

# JFK's assassination was a plot

(Editor's Note: This is the first of three articles by Manchester architect Robert Cutler, who has spent almost two years investigating the murder of President Kennedy. His conclusion: it was a well-conceived plot and the conspirators are still alive. Cutler, who lectures on his theory, has read volumes about the murder and carried his investigation as far as Dallas and New Orleans. He lives on Boardman Avenue in Manchester.)

By ROBERT B. CUTLER  
In the July 13 New Yorker, Edward Jay Epstein has written an interesting article on his experiences and thoughts concerning the activities of Jim Garrison, the District Attorney of New Orleans Parish, as they relate to the assassination of President Kennedy.

This lengthy self-congratulatory piece has as its prime thesis the reprehensibility of the D.A.'s methods of gathering evidence and the worthlessness of the witnesses on whom the case for the prosecution of Clay L. Shaw is based. (Ed. note: Shaw is the New Orleans businessman Garrison believes conspired to shoot the President.)

Epstein travelled to New Orleans and as a member of the original band of critics of the Warren Report, whose book "Inquest" was a bestseller, he was welcomed as an ally by the District Attorney, who has had more than his share of difficulties in bringing Shaw to trial.

Before looking into the New Yorker piece, it is pertinent to peruse a quote or two from "Inquest" (Bantam Book edition,

Viking Press, 1966) and establish the proper background for Epstein's current revelations.

### Demonology

Page 2: "With regard to the Commission, most of the writing on the assassination falls into two diametrically opposed categories: demonology and blind faith.

"Writers in both groups seem to subscribe to an assumption of governmental omnipotence i.e., that the government can do whatever it sets out to do. It should be noted that this study rejects both lines of reasoning because it rejects the common assumption on which they are based."

Page 30: "There was a dualism in purpose. If the explicit purpose of the Warren Commission was to ascertain and expose facts, the implicit purpose was to protect the national interest by dispelling rumors."

### Cuts Little Ice

This latter quote is all very erudite, succinct and sanctimonious as befits a master's thesis in government, which "Inquest" started out to be.

It cuts very little ice with the simple-minded segments of the population who feel strongly that the top echelon of their government should possess the courage and intelligence to direct all available departments of the government, USA, CIA, FBI, SS, etc., to ascertain beyond the shadow of a doubt who murdered one of the most popular presidents this nation has ever had.

Part One of "Inquest" is titled "Political Truth," which examines in depth the discrepancies between the FBI's Summary and Supplemental Reports and the Warren Report, particularly relative to the number of shots, the autopsy, wounds, projectile paths, etc., and ends with this sentence:

Page 50: "It indicates that the conclusions of the Warren Report must be viewed as expressions of political truth."

Cause for Shouting  
To most demonologists, and

this will include those who have read all pertinent demonologia, this is cause for shouting from the housetops, dancing in the streets and burning effigies of almost anyone even remotely connected with the "investigation".

To the ordinary man in the street, who has not experienced the benefits of the rarified atmosphere surrounding doctoral thesis-writing, "political truth" is immediately, instinctively and unequivocally equated with "lie."

Part Two is titled "The Investigation": the final sentence in Chapter 6 is worth re-reading:

Page 90: "The function of the Commission hearings, then, was to record, rather than to investigate, the evidence." Those who love demons, and the loveliest of all is stabled in a stall labelled "Truth," leap from their seat and once more run up the flag in honor of Epstein, their shining white knight returning from another successful foray against the Warren Commission dragon.

### Meat for Demonologists

Part Three, "The Report", is the round Epstein wins without even trying. Wesley J. Liebele, one of the most frustrated of the assistant Commission Counsels, wrote a 26-page, single-spaced critique of the Report's Chapter IV on September 5, 1963, just 23 days prior to publication.

It was Liebele who befriended Epstein allowing him access to the material in his files, without which "Inquest" would have remained in the honor-thesis category.

The revelation of the behind-the-scenes, frantic compilation of the behind-the-scenes frantic compilation of material, the heifer-skelter writing, editing, re-writing plus the tension of obtaining the Commission's unanimous approval, all pursued under the political pressure of publication prior to the presidential election in November, 1964: this was blood-red, rare meat for the demonologists and they devoured it sans carving or chewing.

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# Cutler refutes magazine article

(This is the second of three articles dealing with a piece that appeared in the New Yorker in July on the assassination of President Kennedy. The author of that article, Edward Jay Epstein, also authored a book on the assassination, "Inquest." Mr. Cutler, a Manchester architect, begins his second article refuting a quote from Epstein's magazine piece.)

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Page 125: "Why did the Commission fail to take cognizance in its conclusions of this evidence of a second assassin? Quite clearly, a serious discussion of this problem would have in itself undermined the dominant purpose of the Commission, namely the settling of doubts and suspicions.

Indeed, if the Commission had made it clear that very substantial evidence indicated the presence of a second assassin, it would have opened a Pandora's box of doubts and suspicions.

In establishing its version of the truth, the Warren Commission got to reassure the nation and protect the national interest."

"Inquest" is one of the books that has contributed in no small way to the polls' tabulations that 60 percent of the people in this country (May, 1967) have no faith in the Oswald-three-shot political truth promulgated by the "father-images" on the Warren Commission.

Dismal, Dallas Days  
With this introduction to EJE, it is now proper to approach his New Yorker article, entitled "Garrison". Because of the almost five years of doubt and questioning since those dismal, Dallas days, anyone who ex-

presses these subconscious sentiments publicly receives some recognition in the press whether or not the publisher doubts or believes.

When one of the "best-seller" critics appears to be re-arranging his 1966 melody into a variation on a theme with a minor-off-key-tonality and also seems to be providing positive proof that the only legal officer in the country who is prosecuting anyone remotely connected with the conspiracy, is standing on a veritable quagmire without the semblance of visible support, the reading public and the publisher take to it like the proverbial canard to the water.

The public's lust for blood, which enables bull-fighting to be classed an entertainment, is always prepared for a tale embodying the undermining of a national figure by one once welcomed as a friend. Rumor and gossip, convicts and homosexuals, plus the David-and-Goliath aspect of a great big windbag DA being cut down to size makes lurid, self-satisfying reading; into everyone's life a little acid must come, if only to make the antidotal martini the more delectable.

#### 1967 Excitement

EJE has written quite a presentable piece considering it is able to hang together despite its tendentiousness, which is considerable. On the one hand it enlivens the natural curiosity most people possess while on the other hand it satisfies and soothes any doubts and fears the same people might have about their leaders in the governmental power structure.

The story tells of EJE's going to New Orleans and working

with the "Dealey Plaza Irregulars" on the leads that came into the DA's office in the exciting days of early 1967.

Although he would be the last one to classify himself with those demonologists, nonetheless they and he were working on the same wave length, at least for a while. Disenchantment came to EJE as he considered the ephemeral quality of the "evidence" on which Clay Shaw was arrested, and indicted.

Pronouncements by Garrison pertaining to the CIA, the Establishment, LBJ, the conspirators and the national press began to sound maniacal, demagogical and the erudite EJE backed up his bewilderment with quotations from psychological writings and theses.

#### Skillful Web Woven

Anyone reading the entire 25,000 word article must be more than casually concerned about the subject to engender sufficient endurance to reach the final paragraph without "cheating". More than once one experiences a desperate sinking feeling as EJE weaves his web skillfully and the reputation of the New Yorker seems to balloon as one considers the mass of innocent readers who will assimilate and blabberingly "re-publish" the good news that Garrison is a fake, a charlatan, a demagogue composed of three parts: hot political air, one part slippery evasiveness and more than just a pinch of mental instability.

#### Facts Withheld?

The part of the article not based on EJE's personal experience and interpretation of what the DA was up to deals with some facts given by Garrison in a half-hour NBC-TV

program, which he asserts are being withheld from the public.

In criticism of these facts EJE runs afoul of what the critics have clearly demonstrated to be the truth.

For instance, the fact Oswald was seen in the second-floor lunchroom less than two minutes after the final shot was fired is shown to be a "plausible alternative to presumption of guilt" by Thompson, Sauvage, Weisberg and Meagher.

When EJE runs counter to this factual evidence as detailed in the volumes of testimony and carefully analyzed by the critics, it tends to give one pause in accepting his statements and interpretations of Garrison's activities

If, as EJE points out to his own satisfaction, and it is his own conscience which dictated his role of informer, the DA has such a weak case that it'll not stand up in court, why not let him "fall flat on his face" as Garrison himself has stated on many occasions?

This would rid the government of the only flea biting at its elephantine hide and we can all sit back enjoying the political truth and wait until 2039 to discover the "other" truth about the assassination.

If we look at the facts as they now exist we have nothing more than Clay Shaw arrested and indicted for conspiring to kill the President plus interminable maneuvering by the defense attorneys to prevent his ever coming to trial.

The only logical explanation for the extensive delaying action is that Shaw is scared, the defense is scared and so it follows the government is scared.

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# JFK assassination case should be re-opened

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(This is the last of three articles by Manchester architect Cutler dealing with a New Yorker magazine article by Edward J. Epstein, who defends the findings of the Warren Commission, which investigated the murder of President Kennedy. Cutler, a lecturer on the subject does not defend the Commission report. He has traveled to Dallas and New Orleans as part of his own investigation.)

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There has to be a simple answer to the inconsistencies of the Report: in the course of proving Shaw's guilt or innocence this answer, this explanation of 'why' will surface.

The extent to which it is being protected, rarely measured by any of these practices:

1. The three-month delay by the defense.
2. The spodd deaths, the last of which was RFX, which are attributable to knowledge from the Report.
3. The consistently bad national press Garrison enjoys. Witness the EJE judicial.

In his final summation the author assures everyone that not only did he do the right thing in exposing the DA but no one need really worry any more because the Federal Courts are going to take care of him anyway by calling a halt to Shaw's prosecution and the demagogues will find that their demons will gradually fade away like old soldiers.

On this smug note of "I-told-you-so" EJE rests his case in the press.

From Where Counts  
July 24, just 11 days after the New Yorker hit the stands, the lead story in the New Orleans Times-Picayune, headlined "Court Won't Halt Shaw

court Tuesday refused to block District Attorney Jim Garrison's prosecution of Clay L. Shaw on a charge of conspiring to murder President John F. Kennedy."

Once more the DA, despite the weakness of his case, the bad press, the horros an dibe conf, has won where it counts: in court.

In April a change of venue request by the defense was defeated on appeal to the State Supreme Court, presumably on the logic that Shaw's best chance for a fair trial would be in his own home town of New Orleans.

This decision by the federal court has inspired Time, in its Aug. 2 issue to report objectively on how the bail is being handled in New Orleans.

Where EJE assures the reader that no one should pay much heed to the DA's ranting and ravings. Time quietly mentions the fact that not all the evidence is abroad yet because the DA is trying to bring a man to trial and the best place for producing evidence is not in the public press but in the calm, inclusive atmosphere of a court of law.

**Warren Report Hearings'**  
These two events, following closely on the heels of the New Yorker publication of EJE's subjective writing, relegate it to the realm of personal narrative: fine enough for that field but scarcely adequate or appropriate for the investigation of a presidential assassination.

Accompanying the refusal to stop Garrison was another section of the federal court's decision which refused to issue a declaratory judgment holding the Warren Report valid and binding in the United States including the Criminal District Court. (Of New Orleans)

Report as evidence Judge Edward Magery Jr. ruled "... The Warren Report is full of hearsay evidence (Boston Herald Traveler, March 27, 1967.)

A truly fine testimonial for the chief justice whose name is forever associated with the answer to Executive Order 11330: "... examine the evidence developed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation - evaluate all the facts and circumstances surrounding such assassination."

**Government by Murder**  
To those who know the Report and its volumes of hearings and exhibits, who understand the delays and roadblocks with which Garrison has been beset and who are disgusted with the film-tam and half-deadish which are the ingredients of the whole messy picture of government by assassination, the EJE, lurched action dissonors everything with a hint of demon-ry.

Washing out from under "Inquest", which was a penetrating analysis of the behind-the-scenes activities which produced the Report, EJE now sits firmly on the throne reserved for the ragged and beset, and around since 1891: unfortunately only a few of the New Yorker's legion of local readers will ever be cleared of his wappings.

Taking the big book with the vast vision spectacles it seems to this writer that EJE has accomplished two things: First, he has proven himself to be one literary notch above others of his ilk who have produced paraphrases of the perspectives of the truth. And it is critical by Gavzer and Moody and The Scavengers by Lewis and Schiller.

**one giant step in his Shrybourn operation of the past 21 months. However, the favorable court decision and time's nonsensical reporting of it have more than compensated for lost ground. With the foreground somewhat clearer, the background becomes less be-fogged and the future can be viewed with less bewilderment and despair than in the immediate past.**

**Pandora's Box**  
Whoever feels that Pandora's box presents too many problems with which to cope must now turn back and sit comfortably by their firesides with EJE and the New Yorker.

Those who cannot sit snugly by must implore the Congress to re-open the case, despite the outcome for Garrison. A full-scale investigation is required to re-write the Warren Commission's "political truth; that unblinded pap unashamedly served up to the world because of the greater interest of reassuring the people and protecting the nation from what?'

**40 Deaths Connected?**  
Somewhere in this favored world a gang of conspirators is living as free men: free to wreak more evil on those who seek to eradicate the political truth. The false truth, the lie it is this gang, with a minimum of 20 and a maximum of more than 40 deaths attributable to the saving of their own dirty hides, which the DA in New Orleans is attempting to reach through his first giant step on the trial of Clay L. Shaw. Should he continue to win where it counts, in court, perchance the gang may yet enjoy less comfortable, etc.