

Three Decades of Doubt - National Conference in Washington, DC

The first National Conference of the Coalition on Political Assassinations, "Three Decades of Doubt," will be held at the Washington Sheraton Hotel in D.C., from October 7-10, 1994. Professional papers will be presented by medical, photographic and ballistic experts, independent researchers and authors, academics and scholars. Recognized experts will present professional analysis of recently released documents and long-standing evidence. Benefits from this conference will go toward efforts to continue the ongoing investigations into major political assassinations and to secure full release of all government documents. Professional panels, topical workshops, and various working panels and Coalition boards will meet during the busy weekend. Don't miss this unique opportunity to learn, to be heard and to take action. Join us at this historic event, 30 years after the Warren Commission Report was released. Now we want the truth.

Purpose

This is the first national gathering of a grassroots effort that will continue to grow. Our purpose is to bring together a wide range of independent researchers and investigators, press and media representatives, and others interested in the political assassinations of the last three decades. We hope to combine their research, skills and energy, allow them to see newly released records and examine new evidence, and present and compare their own work at special-topic workshops. We will also be presenting major new findings at our public panel presentations. This Conference will lay the foundation for our message to be heard where it counts, in the halls of Congress and the White House. It will assist the working relationship between the serious researchers and the new Records Review Board. It will reach the American people through national media coverage. And, it will lay the foundation for ongoing citizen action, full release of the files, public education, and a resolution of the questions that have remained unanswered for so long.

Major Revelations, Expert Speakers

Major revelations are expected from the new JFK assassination files, breaking developments in medical evidence, new photographs, and news of other assassinations. What follows is only a partial list of topics from over 40 scheduled speakers:

Peter Dale Scott, Ph.D., The Oswald File Story: A New Look
John Newman, Ph.D., Lee Harvey Oswald
Dr. Gary Aguilar, M.D., JFK Autopsy Photos: Reason for Doubt
Dr. Cyril Wecht, M.D., J.D., Medical Evidence
Dr. Randy Robertson, M.D., Radiologic Evidence of Second Wound in JFK's Skull
Dr. David Mantik, M.D., Autopsy Skull X-Rays, Brain Volume
Brad Parker, Personal Recollection of a Parkland Physician,
Ronald Jones, M.D. and JFK's Wounds
James and Margaret Snyder, Ph.D. & MLS A Critique of the "Jet Effect"
Hal Verb: JFK: The First Shot Was Not the Missed Shot
Theresa Seay, M.A., An Overview of the Assassination
Michael Parenti, Ph.D., Conspiracy Phobia and JFK
Dr. Carrie Foster, Ph.D., Teaching The Historical Context

William Wolfram, The Forgotten Struggle: Kennedy-CIA Deep Politics Preceding the Assassination
Michael Morrissey, The Bay of Pigs Revisited
Wayne Smith, Ph.D., Kennedy and Castro
William Kelly, Collins Radio and JFK
William Turner, The Assassination of Robert F. Kennedy
Wallace Milam, Martin Luther King, Jr. and Lloyd Jowers
Phillip Melanson, Ph.D., Robert F. Kennedy Assassination
Walt Brown, Ph.D., The Warren Omission
Gaeton Fonzi, The Last Investigation, the HSCA and Mexico City
Jim DiEugenio, Jim Garrison and the New Evidence
Paul Hoch: Paradoxical Secrets: Simultaneously Related and Not
Robert Groden, Photographic Evidence and Dis-information
Jerry Pollcoff, A 30-Year Media Cover-up
Terrence Ripmaster, Mainstream Media and the Assassination
John Judge, Modus Operandi: Parallels from JFK to Reagan
Researchers' Meeting

This is a conference by and for serious researchers. Unlike earlier symposiums and conferences, the proceeds from this gathering will go towards the work of the Coalition, supporting full disclosure of the files and ongoing investigation of the unsolved major political murders of our era. The leading experts in the field will be presenting new evidence, and researchers will have a chance to meet, network and compare notes in special-topic workshops. The various working panels of the Coalition, and our advisory and governing boards will be meeting as well.

Washington, DC

We chose to hold our National Conference each year in Washington, DC, since we can have an impact on Congress and the national media here, we are close to the new Archives II in College Park, MD which houses the JFK Assassination Records Collection of files released since 1992, and we hope to have contact with the new Records Review Board as well. This is also the historic location of the Kennedy family grave site at National Cemetery, and walking tours of the Kennedy homes are available. Regional conferences will be held each spring by the Coalition, and our first choice is New Orleans in 1995.

Registration

Registration for the Conference can be done by mail, since we do not accept credit card payments. Our fee is \$150 until October 6 for the four day event. For those who reserve rooms at the Sheraton under our special conference discount, we will reduce the fee to \$125 per person. Call the Sheraton soon, space is at a premium in October, (202) 328-2900.

Travel Discounts

We have arranged fare discounts with our official carriers, American Airlines and Amtrak, for all Conference participants. All American flights originating in US or Canada between October 5 and 12, 1994, coming into Dulles International, Baltimore/Washington (BWI), or DC National airports will qualify for discounts. To book these flights, call (800) 433-1790 between 7 a.m. and 12 midnight, and refer to the Coalition on Political Assassinations Conference, and StarFile #S-3704GC. Regular coach fares, made 7 days in advance, will be reduced 10%, and

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discounted fares made 14 days in advance are reduced 5%.

Amtrak trains travel city to city, cutting local transportation costs, and provide scenic, comfortable travel. Amtrak will allow a special 10% discount off round-trip regular or excursion fares from any point outside Washington, DC, including Montreal, Canada. Call your travel agent, or Amtrak at 1-(800) USA-RAIL for reservations. When you call, mention special Fare Order #X22-Q951 for the Three Decades of Doubt Conference.

Local Transportation

The Sheraton Washington hotel is easily accessible from DC National airport and Amtrak Union Station by Metro subway, Washington Flyer shuttle, or cab. Inexpensive shuttles and trains are also available at BWI and Dulles airports. The hotel sits directly above the Woodley Park/Zoo stop on the Metro Red Line, providing cheap, quick travel around town. The Conference will arrange for transportation on Friday, October 7 to the Congressional offices and the National Archives II building in College Park, MD. You will be in walking distance of the National Zoo and the Adams Morgan area of town, filled with a variety of ethnic restaurants and interesting shops along Connecticut and Columbia Avenues.

Schedule and Agenda

A final schedule has not been set, but many registrants are planning to spend an extra day (October 6 or 11) in Washington to allow access to the new files, visits to the Assassination Archives and Research Center, and historical sites. Conference registration and activity will begin on Friday October 7, the last day Congress will be in session for 1994. If you plan to lobby your local representative or state senator, contact them in advance to arrange a visit to their office. Groups can be more effective than individuals.

Archives II will be open October 7-8, then closed until the 11th. Computer search requests should be sent in advance, indicating pick-up date. No file or search request will be honored after 3:00 p.m. Friday, October 7 for that evening and the next day, but files can be held overnight.

A press conference on Friday afternoon will be followed by our keynote address that evening, speakers to be announced. Saturday and Sunday will be full meeting days, including both large and small gatherings in the various conference rooms. Special topic meetings will doubtless go on into the evenings. On Monday morning meetings will continue, with a wrap-up session at mid-day so people can begin travel home.

Call to Action

The underlying purpose of this conference is to bring to light new and compelling evidence in these murders, and to work together toward their resolution. Our Coalition grew from and continues a Call to Action. We are the only national, grassroots organization combining organizations and individuals to work towards full disclosure and open investigation in these assassinations. We are working on your behalf in the Nation's Capitol to open the files and get at the truth. We hope you will become a full member of the Coalition if you have not already, and will participate in our Working Panels and future events, our public education and speaking campaigns, and our watchdog activities and legislative alerts concerning Congress and the Review Board. We look forward to seeing you in October.

Congressional Action Alert

To assure a full life and full funding for the Assassination Records Review Board (ARRB), we are asking members to contact by phone, fax or mail various Congress members responsible for oversight or key committee votes on these subjects. Act soon in order to have an impact on the vote before the end of the month.

The technical amendments were drafted and passed by the House as HR 4569, with changed marked up by the Senate to include a three-year extension of the ARRB, starting September 30, 1994. This version will be voted on again by the House after the September recess. Contact your local Representative at 202-224-3121, and the oversight committees: House Government Operations (Rep. John Conyers) and Senate Governmental Affairs (Sen. John Glenn).

Funding is in the hands of a joint conference committee of the House and Senate Appropriations Subcommittees on Treasury, Postal Service and General Government. We are asking that the \$2.4 million annual budget approved by the House be maintained. Contact any or all of the following members of the joint conference committee:

<u>Senator</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Fax</u>
Dennis DeConcini	202-224-4521	Not public
Barbara Mikulski	202-224-4654	202-224-8854
Robert Kerrey	202-224-6551	202-224-7645
Robert Byrd	202-224-3954	Not public
Christopher Bond	202-224-5721	202-224-8149
Alfonse D'Amato	202-224-6542	202-224-5871
Mark Hatfield	202-224-3753	202-224-0276

Or write to: U.S. Senate, Washington, DC 20510

<u>Representative</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Fax</u>
Stenny Hoyer	202-225-4131	202-225-4300
Peter Viscloskey	202-225-2461	202-225-2493
George Darden	202-225-2931	Not public
John Olver	202-225-5335	202-226-1224
Tom Bevill	202-225-4876	Not public
Martin Sabo	202-225-4755	202-225-4886
David Obey	202-225-3365	202-225-3240
Jim Lightfoot	202-225-3806	202-225-6973
Frank Wolf	202-225-5136	Not public
Jim Istook	202-225-2132	202-226-1463
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Or write to: U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, DC 20515.

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