

4 . J. Garrett Underhill -- Shot Dead

The day after the Kennedy assassination, Gary Underhill
 left Washington in a hurry. ^{Late that evening} ~~that evening~~ he showed up at the
 home of Robert and Charlene Fitzsimmons, friends of his in New
 York. He told Charlene he knew ~~someone~~ ^{someone} who ~~was~~ ^{was}
 responsible for the assassination, and said he was afraid
 for his life. Less than six months later Underhill ~~was~~ ^{was} found
 shot to death in his Washington apartment; the coroner ruled it
 a suicide. He was 48.

Je Garrett Underhill was a Harvard man, a ~~government~~ ^{World War II}
 intelligence agent during ~~World War II~~ ^{World War II} and

Underhill's body was discovered on a bed in his Washington apartment on ~~May 8, 1964~~ ⁽¹⁹⁶⁴⁾ on May 8 by Asher Brynes, a friend and former ~~New York Times~~ contributing editor of the New Republic

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Brynes said he had/been dead for some days, ~~apparently~~ from a bullet wound in the head. He said the pistol was under the body on the left side, ~~and, knowing that Underhill had been was~~

~~right-handed~~ right-handed, noticed particularly that he had been shot behind the left ear, with the bullet traveling from left to right through the head. A medical student, who was present with Brynes at the morgue, made the same observations about the wound.

Records of the investigation by the District of Columbia homicide squad are confidential. Deputy Police Chief John B. Layton did ~~not~~ say, however, that an automatic pistol had been found in Underhill's right hand -- contrary to the observations of Brynes, who discovered the body -- ^{and} that the coroner had performed an autopsy and ~~ruled it a~~ ruled it a suicide.

... his distress at what he considers police bungling of the investigation, accepts the ~~independent~~ ^{with the qualification:} suicide theory. "If you could not believe the police were so stupid, ~~you~~ you might think there was some other reason for it." Underhill, according to friends, had ~~many~~ marital and financial troubles which might have driven him to suicide. On the other hand, the medical student who viewed the body said that considering the angle of the wound it ~~was~~ next to impossible for it to have been a suicide. ~~Lacking the~~

Whether Underhill ~~actually~~ actually possessed any hard information of a CIA-Far East plot to kill Kennedy is a matter of speculation. Certainly he was in a position to