#### ALLA TOUR

#### 1/21/35

Delayed completing the addition to the petition long enough to hear from your this norming then assumed weather created problems for you and went ahead with it without the date of the Shaw petition. I was uneasy about the cover. . Lil said she'd do the xeroxing and collating and is at this moment. But we could not do the cover. I did get into town, with a bou to be my messenger, after arranging for the covers to be made while he waited. I'm fine but still a little edgy, so while Lil began the xeroxing I read Gary Shaw's 1979 piece in TCI, which I'd read when it was published. Perhaps from the edginess my recollection is not as clear as it will become but I was reminded when I came to the OAS reference to an OAS connected disinformation book on the JFK assassination that appears to be related to SDECE. I'm sure I informed you and Bud at the time. Then the name "Romero" came to mind and I do have a file on him, the sup osed assassin. Then I recalled that I had killed publication of the fake in this country, ranging (confidential) from the Enquirer to Bantam. The file is one of the very few marked "confidential" and I'm not now taking the time to read it but I remember clearly that there was a big and expensive push behind the phony book and those who had it at Bantan wondered alound about how much I knew about a book I'd not seen. That was the end of the book internationally. It had been published in France, I think. And I'n pretty sure that there was a connection between a name involved and a personal card Steve Jaffe brought back from France when he went there for Garrison re Farewell America. This, then, seens to establish a link between where two fake books and SDECE. It is without question in Earewell. It is probable with "Romero's" and I have this file and I'm sure some published excerpts, allegedly involving the CIA and an agent called "Mike" in North Africa.

This in haste in the event you think that there can be any kind of link with your interest in sending me Gary's old piece.

If it is of interest I'll go over the file and any related files in it for you. This is morely to respond and indicate while I await the assembling of the addition (5pp text, four and a few lines only) and new I'll get to addressing envelopes. Mrile I was in total I got enough stamps in the event I have to mail from home, if it freezes up tonight.

Hastily,



EDITOR'S NOTE: We are very proud to publish this important article by fellowresearcher J. Gary Shaw, who is also the author of assassination book COVER-UP.

As we have printed many times, we feel the assassination of President John F. Kennedy was a military take-over of the United States government. However, we also feel the United States assassination planners felt it was imperative to "hook" or involve some other nations into the crime in such a way as to insure <u>silence</u> from those countries. Such nations had to remain quiet or risk accusations of being directly involved in the crime.

France, we feel, was one of those independent countries which had to be black-mailed into silence.

When President De Gaulle was stolidly striding down Pennsylvania Avenue during the President's funeral, he already knew he had been compromised.

# QJ/WIN IDENTIFIED?

By J. Gary Shaw

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The existence of a CIA sponsored "Executive Action" program was revealed to the American people in early 1975 by the Senate Intelligence Committee. The purpose of this program, we, were told, was the establishment of the capability to perform assassinations. The assassination planning operation was given a code name by its sponsors - ZR/RIFLE. One of the assassins hired for the kill squad was assigned the cryptonym QJ/WIN. Described as a foreign citizen with a criminal background, QJ/WIN's identity has been one of the Agency's most closely guarded secrets. It is with no little satisfaction therefore, that we attempt to indentify him for the first time. In doing so in this article, we will trace the fantastic career of a FRENCHMAN whose escapades reach from France to the United States, from heroin smuggling to Jack Ruby, from assassination plots against French President De Gualle to the city of Dallas, Texas.

### QJ/WIN: SMUGGLER.

In 1962, QJ/WIN was to go on trial in Europe on smuggling charges.<sup>1</sup> The CIA, we are told, contemplated actions attempting to quash these criminal charges. To our knowledge a trial was never held.<sup>2</sup>

In recently declassified agency handwritten notes concerning the ZR/RIFLE project, we learn a little more about QJ/WIN's smuggling activities.

"4. Operational assets:

(1) <u>Personnel</u>: QJ/WIN is under written contract as a principal agent, with the primary task of spotting agent candidates. QJ/WIN was first contacted in (DELETED BY CIA) , in connection with an illegal narcotics operation into the United States. For a period of a year and a half he was contacted sporadically, by CIS Lucian Conein in behalf of the Bureau of Narcotics. Files of this Bureau reflect an excellent performance by QJ/WIN."<sup>3</sup>

QJ/WIN is a <u>smuggler</u>...and it appears he had some powerful associates.

During this same year a FRENCHMAN of extraordinary background suddenly moved with his family to Canada. The move was paid for by the French police. $^4$ 

He was one of France's biggest heroin smugglers.<sup>5</sup> Over an eight year period ending in 1968 his smuggling ring had shipped more than two tons of heroin to the U.S.<sup>6</sup> By 1969 while supposedly living on the salary of a French Army Captain he had managed to acquire the following:

1,445 acre farm-hunting lodge with private landing strip in Loiret. His own plane A luxury apartment in Paris Two appartments in Metz. A valuable land tract in Moselle A villa in the Paris suburb - Les Yvelines A summer house in Corsica<sup>7</sup>

The FRENCHMAN too, is a smuggler!

He was also a "premier assassin."<sup>8</sup>

### QJ/WIN - ASSASSIN

Former CIA Director Richard Helms said about QJ/WIN: "If you needed somebody to carry out murder, I guess you had a man who might be prepared to carry it out."<sup>9</sup> He was also described as a map of few scruples, capable of doing anything including assassination.<sup>10</sup> He was recruited by the CIA out of Europe.<sup>11</sup> From the previously mentioned ZR/RIFLE operation we learn that, as potential candidates for the "team", "former resistance personnel offers possibility."<sup>12</sup>

The FRENCHMAN-SMUGGLER was a World War II Resistance hero.<sup>13</sup> He was also an efficient killer of Germans, acquiring a portion of his reputation by machine-gunning fifteen Germans as they sat drinking in a small French cafe.<sup>14</sup> After the war, he joined the French secret service.<sup>15</sup> In this capacity he was instrumental in saving the life of President Charles de Gaulle.<sup>16</sup> He did so while on a secret mission during the Algerian strife of 1961.<sup>17</sup> He also had confederates with both heroin and French secret service connections.<sup>18</sup>

### QJ/WIN AND WI/ROGUE

WI/ROUGE was the code name given by the CIA to another of the ZR/RIFLE operatives. He was described by his superiors as an essentially stateless soldier of furtune, a forger and former bank robber, "a man who learns quickly and carrys out any assignment without regard for danger".19 He was also found to be difficult to control, an "unguided missle ". 20 At one time, QJ/WIN was approached by WI/ROGUE in an attempt to recruit him into an intellegence network and execution squad.21 It is not known whether this alliance was ever effected.

The FRENCHMAN had connections through his French secret service employment and smuggling operation, to a professional killer named Christian Jacques David.<sup>22</sup> Christian David, too, was a recruit into the French secret service, acting as a counter-terrorist against the O.A.S.\* and

\* Organisation de l'Armee Secrete, an underground secret army organization which opposed French President de Gaulle's policy toward French control in Algiers.

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I know that my retirement will make no difference in its cardinal principles, that it will always fight for progress and reform, never tolerate injustice or corruption. Always fight demagogues of all parties. Never belong to any party. Always oppose privileged classes and public plunderers. Never lack sympathy with the poor. Always remain devoted to the public welfare. Never be satisfied with merely printing news. Always be drastically independent. Never be afraid to attack wrong, whether by predatory plutocracy or preda tory poverty.

April 10, 1907 Joseph Pulitzer

serving in Algeria and in the Black Africa section of the agency.23

David was considered the most uncontrollable member of a Crosican \* group which itself had been labeled as wild and undisciplined 24 Arrested at one time traveling as a vacationing diplomat--he was found to be carrying Browning and Beretta pistols with silencers, a S-W pistol loaded with dum-dum bullets and stamps for forging passports.<sup>25</sup> At times he was said to travel to various African countries on small missions.<sup>26</sup> He was a professional killer and there are reports that he assassinated a number of African officials.<sup>27</sup> Christian David was a petty hoodlum who had escaped at one time from a French prison.<sup>28</sup> He was 28 years old in 1960.<sup>29</sup>

It should be noted that the use of Corsicans was recommended for use on the "team" in the declassified CIA notes on the ZR/RIFLE project. 30 David was the acknowledged enforcer of the Latin American Corsican group.  $^{31}$ 

An ex-Army intelligence officer, William Spector, recently told Ft. Worth <u>Star-Telegram</u> investigative reporter, Jim Marrs, that Christian Jacques David is indeed WI/ROGUE. Spector's knowledge stems from his former wife's smuggling escapades for France's Paul Louis Weiller and her close acquaintance with David.<sup>32</sup>

In 1972 David was arrested in Brazil, turned over to U.S. agents and brought to this country.33 Here he stood trial and was sentenced to 20 years in Federal Penitentiary for his part in a heroin smuggling ring. $^{34}$ 

He spent little time though, in the U.S. prison. In mid 1975, as a Senate committee was looking into the C.I.A.'s ZR/RIFLE project, David's extradition to France was ordered and he was quietly moved out of the country.<sup>35</sup>

QJ/WIN and WI/ROGUE - two Frenchmen with strikingly similar backgrounds.

Birds of a feather...

 $\star$  The Corsicans are settlers in mainland France who, though not all gangsters, are extremely loyal to each other.  $^{24a}$ 

### QJ/WIN AND JACK RUBY

At the time of President Kennedy's assassination a Texas gunrunner entangled in anti-Castro efforts was in an Algerian jail charged with running guns to the O.A.S.36 His name was Thomas Eil Davis, III. In the early sixties Davis and Jack Ruby were engaged in the sale of arms to Cuba by Ruby's own admission.<sup>37</sup> The F.B.I. was unable to find Davis for the Warren Commission.<sup>38</sup>

Davis, according to Seth Kantor in his book <u>Who Was Jack Ruby?</u>, was freed from the Algerian jail through the efforts of none other than  $QJ/WIN.^{39}$  The gunrunner died in late 1973 under strange circumstances.<sup>40</sup>

Recently, in response to an F.O.I.A. request concerning Davis, it was learned that his F.B.I. file contains more than 200 pages - some of which are classified under national security guidelines. The request, we were told, even though the subject is deceased, would "require some time to process."<sup>41</sup>

QJ/WIN to Jack Ruby. Very interesting...but there's more.

# QJ/WIN AND DALLAS

In 1976, under a Freedom of Information suit, the C.I.A. released Document Number 632-796, a memorandum dated 1 April, 1964, and entitled <u>Jean Souetre's Expulsion from the U.S.</u> Described in the document is a French Army Captain named Jean Souetre, thought to be a deserter and activist in the O.A.S. and who had been expelled from the United States at Fort Worth or Dallas within 18 hours after the President's assassination. He is said to have been in Fort Worth on the morning of the assassination and in Dallas in the afternoon. He was expelled to either Mexico or Canada.\*

The Frenchman, according to the document, also had two aliases - Michel Roux and MICHEL MERTZ.

The Captain Souetre who was so quickly expelled from the Dallas scene is the FRENCHMAN described in the previous paragraph. His real name is <u>MICHAEL VICTOR MERTZ</u>: World War II Resistance Hero, French secret service agent, heroin smuggler extraordinaire and premier assassin.

His actions and description also match those of the C.I.A.'s mysterious QJ/WIN.

### QJ/WIN: MERTZ?

#### Could MERTZ be QJ/WIN?

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If so, was his presence in Dallas on the day of the President's assassination by accident or design?

The implications of these questions are mind-boggling. Consider the following:

- Mertz's presence in Dallas at the time of the assassination definitely hints of his involvement in the crime.
  - If Mertz is QJ/WIN, and the evidence is strong in favor of this conclusion, the question of possible complicity by his employer-the CIA has to be raised.

\*This information on Souetre was given by this author and another researcher to the House Select Committee on Assassinations in October, 1977.

- The involvement, somehow, of the French secret service in the death has to be considered.
- The participation of members of the international drug syndicate in the assassination has to be given strong consideration.
- The negligence (or reluctance) of the F.B.I., C.I.A., Secret Service and Warren Commission to investigate Mertz's presence in Dallas on November 22, 1963 has to be looked upon with extreme suspicion.

At the very least, both the F.B.I. and C.I.A. knew of Mertz's propensity to kill. A friend of Mertz's was approached by the F.B.I. shortly after the Dallas murder and was told that the Frenchman "knew who, or he himself had assassinated Kennedy." They wanted to know "who in Washington had him flown out of Dallas."42

I BELIEVE WE NOW KNOW.

Author's Note: The surface of this story has only been scratched. It is our hope that others will begin to follow up on the information provided.

Too, and as always, my thanks to Mary Ferrell for her assistance with the story, and to Penn Jones for having the guts to print it.

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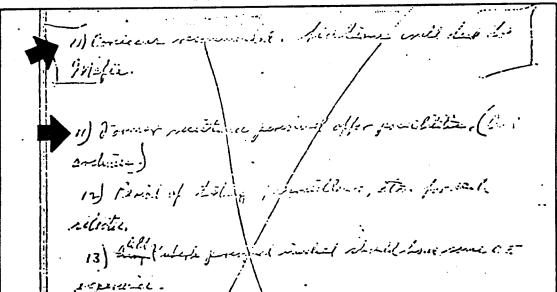
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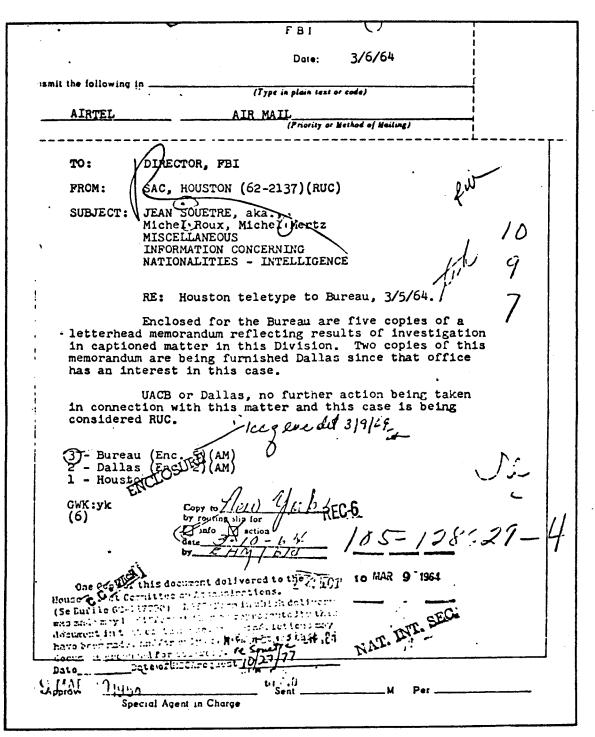
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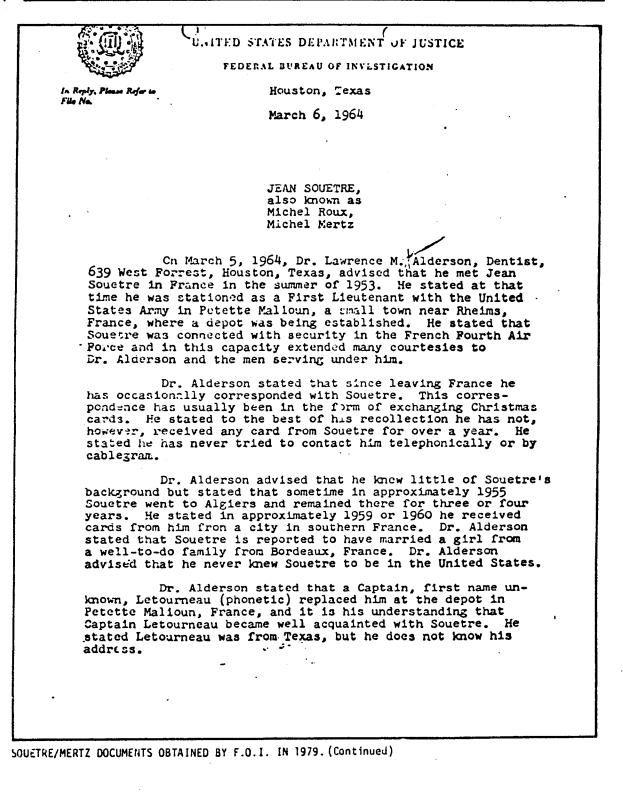
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The Federal government is now considering halting all information releases as a result of Freedom of Information Suits. The Government claims <u>crooks</u> are obtaining too much information from the documents!!!!! The government can think of a thousand ways to conceal its crimes.



SOUETRE/MERTZ DOCUMENTS OBTAINED BY F.O.I. IN 1979.



RE: JEAN SOUETRE

On March 5, 1964, [ir. Horace C. Harri ] Immigration and Naturalization Service, Houston, Texas, caused the records of that service to be checked and no record identifiable with Souetre under his name or known aliases was located.

The records of the Houston Police Department and the Harris County Sheriff's Office, both Houston, Texas, were also checked on March 5, 1964, and no record identifiable with Souetre Was located.

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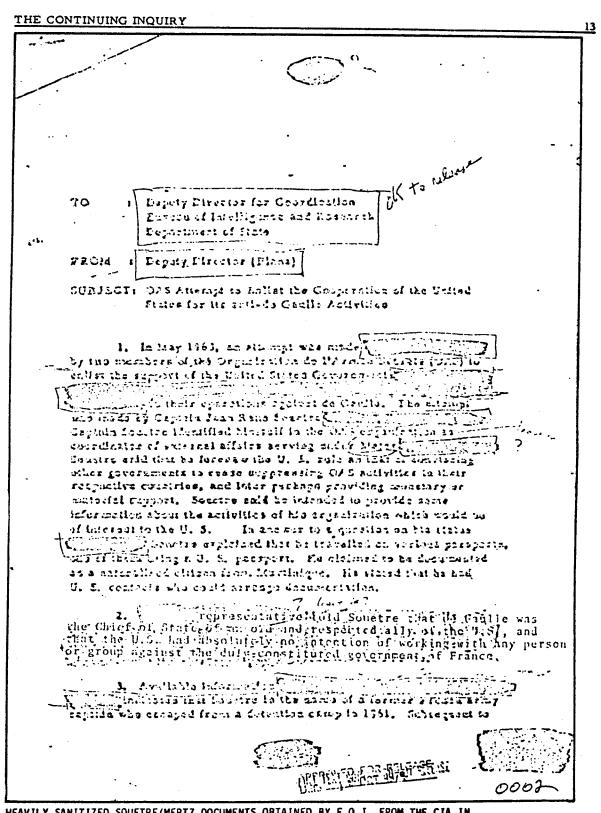
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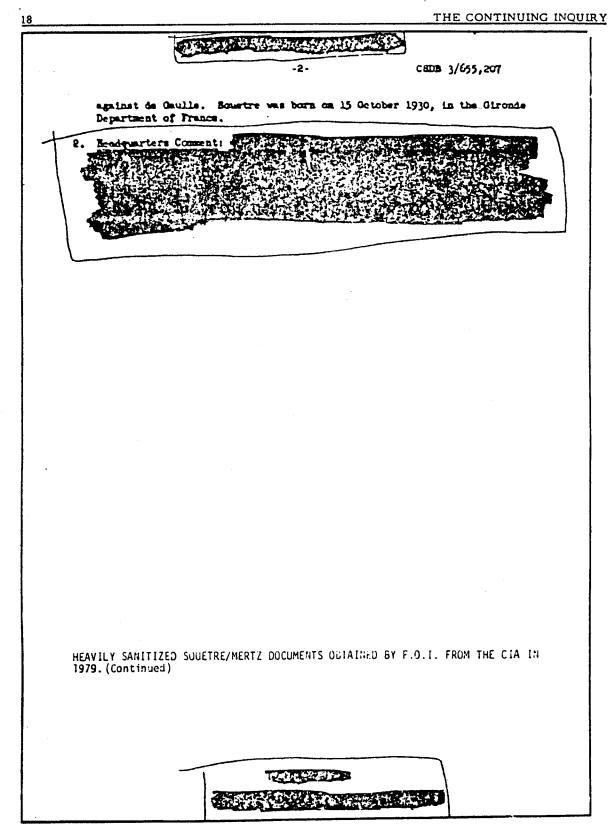
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