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Dear Gary,

Good letter in response to the professional ignoramus.

Jeff Prugh was a friend when he was with the LA Times, beginning when he was its Atlanta bureau chief. I gave him a good story that the Times syndicated on CIA spying on King. Last I'd heard from him he was with a suburban edition I think the Times closed down a couple of years ago. Please when you can phone him and tell him hello for me. I try to respond to all letters but I avoid all I can to continue working. I'm feeble but I'm continuing. The enclosed first page of the report to the local doctors reflects how lucky I am. He did not expect me to survive when he rushed me to Hopkins last year. That with my second congestive heart failure. Fact is all my doctors have expressed amazement.

I'll appreciate a copy of the voice letter you cite. Wish I'd been able to go to Palm Beach when I discovered him, which was before I published Post Mortem in 1975. Probably was about 1967 when I learned about him.

If it is up to Jeff you can depend on honesty and fairness with such pieces.

At some point you are going to have to face a reality nobody has yet faced: the ARRB is not bringing any assassination information to light. It cannot once it assumes, as it did, the correctness of the Report. It can bring much that relates to the investigation and to the phonying of evidence to light but that creates a problem for most in the future: it is not possible to go over so many records. The greater the volume the less access to anything good.

It is good that you have some input, however. I look forward to still being here when they disclose those autopsy pathologist depositions. And if they find them, those notes that Humes did not destroy as he swore to HSCA.

Thanks and best,

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MARIN VOICE

JFK's slaying: They put 'con' in 'conspiracy'

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SOME PEOPLE BELIEVE that the government conspiratorially suppresses abductions of Americans by space aliens. Others believe that the LAPD framed O.J. And there are those who see conspiracy behind the assassination of John F. Kennedy, though they cannot even agree among themselves on who the conspirators were.

But any rational reader of Gerald Posner's 1993 book, "Case Closed," will conclude that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone. He is condemned by the following summary of undisputed facts (adapted from the review Valerie Klein and I did for the American Journal of Legal History):



The night before the assassination on Nov. 22, 1963, in Dallas, Oswald made an unusual weekday trip to his wife's home, where his rifle was kept. The next morning, after leaving his wedding ring and \$170 on her dresser, he took a long paper bag to the Texas School Book Depository, telling a co-worker that it contained curtain rods. None was found.

But the empty bag found on the sixth floor bore his prints and fibers from the blanket in which he kept his rifle. The rifle was also there, bearing Oswald's palmprint and fibers from his shirt. Nearby lay his clipboard, none of his work orders having been filled.

Oswald's alibi for the shooting, eating lunch with a buddy, was contradicted by the supposed buddy, whose own story is corroborated by others who watched the presidential motorcade with him from the fifth floor. (They heard the shooter above them working the bolt and the shells hitting the floor.)

Of the depository employees, only Oswald disappeared after the assassination. His erratic path took him to his roominghouse. He entered only long enough to retrieve his handgun and jacket.

Next, Dallas police officer J.D. Tippett was killed. The shells dropped from his murderer's gun match Oswald's to the exclusion of all others. Cornered in the Texas Theater, Oswald tried to shoot the arresting officer with that gun.

To dispel the overwhelming case against Oswald, conspiracy advocates must refute these facts and/or establish others. But their stock-in-trade is not facts, but questions — sinister, unanswerable and ultimately meaningless.

What was Oswald's motive? No one knows, but murderers are highly aberrant people whose motives are often unfathomable. Suppose John Hinckley Jr. had died in a shoot-out with the Secret Service: The fact that he was trying to kill President Reagan in order to impress Jodie Foster would have died with him.

Oswald exemplifies the aberrant "lone nut" assassin: bumbling, irrational, delusional, misfit; aimless wanderer; wife-beater; a miserable ne'er-do-well whose desire to be "somebody" was mocked by continual failures culminating in his dissolving marriage.

What was nightclub owner Jack Ruby's motive for killing Oswald two days later, thereby dooming himself for life imprisonment? Only fanatics could think postulating that Ruby was a Mafioso (or a CIA agent?) answers this more convincingly than Ruby's own explanation: Inspired by manic patriotism, he imagined he would be received as a national hero.

Outrage and grief engendered by prior assassinations have inspired similar deeds by similarly

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NOV. 24, 1963: Lee Harvey Oswald is slain by nightclub owner Jack Ruby in Dallas, two days after police had arrested Oswald, accusing him of killing President John F. Kennedy with a rifle.

disturbed people: Garfield's assassin was shot at in his cell by a soldier who was later acquitted on grounds of insanity. John Wilkes Booth was killed against orders by a soldier who had castrated himself out of religious mania.

Without any evidence of other shooters, there is no basis for assuming guilt of anyone but (or beside) Oswald. He was too irresponsible for the Mafia, CIA, or whoever, to trust as a spy or assassin. Even as a "patsy," this erratic shirker could not be depended upon even to show up for work — much less be seen there right before and after

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the shooting, yet accommodatingly disappear during the crucial moments!

The single-bullet theory (endorsed by all ballistics experts) eliminates the need to postulate other shooters. Despite Oliver Stone's filmmaking antics, computer simulations show that JFK and Texas Gov. John Connally were perfectly aligned for a single bullet. (Those who are interested should access Emmy-winning Dale Myers' website <http://www.rust.net/~dmyers/jfk/>)

Fanatics of the right and left happily join hands in conspiracy theories. The racist Liberty Lobby

preaches that there was no Holocaust. It says it's an invention of "the International Jews" to cover their evil-doing — including JFK's assassination, which was carried out by their minions, the CIA, Trilateral Commission and/or Israeli secret agents.

Although conspiracy fanatics Mark Lane and Oliver Stone purport to be liberals, Lane is the Liberty Lobby's legal mouthpiece; he and Stone contribute to its bizarre, racist publications. The technical adviser for Stone's 1991 film, "JFK" (and model for its Donald Sutherland character, "Colonel X"), Fletcher Prouty, sits on LL's board along with the former Grand Dragon of the Mississippi KKK.

Bigotry is a natural correlate of conspiracism. Many 19th century Americans believed that Lincoln, an economic protectionist, was assassinated by "the international Jew Bankers," led by the Rothschilds, seeking to seize control of the American economy. Other deranged bigots contended that the Catholic Church assassinated Lincoln, having secretly sponsored secession out of its alleged hostility to free institutions and thus to the United States. Then, as now, such views were buttressed by a plethora of falsehoods, e.g. that all the conspirators were Catholics.

People who believe in space aliens, O.J. Simpson's innocence or a JFK conspiracy cannot be dissuaded. But anyone interested in serious, rational answers will find them in "Case Closed."

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 Now that files
 are open, the
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NOV. 22, 1963: On their final journey together, John and Jacqueline Kennedy arrive in Dallas. AP photo

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Decrying author Mark Lane's links to the Liberty Lobby for its having denied, so he says, the Holocaust, Kates ignores the circumstances of the association. Lane, a Jewish attorney, was retained by Liberty Lobby to defend against a libel suit brought by CIA man, E. Howard Hunt, who had been accused by another CIA agent, Victor Marchetti, of involvement in the JFK case in the Liberty Lobby publication, The Spotlight. Lane explicitly distanced himself from Liberty Lobby's extremism,²¹ and so should be considered no more responsible for it than a lawyer is for his client's crimes. But relevant to the JFK case are two facts Kates omitted: not only did Lane prevail convincing the jury Hunt was *not* libeled for complicity in JFK's death because Hunt *was*, in fact, complicit, but also the jury forewoman publicly announced that evidence at trial convinced her that the CIA was complicit in JFK's death as well.²²

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- ⁴² I first published Drs. Humes and Boswell's claims about Posner's congressional testimony in the following: Aguilar, Gary. Letter to the Editor, *Federal Bar News and Journal*. V.41(5):388, June, 1994. [I wrote this letter to the editor in response to an unflattering book review in the *FBNJ* written by George Costello, JD. See Op. Cit, # 36.]
- ⁴³ Personal conversation with ARRB counsel, T. Jeremy Gunn, JD, Ph.D. (History), 3/10/97. [Of significant note is the fact Posner's blockbuster revelation that JFK's pathologists had changed their minds about the location of JFK's wound was not mentioned in either the hard-backed, or the revised, paperback, version of *Case Closed*, though Posner interviewed the pathologists before he wrote either. Drs. Humes and Boswell, moreover, have publicly repeated the low location of JFK's fatal wound in interviews published in the 5/27/92 issue of the *Journal of the American Medical Association*.]
- ⁴⁴ Emery, Fred. Watergate - The Corruption of American Politics and the Fall of Richard Nixon. New York, A Touchstone Book published by Simon & Schuster, 1994, p 217. (The senior Justice Department official in question was Richard Kleindienst.)