

American Expose: Who Murdered JFK?

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A tasteless, shameless and exploitative reprise of just about all the "conspiracy" rumors floating around since the assassination of President Kennedy in 1963, "American Expose" was a sleazy, uninformative program foisted on the public by "reporter" Jack Anderson, host of this dull two hours.

Anderson, who has been around the Washington track long enough to know better, flatly said the Warren Commission Report saying the "conspiracy" theories anent the slaying were untrue was false, and claimed he had "evidence" to prove it.

Then he sought to "make his case" with a parade of characters, most of them sleazeballs, relying on rumors, vague reports, no evidence, no documentation, no proof. Added to all this were several "re-enactments" as phony as the premise.

A couple of his lesser lights were ex-CIA agents and Watergate burglars, who enjoyed their brief time in the affair with potshots at Kennedy for not doing more in the Bay of Pigs invasion, a new low.

Former President Ford, a mem-

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ber of the Warren Commission, denied the many "conspiracy" rumors, and was given short shrift by Anderson. Similarly, in his interview with Lee Harvey Oswald's widow, he apparently felt she wasn't going in the direction he wanted, so interrupted her with a bit of coaching.

The old Mafia-did-it rumor was resurrected by Anderson, who alleged an underworld hitman told him all about the "conspiracy" to get JFK, had a "re-enactment" showing him with someone posing

as the hitman who, incidentally, has been killed.

Anderson, not one to pass up an opportunity, even came up with a "re-enactment" of the alleged gangster being murdered. Anderson's "sources" apparently are so good they passed on details of the rubout. The mob is getting careless.

Fortunately for Anderson and his producers, most of the people mentioned in this sad affair have departed, hence they won't have to worry about a barrage of litigation for lots of loose charges.

Show is a coproduction of Saban Prods. and Barbour/Langley Prods. Haim Saban and Robert Unkel are exec producers; Malcolm Barbour and John Langley, producers-directors-writers.

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