It's a most remarkable detective device, according to Lane. With this device, scientists took a hair from Napoleon's head in the mausoleum and could tell how much arsenic had been



Marita Lorenz is pictured with Frank Sturgis.

Involvement in Dallas Tragedy

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given to him to cause his death, over what period of time.

Physicians, forensic pathologists and others then said: "Apply this neutron activation analysis to President Kennedy's brain, and then we will resolve this question: Was he shot from the front, which was what the evidence showed, or from the back, which was what the Warren Commission, the FBI and other official sources held?"

When the forensic pathologists went to the National Archives to conduct this examination, the brain of John F. Kennedy had disappeared. To this day, no one knows where it is.

Lane went on to say: "The Warren Commission, appointed by President Lyndon Johnson, issued a false report. It knew it was a false report. There's no doubt in my mind that [former CIA director] Allan Dulles played a major part."

• **Deadly Connection.** Warning: Being associated (even tangentially) with the assassination of Kennedy could be hazardous to your health. In the years since the death of JFK, at least 29 people connected in some way with the shooting have themselves died—many of them under suspicious circumstances.

Lee Harvey Oswald was gunned down by Jack Ruby in a passageway beneath the Dallas police building. How Ruby gained access to the passageway remains a mystery.

Jack Ruby was sentenced to death for Oswald's murder. He later died—officially of cancer—while awaiting a new trial.

J.D. Tippit, a Dallas patrolman, died allegedly trying to arrest Oswald.

Dorothy Kilgallen was found dead on November 8, 1965. A nationally known syndicated columnist and television personality. She told her makeup man that she was going to "break the Kennedy assassination wide open within five days." Three days later she was

dead.

Sam "Momo" Giancana was murdered on June 19, 1975. Just days before he was to testify about his dealings with the CIA in the alleged plot to kill Castro, he was gunned down in his own kitchen.

Johnny Roselli was found dead—**from foul play**—on August 7, 1976. He was Giancana's closest friend and disappeared shortly after word leaked out he was scheduled to appear before the same committee.

Ervin "Evil" LeBaron was found dead on August 16, 1981, also the victim of foul play. An FBI memo linked LeBaron to the JFK killing.

Jack Zangetti was found murdered in December of 1963. The day before Oswald was shot, Zangetti told friends: "A man named Jack Ruby will kill Oswald tomorrow, and in a few days a member of the Frank Sinatra family will be kidnaped to take some of the attention away from the assassination."

On November 24, Oswald was killed. On December 8, Frank Sinatra Jr. was kidnaped. Two weeks later, Zangetti was found shot to death.

Betty Mooney MacDonald apparently "committed suicide" in February, 1964. A former stripper in Jack Ruby's nightclub in Dallas, she had been to a party attended by Oswald. She was arrested and later found hanging in her cell, dead.

Hank Killam was found dead on March 17, 1964. He was the husband of Wanda Killam, another stripper in Ruby's club. Killam was associated with John Carter, who lived in the same rooming house as Oswald.

Bill Hunter was killed in April, 1964. An award-winning newsman, Hunter had met with Ruby's attorney at Ruby's apartment only hours after Ruby shot Oswald.

Gary Underhill was found dead on May 8, 1964. A CIA agent, he told friends he knew who killed JFK.

Tom Howard died in March, 1965. Ruby's attorney, he met with newsman Bill Hunter. No autopsy was performed.

Rose Cherami, another stripper for Ruby, was killed on September 4, 1965. Two days before JFK was assassinated she told friends the president was going to be killed.

William Pitzer was found dead on October 29, 1966. A Navy man, Pitzer had photographed the military-performed Kennedy autopsy.

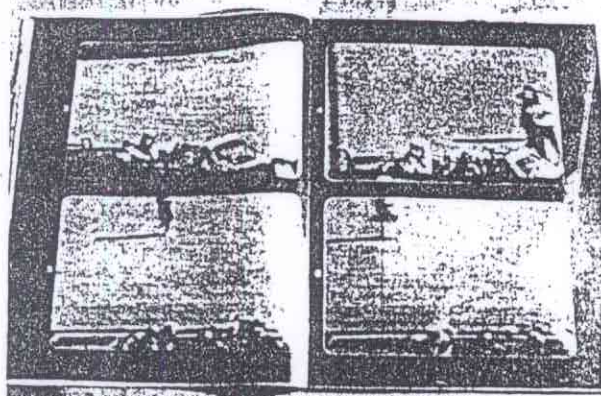
David Ferrie died on February 21, 1967. Ferrie was a CIA contract pilot who had flown into Cuba on secret missions. He was questioned by Garrison in the assassination investigation.

Eliadio Del Valle was murdered on February 21, 1967. He had flown on secret missions to Cuba with Ferrie.

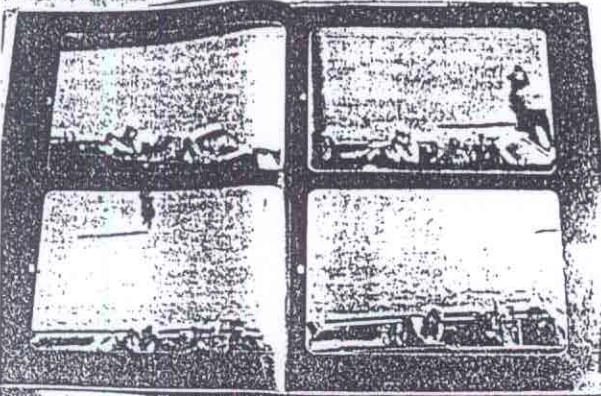
Dr. Mary Sherman was murdered in June, 1967. She was also a friend of Ferrie. She was shot to death.

Dr. Nicholas Chetta died in May, 1968. Chetta was the coroner who performed the autopsies on both Ferrie and Dr. Sherman.

Clyde Johnson was murdered in July, 1969. He had attended parties with Ferrie, Ruby and Oswald.



Examine these two photos carefully. The top photo shows two pages from "Life" magazine of October 2, 1964. So does the bottom photo—but with a big difference. Notice the photo marked "6." In one press run of "Life," photo No. 6 shows JFK's head exploding. But later that photo was replaced (bottom).



Joselyn A. Britter died on February 22, 1974. He had been secretly taped describing how JFK would be killed.

Clay Shaw died on August 15, 1974. He had been prosecuted by Garrison for involvement in a conspiracy to kill the president.

George de Mohrenschildt, who controlled Oswald's movements in Dallas for the CIA, apparently "committed suicide" on March 29, 1967 only hours after it was revealed he was to be called as a witness by the House Special Committee on Assassinations.

Carlos Prio Sycarras was another apparent "suicide." He was a one-time business associate of Ruby.

Jim Koethe died in October, 1964. Also a newspaperman, Koethe was with Hunter in Ruby's apartment.

Harold Russell, who witnessed the shooting of Tippit, was beaten to death by a policeman on July 23, 1965.

Earlene Roberts, Oswald's landlady, testified that a police car drove up in front of her house, honked the horn, then drove away, only hours after the assassination.

Jose Braulio Aleman was an anti-Castro Cuban millionaire. His fortunes took a turn for the worse when, in 1978, he testified about the alleged role of the Mafia and the CIA in the assassination plot. In July of 1963 he suddenly "went berserk" and shot himself.

• **Motives and Means.** When law enforcement personnel investigate a crime, they look for three things: motive, means (or opportunity) and alibi (or cover-up). Can the murderer of JFK be found by looking at these three elements?

Not motive. Anyone in the public eye has many enemies. Kennedy's enemies were no fewer than other presidents'.

Means was by gunshot. Again, it's difficult. (See COVER-UP, Page 14)



They are two of the key figures in the JFK investigation.