

7/29/72 Je sent me from the SFExam 7/18/72 "A Theory ^{Political} on Assassinations" story quoting one David Rothstein, Michael Reese Hosp shrink from Chicago. By the most remarkable of coincidences I have just gotten a; 245 pp of the formerly withheld staff meeting at which he was one of the three shrinks in consultation. Considering among many factors that this was on July 9m when the investigation was hardly over, one wonders again at the state of shrinkery and shrinkdom.

I haven't yet planned, but I think it likely I'll do an analysis of this garbage. Can it be less when there was no evidence LHO was a or the killer, when none of the three "consultants" made any kind of independent inquiry and never interviewed the suspect, and the quote conclusions that the two Kennedys were responsible for their own assassination, as was "Lincoln? "Some politicians are assassination prone because 'an entirely unrealistic belief in their own indistinctibility leads them to take unwarranted risks'". Like running for office, making speeches, taking auto rides?

Naturally this is true of only those who got killed, i.e., isn't of Truman or FDR, against whom threats were made and for their eras did at least as much, I'd suggest HST doing more, from the rear platforms of trains in the most vulnerable whistlestops. But THEY were not "assassination prone"?

I have heard it said that psychiatry is part art, part science, but I have come to wonder why witchcraft isn't included? In fact, recent commentaries give at least as much success to real rather than figurative witchcraft. This stuff isn't even that.

Personal and confidential commentary: Some time ago I consulted a shrink, I suppose because of the causes and consequences of anxiety, than already diagnoses in both Ldl and me but communicated to neither. Recently I learned one of his conclusions. "e had others, all based upon no testing of any kind, all reached in the course of a single "consultation". Naturally enough, he asked me about my work and I told him. whatever I told him had to be less than the truth, as I think those who know what I do and the kinds of things I have done will understand. His conclusion is I am delusional. Boy, is it a good think threats against me were never asked, for if they had been, the tapes I have of some would have, naturally enough, for can this happen in a country in which the assassination-prone Presidents are only those assassinated? I'd have been a raving maniac who manufactured the tapes. HW

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A Theory on Political Assassins

"The typical act of political assassination is the acting out of a fantasy in which the killer's victim is his mother," says a psychiatrist who was a consultant to the Warren Commission and the National Commission on the Causes and Prevention of Violence.

Dr. David Rothstein of Chicago's Michael Reese Hospital states that such people as Arthur Bremer and Lee Oswald live "in a world of their own, be-tween frustration and fan-tasy. Frustration, because he fails to relate to normal society; fantasy, because he tends to blame others for his failures, particu-larly his mother. She has al-ways been the dominant figure in his life."

The assassins identify with ideological causes. When news reports of some violent action such as a political coup, another as-sassination or revolu-tionary conflicts motivate him to initiate a violent act of his own, Rothstein explains.

Nationally-known politi-cal figures remind him of his mother, and "by rid-ding the world of that poli-tician, he reasons, he would — in effect — be ridding himself of his mother, and all his fail-ures and frustrations," the psychiatrist points out.

In addition, some politi-cal leaders are assassina-tion prone because "an un-realistic belief in their own indestructibility leads them to take unwarranted risks," he says. In this category, Rothstein puts Abraham Lincoln, John Kennedy and Robert Ken-nedy.

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