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RICKY DON WHITE, 29, a native of Paris, Texas, has for 12 years lived with the knowledge that his late father, ROSCOE ANTHONY WHITE, probably participated in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. Over this period of time the younger White has struggled to come to terms with that knowledge and to decide how-- or if-- to make his information known publicly.

Last Year he made contact with a researcher affiliated with the JFK Assassination Information Center of Dallas. Subsequently, a team comprised of respected researchers and a legal investigator began checking out all aspects of Ricky White's remarkable story, and the resulting evidence is being released at today's press conference. The researchers want to stress that, even if every aspect of the Ricky White story proves to be correct upon further investigation, the JFK case is far from "solved". The real purpose and planning for the assassination would still remain murky, and warrant that the case be re-opened and investigated thoroughly.

Among the disclosures that Ricky White wishes to make public today concerning his father:

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* ROSCOE ANTHONY (ROCK) WHITE (11/18/35 to 9/24/71) was one of the assassins firing at President Kennedy in Dallas. White, using a 7.65 German Mauser, fired two shots from a position behind a wooden fence in Dealey Plaza; he believed that both his shots struck the President.

According to Ricky White, his father left documents which indicate that:

* ROSCOE ANTHONY WHITE was a covert U.S. Intelligence operative whose code name was MANDARIN. According to documents preserved and hidden by White himself, Kennedy's assassination was an "assignment", the objective of which was "to eliminate a National Security threat to world wide peace."

* WHITE, as part of his assignment to eliminate Kennedy, attained a position with the Dallas Police Department just two months before the assassination.

* WHITE served in the Marines Corps with LEE HARVEY OSWALD. The two were stationed together in Marine Air Wing 1 at Japan's Atsugi Air Base, home of a highly secret CIA operation.

* WHITE was acquainted with Dallas Policeman J.D. TIPPIT and, in fact, was the individual who killed the officer on Nov. 22, 1963.

* GENEVA WHITE, Roscoe's wife, was employed by JACK RUBY at his Carousel Club for several weeks in September 1963. During that period, she overheard her husband and Ruby discussing plans for the assassination. Roscoe photographed Geneva and Ruby together (see press kit).

* WHITE died under suspicious circumstances in a 1971 fire. This fire occurred just months after Roscoe, according to a local minister, made known his desire to sever his affiliation with U.S. Intelligence.

ROSCOE ANTHONY WHITE preserved certain materials which would identify him as a participant in the Kennedy assassination; he apparently wanted his involvement someday known. The materials were hidden away in a steel container for nearly 20 years before being recovered by his son RICKY DON WHITE. The discovery of the container and its startling contents confirmed for Ricky White what he had suspected for several years: his father was one of the assassins who killed President Kennedy.

RICKY WHITE'S CHRONOLOGY OF HIS STORY

1975..... JFK assassination photographs belonging to the late Roscoe Anthony White are taken during a break-in of the White home in Paris, Texas. The materials are recovered in Arizona and returned to Roscoe's widow Geneva (by now remarried), who notifies the FBI. FBI agents come to the White home on two occasions, and Roscoe's photographs subsequently are made available to the Senate Intelligence Committee and the House Select Committee on Assassinations. Among Roscoe's materials is a photograph of Lee Harvey Oswald which has never before surfaced; its origin remains a mystery.

1978.....A longtime family friend who himself had worked for U.S. Intelligence contacts Ricky White in Paris, Texas. He tells Ricky that he has learned that a congressional committee reinvestigating the Kennedy assassination has information that Roscoe (Rock) White was involved in the assassination, and that this probably will be made public. Warning Ricky to be prepared for that eventuality, the man informs him that his father Roscoe had indeed killed John F. Kennedy. This comes as "a shocking blow" to Ricky, who refuses to believe it.

1982.....Ricky White finds his father's military footlocker in Paris, Texas; it contains a handwritten diary or journal kept by his father. Ricky reads the diary, which refers to paramilitary operations in which Roscoe was involved.

Ricky discovers that the journal contains specific details about the Kennedy assassination, including Roscoe's admission that he was one of the assassins. The diary outlines the logistics of the Dealey Plaza ambush and subsequent events which led to an encounter between Rock and fellow policeman J.D. Tippit; according to Roscoe's written account, he was the individual who fatally shot Tippit. Ricky is "shattered" by what he reads.

1988 (May).....Ricky White, now living in Midland, Texas, seeks the assistance of that city's district attorney in an attempt to access a safe deposit box at a Dallas bank; a key to the box had been found in Roscoe's military footlocker. The District Attorney notifies the FBI, whose agents interrogate Ricky for nearly five hours, taking him to the federal building along with his father's personal effects-- including the diary.

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Upset by the ordeal, Ricky returns home with his father's belongings. Within hours an FBI agent carrying a briefcase comes to the house saying he left his notebook in the box containing Roscoe's things. He is alone momentarily with the box as Ricky's wife leaves the room to inform Ricky of the agent's presence. Later, it is discovered that the diary is missing from the box.

1990 (June 9).....Using a cryptic written message left by his father, Ricky White travels to Paris, Texas, to his grandparents' empty house. There in the attic, shielded by boards, Ricky discovers an unusual steel container. He returns to Midland before opening the container. Inside he finds three messages similar to cablegrams which allude to the Kennedy assassination. The documents bear Roscoe White's code name 'Mandarin' and his military serial number. Also in the container are Roscoe's military dogtags, bearing his serial number and thus identifying him as the recipient of the messages.