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THE AMLASH LEGACY

A Novel by David Atlee Phillips

First sheet contains a scene in which a young man with a briefcase full of cash appears in the office of Seymour Penfield, C.P.A., P.A., and inquires about the taxability of a cash bequest he has inherited from his father.

Chapter One--The 6th of April

Don's father, Harold Harrison [David Phillips], dies in Mexico City. Don is "the son of the CIA's top Latin America covert action officer and then, after Chile...."

Chapter Two (Outline)--The 7th of April

Homer Keyes, 65, freckled, wizened. Brilliant, effective intelligence officer. Breeds Labrador retrievers in San Antonio.

Willard Bell [Winston Scott], CIA Chief of Station in Mexico City, who succeeded Harold Harrison when retired in 1975.

Don and Homer drive to Cuernavaca, reminisce about Don's father.

Don and Homer are named co-executors of the estate. The will includes a \$50,000 bequest to maintain Don's mother, Virginia Harrison in asylum where she has been confined for many years.

Willard Bell is concerned when they cannot find a journal which both Homer and Don confirm Homer has kept for many years.

Mysterious woman in black appears at funeral. After the funeral, Don and Homer see her drive away in limousine with the low digit license plates which only high Mexican officials have.

Don returns home to his wife Elaine to find a stranger named Douglas waiting.

Chapter Three--The 8th of April

Douglas is 6'4" tall. Says he was in a "special projects" unit outside the Agency. Very deep.

Says he is responsible for Harold's becoming a spook.

Douglas has a briefcase with \$400,000 in it.

Homer Keyes.

Is Douglas wearing a wig?

Douglas gives Don a letter from his father. The letter says that after January 1, 1986 he should go to the Banco Mercantil & Comercio on Insurgentes Avenue in Mexico City with his identification and he will get a letter explaining the \$400,000.

Chapter Four--The 9th of April

Don visits mother who, following unexplained trauma in Mexico City in late 1963, suffered from catatonia, a form of dementia praecox.

Ladslo Hermes [Gaeton Fonzi], a staff investigator for the newest congressional committee to investigate the JFK assassination asks Don to visit congressional chambers the next day to talk about his father.

Don goes to House Annex #2.

Hermes is responsible for investigating allegations of a Cuban exile [Antonio Veciana] who had worked for CIA against Fidel Castro.

"The exile claims he attended a meeting on the last day of October before the November assassination of JFK. There were two Americans present. One was a CIA man the exile knew only as Paul Wilson [Maurice Bishop]. The other was Lee Harvey Oswald."

"The exile has testified under oath that his CIA cryptonym was AMLASH-4, that . . . the American he knew as Paul Wilson wore a hat with the initials H.H. in the band, and that the physical description the Cuban provided was similar to Don's father Harold Harrison.

Chapter Six--The 11th of April

Don decides to investigate the Kennedy assassination. He considers going to Park Rhodes [Mark Lane], a publicity-seeking assassination buff, but a friend advises him instead to see Richard Grace, III [Bud Fensterwald], a more serious and respected student of the assassination. Grace, who is blind, lives in a Penthouse in the Arlington Towers complex. He is very wealthy, a well-known supporter of kooky causes, especially those of the new left.

Grace tipped by leaks from the congressional committee that committee has an Identikit composite which resembles Don's father.

Chapter Seven--The 12th of April

Homer Keyes arrives. The CIA has asked him to liaize between the CIA and Don until Don testifies before the committee. Homer offers to go to Mexico City with Don (who has kept \$10,000 of the \$400,000 to investigate the assassination).

Chapter Eight--The 13th of April

Don and Homer go to the bank in Mexico City and Homer attempts to bribe the woman who has the letter which will be available after January 1986.

Homer asks Bell, the station chief, for the name of the owner of the limousine in which the woman dressed in black at the funeral rode. Bell is evasive, but it turns out she is Señora Marila Solar de Mendez, a Mexican cabinet minister.

Homer succeeds in bribing the woman bank official by giving money to her favorite charity. She provides the letter from Don's father, which reads:

I was one of the two case officers who handled Lee Harvey Oswald. After working to establish his Marxist bona fides, we gave him the mission of killing Fidel Castro in Cuba. I helped him when he came to Mexico City to obtain a visa, and when he returned to Dallas to wait for it I saw him twice there. We rehearsed the plan many times: In Havana Oswald was to assassinate Castro with a sniper's rifle from the upper floor window of a building on the route where Castro often drove in an open jeep.

Whether Oswald was a double-agent or a psycho I'm not sure, and I don't know why he killed Kennedy. But I do know he used precisely the plan we had devised against Castro. Thus the CIA did not anticipate the President's assassination but it was responsible for it. I share that guilt.

Allen Dulles gave the other CIA agent and me \$800,000 in cash to finance the operation and set up Oswald for life after Castro's death. When the scheme went so horribly awry

Dulles told us to keep the money--he feared that an effort to give it to the Agency's operational funds would cause problems. I asked my colleagues to hold half for delivery to you after my death. If he has not done that something must have happened to him, or maybe he just turned greedy.

You can imagine how this sad history has troubled me. Many Times I have thought of revealing the truth, but somehow couldn't. Perhaps you reading this, will decide it's time for the truth.

Homer and Don are followed by three black-suited riders.

Chapter 9--The 14th of April

Don and Homer go to private spy-shop owned by former FBI agent to verify signature on Don's father's letter.

Grace tells Don and Homer that assassination buffs are having a rally in New York the following day. Park Rhodes, author of books which claim the CIA and the FBI are responsible for the JFK and MLK assassinations, will reveal new data about the Mexico City connection in the JFK case.

Don and Homer decide to attend the rally.

They learn that Don's father's signature is authentic.

Chapter Ten--the 15th of April

Don and Homer attend buffs' rally and find Douglas present. Don disguises himself as a hippie and Homer gets a photographer to snap photos of Douglas, claiming he is FBI spy.

Don learns there has been a break-in at his home, but only rock records and a six-pack of beer taken.

Chapter Eleven--16th April

Homer studies photos--never knew Douglas at the CIA's Counter-intelligence Division.

Don and Homer go to the Virginia home of former CID boss Francis Aristotle Parkington [James Jesus Angleton] an eccentric

who always wears a black homburg hat and collects antique snuff boxes.

Parkington does not recognize Douglas as former CIA but seems to recall KGB agent of same appearance.

Chapter Twelve--17 of April

Richard Grace tells Don and Homer that the Cuban exile [Antonio Veciana] is Enrique Ortiz and is presently living in Miami. They fly off to Miami to find that Ortiz has been murdered. Three men in black were seen in the vicinity.

Don phones Parkington, tells him to have CIA fly Willard Bell in from Mexico City for meeting the next day or he will give CIA real problems with the congressional JFK investigation.

Ladslo Hermes flies back on plane with Don.

Chapter Thirteen--the 18th of April

Five days before Don is to testify.

Bell is not at Langley meeting when it begins. Don accuses Bell of duplicity when he requested Don's assistance in locating Harrison's missing journal. "As a teenager Don had learned enough about security to know that any able CIA man would have made an immediate entry, legal or not, into the home of a former chief of station who had died in the country where he served. SOP.

Bell admits team was sent but says it found nothing of interest.

Bell identifies photograph of Douglas as Notali Godunov, senior KGB deep-cover agent in Latin America, who has lived in Mexico City for 17 years.

Chapter 14--The 19th of April

Breakfast at Parkington's. Parkington elated. Obvious that Godunov is principal agent in KGB scheme to discredit Don's father and CIA. Wants to call FBI. Homer not sure, wants to wait.

Rhodes has obtained copy of letter which Don and Homer brought back from Mexico City.

Rhodes insinuates that Virginia Harrison became a mental case after learning her husband was involved in the JFK assassination.

Homer says they must move quickly or entire fabricated scenario will become a durable myth regardless of conclusion of the assassination committee.

Homer goes to Security Unlimited, the private spy-shop run by the former FBI agent and provides a copy of the entire Mexico City letter, not just the signature.

Marila and Don meet at Watergate Hotel. She and his father were once lovers, which is why she was at his funeral. She met him in late 1963 at his home. His wife caught them having kinky sex--unusual positions, etc.

Security Unlimited reports that the paper of the Mexico City letter is authentic but that the original typing--a poem--had been chemically removed and replaced by the false message. The new letter had recently been retyped.

A photograph of a dress-up party on a cruise ship turns out to be a Halloween party. The passenger list should prove that Harold Harrison was on the high seas on the last day of October before November assassination of JFK.

Don suspected exile's story because he recalls father used razor blade to cut laundry marks from clothes before operational trip.

"Certainly he would never have been so unprofessional as to wear a hat with his true initials in the band had he really met Oswald."

Don plans trip to get bank employee to confirm his suspicion that Godunov bribed her to pretend to be the custodian of fabricated letter. He finds that the bank employee died in an auto accident.

Chapter Fifteen--20th of April

It is only 48 hours before Don is to testify before the assassinations committee.

Don wants to confront KGB to clarify its involvement in assassination.

Andrei Novokov--intelligence chief at Soviet Embassy. Don tells Novokov that his testimony will involve Godunov and Soviet Union in JFK assassination.

Don and Homer and Parkington visit Richard Grace. "Grace is disturbed. One of his researchers has come up with a magazine article written several years previously by Laredo in which Hermes described himself as paranoid on the subject of the JFK assassination and convinced that CIA is involved.

Don goes to Soviet Embassy. Novikov tells him that Douglas had defected several weeks ago to CIA. Russians do not know where he is. Godunuv absconded with \$400,000 in KGB operational funds and Soviets want it back.

Don goes to Homer and Parkington. Parkington scoffs, claiming KGB is attempting to distance itself from an operation gone awry.

Homer says it is time to advise the CIA and FBI.

At home, Elaine says Godunuv, calling himself Douglas, has just called. Wants to meet with Don.

Chapter Sixteen--21st of April

Don wants to meet Godunuv. Homer disagrees. Too dangerous. Parkington suggests a trap.

CIA/FBI arrive. They outfit Don with an arm cast containing electronic surveillance equipment which will be monitored by a van.

Godunuv is to meet Don at pay phone by Rayburn Bldg.

Godunuv calls Don at the pay phone and tells him to go to the subway station, which he does. Three men in black suits also get on the train. Thus, they have outwitted the electronic surveillance. They go to National Airport stop and then come back. Don is forced off train at Arlington cemetery stop. Eventually he ends up at Arlington House, after having been drugged.

Chapter Seventeen--22nd of April

When Don comes to, he is in the presence of Richard Grace and Godunuv. Godunuv explains how they became allies in an effort to discredit Harrison and the CIA. Godunuv, who knew Harrison was in failing health, constructed a scheme to be launched on Harrison's death; the scenario included authentic detail provided by the journal which Godunuv had filched from Harrison's home in Cuernavaca.

Godunuv despised Harrison, having been passed over several times for promotion because of Harrison's effective work against

KGB operations in Mexico City.

Grace, in addition to replacing the \$400,000 he had stolen, promised to underwrite a life of luxury in the West for the Russian.

Grace's motives: a paranoid hatred of the CIA which began when he learned that the Agency had read his mail for two decades; and his frustration that despite his conviction that it must be so - the JFK murder had never been pinned on the establishment.

Grace and Godunov tell Don that his death will be assumed to be a suicide. However, the CIA and the FBI burst in and this point and rescue Don. They had been monitoring the conversation because a bug had been placed in the dog collar of Grace's Labrador Retriever. Everything was on tape, so Don could tell the truth about the Grace/Godunov plot to the assassinations committee.