

Shaw to open alternate JFK assassin

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DALLAS (AP) — He's never bought the government view of the tragic events that day in Dallas in 1963. And come summer, J. Gary Shaw believes, others will start to see things his way on the subject of President Kennedy's assassination.

Shaw, whose 1976 book, "Cover-Up," suggested the presence of a second weapon and a government coverup of the assassination, has joined fellow researcher Larry Howard, 48, as co-director of the JFK Assassination Information Center Inc. The center will open a display and research center here this summer

focusing on Kennedy's death.

Located three blocks from the spot where the president and then-Gov. John Connally were shot, the center is meant as both an alternative and a supplement to The Sixth Floor museum, which opened in February, Shaw said.

The museum in the former Texas School Book Depository focuses on the life and term of the 35th U.S. president, but Shaw said his center, scheduled to open in June, will concentrate on the assassination and investigations.

"We just want to show the American people what really happened that day," Shaw, 50, said in a tele-

phone interview Monday.

It's not that he has anything against the acclaimed Sixth Floor exhibit, which allows visitors a sniper's view of Elm Street. Shaw's name is on the plaque there as one of its benefactors.

However, Shaw said he believes there's still a demand for more information about the infamous day that shocked a nation more than 25 years ago.

"We do not plan to replicate The Sixth Floor exhibit," he said. "I think we can compliment The Sixth Floor by delving much further into the JFK assassination investigation because of our knowledge and lack of governmental restraints."

The Sixth Floor was partially funded by federal dollars, a fact that Shaw contends serves as a constraint.

"We can say a lot of things they wouldn't," Shaw said. "We will take issue with a lot of the findings of the Warren Commission and the House Select Committee, and document them. The public can draw their own conclusions about what happened."

"But I want to emphasize that we won't show anything gory or in bad taste," he said.

In 3,000 square-feet of space in Dallas' spiffy West End Market-

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place, a popular downtown attraction, the research center will be a subsidiary of the Assassination Archives and Research Center in Washington, D.C.

It will be divided into three sections: a memorabilia and retail area, an exhibit section with a 40-seat theater with 20-minute films and a private archives and research library open to authors and researchers.

The cost to visit the exhibit area will be \$4 or \$5. It will be open every day of the week and will accommodate up to 100 people, Shaw said.

Among the artifacts are the handcuffs placed on Jack Ruby following his arrest for killing Lee Harvey Oswald, Kennedy's alleged assassin, "and a rare photo of Ruby shooting Oswald signed by Ruby," Howard said.

The archives will include files from the FBI, CIA, Texas Attorney General, Dallas Police Department and the Warren Commission.

Shaw said he hopes a bus and walking tour also will be ready by June.

The first stop on the tour, following an optional visit to The Sixth Floor, is a walk around Dealey Plaza and the Grassy Knoll, which figure in many assassination inves-

tigations.

A bus ride to Oak Cliff to view Oswald's rooming house is next, followed by stops at the spot where policeman J.D. Tippit was allegedly slain by Oswald; the Texas Theater, where Oswald was captured; Ruby's apartment; and, finally, the Dallas Police Department headquarters, where Ruby killed Oswald.

"People come to Dallas and want to see these spots," Shaw said. "Their lives were changed by what happened here."