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I wrote this letter to Jim Besar in the hope that he will communicate my concern to Bud over his great stupidity of involving his insolvent assassination information center in Dallas in the obvious fraud perpetrated by Ricky White and the also great stupidity of saying to anyone what amounts to a confession that I'd blow the whole thing up. Jim had had some kind of concern before the press conference, when the center was involved earlier, and had had Kevin Walsh go down and conduct some investigation. Kevin's investigation alone made it apparent that the story was fabricated falsehood. *In June!*

I don't know whether Bud Fensterwald and the others backing the center can be sued over it. Gary Mack thinks the center got some of the \$100,000 of oil money that I think the oilmen may soon try to recover. I was told yesterday that Bob Custer, whose irrational "rassy Knoll Gazette" turned out a stupid special issue on the White fable, had \$5,000 or \$10,000 invested in the center. Also that when the center was closed for a while it was in a dispute over rent, etc., with the mall in which it is, and that that was settled with the center's signing a promissory note for something like \$60,000. The rent, I was told, is \$7,000 a month. It is utterly insane to think that it could take that much money in with anything it might do to raise money.

Gary said that the press kit for the press conference cost \$2,000. I think his source was Larry Howard. Steve told me the center is charging \$20 for a copy of that press kit and that he is getting one. What Gary xeroxed for me can't have cost anything near \$20.

It also was stupid for the center to demand investigation by the state and maybe the Dallas district attorneys because there is a quite visible crime, fraud. That may also interest the district attorney in Midland, Texas, where the oilmen and the Whites live. Gary says he understands that the State DA said he would look into it. Personally, I hope there is a prosecution. It would be the first after many such capers and it might deter any in the future.

(David Real)

The Dallas Morning News reporter who spoke to me last week when he was working on the story that appeared yesterday appears from what Gary read to me to have taken some of the suggestions I made to him and followed them. Gary also seems to have been passing some of these suggestions on to others. (Digression: story reminds me. I had a long phone conversation with a British writer named Frewin who is working on a magazine story on Clay Shaw. He says he'll send me a copy.)

Gary has been dealing with an AP reporter who reports that for the AP the story is dead. But he learned that White had been trying to interest the AP in such a story long ago and has lied about when he first got the interest and how.

In the synopsis for a book/documentary he says he first learned about this from "John Doe", who told him that he and the father were both contract agents and at least the father was a JFK assassin for the CIA. (Which is why the CIA issued its unusual denial.) I know who the man is and Gary does and Gary says the man is so outraged that even though he cannot prove that White used his name he has gotten a lawyer to sue White. (He told Walsh that White is a liar and Fensterwald and ~~that~~ others knew this quite some time before the incredible press conference.) He is Philip Dale Jordan.

One of the unimaginable stupidities was to include in the press kit a Dallas police record giving Roscoe White's address when he was a policeman. This is because one of the fabricated touches to make the story appealing to publishers and the press is that J.D. Tippit, the policeman killed after JFK was killed, and the Whites were neighbors and friends. This record proves what I was able to prove from the phone book, that it is a lie. But the center knew it was a lie and yet proceeded. *White says his father killed Tippit, too!*

Gary was uncertain about what triggered the Wall Street Journal's interest in the publishing end but thinks it might be that a New York publisher had been approached or was interested in the White nonsense.

Somebody in the center is talking to Gary. Gary had been involved with Bud's Washington Assassination ~~Research~~ archive and Research Center but quit over what he regards as dishonest and illegal, their selling copies of a British assassination documentary that is copyrighted and they'd been told not to distribute.

I think it is Nigel Turner's. Gary says Turner had been in the country working for several weeks on the White story.

Gary says that the center or those connected with it arranged for the documentary producer Oliver Stone to see White and get interested in his story and that it flew him to L.A. to see Stone. This would help them a bit if there is a fraud charge or suit.

My impression is that White is not smart enough to have made all of this up by himself and that his wife might be that smart. I suspect that Bud et al may have ~~tried~~ tried to flesh what White told them out and that he, they or both got the father's *Marines records. Under FVA.*

Anyone reading what White said at the press conference and the synopsis for the book with any knowledge at all about the unquestionable facts of the official investigations has to recognize very fast that White knows nothing at all about what is beyond question and yet Bud and his center ^{PROBABLY} knowing, that White's account of how his father killed Tippit is completely impossible. Supposedly when it happened Roscoe White was driving Tippit and Oswald to the Red Bird Airport to escape. (On the ^{fiction} fiction a fiction because they'd never have been where Tippit was killed if they'd been aiming at that airport.)

The Red Bird Airport appears in only one book that I recall, Popkin's The Second Oswald. White says that the third assassin was named Saul and was in the Dallas County Courts building when he fired at JFK. That is cribbed, uniquely, from Hugh McDonald's Appointment in Dallas. In what Inside Edition did not air, when I went into this, the Whites claimed not to have read any book on the assassination. Bud at least knew the origins of these two canards because he helped both McDonald and Popkin and read their books.

8/27 I've finished Bernau's Promises to Keep, from which the Whites seem to have taken their fabrication about the Tippit killing. I made a note on that page and send it. On page 525 the alleged plan to use an out-of-the-way airport to escape appears.

Son pins assassination on his dad

COP KILLED JFK — ON ORDERS FROM CIA

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**SENSATIONAL
NEW THEORY**

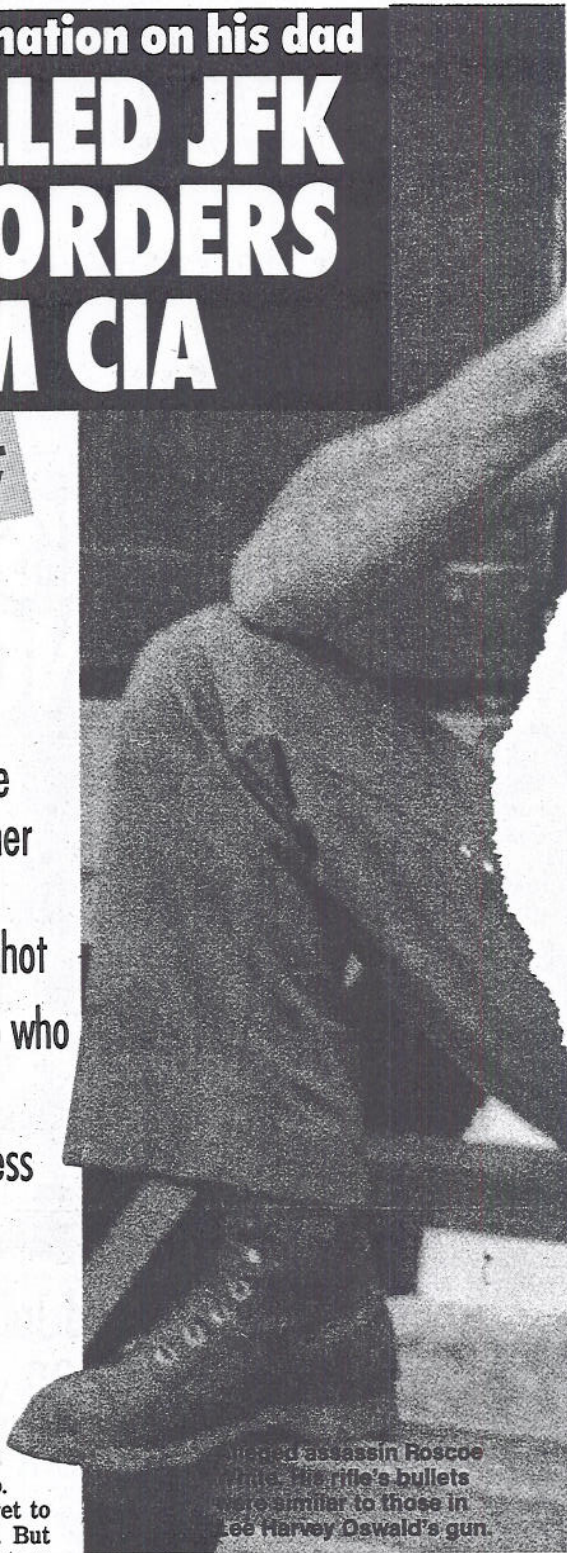
After 26 years, new
evidence reveals:

- His Marine buddy Lee Harvey Oswald — another member of gov't hit squad — never fired a shot
- He killed another cop who realized what he'd done
- His wife was a waitress in Jack Ruby's nightclub

A DALLAS policeman led a Central Intelligence Agency hit squad which assassinated John F. Kennedy.

This is the extraordinary claim by the cop's son, Ricky White, who says his father Roscoe was the "grassy knoll" gunman who shot JFK in Dallas 26 years ago.

It is the most amazing theory yet to explain who killed the President. But White says he can back up his story



...killed assassin Roscoe
...rifle's bullets
...similar to those in
...Lee Harvey Oswald's gun.

with firm evidence, including his father's diary and messages which appear to be from the CIA.

He claims Lee Harvey Oswald, officially blamed as the sole assassin, was part of the conspiracy but did not fire a shot. He says Oswald served with his father in the Marines and was there as the "patsy." White also claims:

- It was his dad — and not Oswald — who shot dead fellow cop J.D. Tippett when he became suspicious as he gave the pair a ride to Red Bird Airport after the assassination.

- Roscoe White arranged for nightclub owner Jack Ruby to slay Oswald two days later. White's wife Geneva worked for Ruby at his Carousel Club.

Ricky White, a 29-year-old father of two from Midland, Texas, says the CIA gave his dad a cover as a Dallas cop with written orders to "eliminate a national security threat to worldwide peace."

White says his father wrote in his diary that he stationed himself at the grassy knoll, while two other agents took positions in the Book Depository.

He fired twice, hitting the President's throat and head as his motorcade passed through downtown Dallas on November

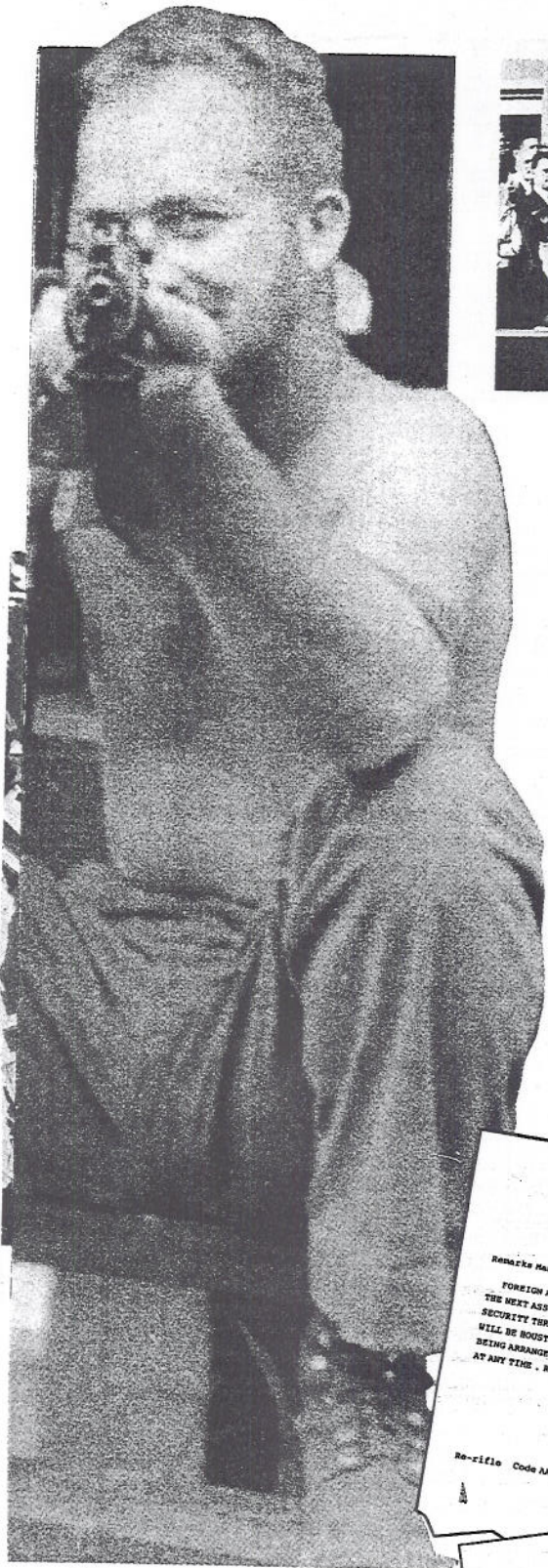
22, 1963. White says his father's associates, codenamed Lebanon and Sol, shot Kennedy once more and wounded Texas Gov. John Connally.

The Warren Commission discounted the "grassy knoll" theory and ruled JFK was killed by Oswald from the sixth-floor window of the Texas Book Depository and Records building.

In the diary, which Ricky says he found in 1982, Roscoe wrote that after



Ricky White on the grassy knoll where he claims his father shot JFK.



JFK and wife Jackie are oblivious to the horror about to unfold in Dallas.



Nightclub owner Jack Ruby guns down Lee Harvey Oswald.



Roscoe White and wife Geneva: She is too ill to speak to investigators.



Roscoe White joined the Dallas police force just before the killing.

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Remarks Mandarin : Code A :

FOREIGN AFFAIRS ASSIGNMENTS HAVE BEEN CANCELED .
THE NEXT ASSIGNMENT IS TO ELIMINATE A NATIONAL
SECURITY THREAT TO WORLD WIDE PEACE . DESTINATION
WILL BE HOUSTON , AUSTIN OR DALLAS . CONTACTS ARE
BEING ARRANGED NOW . ORDERS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE
AT ANY TIME . REPLY BACK IF NOT UNDERSTOOD .

C. BOWERS
OSHA

Re-rifle Code AAA destroy / on /

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Remarks Mandarin : Code A :

DALLAS DESTINATION CHOSEN . YOUR PLACE HIDDEN
WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT . CONTACTS ARE WITHIN THIS
LETTER . CONTINUE ON AS PLANNED .

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Jack Ruby and Roscoe's wife Geneva: She waitressed at his nightclub.

Two of the three messages which White claims are from the CIA.

the shooting he hustled Oswald into a police car driven by Tippet, a friend who had no inkling of what had happened. On the way to the airport, Oswald panicked, arousing Tippet's suspicions. White gunned him down. "I killed an officer at 10th and Patton," Ricky remembers as his father's exact words.

Ricky says three FBI agents descended on his home last year. They photocopied all his documents, except the diary, and interrogated him for five hours. The same day, FBI agent Tom Farria returned to Ricky's house to look for a notebook he said he'd left behind. Several days later, Ricky realized the diary was missing.

The former oil equipment salesman says his evidence includes faded documents which he believes are decoded cables from the CIA. The messages are signed by "C. Bowers, Navy Intelligence" and name Dallas as the destination of the "National Security threat."

One, dated December 1963, orders Roscoe to "stay within department; witnesses have eyes, ears and mouths. The men will be in to cover up all misleading evidence soon." White says military records prove his father and

Oswald served together in the Marines. They show the pair boarded the USS Bexar in San Diego in 1957 for a 22-day trip to Yokosuka, Japan. A Warren Commission photo of Oswald with a contingent of Marines includes his father, says Ricky.

His other evidence includes:

- A 7.65mm Mauser hunting rifle with a telescopic sight which his father gave him. It shoots bullets similar to those from the Italian rifle Oswald is said to have used.

- Police records showing Roscoe White joined Dallas police on October

7, 1963 — six weeks before the killing.

- Documents proving his father was killed in a mysterious explosion in 1971.

- Roscoe's minister, who swears the cop confessed on his deathbed his part in the killing. Dallas Baptist minister Jack Shaw says: "I believed him."

Ricky's mother Geneva is too ill to speak to investigators. But Ricky, who broke his silence because he felt the FBI had roughed him up, says: "My father was an individual I loved and deeply admire, even today. He was told by our government to do something. You don't question the government."

CIA spokesman Mark Mansfield says: "These allegations — that this was done on CIA orders, that this guy worked for us and that the CIA had any role in the assassination of President Kennedy — are ludicrous."

But Larry Howard, co-director of the JFK Assassination Information Center in Dallas, says: "We have enough evidence here that the U.S. attorney general and the American people ought to demand to reopen the case." □

Man details claim that father shot JFK CIA labels latest theory as 'Judicious'

Knight-Ridder News Service

DALLAS — As promised, a 29-year-old man from Midland, Texas, Monday sketched an account of how his father fired the shots that killed President John F. Kennedy in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963.

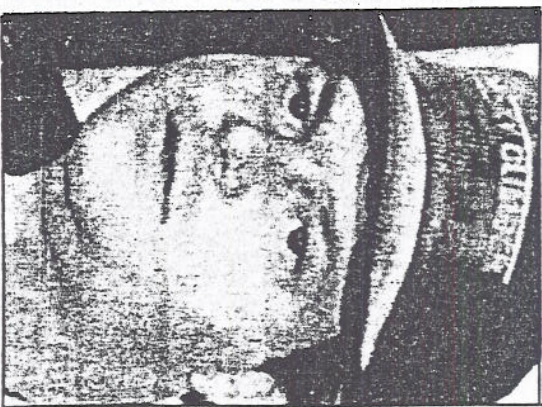
Roscoe A. White carried out the assassination on orders from a U.S. agency, probably the CIA, his son said.

But the newest assassination suspect has been dead 18 years, the diary in which he supposedly admitted the crime is missing, his wife is too sick to respond to media questions and private investigators refused to release the names of dozens of witnesses they say were killed to cover-up the conspiracy.

The CIA issued an unusually strong rebuttal to White's claims.

"These allegations — that this was done on CIA orders, that this guy worked for us and that CIA had any role in the assassination of President Kennedy — are ludicrous," CIA spokesman Mark Mansfield said in Washington.

White's son, Ricky, and more than half a dozen others presented the assassination claim at a news conference at the JFK Assassination Information Center in Dallas. The account centers on Roscoe



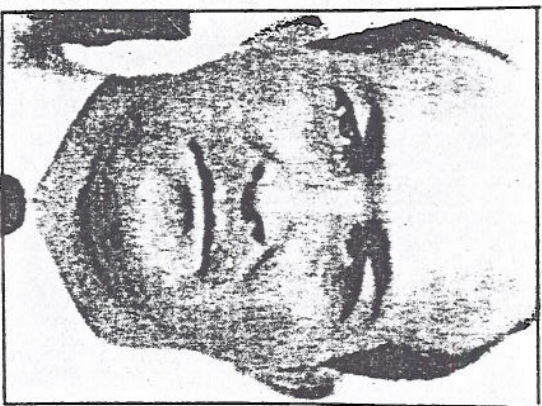
Ricky White

Says CIA gave father orders

White, who was hired by the Dallas Police Department as a photographer and clerk two months before the assassination. The theory presented at the center states that:

■ White, a former Marine who knew Lee Harvey Oswald, fired several shots from the grassy knoll at the presidential motorcade on Nov. 22, 1963. One shot hit Kennedy in the throat and another, the fatal shot, struck him in the head. White also killed Officer J.D. Tippit when the patrolman threatened to take White and Oswald to police headquarters for questioning.

■ Two other assassins, code-named "Lebanon" and "Saul," fired four shots from the Texas School



Roscoe A. White

Diary revealed plot, son says

Book Depository and the Dallas County Records Building. The identities of the two men are not known.

■ Oswald, who was identified as the lone assassin by the Warren Commission report in 1964, never fired a shot.

■ Geneva White, Roscoe White's wife, overheard her husband plotting the assassination with Jack Ruby. Ruby and White discussed plans to kill Oswald on national television during the extensive media coverage after the assassination. Geneva White agreed to four sessions of electro-shock therapy to erase the memory of the meetings from her mind and save the lives of herself and her family.

■ White was under orders of government organizations, most probably the CIA, to assassinate Kennedy "to eliminate a national security threat to worldwide peace."

■ A book owned by White lists several dozen people in a "witness elimination list." At least two dozen of those in the book are now dead.

■ White was killed under "mysterious circumstances" in an industrial accident in 1971. Ricky White said he believed his father was killed for trying to sever his ties with U.S. intelligence operations.

Ricky White told reporters at the news conference that he loved his father but wanted to expose the government forces that covered up the facts of the assassination.

He said he learned about his father's role in the assassination from a diary that he found in 1982. But when he took the diary to the FBI in 1988, Ricky White said, he was frightened by five hours of intense questioning.

After White returned home with the diary, Midland FBI Agent Tom Ferris asked to retrieve his FBI notebook from the box containing the diary. Later, White said, he discovered that the diary was missing. White would not speculate on his father's motives, but said that since he had discovered the diary in 1982, the knowledge had been "cutting me apart."

"I don't think of him as a bad person," White said. "He was an individual I loved and deeply admired. He was told by our government to do something. . . . You don't question the government."