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**ON JOHN F. KENNEDY**

*"Exploring the unanswered questions"*

**Thursday, Friday, & Saturday**  
**November 14 - 16, 1991**  
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**at Reunion Square**  
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The JFK Assassination Information Center is proud to co-sponsor ASK. Founded in 1989, the Center provides a repository of information to students, researchers, writers, news reporters, producers and the general public. Its 3,000 square-foot display and theater area features a fascinating collection of evidence in the murders of President Kennedy, Officer J.D. Tippit and Lee Harvey Oswald, including films, newsreels, audio and video tapes, artifacts, government documents, books and publications. Also co-sponsoring ASK is *The Texas Observer*, a 36-year-old bi-weekly journal of Texas politics and culture.

### SPECIAL THANKS

The organizers of ASK would like to recognize the following for their tremendous help in putting together the conference: J. Gary & Karen Shaw, JFK Assassination Information Center, Andrew & Linda Winiarczyk, The Last Hurrah Bookshop, Dr. Jerry Rose, *The Third Decade*, Dave Armstrong, *The Texas Observer*, Stephanie Campbell, M.R. Gilda, Ted Adams, Dave Lovett, Paul Brancato, The 6th Floor Museum, Irv Galis, Bound to Please Books, *The Austin Chronicle*, Chris Houston, Ginny's, Don Cowan, John Morland, SXSW, Fox Service Company and *Texas Monthly*.

# SCHEDULE

## All Events in Hyatt's Reunion Ballroom

**Thursday, November 14**  
 Noon - 10:00 pm Registration & Book Fair  
 12:30 - 3:00 pm Bus Tour #1  
 1:30 - 4:00 pm Bus Tour #2  
 2:30 - 5:00 pm Bus Tour #3  
 7:00 - 10:00 pm Meet the Authors reception  
 Joe Nick Patoski, Welcoming Remarks

**Friday, November 15**  
 7:00 am Book Fair opens  
 7:00 am - 5:30 pm Registration/Information  
 9:00 am - 9:45 am J. Gary Shaw, Opening Remarks  
 10:00 am - 12:45 pm Dr. Cyril H. Wecht, Keynote Address  
 Eyewitnesses Panel  
 (10 minute recess at 11:30 am)  
 12:45 pm - 1:45 pm Lunch Break  
 1:45 pm - 3:30 pm Dealey Plaza Panel  
 3:45 pm - 5:30 pm Oswald Panel  
 8:00 pm - 9:00 pm Presentation: Montage of Conspiracy  
 9:00 pm - 10:30 pm Speak-out  
 Joe Nick Patoski, Moderator

**Saturday, November 16**  
 8:00 am Book Fair opens  
 8:00 am - 5:30 pm Registration/Information  
 9:00 am - 10:45 am Ruby Panel  
 11:00 am - 12:45 pm Single Bullet Theory Panel  
 12:45 pm - 1:45 pm Lunch Break  
 1:45 pm - 3:30 pm Medical Evidence Panel  
 3:45 pm - 5:30 pm Motives, Means & Opportunities Panel  
 8:00 pm - 9:00 pm Presentation: Research Investigation  
 9:00 pm - 10:30 pm Speak-out  
 J. Gary Shaw, Moderator

# INTRODUCTORY LETTER

## Guidelines for Participants

Dear Symposium Participant,

Welcome to the first Assassination Symposium on John F. Kennedy. It is our sincere hope that this will become an annual Dallas-based meeting of writers, researchers, and critics. Some of the goals of this first conference include:

- 1) To initiate a dialogue concerning the events surrounding November 22, 1963.
- 2) To raise public awareness about the unresolved questions pertaining to the President's assassination.
- 3) To push for the complete release of all evidence now held by the government.
- 4) To press for a full, official and non-political inquiry into the President's murder and the subsequent cover-up.

In order to accomplish these goals, a search for common ground and consensus will be required. As difficult as this may seem considering the diversity of personalities and opinions present at this Symposium, achievement of some unity of purpose is possible if we keep in mind the following:

- 1) Time limitations cannot be overcome. This constraint alone disallows full discussion of every subject.
- 2) Conflicting opinions are inevitable and expected. Such is the nature of any probe for the truth.
- 3) Disagreements will occur. These, however, should be expressed in a respectful and civilized manner.

In spite of these difficulties, some measure of success and progress can be accomplished if all participants adopt a cooperative attitude toward the conference and their fellow attendees. Tolerance of the views and opinions expressed by others is imperative.

Finally, thank you for participating. Hopefully you will find this symposium enlightening and inspirational. With a little luck (and a great deal of effort on the part of each of us), perhaps we can leave ASK with a better understanding of the Kennedy assassination and of each other. This, combined with a renewed vigor toward the pursuit of truth, could do much to send a message to the nation. *We will not quit.*

Yours in the pursuit of truth,

J. Gary Shaw  
Senior Conference Planner

# THURSDAY EVENTS

## Book Fair, Bus Tour, Reception

The ASK Book Fair opens at noon on Thursday, November 14. Books, video tapes and trading cards are among the items being sold at these tables (for a complete listing of the exhibitors, see page 15). The Book Fair will also be open throughout the day on Friday and throughout the day on Saturday. We suggest, however, you purchase desired merchandise early given the limited quantities present.

Beginning Thursday at 12:30 pm, the JFK Assassination Information Center will provide Bus Tours of sites pertinent to the assassination. The tour includes a retracing of the motorcade route, a walk-through of Dealey Plaza, and a visit to the Sixth Floor Museum and the JFK Assassination Museum as well as other relevant sites of interest. Cost for the tour is \$19 per person, a fee not included in the registration price of ASK. The three-hour tours are scheduled to begin at 12:30, 1:30 and 2:30. Check at the Bus Tour table in the Book Fair for availability and space. (Tours will also be available on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Call the JFK Assassination Information Center at 871-2770 for information on tours for these days.)

At 7:00 pm Thursday evening, ASK presents a Meet the Authors reception featuring the various panelists who have written books on the Kennedy assassination. This is your chance to mingle with fellow registrants, as well as purchase books and gain autographs from these authors. Writers invited to attend the reception and the books they have penned include Dr. Charles Crenshaw (*Three Days at Parkland*), John Davis (*The Kennedys: Mafia Kingfish*), Bob Dorf (*The Last Investigation*), George Michael Evica (*And We Are All Mortal*), Robert Groden (*High Treason*), Larry Harris (*Cover-Up*), Mark Lane (*Rush to Judgment, Plausible Denial*), David Lifton (*Best Evidence*), Jim Marrs (*Crossfire*), Jim Moore (*Conspiracy of One*), J. Gary Shaw (*Cover-Up, Three Days at Parkland*) and Jack White (documentary: *Fake*). Senior Conference Planner Joe Nick Patoski will deliver a brief welcoming message at 7:30 pm. The Meet the Authors reception is open to all registrants as well as the general public. A cash bar will be available.

## EYEWITNESSES

Friday 10:00 am - 12:45 pm

### Description

This panel recounts the experiences of those whose lives were forever touched by their direct involvement in the events of November 22, 1963. Those present in Dallas and Washington on the day of the crime will discuss what they saw, heard and felt.

### Special Notes

Panel will break for a 10 minute recess at 11:30. After this break, audience members will have an opportunity to question panel members.

### Moderator

**Jim Olivier:** Olivier serves as a news anchorman for a Lafayette, Louisiana television station. Over the years, he has filed numerous stories on the Kennedy assassination, including several interviews with former New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison.

### Panelists

**Dr. Charles Crenshaw:** One of several doctors at Parkland Hospital who treated both Kennedy and Oswald.

**Edna & Wayne Hartman:** As the motorcade passed by, these two heard shots.

Later, they discovered bullet holes in the ground on the south side of Elm.

**Jean Hill:** Hill was the closest eyewitness to the president at the time of the fatal headshot.

**Ed Hoffmann:** During the motorcade, Hoffmann was standing on the freeway west of the parking area, behind the grassy knoll.

**Paul O'Connor:** O'Connor worked on Kennedy's corpse at the official autopsy at Bethesda Naval Hospital in Washington.

**Linda Willis Pipes:** The daughter of Phil & Marilyn Willis, she and her parents were standing in Dealey Plaza when the assassination occurred.

**Aubrey Rike:** Rike was the employee of the O'Neal Funeral Home who drove Kennedy's body from Parkland Hospital to the airport for transport back to Washington.

**Malcolm Summers:** Summers witnessed the shooting from the south side of Elm.

**Phil & Marilyn Willis:** They witnessed the shooting from Dealey Plaza. Phil Willis took important photographs of the motorcade from the corner of Elm & Houston.

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## DEALEY PLAZA

Friday 1:45 pm - 3:30 pm

### Description

From the grassy knoll to the Texas School Book Depository, this panel is a discussion of the number, timing and direction of shots, as well as the possible location of shooters. The panel will focus on events in Dealey Plaza before, during, and after the shots were fired.

### Moderator

**Bob Dorf:** Dorf is a longtime assassination researcher and investigator. He is author of *The Last Investigation*.

### Panelists

1. **Robert Groden:** The co-author of *High Treason*, Groden created the famous optical enhancement of the Zapruder film. He was a consultant to and testified extensively before the House Select Committee on Assassinations.

2. **Larry Harris:** Harris is an expert on the murder of officer J.D. Tippit. He co-authored *Cover-Up* and is co-director of the JFK Assassination Information Center.

4. **Jim Marrs:** The author of *Crossfire*, Marrs has long questioned the findings of the Warren Commission. This former newsmen now teaches a course on the assassination at the University of Texas at Arlington.

5. **Jim Moore:** Moore is the author of *Conspiracy of One*. A former critic of the single bullet theory, he now believes Oswald acted alone.

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## OSWALD

Friday 3:45 pm - 5:30 pm

### Description

Patsy or assassin? This panel explores Lee Harvey Oswald's background, his associates in New Orleans, Dallas and Mexico City, and his ties to the intelligence community, the underworld, the USSR and Cuba.

### Moderator

**Jim Olivier:** Olivier serves as a news anchorman for a Lafayette, Louisiana television station. Over the years, he has filed numerous stories on the Kennedy assassination, including several interviews with former New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison.

### Panelists

**George Michael Eytca:** Eytca discusses the possibility of a "second Oswald" in his book *And We Are All Mortal*.

**Mark Lane:** In 1966, Lane wrote *Rush to Judgment*, one of the first books to question the conclusions of the Warren Commission. His latest work, *Plausible Denial*, is presently climbing the best sellers list.

**Dr. Jerry Rose:** A professor of social sciences at New York University (Fredonia), Rose is the publisher of the JFK assassination newsletter *The Third Decade*.

**Jack White:** White served as a consultant for the House Select Committee's investigation in the 1970s. A graphic artist, he is an expert on the infamous backyard photograph of Oswald.

### Notes:

Review of "Mr. Eytca's I.D. Oswald"  
Oswald & the man he spang  
in Vietnam or "Marnie Bishop"

or →

## FRIDAY EVENING

Friday 8:00 pm - 10:30 pm

### 8:00 pm - 9:00 pm: "Montage of Conspiracy"

**Presenter: Tom Wilson**

Wilson, who has worked extensively in computer image processing for U.S. Steel, will present the results of a three-year investigation into assassination photographs. This is the first public disclosure of his findings.

### 9:00 pm -10:30 pm: Speak-Out

**Moderator: Joe Nick Patoski**

In a relatively free-flowing format, this will be an opportunity to address questions raised during Friday's panel discussions. Microphones will be set up for the registrants to voice their observations, opinions and concerns. Due to the high number of attendees wishing to be heard, a maximum of five minutes time will be allowed to each speaker. Because of the constraints of time, this five-minute limit will be strictly adhered to. The moderator will direct the course of the dialogue and be responsible for directing specific questions to the experts that can best answer them.

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## RUBY

Saturday 9:00 am - 10:45 am

### Description

Who was this man who silenced Oswald in front of a national television audience? A focus on the life and background of this Dallas night club entrepreneur, who had ties to the Mafia, Dallas police and the CIA.

### Moderator

**Dr. Robin Marra:** A political science professor at Southern Methodist University, Marra is a longtime Kennedy enthusiast.

### Panelists

**John Davis:** Davis is an authority on organized crime and has authored both *Mafia Kingfish* and *The Kennedys*.

**George Michael Ewica:** Ewica is an expert on Jack Ruby's connections to organized crime.

**Mary Ferrell:** A legal secretary, Ferrell is one of the country's most respected assassination researchers.

**Al Maddox:** Maddox was a deputy sheriff in Dallas County at the time of the assassination.

**Dr. Jerry Rose:** A professor of social sciences at New York University (Fredonia), Rose is the publisher of the JFK assassination newsletter *The Third Decade*.

### Notes:

## SINGLE BULLET THEORY

Saturday 11:00 am -12:45 pm

### Description

Did a lone gunman forever change the course of history? Could a sniper firing from the sixth floor of the Texas School Book Depository possibly hit the President? A detailed study of the trajectory and timing of shots fired at Kennedy's motorcade.

### Moderator

**Dave Tucker:** A talk show host in the Dallas area for over two decades, Tucker has covered the assassination extensively. His work contributed significantly to the House Select Committee's re-opening of the case in the 1970s.

### Panelists

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**Jim Moore:** Moore is the author of *Conspiracy of One*. A former critic of the single bullet theory, he now believes Oswald acted alone.

**Gary Shaw:** A longtime researcher and critic of official reports on the assassination, Shaw is author of *Cover-Up* and co-director of the JFK Assassination Information Center. His latest work, *Three Days at Parkland* (with Dr. Charles Crenshaw), will be published shortly.

**Dr. Cyril Wecht:** Both a lawyer and a doctor, Wecht was the first critic to view autopsy X-rays and photographs when the restriction period expired in 1971. In 1988, he hosted a conference on the assassination at the University of Pittsburgh.

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## MEDICAL EVIDENCE

Saturday 1:45 pm - 3:30 pm

### Description

What do the wounds tell us about the assassination? Why were Texas authorities not allowed to perform an autopsy? Was Kennedy's corpse altered en route to Washington? A comparison of the findings of Parkland Hospital and Bethesda Naval Hospital about the condition of the President's body.

### Moderator

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### Panelists

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**David Lifton:** Lifton began studying the assassination while a physics graduate student at UCLA in 1964. He is the author of *Best Evidence*, an exhaustive study of various medical aspects of the Kennedy murder.

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## MOTIVES, MEANS & OPPORTUNITIES

Saturday 3:45 pm - 5:30 pm

### Description

A lone gunman, Cuban exiles, the Mafia, pro-Vietnam conspirators, or the CIA? Over the years, a number of explanations have been put forth and have been received with varying degrees of belief and skepticism. The conference's final panel offers a comprehensive evaluation of these and other theories.

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## SATURDAY EVENING

Saturday 8:00 pm - 10:30 pm

## BOOK FAIR EXHIBITORS

Classified Ads

**8:00 pm -9:00 pm: Research Investigation**  
**Presenters: John R. Craig, Phillip A. Rogers**

A presentation of identification of the infamous "tramp" in Dealey Plaza.

**9:00 pm -10:30 pm: Speak-Out**  
**Moderator: J. Gary Shaw**

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**Notes:**

1. Mark Lane, author *Plausible Denial*, 213/275-7327.
2. The Last Hurrah Bookstore, 937 Memorial Ave, Williamsport, PA 17701, 717/527-9338.
3. Bruce Halford, KHOU-TV, Video tapes, 713/526-1111.
4. Robert Cutler, Box 1465, Manchester, MA 01944.
5. John Davis, author *The Kennedy*, 212/366-2203.
6. Shipolsky Publishers, 212/633-2022.
7. Eclipse Trading Cards, Box 1099, 6632 Covey, Forestville, CA 95436.
8. Ted Charach, Telecommunications Network News Service, 310/785-0693.
9. Gerald Blow, *fi. Worth Star Telegram & Dallas Morning News*, 214/528-9128.
10. The Texas Observer, 307 W. 7th, Austin, TX 78701, 512/477-0746.
11. JFK Assassination Information Center, 603 Munger Ave, Box 40, Dallas, TX 75202, 214/871-2770.
12. 6th Floor Museum, 411 Elm #120, Dallas, TX 75202-3301.
13. JFK Blue Tours, 214/871-2770.
14. JFK: The Last Dissenting Witness, Jean Hill 214/388-3563.

**WANT FOUR BOOKS** relating to assassination - Bloomgardner's, Cutler's, Mengler's and Oswald's. Contact John Thomas, Best Western Hotel or 713/661-3747, 713/229-2424.

**RESEARCHING PHOTOGRAPHIC EVIDENCE**, November 22, 1963, Hal Verb, Box 421815, San Francisco, CA 94142-1815.

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**RESEARCHING PHOTOGRAPHIC HISTORY** of assassination for book: Richard Trask, 35 Centre St, Danvers, MA, 01923.

**WANT COPY OF *Accessories After Fact*** - Mengler book. Forrest Preece, 512/451-3293.

**GOODNIGHT MR. CALLABASH**. Printed two weeks ago. JFK, MLK, RFK, RWR, KA 007. See R.B. Candler table.

**GRASSY KNOLL GUNMAN?** Opinions, Theories. Matt Jones, Box 744, Hartwick College, Oneonta, NY 13820.

**FIRST TIME OFFERED FOR SALE. *fi. Worth Star Telegram***, November 23-30, *Dallas Morning News*, November 22-30. Complete as delivered to subscriber, 1963. Look for table at Book Fair, 214/528-9128.

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