

■ Assassination Theory

In "Conspiracy," a book published yesterday, author Anthony Summers theorizes that Lee Harvey Oswald, named by the Warren Commission as the lone assassin of President John F. Kennedy, was manipulated by his intelligence contacts and may never have fired a gun the day Kennedy was shot. Summers, 37, a British Broadcasting Corp. film producer for 10 years, says the Kennedy assassination was the product of a conspiracy involving organized crime, the anti-Fidel Castro movement and a "renegade element" in U.S. intelligence. After interviewing witnesses in the United States, Mexico and Cuba, Summers also concludes that whoever controlled Oswald probably also arranged for his frame-up and for his murder by Jack Ruby. The motive for the assassination, Summers argues, was to wreck Kennedy's moves toward improved relations with Cuba following the unsuccessful Bay of Pigs invasion in 1961 and toward detente with the Soviet Union. The sabotage, he writes, was supported by gangsters who resented the loss of Cuba to Castro and who hated John and Robert Kennedy for their harassment of the criminal mobs. Summers says the key evidence linking Oswald to U.S. intelligence is the identity of a man known to anti-Castro Cubans and to certain CIA officers by the cover name of Maurice Bishop, allegedly a CIA officer.