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4 Dallas Policemen Reveal They Saw Evidence Ruby and Oswald Conspired to Kill JFK—On Orders From Castro

...But the Documents, Turned Over To FBI, Mysteriously Disappeared



CONSTABLE Ben Cash: The documents also showed a "third man was involved in the killing."

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Documentary evidence that Jack Ruby conspired with Lee Harvey Oswald and a third man to murder John F. Kennedy was found two months after the assassination, say four Dallas police officers who saw the material.

The documents clearly stated that Cuban dictator Fidel Castro ordered Kennedy killed — and that the three "did it for Castro," the officers declare.

The crucial evidence was turned over to the FBI, which claims it forwarded the documents to the Warren Commission — but at some point it has been mysteriously "lost."

Dallas District Attorney Henry Wade confirms that he personally received the evidence from the officers at his home on Jan. 23, 1964.

Wade, in turn, handed the documents over to the FBI.

But an ENQUIRER probe of the Warren Commission's archives shows that the documents are inexplicably missing.

Deputy Constable Billy J. Preston of Dallas, who obtained the evidence, read it and turned it over to District Attorney Wade, told The ENQUIRER:

"There is no doubt in my mind that the evidence proved a conspiracy."

The Warren Commission report states there was no evidence that Ruby knew Oswald before the assassination. But Constable Ben Cash of Port Aransas, Tex., who was a deputy constable in Dallas at the time of the assassination and who also read the documents, declared:

"The papers Preston picked up contained a receipt for a motel room outside New Orleans in two names — Lee Harvey Oswald, and Jack Ruby!"

"It showed two long-distance calls billed to the room. Beside one was the notation 'Cuban Embassy,' beside the other, 'Russian Embassy.'"

"This receipt was dated two months before the assassination occurred."

"There was a document among the papers detailing how the assassination was accomplished. I have no doubt that the writer of that document was the third man involved in the killing."

"It revealed the whole conspiracy and I believe the writer intended it to protect his own life — he could warn others who knew that if anything happened to him, the document would be released."

"It stated that Oswald was not alone in the assassination,



DEPUTY CONSTABLE Billy J. Preston: "... no doubt ... that the evidence proved a conspiracy."

and that a .25 caliber gun — it didn't say whether it was a rifle or a handgun — had been used in the killing."

(The only weapon cited in the Warren Commission report as having been fired at Kennedy was an Italian-made 6.5-millimeter carbine.)

Preston told The ENQUIRER that the evidence consisted of 33 documents, packed in a cardboard container about the size of a shirtbox and included:

- The document Cash mentioned, laboriously handwritten in part-English, part-Spanish, giving accurate details of the assassination. It also recounted an earlier plan to assassinate Kennedy in Wisconsin in September 1963 — which was abandoned because security around the President was too tight.

- Newspaper clippings identifying the author of the document — the third member of

the assassination team — as a Texas-born gunman who had hired out repeatedly as a professional killer in Mexico.

"There were notes stating clearly that Fidel Castro had Kennedy assassinated, that the killers were doing it for Castro," Preston stated.

"The notes also spoke about Ruby and Oswald meeting in New Orleans, about trips to Mexico City, and about visiting the Cuban and Mexican embassies.

"There was mention of an airfield across the border in Mexico, and I've often wondered if this could have been the planned getaway field."

Preston said the documents included a membership card, No. 52, in the "Fair Play for Cuba Committee," issued to Jack Ruby. The committee was a pro-Castro group, and Oswald is known to have passed out leaflets for it in New Orleans.

The papers also included a press card issued to Ruby at a Chicago address by the Daily Worker, a communist newspaper.

The box containing the documents was given to Preston after he got a call from a girl he knew, who was rooming with another girl named Mary. She said Mary had something Preston should see. Preston went there and Mary told him her boyfriend had left her with a file of papers.

"Mary was an employe of Paramount Pictures, and some of the notes made by her boyfriend were on the stationery of the company," Preston said. "I remember one thing very well: that girl was scared!

"She told me that Oswald had also spent some time at her residence, which was in a lower-income neighborhood of Dallas."

Dallas Deputy Constable Michael Callahan stated that he too had seen the contents of the box when Preston brought it back to the constable's office. "I saw a message in it about going to Cuba," he said.

And former Deputy Constable Tom Stockard Jr., told The ENQUIRER: "I was there when the other constables were going through the con-

tents of the box. It happened just like they said."

Cash said the documents were turned over to District Attorney Wade that same night, and he saw them handed over by Preston. Wade confirmed it.

"I definitely remember receiving those documents," he told The ENQUIRER. "I remember the deputy constables bringing them to my home."

The FBI confirms that it received the documents and claims it forwarded them to the Warren Commission. Official FBI spokesman William "Bill" Hayes told The ENQUIRER from FBI headquarters in Washington, D.C.:

"These documents were filed with the Warren Commission in an FBI report dated Feb. 11, 1964. They are presently in the custody of the National Archives in Washington."

A search of the Archives yielded the report itself — but no documents. The report, bearing Bureau File Number 105-82555, states definitely that the FBI received the documents on Jan. 28, 1964, but they are not with the report, nor is there any reference in the report to enclosures or attachments.

Marion Johnson, archivist in charge of all papers relating to the Kennedy assassination, said: "I never heard of these documents before."

Nevertheless, The ENQUIRER, with Johnson, made a thorough search of the Archives. The missing documents were not found.

When The ENQUIRER went back to FBI spokesman Hayes to report that the documents were not in the Archives as stated, he refused to discuss the matter — leaving wide open the question of what happened to this startling evidence after the FBI received it.

Said Preston: "We were told at the time that the documents were so important they were being rushed to Washington."

Cash added: "We knew they were important. I believe that if they had been released then, we would have had World War 3.

"When I heard nothing more about them, I figured they were being kept secret for that reason — the Cuban involve-

ment could have led us into a war with Cuba and Russia."

And Preston noted: "I was surprised when none of us who saw the documents were ever questioned or called before the Warren Commission.

"Then I figured decisions had been made by higher authorities to keep the conspiracy secret because of political repercussions."

But after 12 years of silence, the deputy constables said, they decided to reveal the evidence because recent Congressional probes hinting at a cover-up had encouraged them to speak out.

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DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Henry Wade confirms he received the evidence two months after the JFK assassination and then turned it over to the FBI.

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Mr. Donald McLaughlin
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Dear Donald,

Sometimes I'm amused by them but generally I pay not attention to bullshit stories.

Your 8/17 story is an exception. The bullshit in it could make a really important story. And there is in it what is totally impossible. The more impossible, the larger the story, I am confident. I am also confident that, with patience, proofs are available.

When Bill was here and we had a little time to talk one proposal I made was that I be engaged on a retainer and be available in matters of this kind. Because I have heard nothing I've assumed the idea was not approved.

While I don't mind taking a few minutes to answer questions and be helpful to friends over the years + have spent a considerable amount of uncompensated time this way. When I was to have been compensated it has not always happened.

Bill and Red are friends. Because they are friends there is no limit I would put on the time I spend with them and trying to help them on a personal basis.

If when Bill was here it was personal and not Enquirer business, which was not my impression, I would expect nothing for the several days of time. If it was Enquirer business and you were using me as a consultant, I do believe expecting a reasonable compensation for the time is not unreasonable.

Bill did take back a story proposal from me. ^{Rejected} For reasons entirely beyond my capability to explain in journalistic terms. When you told me the story had been turned down you said you would be sending me \$100 for that particular time. I have written about this and I have not received it. Similarly, although the records are confused and Rod was very much in the middle in an effort to straighten it out (which we appreciate much), we were able to straighten it out, it means that from about a year ago there is another \$100 due me, we went over this with Bill, he agreed and he said he would speak to the proper person. I have written about this also without response.

Having read this new story and knowing what some of these rejected are it is apparent that determinations are on a basis not unfamiliar to me, policy. Well, I can hardly single the Enquirer out for criticism on that basis. In context less than say the NYTimes or WxPost. But it does help me understand reality a little better.

Now if you want a followup on this one, how about a Dallas police report of an arrest of Ruby and Oswald - together? I have it. Just before the assassination.

There is nothing you are I can do with policy decisions except live with them, you in your way I in mine. I regret this much because without them there is truly superior journalism available to the Enquirer. I'm not approaching your competition on any of them for a number of reasons. One is that when there are these problems where I deal with really fine human beings and men of the most respectable (and here respected) professional credentials I can only expect worse elsewhere. Not at my age and with my medical and other problems. I'll do better to spend that time on my own work.

There appears to be no likelihood than anyone on the decision level will sit down and discuss any of this with me if only because they are too busy and have not yet come to the point in the paper's growth where substantial journalism than can be just as popular and attractive in the marketplace really means anything to them. Without something like this there will never be any interest in these kinds of stories.

There is something else on which Dad has tried hard and has done all he can.

I was to have received a copy of the Guinn report. You paid Guinn for it. To the best of Rod's knowledge, you have not received it. Yet the content was discussed with me so it has to be there somewhere.

I would like a copy very much, please. It can be important to me.

Soon I'll have to be reprinting one of my early books. I'll be using the film story Bill took back in it. It is a major story on this subject by any standard.

Best wishes,