

THE YEARS OF LYNDON JOHNSON THE PATH TO POWER  
 By: Robert A. Caro, Alfred A. Knopf, 1982  
 ( A negative review of the book )

This nation can never recover greatness by gutless, dishonest writers such as Robert A. Caro and Bryan Woolley. Woolley, book editor for the Dallas Times Herald, writing about Caro's book in The Herald December 19, 1982, quotes Caro, " One thing he (Lyndon) wouldn't do, is conspire to kill John F. Kennedy. Everyone is always asking me, ' Did Johnson have anything to do with the Kennedy assassination?' He did not."

"Within political terms, there seemed to be, so far as I can discern, no limits to what Johnson would do to win. But assassination would be outside what I would define as politics. That would not be characteristic of Johnson."

For years, I have read and admired Joe B. Franz, but I am ashamed that he would put his name to an article in the Dallas Morning News of January 9, 1983. Franz is a Texan, and the irrefutable evidence that Lyndon Johnson was involved in the killing of President Kennedy is available to Franz or anyone who gives a damn about this country.

The evidence includes movies of the assassination, and from live witnesses who were jailed because they tried to warn the FBI of the plot to kill the President.

World War II pilot, Ben Phelper told the FBI of the Kennedy plot and was promptly thrown in jail for his troubles. There is additional and bountiful evidence the plot was known in Dallas and on the New York Stock Exchange. But it seems to have escaped a so-called historian and author, Joe B. Franz.

Please, Franz, reconsider. Read the evidence, look at the Abraham Zapruder film. I will give you a copy, if you will just promise to look at it.

Historian, don't you realize we are in a desperate struggle to regain our democracy? There will be no chance for us to win if our scholars surrender as supinely as you have done. Wake up and work now. We can all cry when we are in jail.---Penn Jones Jr.---

" Because I've been to the mountain top. I won't mind. Like anybody, I'd like to live a long life. Longevity has its place. But I'm not concerned about that now. I just want to do God's will. And He's allowed me to go to the mountain. And I've looked over, and I've seen the Promised Land. I may not get there with you, but I want you to know tonight that we as a people will get to the Promised Land. So I'm happy tonight. I'm not worried about anything. I'm not fearing any man. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord."

Martin Luther King, Jr.

( The next day, on April 4, 1968, he was killed while standing on the balcony of Room No. 304 at the Lorraine Motel in Memphis.)