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The Gemstone



File: JFK's Killers Revealed

By Bruce Roberts

This magazine has an abiding interest in shedding light on those concerts of evil that are known by the name of conspiracies. It is not just because our publisher was shot down by an unknown gunman in a small Southern town and will bear the physical evidence of that cowardly act for too long. Unseen fingers, pulling unspottable triggers, with silent eyes framing invisible cross hairs, are not strangers to those in public life in this country. The forces of evil that foster such things are far too evident to be a



figment of the paranoid imagination. There are conspiracies; just ask Jimmy Hoffa's son or Medgar Evers's brother or any member of the Kennedy family. Or you could ask Larry or Althea Flynt.

Throughout history, whenever new voices become powerful and commanding, there is a traceable pattern of violent response. Whether from the right or the left there is a stealthy, savage reaction, like a shaft of ramrod steel. From Jesus Christ to Chile's Salvador Allende, the markings are clear. Action calls forth reaction, and nowhere is this more clear than in the savage history of our own country: Abraham Lincoln, Huey Long, John Fitzgerald Kennedy, Robert Kennedy and all the others whose cries for justice have been stilled by the staccato burst of the gun. These are the facts of our political life. Sudden death is not just an overtime in professional football.

The article that follows, *The Gemstone File*—a condensation of a thousand-page manuscript—may be considered by many to be a work of madness. But remember, through the ages all innovative work of genius has been thought to be the product of insanity. One need only reflect on the spectacle of Galileo recanting before the Church. It was madness—they said—for him to advance the notion that the earth moved around the sun. And they were right: It was madness, even though he was correct. The astronomer's thinking was madness because

it upset the settled scheme of things and could not be demonstrably proven for all to see. For that reason, Galileo's idea had to be dismissed and done away with—perhaps, just like *The Gemstone File*.

No doubt reasonable men will say that the factual assertions of *The Gemstone File* are simply preposterous—because they go too far and encompass too much. That may be true, but it should never be overlooked that the hellish vision the article contains may well bear the germs of truth, virulent though they may be.

The author of this article is deceased. How he died is not known. What is known is that he was a man trained as a crystallographer who claimed to have stumbled onto dark and murky, but nonetheless discernible, interconnections between the aberrant world of Howard Hughes, the Mafia, the Central Intelligence Agency and the United States government.

He claimed that through his inventions in the field of artificial-gemstone technology (the cornerstone of laser-beam application) he had penetrated into the heart of the beast: that he became privy to worlds that can just barely be imagined, let alone glimpsed by ordinary mortals. His wisdom (if such it was) led, he claimed, to the death of his father at the hands of these malignant forces.

His name was Bruce Roberts. In the 1950s he lived in the Sunset District of San Francisco and began to preach to all who

would listen about the evil conspiracies he had discovered. This was well before the madness that eventually took place in Dealey Plaza and in Vietnam.

You, then, will be the judge of Roberts's jarring legacy. Is there a connection between the deaths of popes and the flow of oil and heroin? Do the forces that applaud death and disintegration over life and human progress really exist? And do they take the forms Roberts postulates? Is this an incredible web of paranoid lunacy or a searing glimpse into the fourth dimension of history?

We do not presume to judge the material that follows—material we have obtained as a result of our advertisements calling for information about the JFK assassination. Nor do we intend to maliciously cast ill will toward anyone by publishing this article. We consider only this: *The Gemstone File* is a cry that needs to be heard. Whether or not your ears are deaf is a matter for you alone to decide.—John G. Clancy

1932: Aristotle Onassis, a Greek drug pusher and shipowner who made his first million selling "Turkish tobacco" (opium) in Argentina, works out a profitable deal with Joseph P. Kennedy, Eugene Meyer and Meyer Lansky. Onassis is to ship booze directly into Boston for Joseph Kennedy. Also involved is a heroin deal with Franklin D. Roosevelt.

1934: Onassis, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., and the Seven Sisters (major oil companies) sign an agreement: Fuck the Arabs out of their oil, transport it on Onassis's ships and get richer. All of this is done.

1936-1940: Eugene Meyer buys the *Washington Post*, to get control of the news media; other Mafia figures buy newspapers, radio stations, etc. News censorship of all major media goes into effect.

1941-1945: World War II. Very profitable for Onassis and the Rockefellers, Kennedys and Roosevelts. Onassis—selling oil, arms and dope to both sides—goes through the war without losing a single ship or man.

1949: Onassis buys U.S. war-surplus Liberty Ships in questionable (illegal) purchases.

1956: Howard Hughes, Texas billionaire, is meanwhile buying his way toward control of the U.S. electoral process. He buys senators, governors, etc. He finally buys his last politician—re-elected Vice-President Richard Nixon, via a \$205,000 nonrepayable loan to Nixon's brother, Donald.

March 1957: Onassis carries out a carefully planned event: He has Hughes

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kidnapped from his bungalow at the Beverly Hills Hotel, using Hughes's own men. A fake marriage between starlet Jean Peters and Hughes is arranged. Hughes, battered and brain-damaged during the kidnapping, is taken to the Emerald Isle Hotel in the Bahamas. There he is shot full of heroin for 30 days and later dragged off to a cell on Onassis's island, Skorpios. Onassis now has a much larger power base in the U.S. (the Hughes empire), as well as control over Nixon and other Hughes-purchased politicians. A Hughes double becomes "Hughes."

September 1957: Onassis calls the Apalachin, New York, organized-crime meeting to announce to U.S. Mafia heads his grab of Hughes and his adoption of Hughes's game plan for acquiring power: buying U.S. senators, congressmen, governors and judges en masse to take control "legally" of the U.S. government. Onassis's radio message to Apalachin from a remote Pennsylvania farmhouse is intercepted (reluctantly) by the FBI's J. Edgar Hoover, on the basis of a tip from some Army Intelligence guys who aren't in on the plan.

Also 1957: Joe Kennedy takes his son,

John F., and John's wife Jackie to see Onassis on the shipowner's yacht, the *Christina*, to introduce John and to remind Onassis of an old Mafia promise: the Presidency for a Kennedy. Onassis agrees.

1958: Hordes of Mafia-selected, Mafia-purchased and Mafia-supported "grass roots" candidates sweep into office!

1959: Fidel Castro takes over Cuba from dictator Fulgencio Batista, thereby destroying the cozy and lucrative Mafia gambling empire run for Onassis by Meyer Lansky. Onassis is furious. V.P. Nixon becomes White House Action Officer for CIA-planned Bay of Pigs invasion, using E. Howard Hunt as political officer for the operation, James McCord, etc., and Cuban ex-Batista strong-arm cops (Cuban freedom fighters) Eugenio Martinez, Virgilio Gonzalez, as well as Frank Sturgis (alias Frank Fiorini), a gunrunner with a gambling background.

Also 1959: Stirring election battle between John F. Kennedy and Nixon begins. Either way, Onassis wins, since he has control over both candidates.

1960: JFK elected. American people happy. Onassis happy. Mafia ecstatic.

January 1961: Joseph Kennedy has a stroke, ending his control over sons John and Bobby. The boys decide to

rebel against Onassis's control. They arrest and jail Teamster Mafia-man Jimmy Hoffa and declare the \$73 million in Hughes land liens (deposited with San Francisco's Bank of America as security for the TWA judgment against Hughes) to be what they are: forgeries.

April 1961: CIA Bay of Pigs fiasco. Hunt, McCord, CIA, Batista's Cubans, Cuban exiles and Mafia angry about JFK's lack of enthusiasm. CIA hires Hughes's top aide, former FBI man Robert Maheu (nicknamed "IBM" for Iron Bob Maheu), to act as go-between for its Mafia contacts to put together a team to get Castro. The team of a dozen or so includes John Roselli, an expert Mafia hit man, assisted by CIA's Hunt and McCord and others. This was reported by Jack Anderson, who gets a lot of his "tips" from his friend, Frank (Fiorini) Sturgis—also on the Castro-assassination team. The team tries five times to kill Castro. They nearly succeed, but some are caught and executed in Havana the day of the invasion. Castro survives.

1963: Members of the anti-Castro Cuban-exile training team are arrested at Lake Pontchartrain, Louisiana, by Bobby Kennedy's Justice Department boys. Angered, Onassis changes targets and goes for JFK, who—according to Onassis—"welches" on a Mafia deal. JFK sets up Group of 40 (advisers) to fight Onassis.

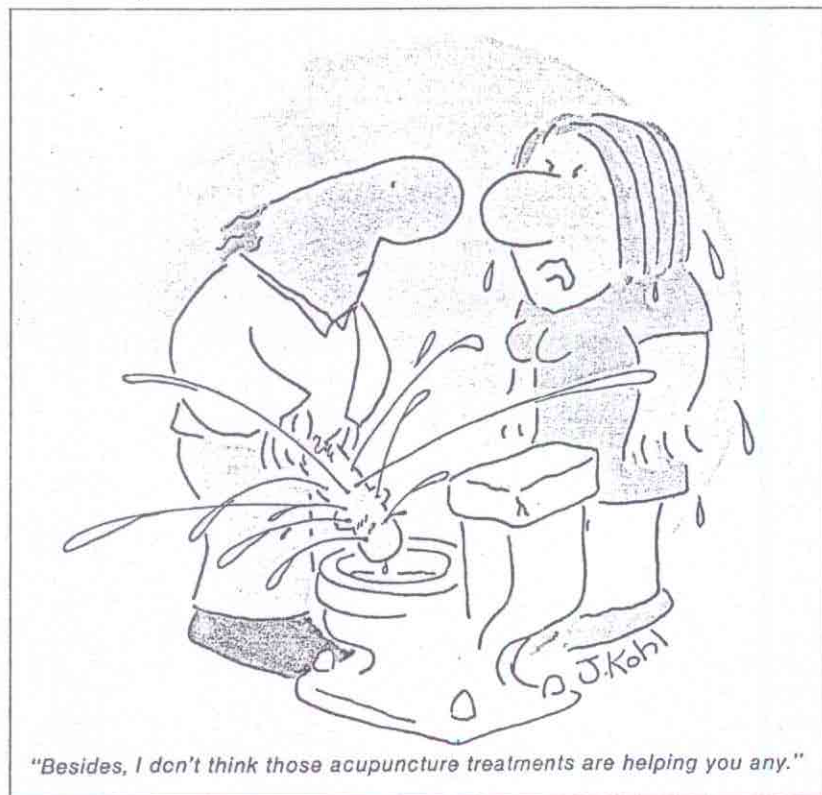
August 1963: Two murders have to occur before the murder of JFK—people who could understand the situation and might squawk:

Senator Estes Kefauver, whose Crime Commission investigations had uncovered the 1932 Onassis deal. Kefauver plans a speech on the Senate floor denouncing Mafia operations. Instead, he eats a piece of apple pie laced with sodium morphate (allegedly a poison) and has a heart attack on the Senate floor.

Philip Graham, publisher of the *Washington Post*. Philip had married Katharine Meyer, Eugene Meyer's daughter. Phil puts together media empire as well as Kennedy-Johnson ticket, and is Kennedy's friend in the struggle with Onassis. According to Gemstone a psychiatrist is bribed to certify Phil insane. He is allowed out of the nuthouse for one weekend and dies of a shotgun wound in the head, in the Graham home in Washington: his death is ruled a "suicide."

November 1, 1963: The hit on JFK is supposed to take place in true Mafia style: a triple execution, at the same time as South Vietnam's Ngo Dinh

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Diem and Ngo Dinh Nhu. Diem and Nhu get theirs, as scheduled. Onassis invites Jackie for a cruise on the *Christina*, where she is when JFK is tipped off that Big O plans to wipe him out. JFK calls Jackie from the White House, telling her "Get off that yacht, even if you have to swim," and cancels his appearance at a Chicago football stadium where the CIA-Mafia assassination team is poised for the kill. Jackie stays on board the *Christina*. Three weeks later the Mafia's backup and carefully arranged execution goes into effect: JFK is assassinated in Dallas.

The JFK Murder: Onassis's "Hughes" man reassigns the Mafia-CIA Castro-assassination team to the murder of JFK, adding Eugene Brading, a third Mafia gunslinger from the Denver Mafia Smaldones "family." Two months earlier Brading—on parole after a series of crimes—applied for a new driver's license, explaining to the California Department of Motor Vehicles that he had decided to change his name to Jim Braden. Brading gets his California parole officer's permission for two trips to Dallas, in November, on "oil business"—the first time to look things over, and the second time when JFK is

scheduled to make his Dallas trip.

Lee Harvey Oswald of the CIA, with carefully planted links to both the ultraright and the Communists, is designated the patsy. He is supposed to shoot at Texas Governor John Connally, and he does so. Each of the four gunmen—Oswald, Brading, Fratianno and Roselli—has a timer and a backup man. Timers give the signal to shoot. Backup men are supposed to pick up the spent shells and get rid of the guns.

Fratianno, considered an excellent shot, fires from a second-story window in the Dal-Tex Building, kitty-corner from the Texas School Book Depository. Fratianno and his backup man are "arrested," driven away from the Dal-Tex Building in a police car and released without being booked. (The Dallas Police Department was located in the Dal-Tex Building.)

From behind a fence in the grassy-knoll area, Roselli—armed with a rifle—gets Kennedy once, hitting the right side of the President's head and blowing his brains out. Roselli and his timer go down a manhole behind the fence and follow the sewer line away from Dealey Plaza.

The third point of the triangulated Kennedy ambush is supplied by Eugene Brading, shooting from Kennedy's left, from a small pagoda at Dealey Plaza,

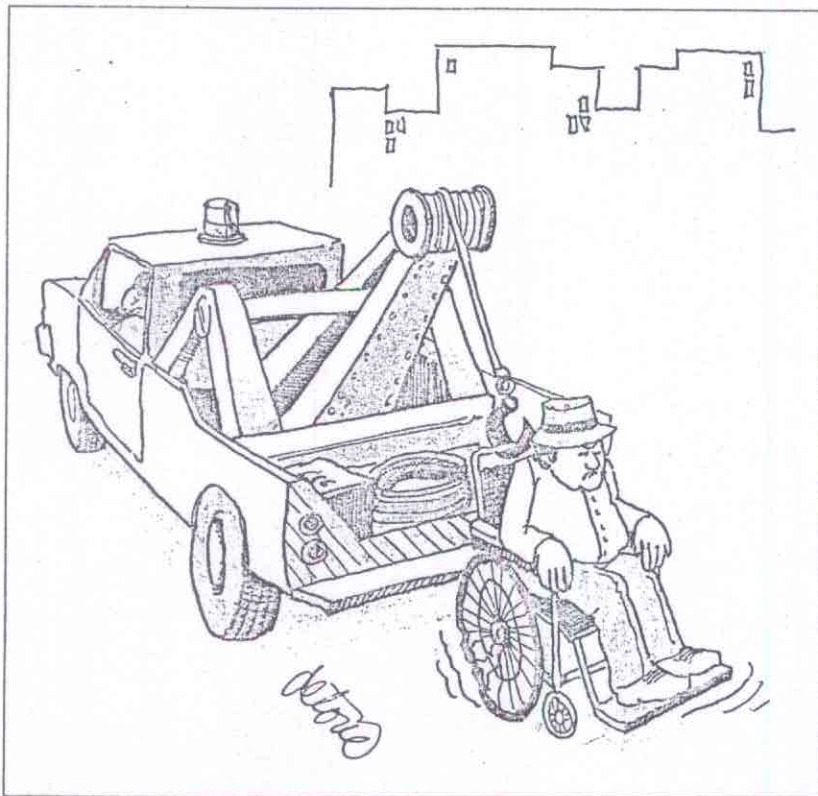
across the street from the grassy knoll. (Brading misses, because Roselli's and Fratianno's shots had just hit Kennedy in the head from the right and the rear, nearly simultaneously.)

Brading's shot hits the curb and ricochets off. Brading is photographed on the scene, stuffing his gun under his coat. He wears a big leather hat, its hatband marked with large, conspicuous X's. (Police had been instructed to let anyone with an X-marked hatband pass through police lines; some may have been told they were Secret Service.) After his shot Brading ditches his gun and walks up the street with his backup man toward the Dal-Tex Building. Roger Craig, a deputy sheriff, rushes up to Brading, assumes he is Secret Service and tells him he has just seen a man come out of the Book Depository and jump into a Rambler station wagon. Brading is uninterested. Brading walks into the Dal-Tex Building to make a phone call. He is picked up for questioning by another deputy sheriff, shows his "Jim Braden" driver's license and is quickly released—without being booked.

Oswald shoots Connally twice from the Texas School Book Depository. He splits through the front door. His backup man is supposed to take the rifle out of the building (or so Oswald thinks). Instead, he hides it behind some boxes where it will later be found. Three men dressed up as "tramps" pick up the spent shells from Dealey Plaza. Then they drift over to an empty boxcar sitting on the railway spur behind the grassy-knoll area and wait. A Dallas police officer orders two Dallas cops to "go over to the boxcar and pick up the tramps." The three tramps parade around Dealey Plaza to the Police Department in the Dal-Tex Building. They are held there until the alarm goes out to pick up Oswald; then they are released without being booked.

In all, ten men are questioned immediately after the shooting. All are released soon after; none is booked; not a word about their existence is mentioned in the Warren Commission Report. Regarding Lee Harvey Oswald: Officer J. D. Tippit is dispatched in his police car to the Oak Cliff section, where Oswald has rented a room. Tippit may have met Oswald on the street. He may have been supposed to kill Oswald, but something goes wrong. Tippit is shot by two men armed with revolvers. A witness, Domingo Benavides, uses Tippit's police-car radio to report "We've had a shooting here." (A "Domingo Benavides" also appears in

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connection with the shooting of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.)

Oswald goes to the movies. A "shoe-store manager" tells the theater cashier that a suspicious-looking man has sneaked in without paying. Sixteen police charge out to the Texas Theater to look for the guy who's sneaked in.

Oswald has been given a pistol that doesn't fire. Others anticipate that the police will shoot the "cop-killer" for "resisting arrest." But since that doesn't happen, small-time Mafioso Jack Ruby kills Oswald two days later. Brading stays at the Teamster-financed Cabana

Hotel in Dallas. Ruby goes to the Cabana the night before the murder, says the Warren Commission Report.

The rest, as they say, is history. Onassis is so confident of his control over police, media, FBI, CIA, Secret Service and the U.S. judiciary system that he has JFK murdered before the eyes of the nation; then systematically buys off, kills off or frightens off witnesses and has evidence destroyed. Unwitting cover-up participants include, among many: Gerald Ford, on the Warren Commission (a Nixon recommendation); Leon Jaworski, just off the Texas assassination commission, who keeps the fact that Oswald had operative status with the FBI secret from the Warren Commission; CIA Chief John McCone; CIA Deputy Director Richard Helms; and a passel of police, FBI, news media, etc.

Where Are They Now? Johnny Roselli receives part of his payoff for shooting at JFK in the form of a \$250,000 "finder's fee" when the Desert Inn is sold to Hughes in 1966. When Roselli fails to collect mob money from a Las Vegas casino owner, he is asphyxiated in 1976.

Jimmy "The Weasel" Fratianno's payoff includes \$109,000 in "nonrepayable loans" from the San Francisco National Bank.

Eugene Brading is questioned by the FBI two months after his interrogation and release in Dallas, as part of the Warren Commission's determination to "leave no stone unturned" in its quest for the truth about the JFK assassination. In spite of the fact that Brading is a known criminal with a long arrest record, the FBI reports that Brading knows nothing whatever about the assassination, and Brading is not called to testify before the Warren Commission. Brading becomes a charter member of a country club near San Clemente, California, a reputed Mafia haven.

A group of bankers, headed by a Bank of America official, picked Gerald Ford for Congress at the beginning of his career. The reason for his selection was his *real father*: Leslie King, Sr. Almost everyone knows the touching story of Ford's adoption as an infant, and the reappearance of his real father, Leslie King, Sr., driving a Cadillac when Ford was a college-football hero. Almost no one knows that Leslie King, Sr., was a minor member of the Denver Smaldones "family"—engaged in minor swindles and scams in Montana. The Smaldones "family" does a few favors for King, Sr. They pick his son Leslie King, Jr. (a.k.a. Gerald Ford and Mr. Clean) for Congress. After the JFK murder the time

comes for the Denver Smaldones to ask for their return favor. They have Representative "Gerry Ford" put on the Warren Commission.

John McCone, head of the CIA, goes on to become a member of the Board of Directors of ITT, sitting right next to Francis L. Dale, head of CREEP (Committee to Re-Elect the President).

Richard Helms, McCone's assistant at Dallas, ultimately is rewarded with the post of CIA Director. Leon Jaworski becomes the Watergate prosecutor, replacing Archibald Cox, who was getting too warm. Jaworski turns in a sterling performance.

Dr. "Red" Duke, the man who digs two bullets out of Connally and saves his life, is shipped off to a hospital in Afghanistan by a grateful CIA.

New Orleans DA Jim Garrison tries to get Eugene Brading out of Los Angeles to be questioned by his commission of inquiry, but uses one of Brading's other aliases by mistake. Garrison has his witnesses shot out from under him, and his case is discredited in an interminable press controversy launched by James Phelan, who collaborates with Bob Maheu on a book about Hughes.

After JFK's Death: Onassis quickly establishes control over Lyndon Johnson through fear. On the trip back to Washington, Johnson is warned by radio, relayed from an Air Force base: "There is no conspiracy. Oswald was a lone-nut assassin. Get it, Lyndon? Otherwise *Air Force One* might have an unfortunate accident on its flight back to Washington."

Onassis fills all important government posts with his own men. All government agencies become means to accomplish an end: rifle the American Treasury; steal as much as possible; keep the people confused, disorganized and leaderless; pursue world domination. JFK's original Group of 40 is turned over to Rockefeller and his man Kissinger so that they can more effectively fuck over South America.

June 1968: Bobby Kennedy knows who killed his brother. When he foolishly tries to run for President, Onassis has him offed.

October 1968: Jackie Kennedy is now free to marry Onassis. According to an old Mafia rule, if someone welches on a deal, kill him and take his girl and his gun; in this case, Jackie and the Pentagon.

July 1969: Mary Jo Kopechne, devoted JFK girl and a former secretary of Robert Kennedy, is in charge of packing up Bobby's files after his assassination in L.A. She reads too much—learns about Kennedy-Mafia involvement

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among other things. She dies trying to get off Chappaquiddick Island.

Teddy offers to drive her to the ferry. He speeds off toward the bridge, and bails out of the car as it goes off. Mary Jo waits for help—her nose is badly broken—while Teddy, assuming she is dead, runs to set up an alibi. Mary Jo finally suffocates in the air bubble, which is diluted with carbon dioxide from her exhalation.

On Teddy's behalf Jackie calls the Pope, who assigns Cardinal Cushing to help. The Cardinal assigns priests, who appear before the Kopechne "direct from God," with personal instructions from Him that Mary Jo's broken nose is patched up. That night one of the people Teddy tries to call after deciding he has to take the rap himself is lawyer Burke Marshall. He also calls Ted Sorenson.

End of 1970: Howard Hughes's presence on earth is no longer required. His handwriting can be duplicated by computer. His biography—all the known facts about his life—have been compiled, and the computerized biography is issued to top Hughes executives.

Clifford Irving, author of *Hoax* (a book about an art forger), becomes interested in Hughes. Living on Ibiza, he hears the Mediterranean gossip that "Hughes" is a hoax too. He goes to "Hughes's" so-called "Mormon Mafia—his six nursemaids"—for information. One of them, perhaps tired of the game, gives Irving the computerized Hughes biography, and from it Irving writes his "autobiography."

Irving writes his book—and the publishers announce it. Onassis knows someone has given Irving the information. Thinking it is Maheu, he fires him in November 1970. On Thanksgiving Eve 1970, in the middle of the night, "Hughes" makes a well-publicized "secret departure" from Las Vegas to the Bahamas.

December 1970: Onassis discovers his mistake—and has the nursemaid responsible for leaking the information to Irving killed.

Robert Maheu, accidentally deprived of his half-million-dollars annual salary, sues "Hughes" for millions—mentioning "Hughes's" game plan for the purchase of presidents, governors, senators, judges, etc. Onassis pays off—cheap at the price—to maintain his custodianship of "American democracy" and the "free world."

The "Hughes" party flees around the world—from Bermuda, where they murder an uncooperative governor and police chief, to Nicaragua, where they

shoot the U.S. Ambassador between the eyes for noticing that there isn't really any Hughes, and thence to Canada, where nursemaid Howard Eckersley loots a goodly sum in a swindle of the Canadian Stock Exchange, and on to London to the Inn of the Park.

April 18, 1971: A final overdose of heroin does Hughes in. His coffin is lowered into the sea from a rocky headland off the coast of Skopios. Albanian frogmen, tipped off, are waiting in the water. They seize the coffin and take the corpse off to Yugoslavia, thence to China and Russia, and then perhaps to Boston—in a footlocker. The corpse's dental work is compared to Hughes's own dental records; they match.

News of Hughes's death, the U.S. takeover by Onassis and the facts surrounding the murders of JFK, RFK, Martin Luther King, Jr., Mary Jo Kopechne and many more, and the subsequent cover-ups (involving still more murders) has been circulating around the globe for several years. Any country with this information can blackmail the U.S. Mafia government, which has no choice but to pay up. The alternative: be exposed as a bunch of treasonable murderers. This is why China-hating, red-baiting Nixon is forced to "recognize" China (which he now claims is his greatest accomplishment); and why the USSR walks off with such good deals in U.S. loans, grain and whatever else it wants. All they have to do is mention those magic words *Hughes, JFK, RFK, Mary Jo*—words to conjure by—and the U.S. Mafia government crawls into a hole.

May 1971: "Folk hero" Daniel Ellsberg, a well-known hawk from the Rand Corporation who had designed the missile ring around the Iron Curtain countries (how many missiles to aim at which cities), releases the Pentagon Papers, which helps distract people from Hughes, JFK, RFK, King, etc. The papers make the Vietnam War look like "just one of those incredibly dumb mistakes." This helps to cover the real purpose of the war: continued control, for Onassis and his friends, of the Golden Triangle dope trade; and for Onassis and the oil people, control of Eastern oil sources—to say nothing of control over huge federal sums, which can be siphoned off in profitable arms contracts, or made to conveniently "disappear" in the war effort.

International banking circles—handing out American money to "starving nations"—actually set up huge private bank accounts for various dictators in Onassis-controlled Swiss banks. The

money can be used as needed to support and extend Mafia operations. Example: \$8 billion in World Bank funds for "starving Ethiopians" winds up in Emperor Haile Selassie's personal Swiss bank accounts.

Rand Corporation has another goody in store: "Project Star," Rand's cover-up fallback version of the JFK murder—held in reserve should public restlessness over the Warren Commission cover-up ever threaten to get out of hand. This version is "leaking" out now, in the Rockefeller Commission's "hints" that JFK was behind the CIA-Mafia attempts on Castro and that Castro retaliated by having JFK shot.

June 13, 1971: The *New York Times* begins publishing the Pentagon Papers. Nixon sets up the "plumbers unit." E. Howard Hunt, as White House consultant, works for the CIA-front Mullen Corporation—after he resigns from the CIA. Mullen's chief client is "Howard Hughes."

September 3, 1971: The Watergate team breaks into the office of Ellsberg's doctor (Lewis Fielding) to get Ellsberg's psychiatric records. Team members: CIA's Hunt and G. Gordon Liddy plan it; Cuban "freedom fighters" Felipe DeDiego, Eugenio Martinez and Bernard Barker take part. All except Liddy had worked together at the Bay of Pigs.

December 29, 1971: Ellsberg indicted for leaking the Pentagon Papers.

January 1972: The Watergate team shows up at the Drift Inn, a CIA-FBI safe-house hangout bar in San Francisco, where Bruce Roberts conducts a nightly Gemstone rap. The event, like any other nightly rap, is taped by the Drift Inn bartender, Al Strom, who tells his friend Roberts about it. The bar is also wired for sound by Arabs, Russians and Chinese.

February 1972: Tisseront, head of the Sacred College of Cardinals, is pushed out of a Vatican window. He had followed the career of Montini, then Pope Paul VI (whose mother was Jewish). Montini sodium-morphate-murdered Pope Pius XI, was banished from Rome by Pope Pius XII and returned to become Pope Paul VI in 1963. Tisseront wrote it all down; called the Pope the fulfillment of the Fatima 3 Prophecy: that "The Antichrist shall rise to become the head of the Church." Tisseront wrote about all the suppressed secrets of the Roman Catholic Church, i.e., that Jesus Christ was an Arab, born at the rare conjunction of Saturn and Jupiter. Arab (Persian) astronomers (the Magi) came to Bethlehem to look for their king—an Arab baby—and found

him in a stable.

April 1972: Money pours into CREEP: Gulf Oil Corporation contributes \$100,000; Phillips Petroleum Company contributes \$100,000; Ashland Oil, \$100,000; Braniff Airways, \$40,000; American Airlines, \$55,000. Financier Robert Vesco gives Maurice Stans and John Mitchell a \$200,000 "campaign contribution." Liddy gives McCord \$76,000, etc.

May 1972: J. Edgar Hoover has The Gemstone File and threatens to expose Dallas-JFK in an "anonymous" book, *The Texas Mafia*. Instead, someone puts sodium morphate in his apple pie, and his files are burned, although some are retrieved.

May 28, 1972: First break-in at the Watergate. The object is to check on Onassis's two men at Democratic Party Headquarters, Larry O'Brien and R. Spencer Oliver. O'Brien's chief P.R. client has been "Hughes"; Oliver's father worked for Onassis. James W. McCord wiretaps the Democratic National Committee's phones. Oliver's phone is tapped.

Little does McCord know that "the plumbers" are being observed by a detective, who reports his operations by radio-phone, and the trap is set for the Watergaters when they return to remove their bugs and equipment.

June 17, 1972: The detective tapes the door lock at the Watergate, watches as security guard Frank Wills removes the tape and walks on; he *retapes* the lock. Wills sees the door taped again and goes across the street to call the police. McCord, Martinez, Sturgis, Baker and Gonzales are caught in the act. Liddy and Hunt, across the street, supervising via walkie-talkies, are not caught.

Time to burn files. Liddy has his secretary, Sally Harmony, shred The Gemstone File at CREEP.

John Dean cleans out Hunt's safe at the White House and gives Hunt's copy of The Gemstone File to L. Patrick Gray, acting FBI head. "Deep-six this—in the interest of national security. This should never see the light of day."

June 20, 1972: Chairman Larry O'Brien files a \$1-million suit against CREEP. This is a big mistake—for Francis L. Dale leads directly back to Onassis.

June 21, 1972: Eighteen-and-a-half minutes of White House tape is "accidentally" erased. Nixon is furious over the Watergate plumbers' arrests, can't figure out who has done it to him. *Who taped the door at the Watergate that led to the arrests?* The detective won't tell him. Nixon figures that it has to do somehow

with Roberts's running around Vancouver tracing the "Hughes" Mormon Mafia swindle of the Canadian Stock Exchange. The 18½ minutes is of Nixon raving about Canada's "asshole Trudeau," "asshole Roberts," Onassis, "Hughes" and Francis L. Dale. It simply can't be released.

1973: Lyndon Johnson has a sodium-morphate "heart attack" at his ranch on the Pedernales River. Among his last words: "You know, fellows, it really was a conspiracy..."

January 1974: Stephen Bull's secretary, Beverly K., later hears the "erased" tape, stored in a locked room in the White House. She is horrified. She sends out some Christmas cards and notes to friends with depressing notations, and succumbs to a sodium-morphate "heart attack" at age 40 in a White House elevator outside the locked safe room where the tapes are stored.

June 30, 1974: Martin Luther King's mother is murdered by a black student, a self-declared follower of Hananiah Israel—"acting alone"—who is escorted to church by someone and who has a list of other black women as targets.

August 6, 1974: Nixon and Ford sign an agreement at the White House.

August 8, 1974: Nixon steps down and Ford steps up. And the cover-up continues.

September 8, 1974: Ford—from his position of trust—pardons Nixon for all crimes that he committed, or that he may have committed or was involved in "from July [i.e., January] 20, 1969, through August 9, 1974." (Ford makes a verbal error.)

Also 1974: Indictment against Hughes dropped when U.S. Attorney Devoe Heaton is told by the Justice Department to back off. Heaton proceeds anyway, and his second indictment is thrown out. Bahamas refuses to allow extradition of Hughes when the Securities and Exchange Commission tries again.

December 1974: Four targets are chosen by the international Mafia: Chou En-lai, Leonid Brezhnev, Bruce Roberts and Saudi Arabia's King Faisal.

Chou En-lai has a heart attack.

Brezhnev schedules a meeting with Egypt's Anwar Sadat. A new "secret weapon" is apparently used: a speck of nickel dust, introduced somehow into Brezhnev's lymph system. It lodges in the cluster of lymph nodes over his heart and becomes coated with layers of phlegm; Brezhnev's lymphatic system cancels out; he gets the "flu," and the meeting with Sadat is canceled. Russian doctors X-ray him and find a lump in his

chest. Then they put him before a Kirlian camera and check his "aura" for cancer. No cancer. (Kirlian photography—the latest Russian diagnostic tool—reveals the presence of disease, physical or moral. It purportedly detects lies as well as cancer.) Brezhnev's "lump" is treated with radiation therapy; hence rumors that he has cancer.

March 1975: Onassis dies. The Mafia regroups itself.

South Vietnam's Nguyen Van Thieu, dubious about which way the Mafia cookie will crumble now that Onassis is dead, decides the time is right to split. He abandons the war effort, curses the U.S. and splits for Taiwan, his plane so overloaded with gold bullion that he has to dump some of it overboard.

CIA Chief William Colby, in a fit of spite, "leaks" the "stolen" story of the CIA-Hughes *Glomar Explorer's* raising of the bodies of drowned Russian sailors from their sunken nuclear submarine. Purpose: to distract the public from Onassis's death and the reshuffling of Mafia ownership.

Roberts gets the "Brezhnev flu" and spends two weeks at the University of California Hospital in San Francisco. Doctors there, without the Russian Kirlian-photography diagnostic technique, assume the softball-sized lump over his heart is cancer and attempt to treat it with radiation.

April 1975: The Cambodian domino falls over. Premier Lon Nol flees to a Hawaiian suburb.

May 5, 1975: An assassination attempt is made on Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia, who has recently received a Gemstone letter. Egypt's Sadat schedules a special meeting with Tito for May 29-30 in Belgrade to discuss the matter—just before Sadat's scheduled meeting in Austria with U.S. President Ford. A CIA kill team is in Belgrade, with instructions to assassinate Tito and Sadat should certain events take place.

June 1, 1975: President Ford falls down *Air Force One's* landing ramp on his way to meet Sadat—landing on all fours in a "perfect Moslem salute." He stumbles again. Sadat holds him up. Ford is scared. He knows—and Sadat knows—that Sadat had been the CIA target two days earlier. Sadat—and Egypt—get millions out of the meeting.

Tito cancels his meeting with Ford and goes hunting instead. Back in the States the Rockefeller Commission winds up its investigation of the CIA's illicit attempts on foreign heads of state, saying, "They may have made a few mistakes, but basically they're OK."