

Behind The Front Page

New evidence of major significance is now available concerning the plot that brought about the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

The lone surviving brother of the slain chief executive, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, and President Ford have both contended that "no new evidence" has been presented that would require the reopening of the Kennedy assassination investigation.

Both Sen. Kennedy and President Ford will receive this new evidence, which you can read on pages 14, 15 and 16 of this issue.

The revelation is a very major yet simple one. It involves the confession of the second assassin in the JFK plot.

THAT MAN, who is nominally named "Saul" by the man to whom the confession was made, is still alive. His location is known. He can be brought back to the United States, made to stand trial and forced to tell who hired him to kill the President of the United States.

Hugh C. McDonald, the man to whom the confession was made, has presented this new evidence in a public forum.

Ironically enough, McDonald decided to bring forth Saul's confession in the form of a book because he knew of no other way to get the message before the proper authorities.

He could not take the confession to his former employer, the Central Intelligence Agency because the former director of that agency, Richard Helms, lied about the CIA not knowing who the second assassin really was.

FOR THE same reason, he could not take it to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

He toyed with the idea of presenting it to the President of the United States, with whom, he is certain, he could obtain a personal audience.

But Gerald Ford's position on the assassination is well known. He served on the commission that determined erroneously that Lee Harvey Oswald, acting alone, killed Kennedy.

The only avenue McDonald felt was open to him was the press.

He therefore collaborated with a top author, Geoffrey Bocca, in preparing the book, "Appointment In Dallas: Final Solution to the Assassination of JFK," and he is now touring the country in an attempt to interest daily newspapers, TV and radio stations to champion his cause.

McDONALD did not write the book to make money. He earns more than \$50,000 a year through his job as a security director at a major race track, a pension and royalty on two patents he holds.

If McDonald's book makes money, fine. He'll enjoy spending it.

McDonald wrote his book for one reason: To present the truth about the assassination as he knows it.

Now it is up to the Congress and the Justice Department.

If either of those two august bodies undertake the task of determining the truth of McDonald's claim, then we all may finally learn the true story of the Kennedy assassination.