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DALLAS AND AFTER:

AN INQUIRY INTO THE ASSASSINATION OF JOHN KENNEDY

New evidence showing that Lee Harvey Oswald may have been the victim of a faked photograph which was an important piece of evidence in the John F. Kennedy assassination has been assembled by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation program, "the fifth estate".

Photo technologists at the Department of National Defence, Ottawa, examined, at the request of the program, two photos of Oswald which were given to the FBI by Oswald's Russian-born wife, Marina. The Canadian armed forces analysts, experts at the minute examination of intelligence photographs, said that the pictures bear all the earmarks of having been faked.

The program stated:

"...the photos were shot from a slightly different angle, from a different distance with the gun in a different hand. So, if one photo is laid on top of the other, nothing should match exactly. Yet, impossibly, while one body is bigger than the other, the heads match perfectly,

bearing out Oswald's charge that his head was pasted on an incriminating photograph."



One of the photos appeared on the cover of Life magazine on February 21, 1964 and is reproduced in the Warren Report which named Oswald the single, unaided assassin of President Kennedy, who was shot in Dallas on November 22, 1963. The two photos show Oswald holding a rifle in one hand and a copy of a Trotskyite newspaper in the other.

The Defence photographic experts pointed out that if the bodies are a different size from one photo to another, the head size should also vary. But it doesn't. The photo experts said this is clear evidence that one photo was definitely faked, and an indication that both were trumped up.

"The fifth estate" documentary on the Kennedy Assassination, produced by Brian McKenna and hosted by Adrienne Clarkson, is the first major network analysis since the CBS inquiry in 1975. CBS continued to uphold the Warren Commission that Lee Harvey Oswald acting alone killed the president. The Canadian documentary casts significant doubt on that conclusion. In a dramatic section, Cyril Wecht, the only non-governmental forensic pathologist ever to examine the autopsy evidence kept under guard in the National Archives, testifies that the evidence is unmistakable that John Kennedy was killed by more than one assassin.

The CBC show also features a frame by frame analysis of the famous Zapruder film by Josiah Thompson, the man who originally analysed the 8mm film for Life Magazine.



"The fifth estate" also tracked down William George Gaudet, a man who was a contract employee for the CIA and observed Oswald in New Orleans before the assassination.

"I think Oswald was nothing more or less than just a patsy in my book. That's my opinion of Oswald. I think he was used," said Mr. Gaudet, who lives in retirement in Waveland, Mississippi. He is a new witness to Oswald's mysterious career in New Orleans, where he moved within a network of anti-Castro groups, groups financed and set up by the CIA.

Gaudet said he believed at the time of the assassination that the fierce anti-Castro groups had something to do with the events in Dallas - but they wouldn't have done it alone.

"Apparently there were many persons involved in the conspiracy (against) Kennedy. You had many persons who wanted him dead.

Certainly the anti-Castro cubans had a right to get into it." Gaudet was tracked down by Peter Dale Scott, a Canadian and former diplomat with external affairs who now teaches at the University of California. Scott is an internationally known analyst of the Kennedy assassination. In September, he was called in by the U.S. Congress to counsel the current investigation into the Kennedy murder. He appears in "the fifth estate" documentary as a guide through the labyrinth of the assassination.

In the program, a Miami based mercenary and soldier of fortune, Gerry Patrick Hemming told "fifth estate" host Adrienne Clarkson that he was



offered contracts on the life of John Kennedy several times in the 1962 - 1963 period. He described one meeting in detail where there was cash on the table and actual techniques were discussed - "snipers, remote-controlled explosive devices and walk-up shooters - standard techniques."

As a result of an allegation that he was part of an assassination team in Dealey Plaza, Hemming said that he conducted his own inquiry "to find out who did what and who didn't do what" on the Kennedy assassination.

Hemming, a bearded, 6'7" mercenary who ran a mafia and CIA linked guerilla operation against Castro, said, "I know of more than one group that collected money" for killing John Kennedy.

"But they didn't do it. They ripped them off," said Hemming, referring to the groups who had taken a contract on Kennedy's life, "It was a stroke of luck for them. They had taken money in advance." While former President and Warren Commissioner Gerald Ford told "the fifth estate" he still stands by the commission findings, Republican Senator Richard Schweiker told the program "that there is clear evidence of a cover-up, involving the FBI and The CIA." And, in his opinion, the cover-up had to be initiated one step higher - the White House. He said the key to solving the Kennedy assassination lies in "the Cuban connection."

The program reports that the Congressional committee investigating the JFK assassination is looking closely at an interlocking conspiracy involving the Mafia, and certain elements of the CIA using the anti-Castro Cubans.