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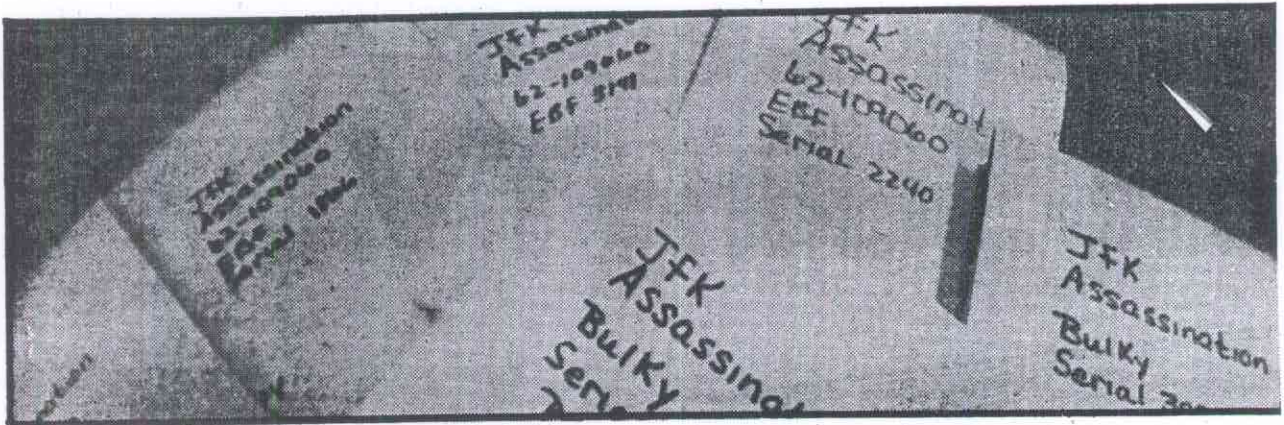
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# The FBI files and JFK

An additional 40,000 pages of material on the assassination of John F. Kennedy has been made public by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. It strengthens the official finding that Lee Harvey Oswald — acting alone — killed the president. Unfortunately, it is unlikely that the half-ton of new paper will persuade the Warren Commission doubters that they are wrong.

Actually, nothing that has been found in either official or unofficial sources since that afternoon in Dallas on November 22, 1963, disproves the single slayer theory.

Part of the tragedy of the assassination of President Kennedy is that it has created a whole cult of disbelief in the official version as detailed by the commission headed by the late Chief Justice Earl Warren. Nothing that anyone in or out of Washington said—or continues to say—

in support of the single slayer theory can convince members of this cult that John F. Kennedy was not the victim of a well organized and financed plot, one that involved as many as four gunmen. Most within this cult blame a conservatives plot for the killing. They insist that the killing of Lee Harvey Oswald by Jack Ruby was part of it, too.

To some degree this reflects the fact that many people are unwilling to believe that anyone as relatively insignificant as Lee Harvey Oswald, a man shown by the FBI files to be troubled and insecure, could have taken the life of John F. Kennedy. There is also an unwillingness among believers in the conspiracy theory to accept the fact that Jack Ruby, a chunky little man who stood small among the tall Texans in Dallas, could have killed Oswald except as part of some deep, dark plot.

Still another mass of hitherto secret FBI records on the assassination will be released to the public next month, all of it part of the material being forced loose through "Freedom of Information" court actions. Many of these court actions were filed by individuals convinced that John F. Kennedy was the victim of a widespread conspiracy — rather than one man acting alone. Believers in this theory are convinced, too, that much of the information having to do with the assassination is being kept from the people as part of an official coverup.

It is helpful to have so much of this new material made public. We hope that every bit of information having to do with the tragic death of President Kennedy will be made public as quickly as possible. It may not convince the doubters that their theory is wrong. But it should convince most Americans that they are getting all of the facts.