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Q. Before the Kennedy assassination did you meet Harvey Oswald?

A. Yes. I had ^{encountered} ~~an interview with~~ Lee Harvey Oswald in Dallas at the end of August or in the first days of September of 1963, a few weeks before Kennedy was assassinated. I was asked to go to Dallas at the request of my contact with the intelligence service in this country, Maurice Bishop. We fixed the meeting downtown in Dallas in a bank or an insurance company building, I can't remember exactly. Maurice came with a young man, he seemed to be very quiet, a very strange and pre-occupied person. Shortly afterwards I recognised him from his photograph in the newspaper, he was without any doubt the Kennedy assassin, Lee Harvey Oswald.

I have no doubts that the person who was with Maurice Bishop was Lee Harvey Oswald because I had been trained to identify individuals I met by noting their physical characteristics.

Q. Do you think that later in 1963 that Maurice Bishop was sufficiently against Kennedy to be a physical threat to him?

A. ^{Look} Well... Maurice was ^{at odds} ~~out of~~ sympathy with Kennedy. He believed that Kennedy was a man without experience, surrounded by unqualified advisors, ^{and that they} ~~who~~ were leading this country ^{into trouble.} ~~towards a difficult~~ situation. Following the Bay of Pigs' fiasco and then after the missile crisis, Bishop considered it was a tremendous mistake for the United States to make the agreement which Kennedy concluded with Khrushchev. It ^{has been} ~~is~~ suggested ^{here} ~~in this country~~ that there was a conspiracy against Kennedy. Maurice Bishop had many opportunities to take part in ~~this~~ ^{such} a conspiracy because he was an operative whose professional business regularly involved "dirty work" activities, and he believed the best thing for ^{the} ~~his~~ country was to depose Kennedy and his advisers.

Q. Do you think that Bishop ^{was perhaps} ~~was~~ part of a conspiracy to kill Kennedy?

A. It is ^{highly} ~~highly~~ possible that he took part in the conspiracy to kill Kennedy, ^{particularly} ~~specially~~ if we bear in mind he asked me to ask a relative of mine, my cousin Guillermo Ruiz, who was working at the Cuban embassy in Mexico, if he was willing - for money - to declare that Lee Harvey Oswald

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had been there in Mexico.

On that occasion I asked Bishop whether or not it was true that Lee Harvey Oswald had been in Mexico, and Bishop told me "It does not matter.

It does not matter ^{at odds} whether or not he was really there. The important thing is for Guillermo Ruiz

a member of the Cuban Diplomatic service, to ^{into trouble} allege that he was in Mexico". ^{like} The impression

I got, ^{of the case} as well as ^{have} other people who had analyzed this aspect, is that Maurice Bishop was trying

to use this as a device to lay the blame for Kennedy's death on the Cuban government.

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Q. If it is true your story about Oswald and the man from the CIA is sensational, but nobody has been able to find that man Bishop you have mentioned. That seems rather unconvincing.

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A. Maurice Bishop was a brilliant man. He specialised in what they call "dirty jobs". He was a man who never left traces, always avoided leaving a trail. ~~He~~ ^{like} taught me how not to leave traces.

The Last time I saw him ~~it~~ was in 1973.

I have given all the information I ~~had~~ ^{have} to the Senate^s Authorities and the House of Representatives in order to ^{help} find him. I do believe that ~~if~~ ^{they} investigate ~~properly~~ ^{thoroughly} they will find enough facts leading to identify Bishop. ~~But~~ ^{However,} it is not easy ~~because~~ he always used undercover names and always travelled with phony passports. He spoke fluent French and Spanish as well as, of course, English. On one occasion I found out he was travelling ^{on} ~~on~~ a Belgian passport.

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Q. Who do you think killed President Kennedy?

A. Kennedy was a great President, but a man without experience. He made two great mistakes. The failure of ^{the} Bay of Pigs, ^{at Cuba} where he deserted the Cubans in their struggle against Castro and the October ^{missile} crisis in 1962, when by his agreement with Krushchev - he abandoned and betrayed the anti-Castro Cubans. This caused great difficulty within Kennedy's administration, ^{The CIA was a} which led to a confrontation ^{with} between people at the CIA and Kennedy and many people were sacked as a result. I basically think that the CIA - the alienation of certain officials in the CIA, provoked great difficulty between Castro and Kennedy - with, for example, the CIA's efforts to kill Castro; ^{I think} and that some of its officers were involved in a conspiracy to kill President Kennedy.