

Cuba, Vietnam, Oil - Three Reasons why President Kennedy Had to Die

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Motive, not accident, dominates history and shapes the destinies of mankind.

Only the newsmakers and pseudo-historians would deny the validity of that statement; only the blind would fail to see its truth.

Lee Harvey Oswald had no reason for killing President Kennedy - and he didn't.

Conversely, those who blamed the assassination on him - Lyndon B. Johnson, the CIA, the military, the oil magnates etc. all and sundry had plenty of reasons for wanting the Chief Executive out of the way - and they did kill him.

Johnson's motive was primitive, even primeval. He wanted to be president and he knew only too well that he could only become one the "accidental" way. So he helped engineer the "accident" and left his baleful mark on history.

The CIA, at the time, was primarily concerned with Cuba. It had suffered a smarting defeat in the Bay of Pigs and was itching to salvage its reputation and cadres through a new and more massive invasion. Prior to it, or in the process, Fidel Castro would be assassinated. The CIA had alternative plans ready for that purpose and had trained a whole bagful of prospective assassins, mostly Cuban exiles. Kennedy vetoed the project and so the CIA turned its gunmen on him.

To the masterminds of the CIA, having the President killed by Cubans and then blaming the foul deed on one of its own operatives who could ostensibly be linked to Castro presented immense advantages of camouflage and coverup. They hoped to arouse the American people to the point where another invasion of Cuba would be widely accepted as justified retaliation. It didn't work out that way because LBJ, once in the driver's seat, doublecrossed the Cuban assassins who had put him there and turned the energies of the CIA to a matter of more pressing concern to him - Vietnam.

Needless to say, Johnson was not concerned with making the world safe for democracy in that part of the world. He had more valid reasons for escalating the war in Southeast Asia to the point of throwing millions of GI's into combat there and squandering untold billions of taxpayers' money on what to this day looks like a most counterproductive venture.

The basic, underlying reason for the massive intervention in Vietnam which LBJ launched before the slain President had even been laid to rest, was oil. Just before and during the Kennedy era, American geologists and oceanographers had discovered the world's largest deposits of offshore oil in the South China Sea and the Gulf of Siam and had staked out huge concessions for underwater exploration and drilling, which cannot be effectively exploited without control of the adjacent coastal areas. In other words, the permanent occupation of Thailand, Cambodia and Vietnam by U.S. forces is essential to the development of what might well become the biggest oil boom in history - if the war is won.

Lyndon B. Johnson, who has been throughout his lusterless career a stooge for the Texas oil interests, was put into power, via the Dallas coup d'etat, with the specific mandate from the oil barons and their allies in the Pentagon and the CIA to establish firm military control over all the coastlands of South East Asia so the gigantic underwater drilling operations then in the planning stage could be safely carried out, without interference from Communist forces. LBJ tried hard enough to carry out that mandate, but failed miserably. It is a safe bet that Nixon, who is as much beholden to the oil industry as Johnson (hence the smooth working partnership between these two ostensible political foes) will fail, too.

Nothing is more significant than the fact that this tremendous oil development, in which billions of dollars have already been invested, and many more will be in the near future, has been kept hidden completely from the public eye.

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