

Author continues to churn out JFK books

NEW YORK (AP) — As certain as the storms of autumn, each anniversary of President Kennedy's assassination brings a new spate of books.

Almost as certain is that one will be by Harrison Edward Livingstone.

The Baltimore-based writer is just one of many who devote vast time, energy and money to re-searching the president's slaying in Dallas 32 years ago today. And for each investigator, scholar, writer, researcher or scientist who claims a new discovery — some 500 books have been written on the subject — there is another who disagrees.

The result is a jealousy-torn "assassination research community" in which scholarly discussion often gives way to vitriol, scorn and slander.

Stocky, bearded and intense, Livingstone admits he is obsessed with exposing the "forces of darkness" responsible for Kennedy's assassination. But after four books in six years — all hardcovers of 500 to 700 pages — credibility still eludes him.

"I should have about four Pulitzer Prizes by now," Livingstone says. "I am very bitter about the treatment this work receives — or doesn't receive."

The field's most prolific writer,

In 1989, Harrison Livingstone published "High Treason," claiming that some autopsy photos had been doctored to conceal evidence that Kennedy was shot from in front, not the rear. It made The New York Times best-seller list in 1989 and again in 1993 when it was reissued to coincide with the film "JFK."

Harold Weisberg, has written seven books and says he has four others in manuscript form. Now 82 and in poor health, Weisberg is working on an assassination archive "for national posterity."

Livingstone, 58, and Weisberg agree that someone besides Lee

to discuss Livingstone.

A Harvard graduate who studied law, Livingstone recalls hitchhiking to Dallas a month after Kennedy's death. He slept in the rail yards near Dealey Plaza.

"I was devastated by the assassination. I just wanted to go where he did," said Livingstone, who concluded that Kennedy was killed by Texas oil and industrial interests who stood to lose millions if the president withdrew from Vietnam.

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