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"There will always be dissident voices . . . perceiving gloom on every side and seeking influence without responsibility. But today, other voices are heard in the land—voices preaching doctrines wholly unrelated to reality. . . . They fear supposed hordes of civil servants far more than the actual hordes of opposing armies. We cannot expect that everyone . . . will 'talk sense to the American people.' But we can hope that fewer people will listen to this nonsense."

These words are from the text of a speech prepared for delivery in Dallas in 1963 by President John F. Kennedy. He was killed by hate before he could deliver them.



Expert testimony—Spokesmen for the JFK Assassination Records Review Board (ARRB) say its members "will probably be consulting with" the noted writer Norman Mailer on the lengthy research he conducted in formerly secret Soviet intelligence files, allowing him to psychoanalyze Lee Harvey Oswald for his new book, *Oswald's Tale: An American Mystery*. The release of the KGB's surveillance files on Oswald during his three years as an erstwhile defector in Moscow and Minsk gave Mailer the history of what he calls a mental case.

Mailer is on a promotion tour for the book (it is 828 pages and costs \$30), where he has been defending his "conclusion" that there is "a 75 percent probability" that Oswald acted alone, without the benefit of any of the conspiratorial involvements proposed by various assassination researchers. Mailer says his judgment of Oswald is "based on my estimate of his character"—and of a mind twisted by a fixation on fame.

Mailer also makes some assessments of the assassination research community. To on-air interview questions asking him if he sees any relationship between the Kennedy assassination and the Oklahoma City bombing, Mailer replies that "there is no tie at all." He says that "most people who are conspiratorialists, who believe there was a good deal behind the Kennedy assassination that has never come to light, tend to be of the left. And obviously the ultra-patriots who went in for the terrorist action in Oklahoma City are of the far right." Mailer himself is of the left.

At a brief public meeting in Washington on May 3, five-member ARRB approved its official definition of "assassination document." That's a legalistic weapon to be used, as necessary, in overruling any refusals by government agencies to make their JFK files public. Copies of "guidance" report will be available on request at the ARRB, 600 E Street N.W., Suite 208, Washington, DC 20530.

The ARRB expects to hold the next in its series of evening public hearings in New Orleans on June 28.

Gingrich's "Third Wave"—Speaker Gingrich poses the prophet of a "technological revolution" that he calls the Third Wave. Like the rest of the Gingrichian gospel, it brings no one any salvation.

A Chicago bank called the First Chicago Corporation is the latest to tell depositors who choose to transact their business with a human teller rather than using an automatic teller machine (ATM) that their accounts will be charged each time they do so. Tellers cost more than ATMs, see cutting bank personnel and payroll costs—at a national level, saving to them of \$2.3 billion a year, according to the Consumer Federation of America—banks can increase already growing profits. It's the Absurd Wave. "I want to shift the planet," says Gingrich the Grandiose, but it comes down to "pick your pocket."

Here they come—As the latest White House Conference on Aging convened in Washington, the Census Bureau reported that Americans aged 65 and over—a population sector that has already grown 1,000 percent in this century—will more than double again by the year 2050, to a total of 80 million. By then, one in five of us will be a senior citizen. The super-senior sector, those aged 85 and over, is booming, too—up by 274 percent since 1960. And vote! So President Clinton is making the Republicans suffer first on Medicare cuts—and boy how they are twisting!

A reader is lost—and found—Max Gordon, 92, a loyal reader, was out on his customary hike along the beach walk at Rockaway, NY, when he had a sudden and fatal heart attack. His nephew writes that when the police emergency medical service workers found Max, "a liberal," the only identification he carried with him was an address label on his latest copy of the *Washington Spectator*.

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