

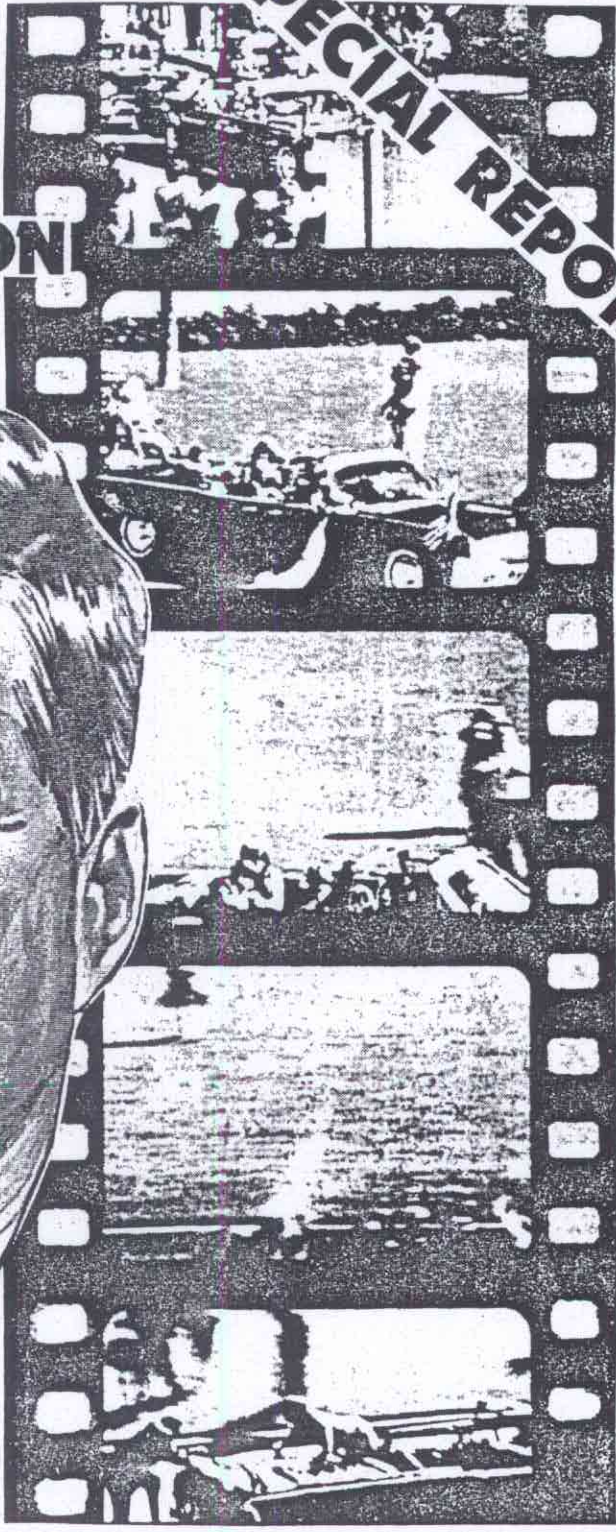
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COUP D'Etat Behind the Guns of Dallas

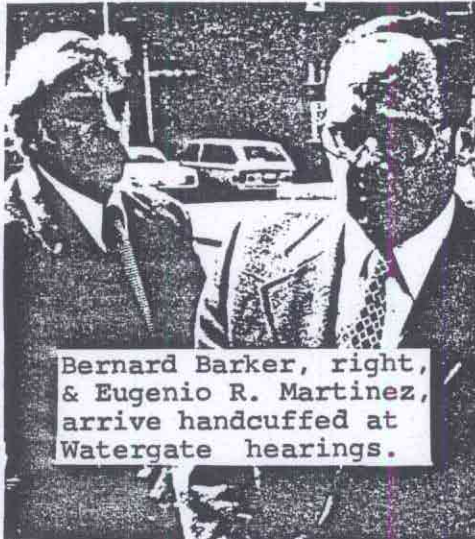


Two trained assassins of high rank in the Central Intelligence Agency—both of whom prided themselves on their marksmanship—were photographed under arrest, being paraded in their disguise as “tramps” through Dealey Plaza after Dallas police had to remove them from their boxcar hiding place on the tracks that run adjacent to the grassy knoll alongside of the assassination site and onto an overpass that overlooks Dealey Plaza. Virtually all witnesses to the JFK assassination recall that the shots came from the grassy knoll, and recall that a rush of people ran toward it and onto it in attempts to apprehend the fleeing gunmen.

Witnesses, including J. C. Pierce saw someone running “with something that could have been a gun,” in the direction of the railroad tracks from behind the picket fence atop the grassy knoll. Also, many witnesses reported seeing puffs of smoke rising from behind the picket fence.

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One person who ran up the grassy knoll was Seymour Weitzman of the Dallas Police. He recalls being turned back by a man who identified himself as a Secret Service agent, assuring Weitzman that his men had the area covered. Interviewed by Michael Canfield, co-author with one A. J. Weberman of *Coup d'Etat In America*, (a book now being suppressed by its own Yippie authors, who push dope in the youth movement, but which contains the photo overlay evidence) Weitzman claims that he recognized the mysterious Secret Service agent when the Watergate case began to



Bernard Barker, right, & Eugenio R. Martinez, arrive handcuffed at Watergate hearings.

surface. Newspaper photographs revealed his identity to be no Secret Service agent at all, but Watergate burglar and longtime Nixon crony, Bernard Barker!

The two agents masquerading as “tramps,” who were photographed under arrest at scene of the assassination, are E. Howard Hunt and Frank Fiorini Sturgis, also of Nixon’s Watergate team. A third suspect appearing in the photographs with Hunt and Sturgis has not been publicly identified as far as we know. His photograph, however, bears a striking resemblance to a Memphis, Tennessee, police composite sketch of a suspect in the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King in 1968. see p.3 + 30

*Richard E. Sprague
Covers Up for Hunt
and Sturgis*

Richard E. Sprague, not to be confused with Richard A. Sprague, the chief counsel for the Congressional Committee now supposedly investigating the JFK and Martin

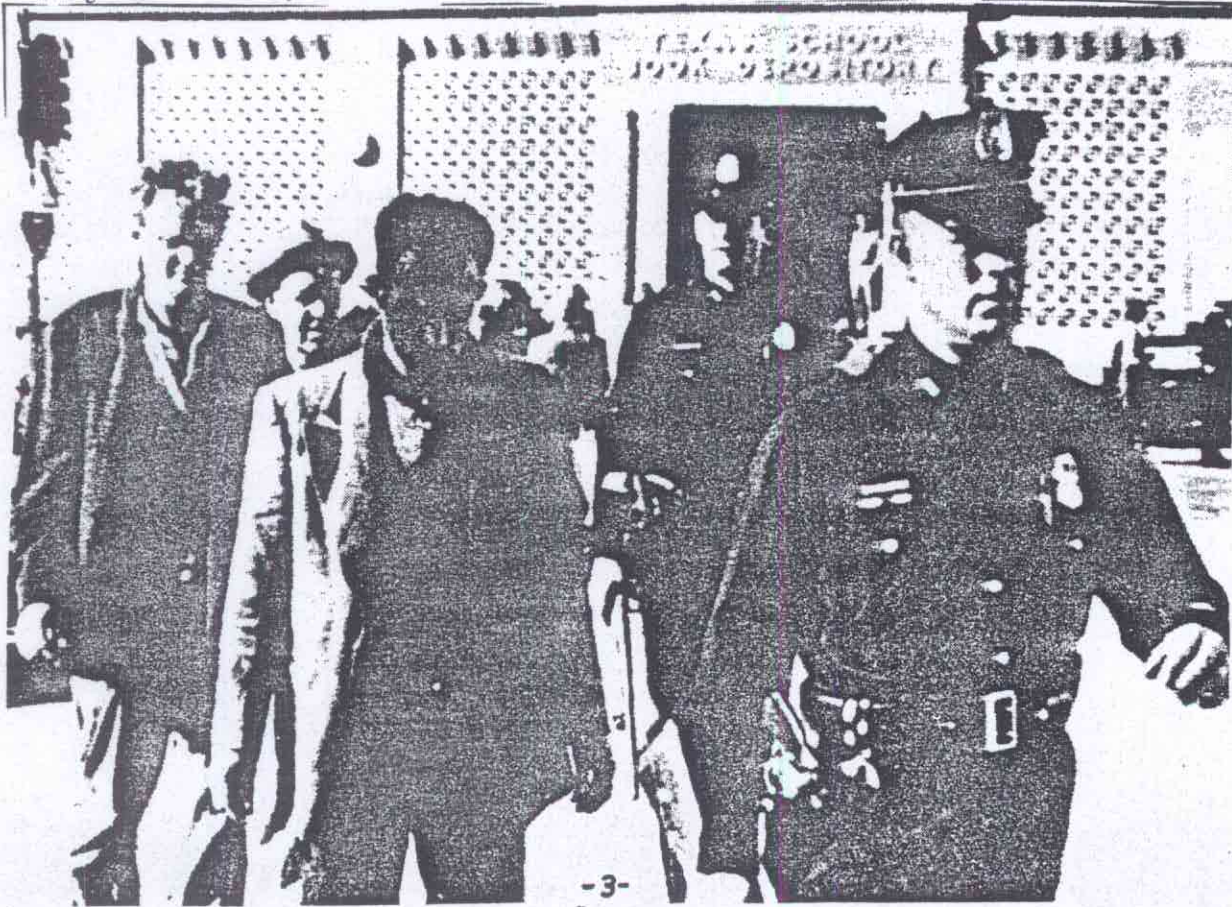
Luther King assassinations—who first released the photographs showing Hunt and Sturgis to the public, used to vehemently deny that the subjects could possibly be Hunt and Sturgis. The “Assassination Information Bureau,” which he helped found, has lately been forced to retreat from that posture. Now, their story is that “nobody knows” who the subjects are, and that “some people theorize” that they are Hunt and Sturgis.

Sprague went so far as to claim that his photo-analysis showed Hunt and Sturgis in the tramp photos to be at least five inches taller than the heights of the “real” Hunt and Sturgis. To do this, he measured the height of the wall at which the images of the subjects intersected that of the wall and the angle of the camera. With such a “method,” a man standing in New Jersey could be photographically proven to be as tall as the Empire State Building.

After the Nixon crew was gently (as compared with JFK and most other military coup victims) disposed of through the Watergate hearings and subsequent selective trials—in an effort to make sure its muddied members kept their mouths shut about the many embarrassing things of which they have knowledge, and as a threat to deter them from regrouping—the Rockefeller committee to investigate the CIA went over the Hunt and Sturgis photographs, analyzing the heights of the subjects to be within one inch of those of Hunt and Sturgis. Further more while failing to expose Hunt and Sturgis, the Rockefeller Commission added a not-



The photographs on the left and the right are of E. Howard Hunt, taken during the Watergate trial. The center photo is a blow-up of the small "tramp" from the photo.



too-subtle threat by indicating that *both* Hunt's and Sturgis' whereabouts on November 22, 1963 cannot be positively fixed.

The publication & immediate suppression of the book *Coup Detat in America* was carefully timed to augment the threat.

For his own part, Richard Nixon, after first claiming a lapse of memory, denied to the F.B.I. that he was in Dallas on that day. YET, *The Dallas Morning News* paper of 22 Nov. 1963 carries a picture story of of Nixon staying in the Baker Hotel, (1400 Commerce at Akard—6 blocks from the spot where JFK was assassinated) with Joan Crawford And a dozen people from Pepsi-Cola, who had rented the whole third floor for their "convention."

At the time of the JFK assassination, Nixon was a member of the Rockefeller-dominated Council on Foreign Relations. He worked closely with E. Howard Hunt coordinating the Bay of Pigs invasion for the CIA under JFK. Nixon was also part of the Mudge, Rose, Guthrie, Alexander & Mitchell Wall Street law firm representing Rockefeller's Chase Manhattan Bank. Mitchell was Nelson Rockefeller's personal lawyer. From 1962 to 1968, Nixon shared a floor of 810 Fifth Avenue with Nelson Rockefeller, and it was from this complex in New York that Nixon and Rockefeller dictated to the Republican Convention in Chicago in 1968 its Platform.

By the time of his assassination, JFK had made noises about pulling out of Vietnam rather than going to full scale war, thus threatening possible future Rockefeller investments in the plunder of Asia, and also threatening Rockefeller's rate of war profiteering. Rockefeller also stood the most to lose from the failure of the Bay of Pigs invasion, blamed on JFK,



Frank Fiorini, alias Sturgis, one of the Watergate Burglars, (right) is shown here in 1959 at a rebel training camp near Santiago, Cuba. In the year shown, Fiorini was a soldier of fortune still attached to Fidel Castro. Soon after, Castro was to appoint him as supervisor of the Cuban gambling casinos and, in that capacity, was possibly visited by Jack Ruby. Fiorini is not a Cuban but a third-generation Italian-American from Philadelphia. Frank found his cover name "Sturgis" in a book *Bimini Run*, written by his old CIA friend E. Howard Hunt. Fiorini was to become an anti-Castro raider.

SINCE Rockefeller interests predominated on South America.

Ten years later, in the November 1973 *Esquire*, Nixon admitted having been in Dalas, but hastened to add that he left "before noon." (Somehow, Nixon felt it necessary to insinuate that he had nothing to do with the assassination!) His alibi was that he was on a one-day business trip representing Pepsi-Cola at a convention. But his office had no such entry in his itinerary at that time, and no such "convention" was ever found to have taken place.

One reason many people do not know what is instinctively known throughout the world outside the U.S.—namely, that the JFK assassination was a *coup d'etat*—has been the way a many-dimensional cover-up has been perpetrated to deceive the U.S. public which, compared to that of most other countries, tends toward extreme naivete and gullibility.

Warren Commission Whitewashed Assassination Trying to Conceal Coup d'Etat

One dimension of the cover-up—the most open—has been the dirty work of the Warren Commission, which, after systematically ignoring or distorting the testimony of all the closest witnesses that survived the epidemic of violent deaths that struck down such witnesses by the dozen, turned out a Report that has been called the greatest forgery since the Bible.

One example of how the Warren Commission worked to reach the conclusion that "Lee Harvey Oswald was the lone assassin" and that "there was no conspiracy" was that the Warren Commission reversed frames on the Zapruder film (in the printed public version of its report), which was taken by an amateur photographer and shows that JFK was shot *from the front* (Grassy Knoll), rather

PHOTO-OVERLAYS ARE POSITIVE PROOF E. HOWARD HUNT & FRANK FIORINI-STURGIS were the CIA TRIGGERMEN in the JFK Assassination. These trained CIA assassins worked under orders of

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ROCKEFELLER - Nixon

WHOSE C.I.A. "OPERATION 40" WAS

Behind the JFK Assassination

than the back (Texas School Book Depository). The Warren Commission printed version confuses this to suggest the opposite.

It is interesting to note that on the very day of the assassination, after LBJ had been sworn in, a communique from the Pentagon already laid down the line that the ruling class was going to follow. The Joint Chiefs had been meeting on that day. The Pentagon radioed to the plane flying back to Washington the whole essential conclusion of the not-yet-appointed Warren Commission: There was "no conspiracy"! "Oswald is the lone assassin." (See *A Heritage of Stone*, by Jim Garrison.)

The then Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Earl Warren, was selected primarily for his "liberal" credentials associated with his court's desegregation decisions, and for his pliability in lending his name to the cover-up—albeit, it is said by the *New York Times*, with tears in his eyes after the new president, Lyndon Johnson, instructed him that it was his "patriotic duty." With Warren acting as a liberal fig-leaf, the rest of the Commission was composed of a typical cross-section of the retainers of finance capital; and, as a whitewash body, the list speaks for itself:

Representative *Hale Boggs* of Louisiana; Senator *Sherman Cooper* of Kentucky; Goldwater sparkplug from Michigan *Gerald Ford* (who did most of the writing); Senator *Richard B. Russel*, head of the Senate Armed Services Committee



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and staunch segregationist from Georgia; *John J. McCloy*, a long-time Rockefeller stooge from the Chase Manhattan Bank; and finally *Allen Dulles*, whom JFK had fired as head of the CIA after the Bay of Pigs fiasco.

'Official' Warren Report Critics Co-opt Mass Skepticism

Yet another and more subtle dimension of the cover-up consisted in the setting up of a network of "official" or approved critics to channel what the U.S. ruling class knew to be the inevitable mass of skepticism even from the relatively obtuse body of U.S. public opinion, into grounds that are harmless

to the ruling class and its hiring operatives. All the main critics that have access to wide publicity—Anson, Brussell, Buchanan, Epstein, Groden, Lane, Sprague (Richard E.), Thompson, Weisburg, *et al.*, and their organizations like Lane's "Citizen's Commission of Inquiry" and the Sprague-Gorden "Assassination Information Bureau," as well as the "Committee to Investigate Political Assassinations," throw up a smokescreen of lies and confusion whenever confronted with the photographic evidence pointing at Hunt and Sturgis, and consequently at the CIA and the Rockefeller-centered sections of finance capital that control it (to be sure, with factional by-play). Sprague and Lane both "refuse to appear" with the "tramp" photographs and overlays. Lane and Brussell have violently ejected audience participants who raised this topic during question-and-answer sessions at their meetings! Others have abruptly terminated their meetings in response.

These audience participants have largely been members and friends of Communist cadre (Marxist) and William H. Depperman's Assassination Information Committee (AIC) of New York, which had been set

up after an NYU talk by Mark Lane as part of the "Approved" body of critics, but was democratically taken over in a move by Depperman to force Lane to address the photographic overlay evidence implicating Hunt and Sturgis. The work of the AIC has applied a significant

The assassination of John F. Kennedy in Dallas, Texas's Dealey Plaza on November 22, 1963, was a *coup d'etat* which set the stage for all the subsequent political developments in the power struggles within the convulsed and doomed capitalist class that rules the U.S. and dominates international finance capital.



John D. Rockefeller Jr. and his five sons are pictured at the funeral of John D. Sr., in 1937. Waiting on platform, left to right: John D. Rockefeller Jr., David, Nelson, Winthrop, Laurance, and John D. III.

portion of the pressure that has forced the cover-up phony assassination researchers in their public posture to back up to an agnostic ("Who knows?") position on the identity of the "tramps" in the photographs, rather than the openly protective position that they used to take.

It has to be assumed that these approved critics are actually part of a counterinsurgent operation to create a *controlled* opposition to pre-empt any other that might otherwise arise. To build them up, the state selectively measures out to them facts available to no one else, to make it difficult for legitimate assassination researchers to compete with their "scoops" and their easy access to microphones and lecture halls through intelligence community contacts.

The method of creating one's own opposition is one widely used by the U.S. government to render its opponents ineffectual while not dispensing with the illusion of "human rights." Instead of the "hard block" of repression characteristic of a naked military dictatorship, the "soft parry" is used to deflect the opposition.

Ruling Class Now Trying to Pin the Conspiracy on Cuba

Recently, another dimension has been added to the cover-up. Congressional investigations are now underway, with the apparent aim of changing the now largely discredited theory that one Lee Harvey Oswald, supposedly a nutty extremist of the Right and Left at the same time, shot JFK in a bizarre yet accidental event of history. Now the ruling class, through its media, is setting the stage for a new version of history: Yes, they want us to believe, Oswald shot JFK, but as an agent of Cuba! That is the predominant conclusion that the recent Congressional investigations, both by Schweiker of the Senate and Downing and Gonzalez in the House, have offered.

Here, too, preparations for that conclusion had been made by the ruling class through its state long ago. In fact, these preparations began long before the JFK assassination itself!

Oswald was almost definitely a CIA agent at the time he went to the Soviet Union, and went through the motions of giving

up his U.S. citizenship. During the height of the McCarthy era, Oswald was trained by Marine intelligence in the Russian language. Investigations, such as that of New Orleans D. A. Jim Garrison, established that some of his closest friends and associates were CIA-connected George de Mohrenschildt and, not incidentally, Jack Ruby—who eventually shot Oswald, conveniently silencing him forever. Oswald's friends also included one FBI agent by the name of James Hosty, whose name and telephone number were found in Oswald's pocket when he was arrested.

Oswald, after supposedly renouncing his citizenship, was given over \$400 by the U.S. embassy in the Soviet Union to enable him to return to the U.S. He was never interrogated on his arrival, and upon applying for another passport for a trip whose itinerary was to include Poland, got it in 24 hours.

Oswald Built Up Phony 'Left' Credentials

Obviously under the direction of the U.S. intelligence apparatus, Oswald set up a phony "Fair Play for Cuba Committee" (FPCC) chapter in New Orleans, and got into several staged fights with known right-wing Cubans. He distributed leaflets purporting to be from the New Orleans chapter FPCC whose address, 544 Camp St., was identical to that of the office of Carlos Bringuier, a leader of the pro-fascist CIA-aligned Cubans, and an obvious nest of counterrevolutionary activity. News media just happened to show up at Oswald's street fights with Bringuier, before they both retired to the same building together! The



"Well, I don't know the facts, see, so I don't know really-- I read a lot of things, I hear a lot of things about---- and, you know, you see cartoons and so-- forth. But you can't necessarily get factual information from the cartoons." *

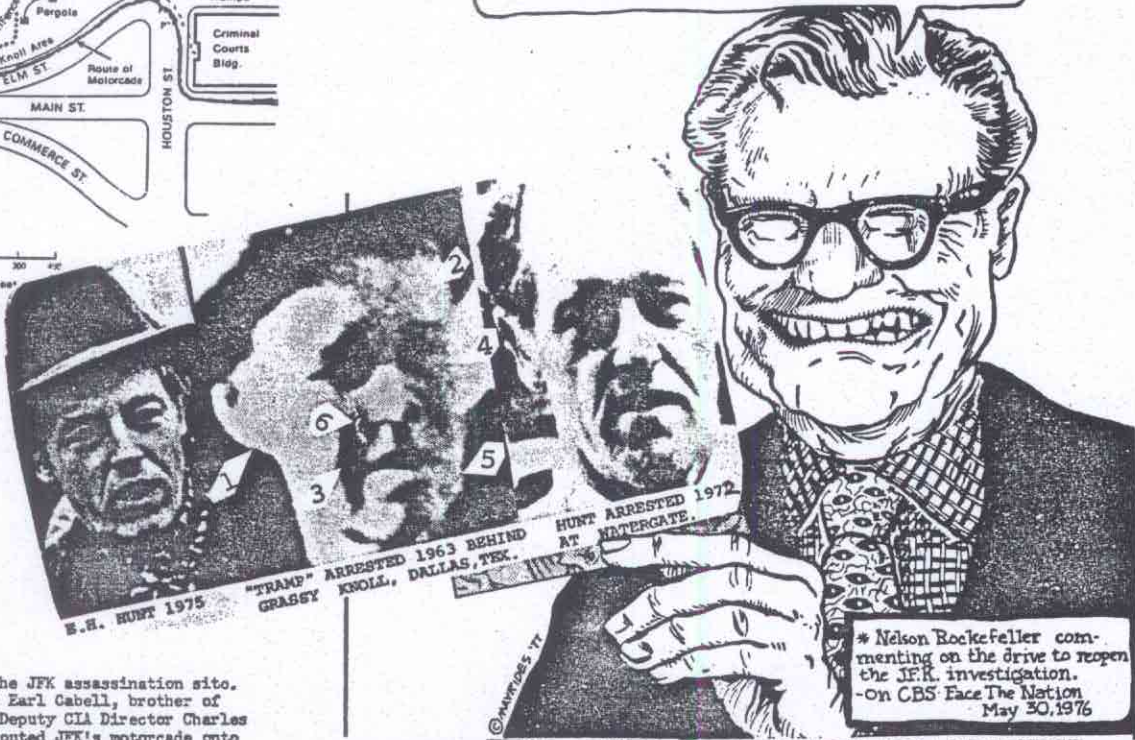


Diagram of the JFK assassination site. Dallas Mayor Earl Cabell, brother of Guy Pigg Deputy CIA Director Charles Cabell, re-routed JFK's motorcade onto irregular and peculiar route shown. Charles Cabell had taken the lead in demanding air cover for the Bay of Pigs invasion, which JFK had refused.

SKILLFULL PHOTO DOCTORING COULD NOT DISGUISE THE FACE OF E.HOWARD HUNT UNDER ARREST IN DALLAS:
 (1) FALSE SHADOW COVERS RIGHT EARLOBE.
 (2) RIGHT SIDE OF FACE AIRBRUSHED. (3) CHEEK "shadow" ADDED ON RIGHT SIDE. (4) LEFT SIDE HAS A WHITE SLASH PAINTED INTO FACE CUTTING OFF TOP OF BUSHES. (5) ADDED LEFT CHEEK MAKES FACE LOOK "OLDER". (6) DRIP MARK FROM AIRBRUSH WHITEOUT.

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leaflets may have had a purpose other than merely setting Oswald up as a patsy for the JFK assassination. They may also have served to attract and pinpoint potential pro-revolutionary elements sympathetic to the Cuban revolution.

Right after the assassination of JFK, the "FPCC association" was paraded as if to suggest a "Castro connection" to Oswald, even while the media were officially denying any such thing. The idea was planted, however. The press made sure to associate Oswald with Castro in every foul breath it exhaled—for example, the UPI dispatch describing how "(Oswald) the Marxist-Leninist had oatmeal and eggs for breakfast"... "The Castro-Communist said . . ." etc., etc.

Ghost of J. Edgar Hoover Rises to Charge Cuba

Now the press is once again reviving up that theme. For example, on Nov. 13, 1976, the "liberal" *Washington Post* and *New York Post* ran an article on their front pages claiming that the Department of Justice had found a memorandum written by J. Edgar Hoover, who is now conveniently dead since the Watergate burglary, to the effect that Oswald had told Castro he would kill JFK. Both John McCone, CIA director at that time the note allegedly was written, and David W. Belin, a Warren Commission legal counsel, claimed total ignorance of the note. Supposedly, the note remained completely buried in the Justice Department until now—12 years after it was written—and with Hoover Officially responsible for not putting Oswald on a surveillance list in preparation for JFK's Dallas trip. The note is not available for public scrutiny, because the Justice Department clamped a veil of "secrecy" around it. -8-

Furthermore, the story is attributed to anonymous sources at the Justice Department, who refuse to be named or identified. Now, if the appearance of that story on the front page of major daily newspapers, with nothing to back it up at all, is not evidence of a plot to somehow implicate revolutionary Cuba in the JFK assassination, what would be?

Imperialists Renew Cold War offensive Against Cuba

Now the motive of the ruling class in branding revolutionary Cuba with the assassination of JFK is probably not as a pretext for an immediate invasion of Cuba. U.S. war morale, after the defeats in Vietnam and of the reactionary allies of U.S. imperialism in the African ex-Portuguese colonies, is far too low for the U.S. to mount such a major effort at warfare as would be required by an invasion of Cuba; the Cuban population would fight to the death for every square inch while, at the same time, revolutionary forces around the world would mobilize a formidable defense of Cuba. Yet, such a mad adventure by U.S. imperialism cannot be entirely ruled out.

Their immediate motive in slandering Cuba around the assassination is to cover up for the real JFK assassins, who are part of the CIA killer elite. At the same time, the increasingly war-oriented U.S. ruling class wants to keep the rumor of a "Castro connection" alive, as a pretext for a possible eventual invasion. And the latest wave of "Castro Killed Kennedy" slanders is part of a renewed U.S./CIA offensive against Cuba on all fronts—military, political-diplomatic, and economic. In 1975, a thaw was developing in U.S.-Cuban relations, and the normalization of

diplomatic and trade relations with Cuba seemed to be on the agenda. But Cuba's brilliant revolutionary assistance to the MPLA in Angola later that year, culminating in the triumph of the Angolan revolution in Feb. 1976 and the crushing defeat of U.S. imperialism and its most ardent defender in Southern Africa, Vorster's South African army, changed the situation radically. U.S. imperialism now had to "make an example" of revolutionary Cuba, to intimidate it and other workers' states from making such decisive acts of proletarian internationalism in the future.

Thus a renewed Cold War offensive against Cuba set in. As early as April 6, 1976, two Cuban fishing boats were attacked by "pirate" ships coming from Florida (the main base of gusano operations), killing a fisherman. Just weeks after that an international campaign of terror was launched against Cuban emissaries. Finally, on Oct. 6, a bomb exploded in a Cuban passenger plane in flight, killing all 73 people aboard. All the evidence, including the background of the two figures arrested in Venezuela in connection with the bombing (Orlando Bosch and Luis Posada Carriles), points to gusano operators with extensive CIA connections as the organizers of the bombing. (See even *New York Times*, Oct. 20, 1976).

The U.S. imperialists through this murderous Cold War aggression combined with their continued trade embargo against Cuba, desperately hope at least to intimidate Cuba into pursuing a more conciliatory, less revolutionary foreign policy. Trying to intimidate the Cuban people at gunpoint from "exporting revolution" (i.e., solidarizing with the growing world revolution) so that they

can have a free hand to export counterrevolution, the imperialists hope to strengthen the hand of the more moderate elements within the Cuban Communist Party who would favor a more consistent application of the treacherous principle of *detente* with imperialist reaction.

The "Cuba killed JFK" propaganda is especially useful to those sections of the ruling class opposed to any normalization of diplomatic ties between the U.S. and Cuba and out to poison the atmosphere for it. On the other hand, different ruling-class factions are also pushing the "theory" of the "ultra-rightist plot" to kill JFK, which would counter the anti-Cuban propaganda, and which still covers up the real nature of the assassination as a *coup d'etat*. Instead of pointing to the *broad ruling-class consensus* behind the assassination cover-up, the "ultra-rightist plot" "theory" diverts attention mainly onto "fringe" elements.

swerve no matter what policies its leadership carries out, and even if we disagree in principle with its policies. In this case, even had the revolutionary Cuban government assassinated JFK, which it did not, our disagreement would not be one of principle, but possibly one of tactic. In the global war, we are unconditionally on the proletarian side, and most of all favor the defeat of the imperialist bourgeoisie of the U.S.

For example, we unconditionally defend the cause of the struggle for Puerto Rican independence. To us, it makes little difference that the well-known Five Nationalist political Prisoners, who have been incarcerated for a quarter of a century now (longer than any other U.S. political prisoners), actually shot various members of Congress and attempted to assassinate Harry "Hiroshima" Truman. Their actions were part of the now overt, now covert war of the Puerto Rican

Unfortunately, since this article first appeared (Jan. 1977), this is precisely what seems to have happened, with Cuba's foreign policy shifting markedly to the right. In mid-March, Castro paid a friendly visit to Lieut. Col. Mengistu Haile Mariam, head of the reactionary military junta in Ethiopia which, despite its "socialist" posturing, is murdering radical students, workers and peasants by the hundreds and continuing the genocidal war against Eritrea. At the same time that Cuba was thus solidifying its support for the reactionary Ethiopian junta, it appeared to be *abstaining* from the fighting against the U.S.-French puppet Mobutu in Zaire, sparked by a popular insurrection in Shaba province. This right turn in Cuba's foreign policy has coincided with a new move towards normalization of relations and trade with Cuba by the demagogic Carter administration. This is a key part of Carter's scheme to drive a wedge between the Soviet and East European workers' states on the one hand, and their class allies in the "Third World" (notably, Cuba, China, Vietnam, and the Patriotic Front in Zimbabwe) on the other—by dangling the carrot before "Third World" revolutionary countries and movements, while showing the hard stick to the USSR and the "Soviet bloc" countries in East Europe.

JFK Was An Imperialist Brigand Through and Through

One mistake that many people make in their evaluation of the JFK assassination consists in concluding that, since the overwhelming bulk of the ruling class favored the assassination and cooperated, submerging factional rivalries to the extent possible in covering it up—that maybe, just maybe, he was breaking his ties to the U. S. ruling class and championing the cause of the oppressed before he was assassinated. Actually, nothing could be more ridiculous or disorienting.

Kennedy, with the support of the U.S. ruling class, initiated the genocidal war in Vietnam out of the situation he inherited from Eisenhower. Twice he risked nuclear war to threaten Cuba, and once to intimidate the Soviet Union he risked nuclear war with his panicky Berlin moves. JFK was a fiend who



Earle Cabell **MAYOR**
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General Charles P. Cabell, Deputy Director of CIA at the time of the invasion. *Air Cover Chief*

Communists Must Defend Cuba Unconditionally

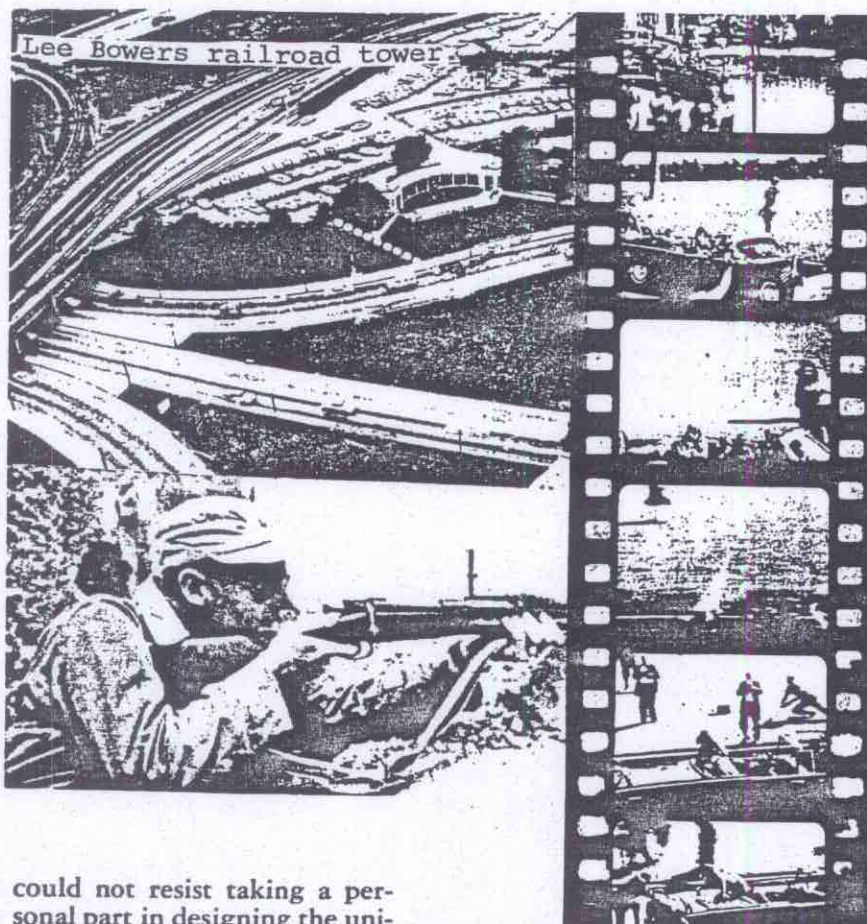
Of course, our insistent defense of Cuba is not based on Cuba's innocence in the JFK assassination. Our defense of Cuba as a workers' state is *unconditional, and does not lessen*

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people for an end to their colonial oppression at the hands of U.S. imperialism and arch-criminals such as Truman, and every U.S. president for that matter. We demand the immediate, unconditional freedom of the Five. ★★★★★

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could not resist taking a personal part in designing the uniform of the infamous Green Beret death squads. JFK was a racist who refused to give a clear endorsement to the then proposed Civil Rights bill, and who even refused to address 250,000-people March On Washington for Civil Rights. JFK was an exploiter of the working people whose family passed him a fortune made that way. As a Congressional Counsel during the 1950's, he supported, along with his vicious little brother, Bobby, the red-baiting House Un-American Activities Committee and its Senate counterpart, the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, as well as the Labor-baiting Senate McClellan Committee on Labor Relations. He was a drafter and signer of the bill which became the Labor Relations Act of 1960, which strengthened the Taft-Hartley Law by outlawing the secondary boycott,

and he doggedly drove the frame-up of Teamster leader Jimmy Hoffa (again in partnership with brother Bobby), to put Hoffa behind bars. JFK was a member of the Vietnam lobby since at least 1954. JFK's militarist policies, indexed by precipitous increases in military spending during his brief tenure as president, actually nurtured the very institutions that would carry through his assassination.

But when JFK became president, the balance of power between the proletarian camp, and the bourgeois camp which he came to head, in the global class war, was shifting decisively in favor of the proletariat. The Soviet Union had rebuilt itself since World War II, and every attempt by international finance capital—from Korea to Hungary—to bring any coun-

tries governed by workers' states back into the capitalist domain had failed. Finally, in 1959, the Cuban workers and poor peasants destroyed capitalist class rule, creating a workers' state to challenge U.S. imperialism for the first time in the Western hemisphere.

JFK Charting Out a 'Popular' Anti-Communist Course

JFK plotted to launch a world crusade against communism—he hoped with popular support—and tailored all his moves accordingly. In Vietnam, he felt it necessary to assassinate Ngo Dinh Diem, to replace the rigid minority/Catholic Diem regime, based on right-wing elements similar to the Cuban gusanos) that had been driven out of liberated (North) Vietnam, and replace that regime with one that he hoped could rally Buddhist support for his war against communism. But, in assassinating Diem, he demoralized similarly loyal right-wing puppets

around the world, who could feel the noose around their own necks, and who wanted to hang onto the most naked brute power, even if it would provoke a revolution eventually. The Diem assassination was a devastating blow to the morale of the lackeys of U.S. imperialism all around the world, who knew that the same thing could happen to them.

In Latin America, JFK was playing the "Alliance for Progress" game. He hoped to convince the masses of Latin America to join a crusade against Communism on the basis of the crumbs he would let fall from the exploiters' table. He was even optimistic that the Cuban masses would arise against the revolutionary regime there in support of the scum that pulled off the Bay of Pigs adventure!

Therefore, in order not to damage his liberal image, he refused to give what he thought would be counter-productive air support to the invasion.

When the Bay of Pigs invasion was crushed humiliatingly on the beach, and the few Cubans that surfaced to support it had exposed themselves and become targets of revolutionary people's justice—destroying the internal pro-imperialist infra-structure that had remained in Cuba until then—Kennedy became the scapegoat. Forces within the U.S. ruling class were set into motion that would eventually be the death of him.

Ironically, it is because JFK had plotted and warred so viciously against the Cuban, Vietnamese, and other revolutionary peoples, that it becomes easy for the U.S. ruling class to convince U.S. masses that perhaps JFK, who demonstrated that at least morally he had it coming, was the victim of revolutionary justice. Tangible facts show otherwise.

Enraged Ruling-Class Circles Get Revenge for JFK's 'Betrayal' to Them During Bay of Pigs Invasion

The JFK assassination was engineered by "Operation 40" of the CIA, the same section (by that time headed by Henry Kissinger) that later planned the fascist coup of Sept. 11, 1973 in Chile. Both Nixon and E. Howard Hunt, in their writings, talk about their working together to set up "Operation 40." (See Nixon's *Six Crises, and Hunt's Give Us This Day.*)

Earl Cabell, mayor of Dallas, meticulously redirected JFK's motorcade so that it came as close as possible both to the Texas School Book Depository Building (where friends of Oswald had "conveniently" found him a job), as well as the famous

grassy knoll (from which Sturgis carried telltale mud on his shoes first to the boxcar on which he planned to make his exit from Dallas after the assassination, and later through Dealey Plaza after his arrest). Mayor Cabell was the brother of General Charles Cabell, who took the lead in demanding air cover over the Bay of Pigs, which was never forthcoming from JFK.

Such events are inevitable in the case of a ruling class in its death agony, when power tends to shift abruptly from the hands of one faction into another, increasingly more desperate and extremely reactionary, again and again, until the most decadent elements preside over the doom of the ruling class. One important power shift that took place with the election of JFK is reflected in a shift of power from Army factions in the military to Navy factions. This is significant in light of the fact that since the U.S. war of independence, every war, with the exception of Korea, of the U.S. ruling class has had Naval origins. Before JFK, every president had been in the Army, Eisenhower having risen to the rank of five-star general. Since 1960, every president has served in the Navy and retained extensive connections with that service.

The Facts of the Cover-Up

A short while after the assassination on Nov. 22, 1963, three well-dressed, well-built men, the so-called "tramps," were plucked by Dallas police from their boxcar hiding places a few hundred feet from the scene of the assassination.

The arrest probably would never have taken place at all, had it not been for Lee Bowers, a railroad watchman, who noticed one of the "tramps" hopping from one car to another, and called the police. Dallas

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police explain that the two "tramps" were turned over to the FBI—a rather odd procedure in the case of supposed freightcar stowaways—and the FBI promptly released them. No record was made by the Dallas police or the FBI. No fingerprints or mug-shots were taken by either agency. And Lee Bowers, like well over 100 other witnesses to events surrounding the JFK assassination, is now dead.

Photographs of the "tramps" being paraded through Dealey Plaza by police after their arrest were taken by at least three reporters for Dallas and Fort Worth daily newspapers, as well as yards of news-reel video footage by the CBS network. Like all other photographs taken at the scene of the JFK assassination on that day, the film footage was confiscated by government agencies, and disappeared deep into their bowels. Cameras were confiscated by the agents that swarmed around the assassination site, and massive searches were made to confiscate the film of, and possibly to do worse to anyone seen with photographic equipment in any of film confiscated. In lofty tones appealing to "responsible and law-abiding citizens," requests were made through all the media for people to help the state investigate the assassination by turning over any such film they might have.

Much of the photographic material never re-emerged. A small, selected quantity did become available as "bootleg copies"—e.g., the well-known Zapruder film—furnished behind the scenes to a small community of organizations which, because of their unexplained access to these materials, have been able to monopolize, as a virtual establishment, all publicized criticism and skepticism regarding the Warren Commission Report. The Warren Com-

mission was appointed by Pres. Lyndon Johnson to draft the official U.S. government line on the JFK assassination. In all its public utterances, it dutifully neglected all the photographic evidence available, and doctored what it did examine publicly, so as to prop up the conclusion that it was pre-committed to reach. Its thousands of discrepancies comprise a virtual forest of minute details, into which the approved critics and skeptics can lead inevitably large sections of the public which will not buy the official Warren Commission concoction.

Perhaps king of the road in having received the photographic evidence confiscated by the capitalist state is Richard E. Sprague.

Sprague was originally associated, along with CIA-Watergate attorney Bernard Fensterwald (attorney for James McCord), with the so-called Committee to Investigate Political Assassinations (CIPA). Sprague switched over to the then newly formed Assassination Information Bureau of Boston, while CIPA was being identified at McCord's Watergate hearing as supported by CIA funds through McCord, while Fensterwald switched to the so called CCI under revived leadership of disinformation conduit Mark Lane. CIPA, AIB & CCI are the 3 main public conduits of disinformation — lies & half-truths, mixed with some spoon fed partial truths calculated to mislead & demoralize the populace — on the JFK assassination. In May of 1970 Sprague, writing in *Computers and Automation*, a small-circulation trade magazine which has served as a conduit for establishment discussion of the JFK and other assassinations, published an article listing over 200 photographs relating to the JFK assassination, and containing several photographs showing the "tramps" being arrested.

The article solicited anyone

who knew the identity of the "tramps," or what were called "phony cops" arresting them, to send in the information. This, the article asserted, would be "in the interest" of anyone who did so. That is an interesting claim, considering again the number of people who knew "too much" about the JFK assassination and who met sudden deaths in too large numbers to be dismissed as coincidental. Could this article, which could get wide currency among assassination buffs, have been anything but a probe

a probe to identify and eliminate anyone who might have had more knowledge about the JFK assassination than was in their "interests"?

Photo-overlay techniques prove positively that the "tramps" in the photographs are none other than E. Howard Hunt and Frank Fiorini-Sturgis. Hunt and Sturgis are perhaps most notorious in connection with the Watergate so-called burglary, in which they were both arrested together. But at least since the late 1950's both had been closely linked Richard Nixon since he was vice president under Eisenhower and effectively headed up the National Security Council.

Hunt, having been for many years a top CIA official in South America based in Uruguay and station chief over the Caribbean operating out of Mexico City, worked closely with Nixon in organizing the anti-communist Cuban riff-raff that came to the U.S. to escape people's justice in Cuba, for aggression against Cuba. Nixon was allowed by Kennedy to remain in command of the anti-Cuba aggression projects of U.S. imperialism, and specifically as chief organizer, along with Hunt, to oversee the Bay of Pigs invasion—which turned out to be a fiasco for them.

Meanwhile, Sturgis had infiltrated the 26th of July Movement under Fidel Castro before the triumph of the revolution, and was working to subvert the Cuban revolution and the workers' state that it produced, from within. In 1962, having offered to assassinate Castro and other Cuban officials, and having wormed his way into being Minister of Gambling (before the casinos in Cuba were closed down) and Chief of

Cuban Air Force Security, he "defected" back to the U.S., to rejoin his old cronies in the killer elite of the CIA.

Hunt's 1949 novel *Bimini Run* stars an ex-Marine, gambler, and soldier of fortune named Hank Sturgis(!). After Dick Gregory showed the "tramp" comparison shots in various U.S. news media, Hunt claimed not to have known Sturgis until 1972. (*New York Post*, Feb. 6, 1975)

Sturgis, after a U.S. Marine Corps stint in World War II, became involved with U.S.-connected Israeli terrorists similar to the pro-U.S. Irgun of Menahem Begin, and had led a life of counterrevolutionary intrigue since then.

Nixon also had a long connection to a Chicago hoodlum-for-hire by the name of Jack Rubenstein (Jack Ruby). In 1947, Ruby had been called before the House Un-American Activities Committee because he had allegedly been hired by labor bureaucrats to render his services on one side or another of the class line. Nixon, working for HUAC, got him off the hook then.

It should also be noted that Earl Warren, prior to his appointment as chief justice of the Supreme Court by Eisenhower, had been a machine Republican politician from California, and a supporter of Nixon who rose with the backing of that same machine.

Warren, as governor of Cali-

fornia, initiated the U.S. program of interning Japanese-Americans in concentration camps during World War II.

After the Watergate scandal broke, the Nixon crew actually contemplated setting up another Warren Commission, headed by that same Earl Warren, to investigate and whitewash Watergate, and pre-empt Congress, where other factions of the ruling class, hostile to Nixon were stronger. White House Tapes, 341, have Halde- man saying, "If you want Earl Warren, he'll do it."

After Warren died and his papers were turned over to the California State Archives, all correspondence between Nixon and Warren for the period when Nixon was senator had been stolen.

Nixon, Rockefeller, and the Warren Commission

Nixon personally asked Johnson to appoint *Gerald Ford* to the Warren Commission. Ford's chief aide, John R. Stiles, had been field director of Nixon's first presidential campaign. Ford headed up the House Republican Caucus. Ford's background is connected with the FBI and Office of Strategic Services (OSS), the CIA's predecessor.

Ford dominated the Warren Commission, hearing more witnesses and writing more words than any other Commission member.

Of course, subsequently, Nixon appointed Ford vice president and, after Nixon was pushed aside, and Ford became president, Ford immediately appointed none other than Nelson A. Rockefeller, vice president. This put Rockefeller in an ideal position to re-organize the capitalist state personally from within.

Most directly representing the Rockefeller dynasty's financial interests on the Warren

Commission was *John J. McCloy*, McCloy engineered the merger of Chase National Bank with Manhattan Bank to form Chase Manhattan, the commercial bank cornerstone of the Rockefeller family empire. He was also Chairman of the Board of Chase Manhattan, a director of the Rockefeller Foundation and of United Fruit.

McCloy had extensive CIA and pre-CIA links, both as World War II assistant to the Secretary of War, and subsequently as high commissioner to Germany.

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● *Allen Dulles* had been fired by JFK and made to take all the weight of the Bay of Pigs invasion fiasco. He was the main architect of the CIA in 1953, a post he held until he was ousted by JFK after the Bay of Pigs invasion. His brother, John Foster Dulles, was Secretary of State through most of the Eisenhower years. As attorneys, both had been associated as representatives of Rockefeller interests.

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● Dulles had also been president of the Rockefeller dominated Council on Foreign Relations.
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Representing the military was arch-racist *Richard B. Russell* (D-Ga.), an idol of now President James Earl Carter. The CIA has had a long history of factional battle with the Pentagon over how best to perpetuate the capitalist system and how to divide up the bureaucratic and pecuniary booty. Russell generally participated in the cover-up, but expressed some doubts on particulars, such as the number of bullets that were fired.

Russell skeptically questioned Warren Commission findings on a WAB-TV taped interview in Atlanta, and died shortly thereafter.

Hale Boggs, a liberal by Louisiana standards and a Democratic Party Congressman, was also skeptical about the Warren Commission Report. In 1971, he spoke of the FBI using Gestapo tactics. He died in a plane crash in Alaska about a year later.

John Sherman Cooper raised the possibility of writing a minority report of the Commission questioning some of its findings. Nothing ever came of that. Cooper was later appointed ambassador to India by Nixon.

Commission Sounselors and Staff

Not only the members of the Commission proper, but also the Commission Counsels must be examined, in that counsels play an enormous role in a commission's operations.

William T. Coleman worked for a prominent Rockefeller family law firm, J. Richardson Dilworth. Coleman became the Secretary of Transportation in the Ford-Rockefeller administration.

Arlen Specter had been a special agent of the Office of Special Investigations in the Air Force. He, like his understudy *Richard A. Sprague* of Philadelphia, now resigned special counsel to the House Select Committee to Investigate Assassinations, specialized in prosecuting labor figures, especially members of the Teamsters. Specter was chairman of the Pennsylvania Committee to Re-Elect the President (CREP), Nixon's 1972 outfit. Specter developed the Warren Commission's notorious "single bullet" theory.

David Belin in 1968 was head of Lawyers for Nixon-Agnew, and in 1975 was approved by Nelson Rockefeller as Chief Investigator of Rockefeller's Blue Ribbon Panel on the CIA.

A. C. Albert Jenner was later to be appointed by Nixon as his Minority Counsel in the Judiciary Committee. Joe Ball later represented Erlichman in the Ellsberg case. Melvin Aron Eisenberg was later appointed by Nixon to the Price Commission. Assistant Counsel Leon D. Hubert, once Jim Garrison's boss in New Orleans, tried to connect Jack Ruby with "Cuban affairs," while Wesley Leibler failed to notice the 544 Camp St. address (same as gusano office building in New Orleans) on Oswald's phony Fair Play for Cuba leaflets.

Commission staff members also included Alfred Goldberg and Arthur K. Marmor, U.S. Air Force "historians." Goldberg worked under JFK antagonist Admiral Arleigh Burke, who was associated with the gusano-restorationist Free Cuba Committee.

About other assistant counsels—W. H. Adams (former New York City Police Commissioner), J. Lee Rankin (Chief Counsel to the Commission), Sam Stern, and Howard P. Wilkens—we have little information.

Credibility of 'Plumbers' Tested by 'Leak' of 'Tramp' Photos in 1970

The timing of Richard E. Sprague's article in *Computers and Automation*, which came in May of 1970, is significant. The article came out just after Nixon had hired the "Plumbers," including his old cohorts Hunt and Sturgis—called "plumbers" because their supposed job was to "plug up the leaks" from the White House, specifically on Cambodia.

The "leak" that particularly disturbed Nixon surfaced with the publication in various newspapers of reports to the effect that the U.S. had been bombing Cambodia. The problem with that was that Prince

Norodom Sihanouk, the Cambodian bourgeois nationalist chief of state who was under pressure from his population to strike a pro-revolutionary pose in relation to the Vietnamese liberation struggle, was worried about the increasing influence of Vietnamese fighters on Cambodian territory, and the effect of their interaction with the revolutionary Cambodian masses.

Therefore, Sihanouk agreed with Nixon in secret diplomacy, to accede to a vicious U.S. bombing campaign against what Nixon called "privileged sanctuaries" in Cambodia, and Sihanouk not to acknowledge diplomatically that any such bombing was going on. When the U.S. press exposed the bombing, they also exposed Sihanouk as a traitor to Cambodian sovereignty and to the masses of bombing victims, as well as to the Vietnamese liberation struggle. So he was forced to demand that the U.S. end the bombings, and to go through the motions of seeking arms for a serious anti-imperialist struggle from the USSR and People's Republic of China. His popular credibility finished, Sihanouk in his absence was overthrown by the U.S. puppet Lon Nol, and the U.S., with its puppet Saigon forces, invaded Cambodia in May of 1970.

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The invasion sparked a mushrooming protest by the anti-war movement within the U.S., which in turn was answered by the Kent State and Jackson State University massacres. The hand of the "plumber"-hiring Nixon administration in these massacres was made clear by the promotion of William Saxbe to the position of Attorney General. Saxbe, a senator at the time of the massacre, was also an officer in the Ohio National Guard unit that committed the Kent massacre, and he praised the massa-

cre the next day in the Senate as part of a drive to bring the anti-war protests to a "screaming halt."

These massacres paralleled violent "Hard Hat" attacks on anti-war demonstrators in the Wall Street area of New York. Hordes of right-wing construction workers, under pay from their employers and under compulsory instruction of their racist union leadership, along with an untold number of off-duty cops and other hirelings, carrying a banner reading, "Long Live the Establishment!", brutally attacked peaceful demonstrators and random blacks in the area, with chains and pupes. Peter Brennan, the head of the building-trades union involved, was immediately feted with a dinner in the White House, and soon after that became Secretary of Labor.

The arrival of the "plumbers" in the White House, from the point of view of the bourgeoisie, need a probe to make sure that their role in the JFK assassination was not too well known.

'Tramp' Photos Re-appear 5 Years Later to Mop Up Nixon's 'plumbers' During Watergate Scandal

The "tramp" photographs began to surface in the bourgeoisie press in connection with the JFK assassination on a more public basis in 1975. The *Miami Herald*, the *Chicago Tribune* and several other dailies across the country carried them as a curiosity item, not referring to the photo-overlays that prove them to be of Hunt and Sturgis. Then, the photographs were again put on the shelf, never since to get wide general publicity except now & then, printed very small, in various sensationalist tabloids & porno magazines.

Here again, the timing of the appearance of the photographs before the public is important.

They appeared at a time when Nixon had attracted the wrath of many sections of the ruling class, especially the Rockefellers, and these sections of the ruling class were looking to oust Nixon. In the context of that drive, the printing of the "tramp" photographs constituted a threat to the Nixon crew, to the effect that the capitalists were ruthless enough to dump Nixon and his cohorts by identifying their role in the JFK assassination.

The stormy period that preceded the forced resignation of Nixon was characterized by a bandwagon of discrediting exposures aimed at disqualifying a surgically isolated clique of retainers of the capitalist class, while preserving, and to some degree refurbishing, the credibility of that class as a whole. Some of the disgrace of the Watergate scandal did fall on actual capitalists, of course, namely the Howard Hughes scandal. Howard Hughes, along with the CIA-linked Pepsi Cola Corp., was Nixon's chief sponsor—or, more correctly, patron—in the ruling class. It is instructive to note that even here, Hughes only became really disgraced after he died. Now various sections of the ruling class are contending with forged and altered wills, to divide his estate:

The Hughes connection explains why so many seemingly minor figures in the Watergate scandal went to Nicaragua—such as Mitchell and his friend Vesco—to temporarily avoid the shadow of prosecution in the U.S. Hughes' largest estate was in Nicaragua, where he enjoyed the close friendship of the family of bloody military dictator Somoza. Through Hughes, Nixon was associated also with H. Ross Pierot, the Dallas electronics and computer industrialist who championed the alleged rights of captured war criminals in Vietnam as "prisoners of war."

Nixon administration attempted to carry Christmas and Thanksgiving dinners to those war criminals as a ploy to embarrass the Vietnamese and attract sympathy for the POW's. Pierot got Congress and the Supreme Court to bend the law and constitutional interpretation of it, so that he could take over DuPont Glore Forgan, the third largest brokerage house in the U.S. Later, although there were lower bidders, Nelson "Attica" Rockefeller, governor of New York, awarded Pierot's Electronic Data Service the contract to computerize New York State's Medicaid records.

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*Chickens Come Home
 To Roost for Nixon:
 He is Ousted in a
 'Supplementary' Coup
 d'Etat by Rockefeller
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In light of all this, it is clear that the Watergate ouster of Nixon continued a slow *coup d'etat* largely engineered by the Rockefeller clique, which by degrees saw Nixon and Agnew shoved aside on various pretexts, to be replaced by Gerald Ford and Nelson Rockefeller. Although he was "only" Ford's vice president, there can be no doubt that on all crucial world issues, Rockefeller was the decisive influence here. Of course, it is always true that the politician is but the servant of the capitalist class, and that the capitalist class prefers to rule through the politicians from behind the scenes.

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 But given the depths of the crisis of international capitalism today, besieged on all sides by the surging proletarian revolution—which is increasingly manifesting itself in the sub-imperialist and semi-imperialist countries such as Iran, South Africa, and Spain, and is knocking at the doors of the imperialist industrial heartland

where the proletariat is only beginning to stir in awakening to its world-historic—the frenzied factionalism among capitalists has reached such a point that a Rockefeller feels called on to intervene in the state more and more directly, for *his* interests as opposed to those of his capitalist rivals. Furthermore, the struggle over what strategies to use becomes all the more frenzied as the bourgeoisie is increasingly cornered, and all its options increasingly hopeless.

What disguises the "Watergating" of the Nixon crew in terms of its nature as a *coup d'etat* is the fact that it was carried out in a very gradual, seemingly spontaneous way, with an effort to mobilize popular support for the ouster, and with the uniformed military kept in the background. It was hardly noticed that, when General Alexander Haig and then "Defense" Secretary James Schlesinger "preventively" took over the command of the armed forces—they say to eliminate the possibility that Nixon would attempt to prolong his presidency by mobilizing uniformed military support in an open bid for a military dictatorship—they themselves pulled off a military coup in the true sense of the word, in that they circumvented the president's authority as commander in chief, through whose office juridical control over the military by the constitutionally determined civilian government rests. Perhaps if Haig, who is now Supreme Commander of all NATO, had been wearing a uniform instead of a suit, things would have been more obvious.

Hunt Blackmailing Nixon

A memo written by E. Howard Hunt and published in the Nov. 5, 1974 *New York Times*, stated that "The Watergate

bugging is only one of a number of highly illegal conspiracies engaged in by one or more of the defendants at the request of White House officials. These as yet undisclosed crimes can be proved."

What could these crimes be?

Hunt was blackmailing Nixon about these "crimes." White House tapes uncovered during the Watergate scandals contain the following from Nixon talking to Dean:

"Let us suppose that you get the million bucks, and you get the proper way to handle it. You could hold that side? . . . My point is, do you ever have any choice on Hunt? . . . I don't think we need to go into every (adjective deleted) thing Hunt has done . . . There's nothing in it for Hunt . . . You open that scab . . . and we just feel it would be very detrimental to have this thing go any further

This involves these Cubans, Hunt, . . . If he testifies just on Watergate that's fine . . . Your major guy to keep under control is Hunt . . . But at the moment . . . you (Dean) better get the Hunt thing . . . Hunt . . . uh, blow the whistle . . . and his price is high, but at least, uh, we should buy time on that." (White House Tapes 215, 196, 672-3, 242-3, 206. Quoted in Canfield and Weberman, *Coup D'Etat in America*, pp.90-1.)

'Bay of Pigs' (BOP) Used as Code Word for JFK Assassination?

In a June 23, 1972, taped Nixon conversation with H. R. Haldeman, Nixon has this to say:

" . . . Very bad to have this fellow Hunt . . . If it gets out that this is all involved, the Cuba thing would be a fiasco. It would make the CIA look bad. It's going to make Hunt look bad, and it is likely to blow the whole Bay of Pigs thing which we think would be very unfortunate . . ."

Really, the Bay of Pigs (as an invasion of Cuba) can still become a "fiasco" in 1972. Why should it "make Hunt look bad" in Nixon's opinion?

" . . . It tracks back to the Bay of Pigs . . . other leads run out to people who had no involvement . . . except by contacts and connection, but it gets to areas that are liable to be raised? The whole problem (unintelligible) Hunt. So at this point he kind of got the picture . . . Walters is going to make a call to (FBI director pro-tem) Gray . . ."

How could the FBI investigation of the Watergate break-in of 1972 be related to the 1961 Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba?

When CIA director Richard Helms was asked how the Bay of Pigs invasion could be connected to the Watergate burglary (after being asked not to bring up certain matters that might bear on the Bay of Pigs), according to Haldeman, Helms snapped back that "That is of no concern at all." Haldeman, when questioned by the Ervin Committee, commented that "it was a sort of little different reaction than the flat and calm reaction that there had been no CIA involvement in Watergate."

Haldeman in *Ends of Power* explicitly confirms that "Bay of Pigs" was a code word for the JFK assassination.

Helms, the "expert" witness of Oswald-in-Mexico, told the Watergate Committee that Haldeman had spoken to him, and "made some, what to me was an incoherent reference to an investigation, running into the Bay of Pigs . . . I assured him . . . that everything in connection with that had been dealt with and liquidated."

Later, Helms explained that "the Bay of Pigs is the rubric for a very unhappy event in the life of the CIA. A dead cat has been thrown at us over the years ever since . . . The prob-

lems arising from it have been liquidated. I was well aware of this." (Helms' testimony, Senate Select Committee 3275)

What "problems" arising from the Bay of Pigs had been "liquidated," Helms does not specify. Could it have been reference to JFK, as "problem" arising out of the Bay of Pigs invasion, or the witnesses to the JFK assassination, as "problems" arising out of another event ("BOP" closely connected with JFK conduct around the Bay of Pigs invasion)?

Curiously enough, in December 1973, a commercial plane crashed in Chicago, killing 10 people. The crash was unusual not only for the high number of fatalities, but also for the fact that one of these was none other than Dorothy Hunt, wife of I. Howard Hunt. Dorothy was found to be carrying a huge sum of money in a brown paper bag (which Sherman Skolnic says was \$2 million.)

Classified government documents released by independent researcher Sherman Skolnic reveal that at least seven people aboard the plane, including the pilot and co-pilot, had been poisoned with cyanide. Furthermore, the outer marker, necessary to make a successful landing, had been turned off—making a crash extremely likely even if the pilot had not been poisoned!

Radical comedian Dick Gregory had, by sheer coincidence narrowly escaped being transferred onto that flight.

Dick Gregory is closely tied to Camelot counter-Insurgent Marjorie Lane. He was among the first to publish the "Tramp" comparison photos, (which Lane has consistently refused to appear with showing the resemblance of the "Tramps" to E. Howard Hunt, Frank Fiorini-Sturgis, but suddenly went silent when the photo overlay evidence positively identifying them was published in *Col Detat In America*.)

The only conclusion to be drawn is that the plane had been sabotaged in connection with Dorothy Hunt's mission

with the hush money, to teach E. Howard Hunt, and anyone with similar intentions, a lesson about threatening to release vital ruling class secrets, as material for blackmail.

Whoever was behind the sabotage made an additional point, in showing no concern for the large number of innocent bystanders murdered in this particularly dirty job. So far, the saboteurs have not been publicly punished, and the Federal Aviation Authority does not even publicly conclude that sabotage was reason for the crash!

'New' Congressional Investigations of JFK Assassination

With the official Warren Commission version of reality falling apart among a disillusioned public, the capitalist class and its retainers are at pains to supply a more satisfactory explanation—more satisfactory, that is, from the point of view of the ruling class, which needs something more credible, and better able to mobilize public support for government policies, including the policies of imperialist bandit, President James Earl Carter.

The Richard Schweiker-led 1976 investigation in the Senate was promoted by Mark Lane and his Citizen's Commission of Inquiry, Richard E. Sprague and his Assassination Information Bureau, and A. J. Weberman and the "Yippies." The Schweiker investigation ended pointing an accusing finger at revolutionary Cuba. It studiously ignored all the evidence that points to the real assassins of JFK, and points up the phony nature of U.S. so-called democracy, which but thinly veils a state which, like all capitalist

states, is nothing more than organized violence directed mainly at subjugating, intimidating and confusing the exploited and oppressed people, and in which violence is the final arbiter of historic possibilities given the economic, class basis of society.

Shortly after performing his service for the capitalists, the "liberal" Schweiker was selected by Ronald Reagan, who never met him before, as his projected running mate to form a ticket to the right of Gerald Ford. In their desperation, an increasing number of capitalists, represented by Reagan, cry out for more panicky and aggressive policies, and regard even the right-wing Ford as a sell-out. In this case, we see how narrow the gap is between the most liberal senator, who was uniquely endorsed with a 100% rating from the rotten, pro-imperialist leadership of the AFL-CIO, and Ronald "Raving" Reagan (a staunch supporter of the "right-to-work"—i.e., union busting)—who had been so reckless as to alienate even Goldwater! In principle, all capitalist politicians agree on the necessity to preserve capitalism, but here and there disagree or sometimes merely agree to disagree on how best to preserve it against the increasingly visible and inevitable proletarian revolution.

Now, in the House of Representatives, the Downing-Gonzalez Committee has been set up. Almost surely, it will duplicate the deceptions of the Schweiker investigation—again, with the support of the Warren Commission's supposedly leftist "approved" critics.

With Gonzalez, who remarked, "Why, that looks just like Howard Hunt" when first shown the "tramp" photographs, and who wrote the forward to Weberman and Canfield's *Coup D'Etat In America* (which contains the "tramp"

photos and overlays),

but the Committee is still staunchly refusing to hear any testimony from forensic experts as to the conclusions that are inescapable from the "tramp" overlays! William Depperman, head of the Assassination Information Committee of New York, was turned down when he requested to lend his expert analysis of the "tramp" overlays to the Committee's hearings.

Instead, the Downing-Gonzalez stooges are concentrating on the recent murders of gangland figures Sam Giancana and John Roselli. Because these mob figures had been approached by the CIA to attempt to assassinate Fidel Castro, the bourgeois press, in typical double-think hoopla, has been generating hysteria to the effect that "probably" the Cuban revolutionary government had plotted the murder of Kennedy—and Giancana and Roselli—in revenge.

No evidence is ever presented to substantiate the accusations. Fidel was very sensitive to the fact that the JFK assassination, far from taking any imperialist pressure off Cuba, only placed the government in the hands of Lyndon Johnson, who had remained closer to the gung-ho pro-invasion faction of the ruling class than had Kennedy (who, after meeting with Khrushchev in 1962, had agreed that there would be no more invasions of Cuba with U.S. assistance, and who had raided several gusano training places). Witnesses, also, the bloody, CIA-sponsored right-wing coups in Brazil, Ghana and Indonesia that followed fast on the heels of Johnson's boost into office.

In light of this, as Castro himself stated in his immediate analysis of the JFK assassination, "the Cuban government stood only to loose from the JFK assassination.

Both Roselli and Giancana had been scheduled to testify to Congressional investigations, and their deaths conveniently cut off the possibility that they would blow the whistle on DIA invasion and assassination plans against Cuba. The Cuban revolutionaries had no motive at that time for preventing them from doing damage to the CIA. This, coupled with the fact that in both cases, police dismissed the killings as "gangland-style executions," and refused to investigate them, indicates further the direction from which their murders came.

They were killed by the counter-insurgent infra-structure (which frequently sacrifices its own agents for example Oswald, Jack Ruby & Larry Flynt, almost), to avoid a crisis for the Congressional Committee, so that the Committee can still appear to have an honest intention to dig up the truth, but be deprived of witnesses. Of course the Congressional Committee was set up only to try to perfect the cover-up.

To Lead Latest Congressional Investigation' Hoax

The chief counsel originally selected by Downing-Gonzalez is one Richard A. Sprague (not to be confused with Richard E. Sprague), who prosecuted Tony Boyle, head of the United Mine Workers union, in the murder of his popular rival, Jock Jablonski, and his family. Sprague showed himself to be extremely adept at focusing the prosecution against Boyle and several hired killers, while neatly ignoring the fact that the murder took place and went unsolved for a long time, while CIA, FBI and police informers that tap the phones, bug electronically, tail and otherwise spy on the entire union apparatus, somehow were looking the other way sufficiently for the murder to take place right under their noses.

Oddly enough, the "anti-establishment" Mark Lane claims to have been the one to recommend Sprague for the appointment to the Committee (*N.Y. Times!* Jan. 2, 1977)! Sprague, whom Downing says was appointed "on recommendation" without background investigation, himself is being run out of Philadelphia amidst various corruption scandals.

Response of the Political Left to the JFK Assassination

The JFK assassination is also instructive from the standpoint of the responses to it by the various U.S. left groups towards the capitalist/imperialist state and its organs of violence.

The Communist Party (CP) never seriously contested the Warren Commission's scape-goating of Lee Harvey Oswald, but maintained that Oswald was probably an ultra-rightist. The headlines in their newspaper following the assassination were blatant appeals to revisionism, pacifism and social-patriotism. The *Worker* boasted that anyone advocating the necessity of violence to make a revolution would be expelled from the CP, and that this had been their policy for a long time! Of course, they were only telling the truth, in that they are committed to a policy of peaceful co-existence with imperialism internationally, and a peaceful, presidential-congressional road to socialism within the U.S. The *Worker* exhorted its readers to "Defend America!" Little analysis was given.

The ex-Trotskyist-turned-Social-Democratic Socialist Workers Party immediately canceled its meetings in respect to JFK, and went to the ridiculous lengths of sending flowers to Jacqueline Kennedy!

The then newly-formed Spartacist League simply printed excerpts from other leftist publi-

cations.

Spartacus League today continues to insist that the JFK assassination is "irrelevant, since JFK was a ruling class figure. They hold to that position despite Lenin's urging that the working class movement concentrate on Political exposures which destroy the credibility of the ruling class state, especially their pretensions to democracy. The Spartacist League position blots out the fact that the JFK assassination was necessary internal preparation by the capitalist class for drastic escalation of the genocidal Vietnam war, & that the actual JFK assassins were strongly motivated by vengeance against JFK who was scape-goated for the Bay of Pigs fiasco as a result of his refusal to commit U.S. air support. Supposedly, the S.L. pretends to give military defense to the Cuban state & the Vietnamese N.L.F.

Progressive Labor hinted that the assassination represented a rightist plot while the *Guardian* printed Mark Lane's criticisms of the case against Oswald.

Only *Workers World* clearly stated that the U.S. "came near a *coup d'etat*. But WW reduced the JFK assassination to the work of only the farthest-out "unbridled militarists and virulent racists," and failed to see the depths of the ruling class roots in the assassination. Soon, WW began to limit itself on the assassination to uncritically tailing Mark Lane. It might be said that the incorrect guess narrowing the JFK assassination to the KKK-like or Nazi-like elements was a result at the time of simply not knowing how broad the anti-JFK factionalism in the ruling class was. But years later, they still have not corrected this view, and still rely mainly on handouts from Mark Lane and Congressional committees.

WW ignores the "tramp" overlayers' Its analysis stops at the level of skepticism—which

CARTER and YOUNG's LINK to the KING ASSASSINATION

Andrew Young, on the fatal night of the Martin Luther King, Jr. assassination on April 4, 1968, was supposed to be a bodyguard to King. King's protection was absent, and some assassin's bullet struck King dead. Andrew Young has since been appointed (or rewarded!) U.S. ambassador to the United Nations.

Andrew Young does not have the open record as a trained CIA assassin that E. Howard Hunt and Frank Fiorini-Sturgis do. Most trained CIA assassins do not.

Only yesterday, Andrew Young's position seemed to be that of a Civil Rights leader from Georgia, facing the vicious cops first of Lester "Mad Dog" Maddox, and then of Governor James Earl Carter, in the fight for integration and racial equality. But whereas Martin Luther King, Jr., was murdered in Memphis, and his Civil Rights leader brother, A. D. Williams King, and their mother, Alberta Williams King, were subsequently murdered in Georgia, while Andrew Young, through appointment by James Earl Carter, became U.S. imperialist U.N. ambassador—and proved his loyalty again by voting for the U.S. in the U.N. *against* an economic boycott of South Africa. Andrew Young, through appointment by James Earl Carter, is Chief of the U.S. delegation to the United Nations.

Today we know Andrew Young to be the chief apologist for U. S. imperialism to the colonial and semi-colonial peoples, particularly to the African peoples. He is the black mask, without which the James Earl Carter administration would have a much more difficult time posing as an ally of the African liberation struggle, while as the same time urging non-violence and the capitalist neo-colonial road on those now fighting the white-settler, racist regimes in Africa, with which the U.S. capitalist class is mortally intertwined.

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Of course, Andrew Young only preaches non-violence to the *oppressed*, never to the *oppressor* headed up by his own government. One exposure of Young's hypocrisy on this question is contained in his July, 1977 *Playboy* interview, where he mouths the Rockefeller-Tri-lateral-Carter line that Nixon "sold out" to the Soviet Union in the arms talks. Someone who believed in passive resistance and non-violence as a general principle would urge U.S. imperialism to disarm itself immediately to put itself on a higher moral plane. It should be borne in mind that U.S. armaments prop up the racist and exploitative regimes in Africa, while the Soviet weapons have supported liberation struggles such as the MPLA in Angola.

Andrew Young is not the first servant of U.S. imperialism to play this low role. Ralph Bunche before him was a lick-spittle of similar character. But what makes Young temporarily more effective is his credential as a former aide and confidant to Martin Luther King, Jr.

We know that today Andrew Young works for the government of U.S. imperialism. The question that arises is, for how long has he been a government agent, and through what means did he demonstrate for U.S. imperialism his trustworthiness to maintain his current post?

Racist Carter and the Georgia Connection

Andrew Young was appointed by the U.S. ruling class through James Earl Carter. Young and Carter knew each other well from Georgia politics. Before Carter held any political office, Young had become a Congressman on that State's Democratic Party ticket. Carter rose from greater public obscurity, than Young to the State House and the White House—greater *public* obscurity, although as an Annapolis graduate and Naval intelligence officer until 1971, he was already well known to the ruling class as a protégé of nuclear friend Admiral Hyman Rickover, father of the atomic submarine. CIA coordinated the King assassination through Georgia-based state apparatus, including the Atlanta FBI political bureau and Naval intelligence agent, now president, James Earl Carter.

James Earl Carter ran on a racist ticket against bourgeois integrationist-moderate George Sanders in the Georgia gubernatorial primary. He sent forged photographs showing King article continues on page 22.



Dr. Thomas T. Noguchi, Los Angeles County coroner, ruled that Kennedy was shot from behind, as he is pointing out in the photograph. This would tend to eliminate Sirhan B. Sirhan as the killer, since witnesses said Sirhan was in front of Kennedy when he fired,

SIRHAN IS NOT RFK'S "LONE ASSASSIN"

"arm and gun . . . approximately three yards . . ." from RFK. Edward Minisian, from about a yard away from RFK, estimated the distance at "approximately three feet."

Could Not Have Been Same Gun

From all evidence available, Sirhan Sirhan, at least not alone, could not have assassinated Robert F. Kennedy. In fact, it is considerably doubtful that he even fired a single shot into R.F.K.

Two bullets were removed from RFK's body. The one presumed fatal had struck just behind his ear. The second was removed from RFK's neck, where it had lodged after entering RFK's back in the armpit region. A third bullet had entered RFK's back right near the entry point of the second, and exited through his chest.

But Sirhan Never in Back of RFK!

Unfortunately for those who point fingers at the hapless prisoner Sirhan, Sirhan was at all times during the RFK assassination in front of and facing RFK!

Los Angeles county coroner Thomas Noguchi, who performed the RFK autopsy, was forced to conclude from "tattooing" powder patterns that at least the RFK ear shot had been fired with the gun muzzle "no more than two or three inches" away.

Los Angeles Police Department Officer DeWayne Wolfer agreed with this conclusion on the ear shot, in fact placing the muzzle within one narrow inch of RFK's ear, and from chemical tests on RFK's jacket, placed the muzzle "within six inches" of RFK's back, where the other two shots entered.

Columnist Pete Hamill, an eye witness had estimated that Sirhan was *seven feet* from RFK. Juan Romero, a busboy who had just shaken hands with RFK, said it was "approximately one yard." College student Valerie Schulte, testifying at Sirhan's trial, placed Sirhan's

William Harper, an expert in technical and forensic investigation in firearms who had been a consultant to the Pasadena Police Department for seven years and had a total of 35 years' experience, noticed that the envelope containing bullets which Wolfer claimed he had fired from Sirhan's pistol and matched the bullet removed from RFK's neck actually bore the serial number of a L.A. Police Department-owned test pistol, rather than that of Sirhan's gun.

After citing technical evidence showing a 23 minute (14%) difference in the rifling angle, Harper swore that in his opinion, the RFK bullet and a bullet removed from a bystander (Weisel) "could not have been fired from the same gun."!

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Sanders getting a champagne shower from several black members of the Atlanta Hawks, a basketball team Sanders coached, in order to line up the racist vote. Lester Maddox, infamous for leading an attack with axe handles against blacks legally attempting to integrate the restaurant he owned, ran amicably for lieutenant governor, and served without flare-ups under Carter.

Carter's bureaucratic reorganization of the Georgia government was touted as an efficiency measure against "featherbedding." But while it increased government hiring, it was designed to do so by putting an end to the independence if the Civil Rights movement which had been strong in Georgia.

After his election to the presidency, and even during it when it could cost him votes, Carter clearly and ostentatiously supported his local Southern Baptist church in Plains, Ga., in its decision to exclude blacks. As governor of Georgia, he proclaimed a holiday in honor of Lieutenant James Calley, whom the U.S. was forced to press a token prosecution against as a war criminal in the MyLai massacre. So extreme was Carter's support for the racist Vietnam war, that as late as 1974, he was still for increased spending on it!

James Earl Carter, along with the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration (LEAA), staunchly backed police chief John Inman against the Atlanta black community, which demanded his removal after dozens of random murders of black youths by cops. Finally, Carter is the governor who succeeded in restoring the death penalty in Georgia.

Very few people can believe that this James Earl Carter, upon becoming president, suddenly turned over a new leaf to

appoint an anti-racist UN ambassador, and to consistently defend him against criticism arising from the fact that he appears to be a constant source of embarrassment to the racist U.S. ruling class. Something is wrong here.



Georgia and the King Assassination

Martin Luther King, Jr. was from Georgia, and was rather central to the Civil Rights movement, especially there. Somehow, when King was murdered in Memphis, Tennessee, it was the Atlanta Intelligence Unit of the FBI that was assigned the case—and, as we shall see later, knew just how to handle it, from a ruling-class point of view.

And at least two other members of the King family active in the Civil Rights movement met untimely deaths—in Georgia.

A. D. King, Martin Luther King, Jr.'s brother, age 38, was found drowned in his swimming pool on July 21, 1969. The medical examiner, B. L. Neikirk, immediately asserted, *before any autopsy was even performed*, that "no

evidence of a crime existed! Andrew Young was right on hand to confirm this lie, assuring the press that "it was just one of those freak things."

Less covered up in public than the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s brother was that of his mother, *Alberta Williams King*. She was shot to death in one of those lone assassin incidents on June 30, 1974.

The accused "lone assassin" in this case is Marcus Wayne Chenault. Again, federal as well as local authorities, and the police of Chenault's Dayton, Ohio, all run up to available microphones to proclaim that there was "no conspiracy." Yet, Dayton police conceded in the same breath that Chenault was a member of some mysterious cult called "The Troop," and that a "hit list" containing the names of many prominent Civil Rights leaders was found in his apartment. Furthermore, Randy Bacote, Chenault's lawyer who claims to have been "retained by parties who do not wish to be named," reported that Chenault admitted to him a conspiracy "to get all the Civil Rights leaders."

Chenault, 21, is black. He asserts he is a "Hebrew," and that "all Christians are my enemies." Somehow, he decided to go to Atlanta and start with Alberta Williams King, of all Christians.

It is not too difficult for the U.S. ruling class to collect unstable elements and to put them up to assassinations. They are ideal for seeming "nutty freaks," covering up any political motives behind the assassinations. Also, anything they might allege about any conspiracy or manipulation by intelligence agencies, is almost automatically discredited.

The governor of Georgia James Earl Carter and then president Richard Nixon sent their condolences to Martin Luther King, Sr., the last remaining member of the King family outside of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s widow, Coretta King.

Martin Luther King, Sr., is not a Civil Rights leader, but just a preacher. Recently, he attacked a sanitation workers' strike in Atlanta, Georgia, and backed up the strikebreaking mayor Maynard Jackson. When a reporter reminded him of how this contradicted what his son died doing in Memphis—supporting a municipal workers strike,

King, Sr., said, "Don't compare me and this strike with my son leading a union strike in Memphis." After he spoke, King, Sr., was called a sell-out by striking sanitation workers. April 22, 1970. *Atlanta Constitution*.

Set Back Black Liberation Movement

The wiping out of the King family was a telling blow to the Civil Rights/black liberation movement. The Student Non-violent Co-ordinating Committee (SNCC) was splintered by government subversion into a thousand pieces; Stokely Carmichael was forced into prison (following at least one attempt to assassinate him). The Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) was co-opted by Richard Nixon. In the name of "black capitalism," its leaders, Roy Ennis and Floyd McKissick supported Nixon in 1968 and 1972, and Gerald Ford in 1976. These posturers as proponents of "non-violence" have aided the U.S. government in recruiting mercenaries for the pro-imperialist FNLA-UNITA coalition in Angola to fight alongside South Africa's forces of apartheid.

The New York Times

NEW YORK, MONDAY, JULY 7, 1974

Mother of Dr. King Is Killed in Church;

Police Doubt Black Youth Was Part of Conspiracy

By R. D. BROWN, AFRICAN-AMERICAN EDITOR
ATLANTA, Ga. (AP)—The mother of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was killed in a church in Atlanta Sunday night, police said. The police are not sure if a black youth was part of the conspiracy to kill her.



The Black Panther Party leadership was subjected to a war of extermination by the U.S. government through the CIA, FBI, and various local police forces co-ordinated through the new LEAA, the brainchild of former Attorney General Ramsey Clark, who now parades as a liberal-to-radical. Clark was the Attorney General who looked the other way during the King assassination.

King Assassination— 'It Came From Over There'

In fact, Young registered King at the Lorraine Motel, supposedly in secrecy, the day before King unexpectedly came back to Memphis, but King's assassins had secured their lair days in advance.

The three people nearest to King at the scene of the assassination were Ralph Abernathy, Jesse Jackson, and Andrew Young. King had been on the balcony talking to a musician, Ben Branch.

Ben Branch thought that the fatal shot had come from behind a brick wall on top of a hill across the street. Abernathy was quoted as saying it came from across the street. Andrew Young disagreed, claiming it came from a car.



CHENAULT ARRESTED

Yet minutes after the assassination, a photograph has Young, Abernathy and Jackson all pointing at what is alleged to be "the" assassin's lair.

James Earl Ray, the alleged lone assassin of King, must have been awfully lucky to have figured out exactly where King would be staying—unless that had been set up in advance. King was only in Memphis for one evening on a few hours' notice, and supposedly Ray had never before been to Memphis.

James Earl Ray had in his possession four forged Canadian passports of actual residents of Toronto, whose height, weight and coloring were close to that of James Earl Ray -23-

THE NEW YORK TIMES, TUESDAY, JULY 22, 1969

Dr. King's Brother Drowns in Home Pool

Rev. A. D. Williams King, 38,
Was Also Rights Leader

Special to The New York Times
ATLANTA, July 21 — The
Rev. A. D. Williams King,
younger brother of the Rev.
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.,
drowned today in a recently
installed swimming pool at his
home. He was 38 years old.

The body was discovered in
the pool about 10 A.M. by Mr.
King's oldest son, A. D. Wil-
liams King Jr., 18. After per-
forming an autopsy, B. L.
Malkin, medical examiner, said
there was no evidence of a
crime. The exact cause of death
will not be announced until
laboratory reports are com-
pleted in six or seven days.

"It just looks like one of
those freak things," said the
Rev. Andrew J. Young, execu-
tive vice president of the South-
ern Christian Leadership Con-
ference, the civil rights organ-
ization of which Mr. King was a
board member and which his
brother had founded.



THE NEW YORK TIMES
The Rev. A.D. Williams King

Before being apprehended, Ray had been through Canada, England and Portugal, spending at least \$10,000. The no-conspiracy stories regarding the King assassination just do not hold water.

Ray had additional help. A 12-man police detail assigned to guard King was reduced to two men, one of whom, Ed Redditt, in charge of the unit, was black. Redditt was called away from his assignment on the FBI-furnished pretext that hired killers were plotting to kill him. He was ordered to go into hiding by Frank Holloman, director of the Memphis police and fire department and a former high-ranking FBI officer of 25 years' standing. Redditt argued against Holloman's order, and was promptly taken home in the custody of two police officers. By the time he arrived home, King had been shot.

Holloman also arranged for the only two black firemen at the fire station a few buildings away from the Lorraine Hotel,

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where King was murdered, to be temporarily transferred on the evening of April 3 (the night before the assassination)! (Guardian, Sept. 8, 1976)

Prior Plots Against King's Life Even Before JFK

Apparently, this was not the first government-connected attempt on King's life. In a taped conversation, one J. A. Milteer, a close go-between of Jesse B. Stoner of the Nazi-like National States Rights Party and anti-communist para-military, CIA-connected Cubans (gusanos), revealed an earlier plot against King's life.

Milteer: "He hasn't said so, but he tried to get Martin Luther King . . . He followed him for miles, and couldn't get close enough to him." Milteer is recorded as having said this back in 1963. This is the same Milteer who, in an FBI informant-taped conversation, had, prior to the JFK assassination, spoken of what the JFK assassination would be like, in detail. Dade County, Fla., Judge Seymour Gelber claims

he turned the tapes over to the FBI before the JFK assassination, but that the Warren Commission ignored them. (New Times, April 1, 1977.)

While King enjoyed protection from a section of the ruling class, it was not easy for a hired assassin to "get close enough to him." That changed by 1968.

More evidence of prior plots against King is furnished by Stoner in a 1972 Esquire magazine interview, in which Stoner claims that "the FBI, through an undercover agent, offered me \$25,000 to kill King." Stoner claims that he has knowledge that James Earl Ray was part of a broader conspiracy including the FBI.

Now, Jerry Ray, James Earl Ray's brother, lived with and had been body-guard and campaign manager to Stoner.

Mark Lane and Andrew Young

Mark Lane, head of the prestigious "Citizen's Commission of Inquiry" (see p. 5, 33) claims that only recently, after being contacted by Abby Mann, creator of the cop-glorifying, government-linked network TV series, "Kojak," did he become interested in the King assassination—before that, limiting himself, supposedly as if wearing blinders, to the JFK assassination.

After conducting some interviews in Memphis, Lane concluded that the FBI was involved in the assassination. He went to Coretta King, who said it "confirmed her suspicion about the FBI."

Then they went to Andrew Young and told him about the "new evidence." In August, 1976, Coretta King (as Lane told the June 6, 1977 New York Times) reminded the Democratic Party congressional leadership of the influence that

voters could have on the outcome of the presidential election and . . . (Carl Albert, majority leader in the House of Representatives) was persuaded of the need for a Congressional Committee."

Black voters went over 90% for Carter, as it was predicted they would. What was the "new evidence" that could have affected the outcome? Andrew Young, Coretta King, and almost the entire Black Caucus in Congress supported Carter, as of course did the Democratic Party leadership. The new Committee did not produce any findings that could have helped Carter in a positive sense. But negatively, what could have cost Carter the election would have been any evidence of King's blood on his hands.

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Ruling Class Need To Prevent Destruction of Carter-Young

The only persuasive need that Carl Albert could have felt was a need to suppress this evidence and to divert the public. Now also, Andrew Young—and Carter—would be politically destroyed in their Mel Brooks—diplomatic show if blood were discovered on Andrew Young's hands.

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The Congressional Committee has pointed to and hinted at a conspiracy. But it is always a very limited one. James Earl Ray conspired with Jerry Ray; perhaps Stoner and his National States Rights Party were involved; perhaps the Atlanta Intelligence Unit of the FBI; perhaps the CIA . . . perhaps . . . perhaps. The fallout is aimed at everyone but James Earl Carter and Andrew Young. The powerful ruling-class dynasties for whom the CIA, FBI, NSRP, Carter, Young, etc. work—the Rockefellers, Mor-

gans, DuPonts, Mellons, Gianinis—are never examined.

Publicly Known Facts of the Conspiracy

Arthur Murtagh, a member of the FBI's Atlanta Intelligence Unit, says that the Unit was widely known as the "get-King squad."

New Times magazine (April 1, 1977) quotes him as saying that its leader considered King "a menace to our society." The article continues, "Upon hearing Dr. King had been wounded, Murtagh says, the agent in charge of the unit cried out, 'I hope the son of a bitch dies.' Later, when word came through that King was dead, Murtagh recalls the same agent jumping up and down in 'exaltation.' . . . They got Zorro,' he kept repeating. They finally got that son of a bitch."

"According to Murtagh, the subsequent investigation was glaringly deficient. 'We conducted a straight criminal investigation,' he says. 'We never even looked for a conspiracy. Leads that might have uncovered one were disregarded—washed out,' in Murtagh's words."

What Jeff Cohen and Ray Lifton do in this *New Times* article is develop the idea that James Earl Ray acted as part of a conspiracy, and they repeat Ray's assertion that he was manipulated by someone named Raoul.

Cohen and Lifton theorize that Raoul is, in fact, none other than James Earl Ray's brother, Jerry Ray. Jerry Ray, in turn, is a member of the racist, fanatic National States Rights Party (NSRP), whose leader, attorney J. B. Stoner, boasts that it is "more extreme than the Klan." The NSRP publishes the swastika-studded

Cohen and Lifton would furnish answers to those not satisfied with the official government position that the murder of King was the work of a lone assassin. Perhaps it involved a conspiracy and was an act of the NSRP.

This explanation goes a few steps toward explaining logistical difficulties with the "lone assassin" version, such as where could James Earl Ray have gotten the \$10,000 he is known to have spent in three countries just before and just after the assassination. Also, this explanation satisfies the political inkling that something was involved with the assassination beyond what met the public eye. But what makes it acceptable to the ruling class as a whole, so that the ruling class can feed it to the public through liberal glosses like *New Times*, is that it shields the center-right ruling class coalition as a whole, and invites the public to call one organization already known to be racist, racist.

One purpose of such organizations as the NSRP is to act as a lightning rod to divert progressives away from the mainstream bourgeoisie and its principal political retainers. At the same time, their existence gives the bourgeoisie more freedom to maneuver, for they militate toward making "conventional" racism (of the "Ethnic Purity" Carter variety) look respectable, and making the bourgeoisie look more progressive by contrast.

At the same time, Nazi-type groupings are breeding grounds where agents can be recruited for, or put up to "dirty tricks," and they provide a right cover for semi-covert, extra-legal repression by the state itself.

In the U. S., where there is as yet no mass polarization into revolutionary armed camps, groups like the NSRP, which do not have differences of principle that irreconcilably separate them from the state, have to be seen as arms of the capitalist repressive apparatus.

As for the FBI, it is a disciplined organ of the state. It operates under orders. If the FBI "washed out" (whatever that means) any leads to a conspiracy in the King assassination, it did so not merely because FBI agents are personally racists, but because accountable authorities such as the U.S. Attorney General and the President, acting in bureaucratic conculcation with the bourgeoisie, acquiesced.

Ramsey Clark, the U. S. Attorney General at the time of the King assassination, did not simply neglect to probe the King assassination conspiracy because he was too busy throwing draft resisters into prison as part of the illegal war of U. S. imperialism in Vietnam.

A decision had been made on high. King had outlived his use to the ruling class. He was to be assassinated. The assassination was to appear as the socially accidental work of a single individual. That individual, to be plausible, would have to be tinged with racist connections.

The FBI's Atlanta Intelligence Unit was not just hateful against King. It had been *set up* as the "get King" squad.

The prisons could be combed for a suitably plausible "lone assassin" (read: fall guy) who could be helped to "escape" and be contacted outside later. The

King family lived in Georgia, and the Georgia political machines and their armed bodies claimed the "honors" on King. This had to be disguised somewhat, so that Memphis, Tennessee, was chosen as the location for the operation.

According to trained CIA assassin Frank Sturgis, prominent political assassinations hardly ever come off as planned without the agent in place—preferably a "close friend"—who can get right up to and set up the individual where a hidden assassin can strike her or him.

In the assassination of Malcolm X, Malcolm's closest confidant was a man named Gene Roberts. Years after Malcolm X was murdered it was discovered that Gene Roberts was no organizer, but a special undercover New York City police agent connected to the F.B.I. who had set up Malcolm X for the assassins.

Andrew Young was such an individual—perhaps King's closest confidant. Member of the Rockefeller imperialist Trilateral Commission, Andrew Young was agent-in-place as King's "bodyguard" and helped set up the King assassination. In fact, Carter's Presidency and Young's U.N. post are part of the payoff from the Rockefeller dynasty-capitalist tsar since the JFK assassination. He had now exposed himself as a loyal tool of the white supremacist ruling class, serving as its black mask at a time when such a mask was sorely needed to spread confusion and conciliationism throughout Africa.

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Only through such a black mask can U.S. imperialism still preach to the African masses a "non-violent" solution—where the racist settlers' regimes and neo-colonial bourgeoisies retain a monopoly on violence if the masses are disarmed—in Africa.

As the U.S. U.N. ambassador, Young helps carry out the most ferocious and aggressive imperialist policies. His presence there, obviously without a strong ruling-class mandate, is—from the standpoint of the racist U.S. ruling class—a degradation of its presence in the U.N., and a step toward pulling

out of it as U.S. imperialism becomes increasingly isolated diplomatically. Young also serves as a screen for Carter's "human rights" campaign, a living advertisement that, while the U.S. is racist (which everyone already knows), one can still speak out against it, and not only not suffer reprisals, but even represent the country's ruling class to the world as being self-critical.

When King was killed, Young eulogized him by mystifying his death fatalistically, sapping the event of its outrageous political content. He speculated to the *New York Times* that King's life was fulfilled anyway, and dwelled upon speculation as to whether or not King had a premonition about the assassination.

In the July, 1977, issue of *Playboy*, Young again strikes the same chord.

Happy-go-lucky Young tells us that King had "had enough"—psychologically appealing to the masses to remain stoic about his death, attributing it to "God's will" as a "blessing."

Another Ruling-Class Use for Young

Finally, Andrew Young serves as a conduit for certain disguised diplomatic signals to the rest of the world. Because of his image of not having a mandate from the U.S. racist ruling class, Young can make statements for which James Earl Carter does not have to take direct responsibility, but which cryptically reflect the U.S. policy line.

For example, Young's statements about the Cuban leaders playing a "stabilizing" role in Ethiopia which "might even save lives" reflected the appreciative attitude of the U.S. ruling class for the fact that Cuba's leaders are propping up the super-reactionary Amharic-Coptic despotic Ethiopian ruling class, and helping the military junta there, in the name of Marxism and socialism, to massacre revolutionaries in the Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Part, and wage a colonial war against Eritreans who, under the leadership of the genuinely pro-Marxist Eritrean People's Liberation Forces (EPLF), have liberated 90% of their country, posing a revolutionary threat to the position of U.S. imperialism on the Red Sea and in the Horn of Africa.

Now, the Cubans could not do this as effectively if they could not do it under an anti-imperialist cover. Praise from Carter, the official U.S. imperialist chieftain, would be the kiss of death.

So, while Carter provides cover to the Cuban regime's switch from a revolutionary policy in Africa to a counter-revolutionary one by fussing and fuming against the Cuban

presence, the unofficial stray, Andrew Young, can explain to those in the know the international diplomatic community, that Carter's rhetoric is really only for public consumption, and that Carter, in fact, will continue to repay Cuba's leadership for its service to imperialism with steps toward normalization of relations, trade, etc.

The absence of this suggestion is remarkable, since the bourgeois media have made detailed admissions that, for example, the FBI conducted continual and profound surveillance on King, even spying on the most intimate details of his sex life, and furnishing tapes for the entertainment of various members of Congress and other ruling class figures.

Black students from Soweto stage a rally in Tanzania.



Defusing the Conspiracy Question

Usually, whenever the question of a possible conspiracy behind the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr. is posed—either in the establishment of the established leftist media—it is posed simple-mindedly as a racist conspiracy involving extremist racist elements on the fringes of the ruling class. The suggestion that elements more central to the ruling class—perhaps as central as the current President of the United States—may have organized the assassination of King, not as an act of blind hatred but as part of a

larger plan to reshape the U.S. political scene and follow up on it with specific steps, is hardly ever even broached.

The significance of such admissions is usually presented as a product of the individual peculiarities of J. Edgar Hoover, the former FBI director. Hoover is usually depicted as an uncontrollable eccentric who, as architect of the FBI and possessor of all its embarrassing files, had entrenched himself so deeply through decades of

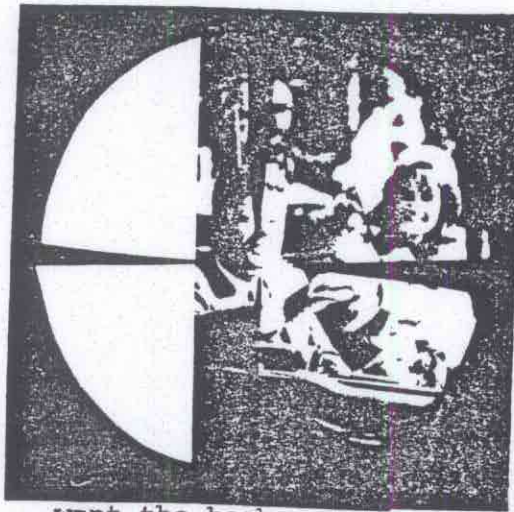
Democratic Party and Republican Party governments, that he was virtually autonomous and, in the word of the TV series title, "untouchable."

This description of the FBI *bides* the fact that, despite any bureaucratic aberrations, the FBI is a disciplined organ of the *ruling class* violence created by the capitalist state.

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King, in fact, represented a powerful section of the ruling class that wanted to bring about certain reforms to stabilize the capitalist system through racial integration within a capitalist U.S., with the economic aim of industrializing the South, and the side aim of destabilizing the entrenched rule of the white supremacist political machines representing local and regional capitalists in Dixie, who also resisted the incursions of Northern competitors. In exchange for a few promised concessions, political such as King hoped to build and deliver a popular base among disenfranchised blacks to the Democratic Party.

It is a special armed body to enforce *capitalist* order. Its practices and policies reflect the attitudes of the decisive sections of *finance capital*, which easily had it within its power to dispatch Hoover if he seriously stepped out of line.

In pointing this out, we are not saying that ruling class policy is just one huge conspiracy in which the capitalist class first makes a unanimous decision on every tiny matter and then instructs one's arms to carry it out. Nor do we wish to conjure up the vision of the FBI polling the capitalist class before every move it makes, to assure itself of majority support among capitalists for that move.

Yet we consider it a vulgar over-simplification of ruling class politics to claim, as some do, that the FBI and the FBI alone killed King. We say that the policies and practices of the FBI reflected a broad center-right ruling class consensus that must have approved of the King assassination.

Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Politics and Their Context

Martin Luther King, Jr. was not a revolutionary. Parallel with the preachers of every exploiting class in all history, he preached non-violence to the oppressed—the method of struggle recommended by every state to its potential overthrowers—while rarely, if ever, demanding that the ruling class and its state disarm themselves. Of course, such bourgeoisie pacifism only helps lull the oppressed who are politically inexperienced, naive and who subjectively desire social change to be as peaceful as possible, into surrendering a monopoly on violence to the ruling class. The state, however, organically can never fall for such pacifist preaching.

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The fact is that, so much more loyal to the capitalist system was King than he was to universal "non-violence," that at the time of his death, he was only beginning to move toward opposing the genocidal imperialistic war in Vietnam—long after Robert Kennedy and William Fulbright were already

The pro-integrationist sections of the capitalist class and their retainers such as King, recognized that integration within capitalism was inconceivable without an expanding economy, which would in turn depend on military success abroad. Also, to the extent that King was relying politically on sections of the capitalist class, he objectively agreed to act as a *brake* on the rebelliousness of the black population, and not to act in such a way as to alienate these ruling class sections.

Thus, when rebellion broke out on the streets of Harlem in 1964, King rode next to notoriously racist New York City police commissioner Michael Murphy, exhorting the masses to submit.

King's Controversy with Black Nationalism

Fundamentally the very method of integrationism was patriotic. The aim was not to overthrow, but to integrate into U.S. imperialistic society and achieve an equal share with socially bribed layers of the

white population of the prosperity of colonial booty. This explains why the integrationists were backward and hostile relative to the black nationalists. Black nationalism inherently challenges U.S. imperialist capitalism, it seeks to establish another nation, and raises the question of overthrowing the U.S. capitalist state, on at least some of its territory.

Black nationalism raises crucial programmatic questions, notably the question of which class will rule. Will the means of production in the Black Nation be owned by a class of black exploiters, or collectively by the working people through their own state? The effort required for the overthrow of the *status quo* would require a mass insurrection that only mass, armed working-class participation, threatening all bourgeois elements, in alliance with pro-communist national liberation struggles around the world, could achieve. But the working class appeal necessary for such a task tends not only to transform black nationalism into anti-imperialist internationalism, but the very act of breaking from patriotism (loyalty to the capitalist-imperialist state) also leads to awakening the revolutionary side of the white workers, opening up the possibility of building leadership formations based on revolutionary Marxism that can lead the working class as a whole!

Beyond Non-violence'

Thus, in the Detroit and Chicago rebellions, whites began to participate with blacks. Malcolm X moved from Islamic nationalism towards Marxism, using the Socialist Workers Party as a platform of convenience. More militant integra-

tionist formations became anti-U.S. imperialist and dropped non-violence, as, for example, the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) passed from Joh Lewis to Stokely Carmichael to H. Rap Brown. Even in the NAACP, Robert Williams had, by the very early 1960's, organized the armed self-defense bodies that set the first example in many years of working and oppressed people challenging the racist/state monopoly on armed force.

The middle and late 1960's saw the emergence of the Black Panther Party (BPP) and allied formations (such as the Peoples Parties in Houston, Tex., led by Carl Hampton). These were pro-communist organizations in their ideology and, while based in the black community, had enormous influence among whites, especially youth. The BPP was, in fact, able to form "Rainbow Coalitions" with many non-black formations.

To this day, the U.S. population widely uses the word "pig" for cop. This is a small indication of the wide influence of the BPP.

By the middle of the 1960's, the black liberation struggle had passed King by. Increasingly, he became subordinated to radical elements in the movement he used to be able to police, and whose politics were unacceptable to his fair-weather allies in the ruling class. Meanwhile, the Vietnamese people made it clear to the U.S. ruling class that, not only was imperialist expansion coming to an end, but that their revolutionary struggle was sharpening the class contradictions within the U.S. as well. They inspired the oppressed masses around the world and in the U.S. by demonstrating that, through armed struggle, U.S. imperialism could be defeated, while passive protest by itself leads to nowhere.

Increasingly, the capitalists turned away from integrationism and towards more open racism—to make an uneven share of capitalism's growing crisis fall back on black and Third World peoples. For example, every president since LBJ—up through "Ethnic Purity" Carter—has roundly committed himself to principled agreement with the "anti-busing" movement.

Martin Luther King, Jr. had outlived his use to the capitalists. He was now a charismatic prisoner of a movement he could no longer control, and which the capitalists were increasingly determined to destroy.

As long as a decisive section of the capitalist class patronized King, and King furthered their aims, he received sufficient protection to remain alive despite the fact that sections of the ruling class were gunning for him. But once he had outlived that use and, for example could no longer keep the Memphis sanitation workers non-violent, this protection fell away. He could probably feel it drop, or was perhaps given notice, which more likely accounts for his public ruminations predicting his own death in parables ("the other side of the mountain") virtually hours before it occurred.

But there was another element demanding the dominant, center-right factions around Nelson Rockefeller to snuff out the life of King.

Could RFK Still Beat Nixon?

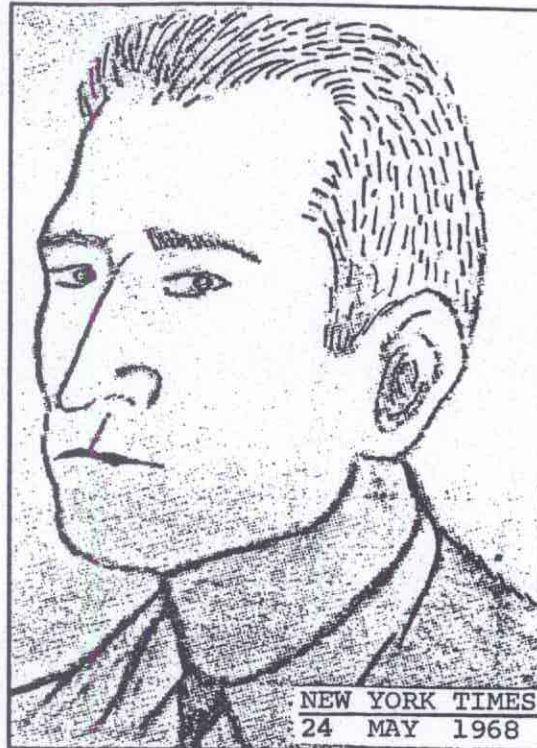
The JFK assassination had jarred the Kennedy faction of the ruling class, but had not destroyed it entirely. Given the rising revolutionary and anti-war popular sentiment of the country, the center-right coali-

Where Was Dr. King's Killer on November 22, 1963?

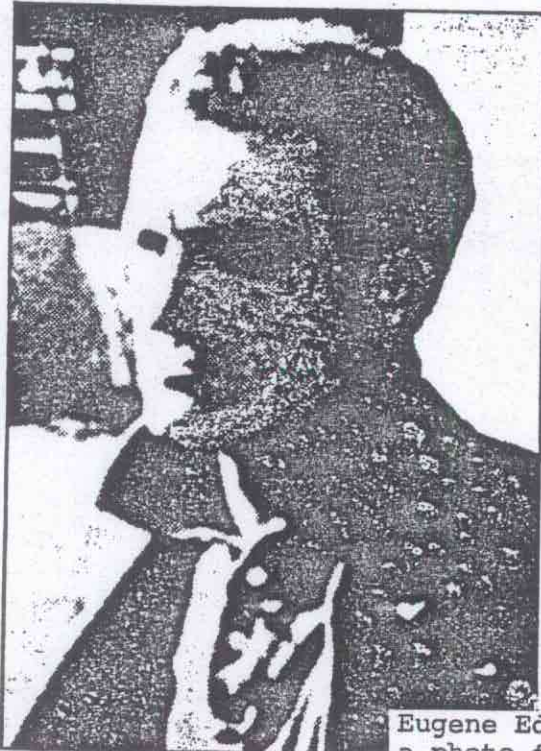
These men were arrested in Dealey Plaza just after the assassination of President Kennedy. They were each booked as "John Doe" and then released.

(below) "John Doe," arrested in Dealey Plaza on November 22.

(Right) A police sketch of the man sought for the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., which was circulated before the arrest of James Earl Ray. Was the assassin of Dr. King arrested in Dealey Plaza in connection with the assassination of President Kennedy? The Dallas Police and FBI files may hold that answer.



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Eugene Edgar Bradley in a photo from the CIA training camp preparing for the Cuban invasion.



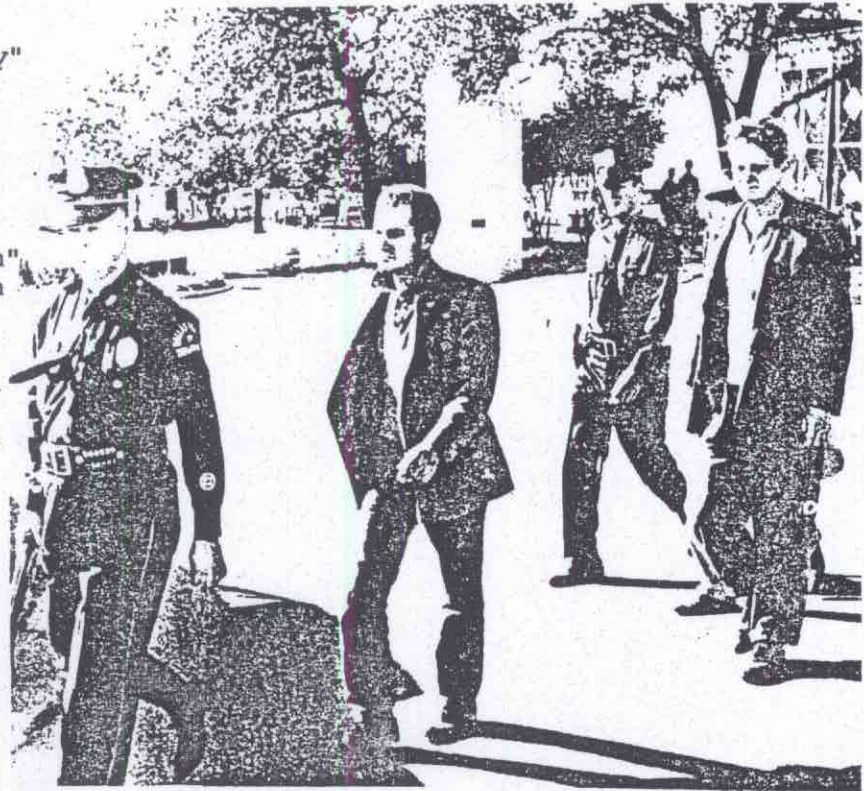
Notice the ear. In a court of law, an ear print is as good as a finger print, & so, to protect the guilty, the ears in many photos are changed.

Originally facing prison after "pornography" conviction in violation of constitutional free expression, Flynt has been manipulated by the ruling class through James Earl Carter and his supposed "born-again" sister into the position of a discredited sacrifice victim....

Motives Behind Attempted Assassination of Larry Flynt, Founder of "Hustler"

Larry Flynt was shot in Georgia after buying up a number of supposedly "non-establishment" newspapers, and in one of these, the *Los Angeles Free Press*, publishing extensive standard critiques of the official government Warren Commission version of the JFK assassination, and offering \$1,000,000 as a reward for any information blowing the lid off the truth about the JFK assassination.

The *Free Press* articles were in part written by U.S. government-approved "critics," including Mark Lane (who, according to the *New York Post*, May 17, 1977, is privy to top secret government documents) and say nothing new. Of course, it avoids any mention of the Dealey Plaza "tramp" photographs and the Watergate "burglar" overlays positively identifying expert trained CIA assassins E. Howard Hunt and Frank Fiorini-Sturgis as JFK triggermen, nor does it mention the presence of E. Howard Hunt's and Frank Fiorini-Sturgis' leader under Operation 40, Richard Nixon in Dallas, which Nixon at first tried to deny. Above all, the articles fail to link these counter-insurgent agents to their ruling class sponsors, above all the Rockefellers, who run the so-called Carter administration (Carter, Mondale, Vance, Brown, Blumenthal and



even Andrew Young are Tri-Lateral Commission members, the TLC having been set up by David Rockefeller with Carter's "security advisor" Brzezinski as its original chairman).

Larry Flynt published these photos (p.30 & 31) in his *L.A. Free Press* in February 1978. Thirty days later the CIA shot Flynt & then every ruling class paper in the nation slandered Flynt to cover-up the real motive behind the shooting.

It is no coincident that the mass media will not mention the fact that Flynt published these photos. It is only one more example proving that we live in a secret dictatorship where even the media is totally controlled by CZAR ROCKEFELLER since 22 Nov. 1963!

Flynt was shot, 1). to intimidate people legitimately interested in the truth about U.S. politics, & 2). to legitimize U.S. government-approved critics like Lane et.al, whose reputations are sagging under the pressure of groups like Communistcadre Marxist, the New York Assassination Information Committee & the North West Assassination Research Committee (NW/ARC) who are straining to get out the truth. Join us. Call us today. NYC CTC-M 212-673-1044 S.F. NW/ARC415-567-1651

"The truth is on the march and nothing can stop it." -Emile Zola

tion felt a danger that the Kennedy faction might resurrect itself with a newfound liberalism based on a deceptive appeal to, and attempted co-optation of, the ascending anti-war, black liberation, women's and youth movements.

In 1968, an RFK-headed ticket had a basis to do better than the Humphrey-Muskie ticket. The Humphrey-Muskie ticket ended up coming within a few thousand votes of beating Nixon-Agnew. But Hubert H. Humphrey, who was LBJ's chief war salesman as vice president, had been discredited in the eyes of the anti-war and racial equality movement. The Tet Offensive and the determination of the Vietnamese Revolution had forced LBJ to abdicate to Humphrey, who was seriously tainted with the genocide of the Johnson years.

While the overwhelming bulk of the black liberation movement had irretrievably passed King by, King was still not so discredited in pettybourgeois liberal and pacifist circles that he could not deliver a great deal of momentum to an RFK campaign. Even an RFK-King Democratic Party presidential ticket could not be ruled out.

A long-time colleague of Nixon in red-baiting (Humphrey took a vicious lead in purging the Minnesota Farmer-Labor Party and, as early as 1950, drafted the concentration camp provisions of the McCarran-Walters Internal Security Act, allowing the Attorney General to intern all dissenters by the President declaring a "national emergency") and in foreign policy (both worked on the bloody

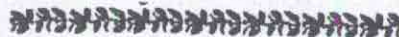
right-wing coup in Indonesia in 1965), Humphrey was part of the center-right coalition.

A Robert F. Kennedy, with King able to deliver a strong electoral base in the black community (with blacks throughout the South newly enfranchised by congressional legislation in 1964-65, many gaining the right to vote for the first time) and among young voters, appeared to be playing with fire, from the standpoint of the mainstream of monopoly capital.

To sum up then: The center-right ruling-class coalition was moving to destroy the black liberation movement. They had already murdered Malcolm X, who had been going beyond the bounds of bourgeois acceptability, in an effort to contain the black movement within the Civil Rights context. Shortly after Malcolm X's murder in 1965, Stokeley Carmichael was driven out of the U.S., and H. Rap Brown was driven underground. The leadership of the Black Panther Party was to be systematically divided and exterminated through campaigns of subversion, infiltration and

low-intensity warfare, conducted by the FBI, the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration (LEAA) and local police, guided by Central Intelligence.

This genocidal drive, plus the center-right drive to eliminate King as a prop of support to the Kennedy wing of the ruling class, were the cross-hairs that intersected on Martin Luther King, Jr., and sealed his fate. Just two months to the day of King's assassination, RFK was assassinated, immediately after having won the California primary and thus sewn up the Democratic Party presidential nomination.



Materials Available

Official L.A. Coronors Report, by Dr. Thomas Noguchi, on RFK's autopsy, detailing the powder burns and bullet wounds, proving Sirhan Sirhan could NOT have shot RFK. Send \$2.

"Tramps" Hunt and Sturgis and "Doe", actual arrest, live, behind grassy knoll for JFK's murder. Original, super-8, sound, live! \$20. FILM.

Slides (2x2) available for all 7 original stills of "Tramps" Hunt and Sturgis arrested in Dallas for JFK's murder, plus 10 comparison slides showing Hunt and Sturgis in Cuban Invasion, Watergate and Dallas. Slides \$2. ea.

Overlay Kit — 4x5 photos of Hunt and Sturgis in Dallas and at the Watergate Trial. Positive proof Hunt and Sturgis killed JFK. Kits \$2. ea.

Full Employment At Union Wages Prevents Crime! bumper sticker, red, green, yellow. \$1.

At the time of the JFK assassination, Nelson Rockefeller and Richard Nixon lived in the same New York City building (810 Fifth Ave.) and Nixon worked out of Nixon, Mudge, Rose, Guthrie and Alexander, a Rockefeller law firm. Nixon, E. Howard Hunt, and Frank Fiorini-Sturgis were all members of Operation 40 of the CIA.

These interests were threatened by JFK's agitation for the breaking up of the CIA, agreeing not to invade Cuba after the 1962 Missile Crisis and the Bay of Pigs fiasco, and, most important, his wavering on Vietnam escalation, ordering 1,000 troops out by the end of

-1963.

Harper's Troublesome Findings Confirmed

At a follow-up hearing convened May 13, 1974, two additional ballistics experts were present: Herbert MacDonell, a pioneer developer of ballistics techniques, and Lowell Bradford. MacDonell confirmed Harper's findings, and added another point—a difference in cannellures, which are grooves that run around a bullet. The bullet removed from RFK's neck had but one cannellure, while the Weisel bullet had two, indicating two different ammunition manufacturers. MacDonell noticed "a lack of agreement between any of the identifiable characteristics that appear on the two bullets." (See "Sirhan's Gun," by Betty Langman and Alexander Cockburn, in *Harper's*, Jan. 1975.)

Grant Cooper, Sirhan's former attorney, Paul Schrade, a wounded RFK bystander, MacDonell and Bradford all called for a re-firing of Sirhan's gun. Joseph P. Busch, the District Attorney for Los Angeles County, called for an investigation of the handling of evidence in the case. Bayter Ward, the L.A. County Supervisor, at whose initiative the May 13, 1974 hearing was held, called for a re-examination of the entire case. All of these moves have been resisted and defeated.

Langman and Cockburn write: "To surmise that another person could have placed a gun within three inches of Kennedy's head and pulled the trigger without being observed by anyone requires a leap of the imagination so enormous that such a possibility could only be forced on us by absolute contradictions in the material evidence.

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Contradictions There, Thane Edward Cesar Too

The contradictions are there. The authors hide the fact that, as another cover-up artist, Alard K. Lowenstein, writes in the Feb. 19, 1977 *Saturday Review*, "Everyone connected with the case, if very few other people, knew that there was at least one other gun in the precise area from which the bullets that hit Kennedy were fired."

Lowenstein forgets to elaborate that this was the gun of Thane Eugene Cesar, an Ambassador Hotel security Guard. Cesar was standing *directly behind* RFK, and admitted to having pulled his gun."

The fact that this could happen "without being observed" requires no great "leap of the imagination." It requires only a sufficiently well-executed diversionary tactic. This seems to have been the role, and the *only* role, of Sirhan.

Karl Uecker, the man who wrestled Sirhan down, swears that only two shots had been fired by Sirhan. Yet RFK was shot three times. A fourth bullet went through RFK's shoulder pad. A fifth hit Weisel. A sixth hit Schrade. A seventh was "lost in the ceiling interspace." An eighth allegedly went through the ceiling, bounced off the floor above it and came back down—making another hole in the ceiling—and finally lodged in the head of another bystander, Elizabeth Evans Young. This bullet traced, however, an upward trajectory.



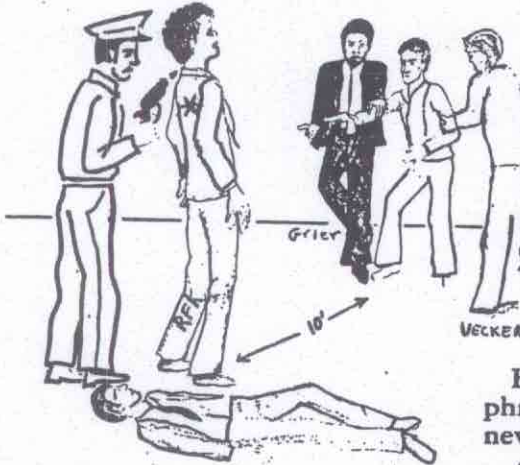
REOPEN SIRHAN CASE

From Many, One

This last bullet sounds as though its history conveniently combines the effect of many bullets, so that a total of eight—the loading limit of Sirhan's gun—would account for all the damage.

But both the FBI, according to Dr. Robert Joling, past president of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences, and an Associated Press photograph which showed two cops pointing at a door captioned, "bullet still in wood," have indicated the distinct existence of yet another bullet fired. This makes at least nine.

The floor and ceiling, along with the bullet-pocked door-frame, it was finally announced in August, 1975, has all been destroyed in 1969. Yet the report of a police board of inquiry two years later (1971) stated that "an inspection of the ceiling tiles removed from the pantry" had refuted a tangential claim about the bullet angles.



**Evidence Concealed,
Destroyed**

In late 1975, one Thomas Kranz, the D.A.'s special counsel for the RFK case, commented on the destruction of door-frames, ceiling tiles, and various critical documents that had also turned up missing. Writing a preview for a March, 1976 *Los Angeles Times*, Kranz, although supporting the official conclusions, denounced the research as "sloppy," and the destruction of "potential evidence" as "wrong" and "idiotic."

The L.A. Police Department has persistently refused access to anything in the ten volumes of evidence and testimony in the RFK case.

Sirhan as Ideal Decoy

For many reasons, Sirhan serves as an ideal "lone assassin" to decoy attention away from the truth.

In common with other fake "lone assassin" decoys, Lee Harvey Oswald and attempted "lone assassin" Arthur Bremer (who shot George Wallace), Sirhan Sirhan was said to keep a diary in which he incriminates himself in a handwriting and literary style very similar to the diaries of the others, and, according to Gore

Vidal, to the style and handwriting of E. Howard Hunt.

What could be clearer? Sirhan Sirhan is an Arab—a Palestinian refugee from Jordan. RFK was pro-Zionist. There it is—a motive!

But weren't Nixon, Humphrey, Muskie, McGovern, Agnew, et al, pro-Zionist?

And if Sirhan Sirhan had killed RFK as a protest against Zionism, why not admit, indeed proclaim it? What a reticent protester Sirhan Sirhan appears to be! Given that he was convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment, Sirhan would now have nothing to lose.

**Anti-Arab Racist
Hysteria, Instead of
Evidence**

Yet, so whipped up was U.S. public opinion against anything or everything Arab after the June 1967 Mideast war, that almost anything was plausible to that hysterical public opinion.

The fact that Sirhan had been firing a gun in the vicinity of RFK made very credible the assertion that, of course, Sirhan had done it. So well have the circumstances been exploited that L.A. Police Department mouthpieces still dismiss questioning of their version of the facts by referring to the "TV footage" of the RFK assassination. To many people in the U.S., it is as if they had seen the whole thing with their own eyes, and few become mindful of the fact that *no* such "TV footage" was ever taken.

Grant Cooper, Sirhan's trial lawyer, did not even bother questioning discrepancies in the state's case, because, he

claims, "there was no question" in his mind "but that Sirhan was the one who fired the fatal shots that killed Kennedy."

That is why only a defense based on insanity—"diminished capacity"—was ever raised in the Sirhan trial, and all the factual evidence was ignored.

What motivated Sirhan? Who was behind the murder?

**Sirhan—Grade 5
Hypnotic Subject**

Sirhan's qualities, making him ideal as a "lone assassin" to a prejudiced U.S. public, combined with something else. Sirhan was a Grade 5 hypnotic subject.

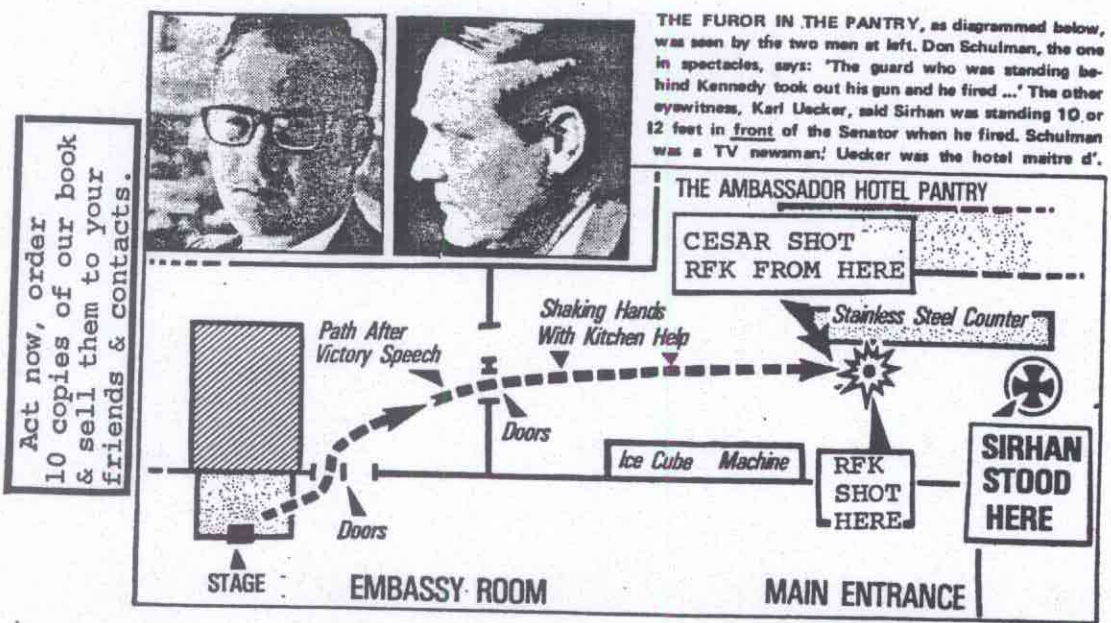
Dr. Eduard Simson-Kallas, former senior psychologist at San Quentin, insists that Sirhan was neither insane enough nor devious enough to have killed RFK on his own.

"Sirhan was programmed to be present at the assassination to provide an obvious, simple explanation so people wouldn't ask questions and suspect a larger conspiracy involving many people," he told Bob Abborino in the *National Star* of Oct. 21, 1975.

Dr. Bernard Diamond, an expert in the law, psychiatry and criminology, admitting the absurd ring this theory might carry, repeated it at Sirhan's trial. But hypnosis is a science to which the U.S. capitalist intelligence community is not blind, and the film, "The Manchurian Candidate," in which a man is programmed to kill the U.S. president on seeing the queen of hearts while playing solitaire, shows

the fact that elements of the ruling class have looked into this type of use for hypnosis.

With extremely suggestible and hypnotically susceptible subjects, this is not out of the realm of possibility.



Diamond had been able, with little effort to hypnotize Sirhan to automatically climb the bars of his cell on indirect clues.

Hint of Payoff?

In a chaotic notebook, Sirhan had mentioned Kennedy several times, each time accompanied by the phrase, "Please pay to the order of Sirhan." Sometimes the phrase would appear on the same page with the word "kill." As Robert Blair Kaiser in *RFK Must Die* (E.P.Dutton & Co., 1970) points out, this phrase appears only on "kill" or "Kennedy" pages: the entry, "I have never heard please pay to the order of of of of of of of of of of this or that 80000." Sirhan could never explain these references in his notebook. They indicate Sirhan being induced to block out his instructions. Nor has anyone explained \$400 found in Sirhan's pocket when he was arrested.

Allegedly accompanying Sirhan at the scene of the RFK assassination and at other places was a young blonde woman often referred to as the "polka-dot woman" because of the pattern on her dress. This

woman disappeared mysteriously from the assassination scene, never to be publicly identified. Could she have been Sirhan's "controller," giving the post-hypnotic cues that would set Sirhan off? Remember, all Sirhan would have to do would be to act to divert attention from the actual murder of RFK. Sirhan would not have to do an precision shooting of his own.

Many witnesses, including FBI agent Roger LaJeunesse, thought Sirhan's motions that evening trance-like. LaJeunesse said, "The case is still open. I'm not rejecting the Manchurian Candidate aspect of it."

Ruling Class Behind the RFK Assassination

Who hypnotized Sirhan, or introduced him to hypnotism under cover of the occult? Sirhan told Kaiser, before his trial, that it was his friend, Tom Rathke, who had recommended to him a book, *Cyclomancy*.

Rathke and Sirhan worked together as horse grooms at the race track. In fact, Sirhan was a horse groom for George Putnam, the right-wing West



Putnam: News biz is show biz

Coast newscaster, who was the highest paid newscaster in the country. Probably, here is the link to larger ruling class forces who wanted RFK out of the way and who could organize his assassination and its cover up—including finding the ideal decoy who could be put up to playing this role.

RFK had gone on record as demanding the unconditional immediate withdrawal of U.S. troops from Vietnam. He had behind his maverick political independence within the ruling class the still respectable Kennedy fortune. RFK's brother John had beaten Nixon in 1960, even while still-president Dwight Eisenhower, built up by the ruling class media as

a World War II "hero," was throwing his authority behind Nixon.

Following his humiliating defeat in his bid for governor of California in 1962, Nixon had lived a life of political obscurity until 1968—while

RFK was busy building his vote-getting ability as a deceptive magnet for the working class, youth and anti-war vote. It was doubtful that any other contender besides Nixon could hold together the Republican Party after the right-wing takeover of it behind the Goldwater candidacy. candidacy.

Hubert Humphrey, saddled with his position as abdicated president Lyndon B. Johnson's vice president and war salesman, running tweedledee-tweedledum campaign against Nixon, still came within a few thousand votes of defeating Nixon. RFK probably could have beaten any Republican candidate, on the basis of his popularity among the anti-war constituency which he cultivated, however demagogically.

On June 4, 1968, RFK had just announced victory in the winner-take-all California primary, which would clinch the Democratic Party nomination for him, publicly rebuffing LBJ's war policies. Nothing could stop him from becoming president—nothing but death, that is.

RFK Assassination and Capitalism's Death Agony

The RFK assassination was not the work of a mere few individuals or individual agencies of the ruling class such as the L.A. Police Department, etc., however large the role of those agencies was. The RFK assassination was part of a consolidation of the 1963 coup d'etat in the U.S. that the assassination of JFK marked.



Eyelle Younger

Younger was elected by the Rockefeller controlled S. Calif. elite & helped coordinate the RFK murder.

Younger was district attorney for the county of Los Angeles at the time of the Kennedy assassination and the subsequent investigation. In his former position and in his present one as attorney general, he has refused to reopen the case for any reason. Present District Attorney Joseph Busch also has refused to reopen the case or the investigation. Busch was appointed D.A. by Younger when the latter was elected attorney general.

A hearing was held on May 13, 1974, by Supervisor Baxter Ward of Los Angeles County's 5th District. The subject was the reopening of the case against Sirhan Bishara Sirhan. Drs. MacDonell, Guinn, and Bradford attended the proceedings and reiterated their professional observations. Strong support for the 2-gun theory came from these experts. Wolfer, Younger, and Busch all failed to appear.

A woman was seen with Sirhan Sirhan in the pantry area just prior to the assassination. She was wearing a polka-dot dress. This woman left before Kennedy entered through the swinging doors.

During the Kennedy speech that night, one campaign worker, Ms. Sandy Serrano, had left the room and gone onto the Embassy Room balcony to escape the smoke and heat of this evening of excitement. While she stood there, she saw a young woman in a white polka-dot dress go past her and into the building. She was accompanied by 2 other persons. Later, after the murder of Robert Kennedy, Ms. Serrano was "nearly run over" by these people as they left. The woman wearing the polka-dot dress shouted, "We shot him!" according to Serrano. She asked whom they had shot and the woman reportedly answered, "We shot Kennedy!"

*People's Almanac, p.604

It was inspired by the death agony of the capitalist system, and represented the politics of the center-right Rockefeller-based coalition for which the JFK assassination had blazed the way.



WANTED
FOR
TREASON

THIS MAN is wanted for treasonous activities against the United States:

1. Betraying the Constitution (which he swore to uphold). He is turning the sovereignty of the U.S. over to the communist controlled United Nations. He is betraying our friends (Cuba, Katanga, Portugal) and betraying our enemies (Russia, Yugoslavia, Poland).
2. He has been WRONG on innumerable issues affecting the security of the U.S. (United Nations, Berlin wall, Missile removal, Cuba, Whoat deals, Test Ban Treaty, etc.)
3. He has been lax in enforcing Communist Registration laws.
4. He has given support and encouragement to the Communist inspired racial riots.
5. He has illegally invaded a sovereign State with federal troops.
6. He has consistently opposed Anti-Christians to Federal office. Upholds the Supreme Court in its Anti-Christian rulings. Aliens and known Communists abound in Federal offices.
7. He has been caught in fantastic LIES to the American people including personal ones like his previous marriage and divorce!

This "Wanted for *Treason" poster appeared unsigned as an insert in all the issues of the Dallas Morning News for Friday 22 November.

It was issued by the Rockefeller controlled Pepsi Cola "convention" meeting in Dallas just by coincidence; see story on page 37.

The Pepsi "convention" was actually the planning meeting for the JFK Assassination.

Pepsi still denies there was a convention & refused to release the agenda. Every new thread of evidence leads back to the hands of the Rockefeller and Morgan families behind the JFK assassination.

At the time of the JFK assassination, Nixon lived in the same building with Nelson Rockefeller, and was senior partner in one of the Rockefeller interests' main law firms, Nixon, Mudge, Rose, Guthrie and Alexander. Nixon acted as a Rockefeller-allied pivot man with extensive contacts in the Pentagon, CIA and organized crime especially the Trafficante-Lansky connection.

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**GUARD NOT
FOR NIXON**

A Dallas police officer guarded the Baker Hotel suite of actress Joan Crawford Thursday,

But there were no police outside the suite of former Vice-President Richard Nixon, who almost became president, on the same floor of the downtown hotel.

Both flew here for a meeting of Pepsi-Cola bottlers and a spokesman for the firm explained why it requested a police guard for Miss Crawford's suite:

"There have been a lot of jewel thefts in New York hotels and we didn't want to take a chance of having her jewelry stolen here. There was also the matter of autograph seekers."

Nixon apparently felt that he didn't need a special officer to protect him from jewel thieves or autograph hunters.



—Dallas News Staff Photo by Tom Dillard.

Richard Nixon . . . He sees Barry ahead in GOP, LBJ out as No. 2 Demo.

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Nixon Predicts JFK May Drop Johnson

By CARL FREUND

Former Vice-President Richard M. Nixon predicted here Thursday that President Kennedy will drop Lyndon Johnson from the No. 2 spot on the Democratic ticket if a close race appears likely next year.

Nixon said Johnson is becoming a "political liability" to the Democratic party.

Nixon, who was defeated by President Kennedy in a close race in 1960, flew to Dallas Thursday

for a meeting of Pepsi-Cola bottlers. His New York law firm represents the soft drink company.

Asked if he thought Kennedy would choose a new running mate next year, Nixon replied:

"President Kennedy has stated he intends to keep Lyndon as the vice-presidential nominee. The fact they are coming to Texas together, I believe, indicates the President means what he said.

"But we must remember that President Kennedy and his advisers are practical politicians. I believe that, if they think the race is a shoo-in, they will keep Lyndon. Otherwise, I think, they will choose someone who can help the Democratic ticket.

"Lyndon was chosen in 1960 because he could help the ticket in the South. Now he is becoming a political liability in the South, just as he is in the North."

Nixon appeared relaxed as he answered questions and jabbed at the Kennedy administration during an informal press conference in his Baker Hotel suite.

Nixon repeated his statements that he is not seeking the Republican presidential nomination, but sidestepped a question about whether he would accept the nomination if the GOP national convention offered it to him.

"I cannot conceive of circumstances under which that would happen," he said.

The former vice-president said Barry Goldwater is the front-runner now for the Republican nomination, but Gov. Nelson Rockefeller "is a good shaker" and could quickly

Nixon said he hasn't decided whether he will support a particular contender, although he will attend the GOP convention. He said he would "be in the thick of the fight" to get the nominee elected.

Discussing civil rights, Nixon said the Kennedy administration must share the blame for racial demonstrations.

"Kennedy promised more than he could deliver," Nixon said. "I don't think we should try to out-promise the Democrats. It would be a serious mistake."

Nixon said he would not go as far as Gov. Rockefeller in the civil rights field. On the other hand, Nixon continued, he could not agree with views attributed to Goldwater that the federal government should leave civil rights to the states.

Nixon, who will leave Love Field two hours before President Kennedy arrives, also said:

1. The two-party system has now become a reality in the South and Republicans appear likely to make more gains.

2. The reputation of the U.S. Senate is at stake in the investigation of Bobby Baker, former secretary to the Democratic majority.

3. The Republican nominee should launch an all-out attack on the administration's record in handling foreign relations and unemployment, but should avoid a "personality contest" with Kennedy.

Judge Fitzhugh Receives Award

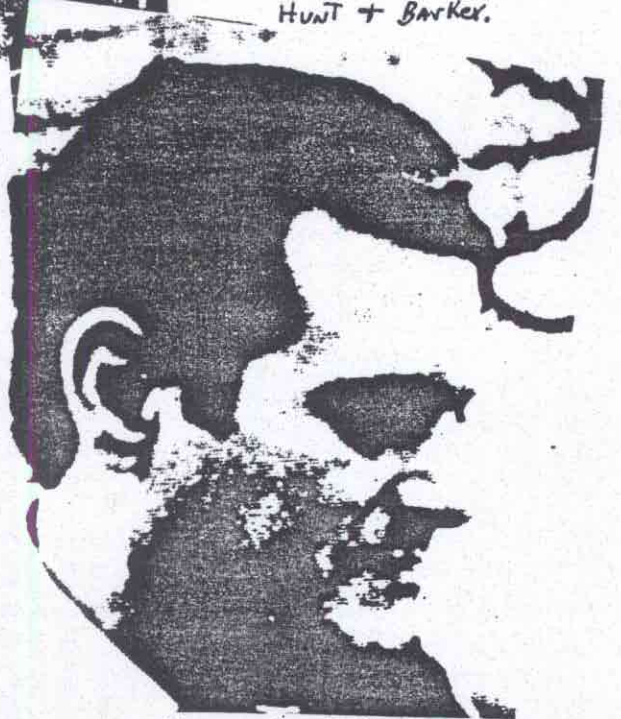
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**CIA Assassins Posing
As Mere 'Tramps'**



STURGIS IN DALLAS
UNDER ARREST
hair dyed + FLUFFED
White-out appears
ON FACE + hair TO
SIMULATE SUN GLAZE.

Below: STURGIS
UNDER ARREST AT
WATERGATE WITH
HUNT + BARKER.



Above, blow-up of tall "tramp",
with hair dyed.

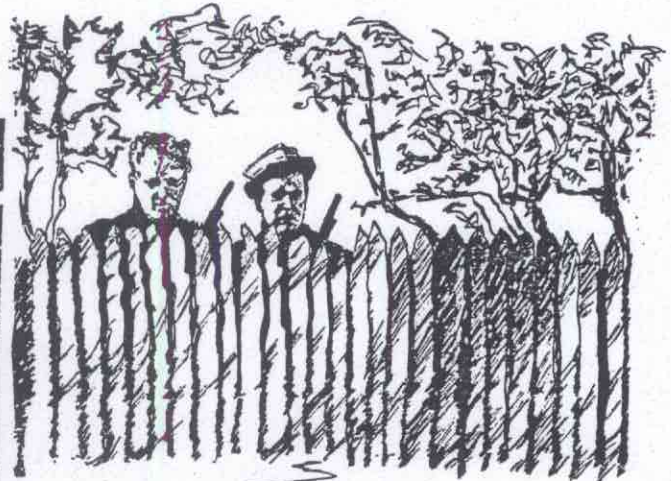
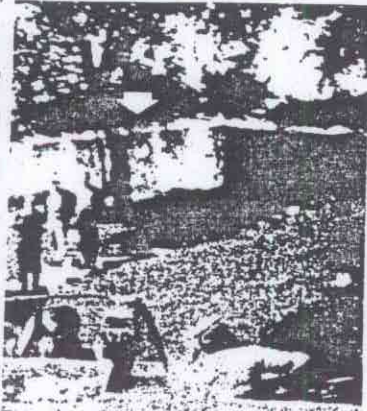
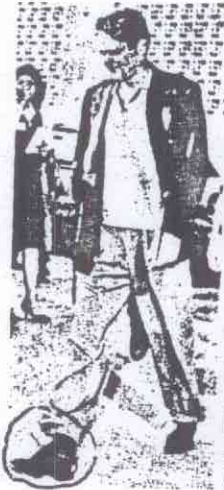
Above, face of Sturgis at
Watergate trial, matches perfectly
with "tramp".



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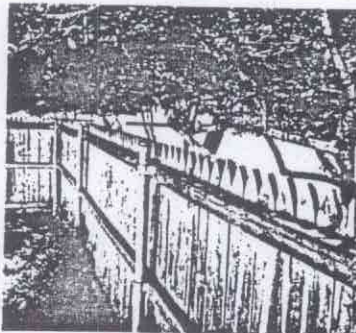
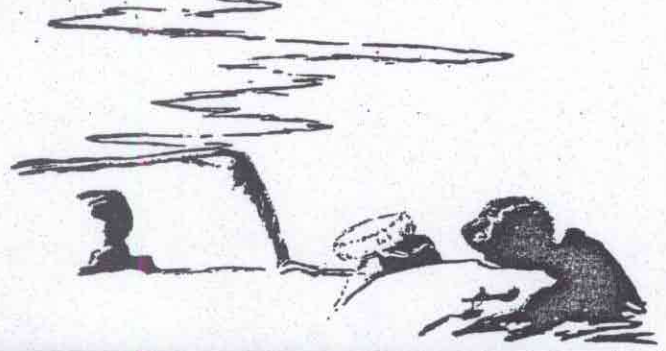
② STURGIS
IN DALLAS
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③ STURGIS
IN CUBA
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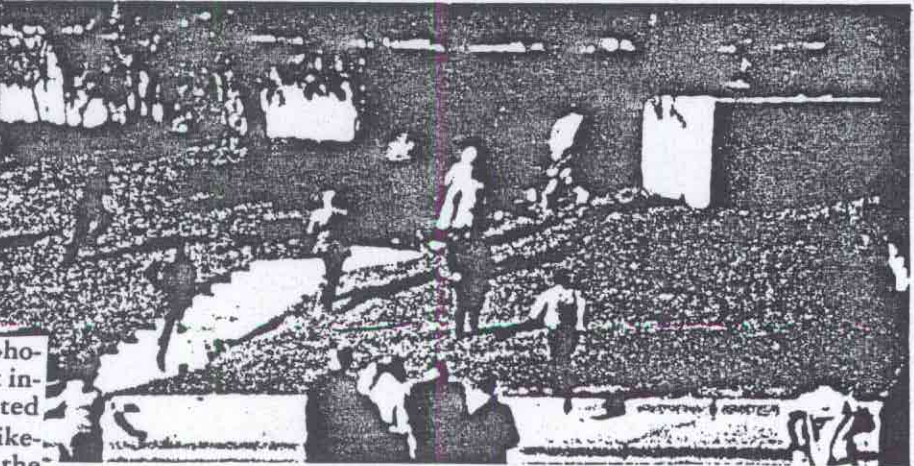


Emmett Hudson said the shots had come from behind, above, and to his left.

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Area behind stockade fence



Bystanders rush to the grassy knoll moments after the shooting. Several said they thought shots came from the knoll.

Sturgis, under arrest, is photographed with muddy boot indicating that, of the arrested "tramps," Sturgis was most likely the one who fired from the "grassy knoll." Sturgis was trained as an expert, experienced and "trusted" marksman.

Witnesses who had run to the top of the grassy knoll, near where the shots were heard to have some from and from which at least one man was seen running away, saw a mud-puddle there with tracks around it, and a nearby car bumper had mud on it as if someone had wiped their feet on it.

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AND YOUNG'S
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**SIRHAN
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*Motives Behind Attempted
Assassination of Larry
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