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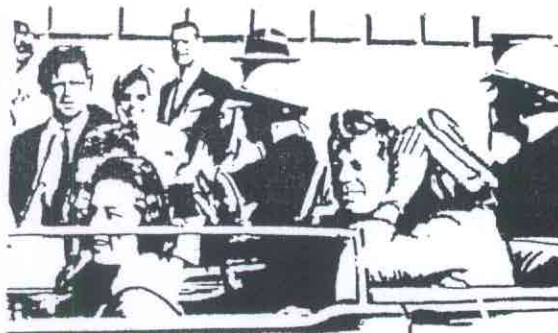
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Author and former CIA operative, Robert D. Morrow, offers a chilling appraisal on the latest twist in the alleged Kennedy assassination plot.

Did the CIA Kill Kennedy?

Ricky White, a 29-year-old former oil equipment salesman, recently grabbed headlines when he appeared in Dallas, Texas proclaiming his father, not Lee Harvey Oswald, had assassinated President John F. Kennedy as part of a murder plot. White's father, Roscoe White, a Dallas police officer at the time of Kennedy's killing, died in 1971 in what his son claims was a fire of mysterious origin. White also maintains that his father killed Dallas policeman J.D. Tippit after Tippit had learned that he had unwittingly become involved in the Kennedy murder. Thus, another chapter has been added to the still



growing volumes of conspiracy theories surrounding that fateful day in Dallas 26 years ago.

EastSide Weekend asked Robert Morrow, the author of two books, "Betrayal" and "The Senator Must Die," which deal with the murders of JFK and his brother Robert, to give his insights into this latest revelation. Morrow, who now operates a business in Blue Ash, was once a contract agent for the Central Intelligence Agency. While Morrow says he

can not confirm White's descriptions of the events in their entirety, he offers his own startling testimony that the CIA was responsible for killing JFK.

In his incredible accusation, Morrow offers tenuous links between the CIA, the Mafia and anti-Castro Cubans as proof this murderous band was behind the assassination and had sent a "hit" squad to Dallas. Whether you are a conspiracy buff or not, Morrow's account of a conspiracy connection makes for chilling summertime reading.

By Robert D. Morrow
For EastSide Weekend

Unemployed salesman, Ricky White, has said his father, Roscoe Anthony "Rock" White — a former Dallas police employee — hired just one month prior to the assassination of JFK — fired on the President from the now infamous Dallas grassy knoll.

White goes on to claim that his father used a rifle with a tele-

scopic sight and ammunition similar to the kind used by Lee Harvey Oswald. He then left the scene and, supposedly some forty minutes later, murdered police officer J.D. Tippit. This was after Tippit, who had been ordered to kill Oswald, discovered he was part of a plot to kill the President.

The entire episode to kill John F. Kennedy was a plot hatched by the nation's intelligence community, White maintains. Why would the intelligence agencies want President Kennedy dead? The answer is found in the diary of Rick White's dead father. Accord-

ing to Roscoe White's diary, the intelligence agencies considered Jack Kennedy a National Security threat and therefore expendable.

This I can personally confirm and the reasons are manyfold. What exact information was contained in White's diary may never be known. The diary is missing and Ricky White has said the FBI made off with it. But even without White's diary, the evidence supporting an assassination conspiracy is compelling.

The Warren Commission concluded many years ago that Lee Harvey Oswald, acting alone, killed both Kennedy and Tippit. But, later, in their final report, the Congressional House Select Committee on Assassinations concluded that two or more rifles were fired in Dealey Plaza at President Kennedy. That House committee was formed as a result of my book "Betrayal," in which I explore why the CIA and others would want Kennedy killed.

In 1976, on the night before the House Rules Committee was to vote on a motion to reopen the investigation of the Kennedy assassination, Speaker of the House Carl Albert insisted that all Rules Committee members read "Betrayal." In the book, I describe almost the same scenario that White is claiming his father was a part. From what I knew prior to the assassination, and what I garnered after, the facts outlined by White do fit.

In the late summer of 1963, my CIA case officer, a man named Tracy Barnes — Chief of Operations for the CIA — asked me to purchase four surplus Mannlicher rifles. It was my understanding that these rifles were to be used for an assassination attempt in the Dominican Republic. I should have known better.

The man who picked the rifles up from me was David Ferrie, a CIA contract agent and a man who had been accused of working for Mafia kingpin Carlos Marcello. Marcello was the man Bobby Kennedy — then U.S. Attorney General — had kidnaped and flown out of the country to Guatemala. Marcello had sworn to kill Bobby Kennedy. The rifles that I delivered to Ferrie — similar to Oswald's but of a much higher accuracy — ended up in Dallas, according to sources in the intelligence community.

Before White's information surfaced, I also found out that Dallas policeman J.D. Tippit was in on the plot and was in turn killed by a member of the assassination team. I also learned that

Jack Rubenstein, a.k.a. Jack Ruby, a good friend of the Dallas Police and head of the local operations for the Dallas Mafia, was instrumental in getting White placed as a photog-

rapher in the Dallas Police Department.

White's wife, Geneva, was an employee of Jack Ruby's

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Morrow suspects he may have supplied the guns that killed Kennedy.

Carousel Club in 1963. She has said that she overheard Ruby and her husband plotting White's part in the assassination. Ruby threatened to kill Geneva White and her children if she ever talked.

How did I know all this? As I have told Congressional committees and investigators for the past 15 years, I worked with the anti-Castro Cubans during the period

Bay of Pigs included obtaining weapons for the mission and monitoring microwave radio transmissions. For the next invasion attempt, I formulated a plan to destabilize the Cuban economy by flooding the island with \$50 million in counterfeit pesos. Part of the plan was also to buy off all of Castro's top military leaders so they would side with the exiles at the time of the invasion. After the successful take over, the plan called for Kohly's new government to legalize the counterfeit tender.

Robert Kennedy, who also concluded the new invasion would succeed, due to the greed of Castro's leaders and their disillusionment over the Spartan Cuban economy, had to prevent this from occurring. For, if the invasion was successful, there was the distinct possibility that his brother would not be re-elected.

The reason: the missiles in Cuba which the Kennedy's claimed had been removed during the so-called missile crisis of a year earlier, were still intact and ready for deployment. This fact would finally come to light during the secret Senate Subcommittee on Internal Security hearings in 1967. The military and the CIA knew the Kennedy brothers had made a secret deal with Soviet ruler Nikita Khrushchev to trade U.S. missiles based in Turkey for the Cuban missiles, and a "hands-off," no invasion policy toward Cuba.

The CIA considered this deal a vital national security mistake — especially since the Cuban missiles were not dismantled. It was from sources close to Mario Kohly, the anti-Castro Cuban leader, and a former CIA assassin, that I learned the full story.

When Bobby Kennedy learned of the upcoming Castro coup attempt, he shut the operation down, threw Kohly in jail and threatened me with the same action.

I have been told by intelligence sources that both Roscoe White and Jack Ruby were on the top of the Criminal Courts Building in Dallas at the time of the assassination, and not on the grassy knoll as Ricky White has said. I also believe White's shot actually missed the President, but instead hit Texas Governor John Connolly.

To this day, Connolly is adamant that he was hit with a different bullet than the one that hit Kennedy as the Warren Commission reported. There is adequate photographic and physical evidence to support his assertion — all of which has been called absurd by defenders of the Warren Commission.

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leading up to the Kennedy assassination. And the anti-Castro Cubans tied to the Mafia, and the CIA, were the ones that made the hit. Here's the background.

On the first of October 1963, Cuban exile Mario Garcia Kohly, and myself, were arrested on the expressed orders of Bobby Kennedy. Bobby was attempting to foil our participation in the CIA's plans for another Bay of Pigs-type invasion into Cuba. The invasion was planned to occur in December of 1963 — one month after JFK was shot.

Kohly lead a large group of anti-Castro Cubans, both in the U.S. and those remaining on the island. While he was Vice-President in 1960, Richard Nixon named Kohly, in effect, the next president of Cuba. Once, of course, Castro was driven out of power. Kohly had strong ties to several Mafia dons in the U.S. that had basically run Cuba before Castro's revolution.

I had been assigned to work with Kohly to supply the Cuban exiles with weapons and materials. My work on the

I worked with the anti-Castro Cubans leading up to the Kennedy assassination. The anti-Castro Cubans tied to the Mafia, and the CIA, were the ones that made the hit.

According to Ricky White, Oswald never fired a shot. This is a fact if one believes my sources and Roscoe White's missing diary. The man who took Oswald's place in the Texas Book Depository was a Cuban national named William Seymour. Seymour was trained in the art of assassination on an island off the coast of Florida called No Name Key, owned by billionaire Howard Hughes.

Another member of the hit squad named "Saul," was a professional Mafia hit man. Saul, according to White and my intelligence sources, was working in conjunction with the CIA. In 1977, I checked out this story in several lengthy interviews with another former CIA intelligence source, Hugh McDonald. McDonald, whose credentials as an intelligence operative are beyond reproach, claims he spent years verifying the story.

When I first heard Ricky White's story I became quite excited, then somewhat unsettled. Here, out of the blue, comes a man who purports to have verification of what I have considered actually occurred on that fateful day in Dallas.

Yet, I also had to consider the possibility that White could have formulated the story based on existing accounts, including my book. The story White tells of his father is too good to be true if you are a researcher, and too good to be true if you knew most of the facts, as I think I do.

To put my mind at ease, I called an old acquaintance, a man who would know what the real facts were surrounding White and his allegations. His name is Bernard (Bud) Fensterwald, an attorney from Washington, D.C. who founded the Assassination Archives & Research Center in that city. When I talked to his office I was told he was in Dallas at the White press conference. I informed his secretary who I was and, less than a half an hour later, I received a call from Bud and an avid Kennedy researcher by the name of Gary Shaw, an architect from Cleburne, Texas.

I told them both that I felt that White was right, that I had remembered the name of Rocky White being mentioned in Dallas, somehow connected to Jack Ruby. In theory, this would confirm his mother's story concerning Ruby and her husband.

I remember quite vividly, as most everybody will who was old enough to comprehend what was happening, the day Kennedy was shot in 1963. I was working on a video tape recorder project in my private laboratory in Baltimore when the first

news came over the TV. It was Walter Cronkite announcing that the President had been fired upon in Dealey Plaza.

Several hours later I was shocked to see a Mannlicher rifle — a foreign model that was generally not found in the United States — being held up for the world to see. It looked very similar to the one I had earlier obtained for the CIA and mobster Dave Ferrie.

Then, when the announcement initially came that it was fired by an anti-Castroite, I almost went into a state of panic. However, it wasn't until later, when I heard the name of Lee Harvey Oswald, that I put two and two together.

Two years earlier I had gone on a mission to Athens to buy arms for the Cuban underground — again with Dave Ferrie. One part of the trip was to take me to Paris to collect some material from a couple that had just returned from Russia. The package was an envelope with CIA Covert Operations head, Tracy Barnes' code name on it. I was told it was from Harvey in Minsk, i.e. Lee Harvey Oswald.

Two days after Kennedy was shot, I along with several million other TV viewers, saw the poor slob blown away by one Jack Ruby.

Years later, just after delivering some of this incriminating evidence on the CIA's involvement in the assassination to Tiny Hutton, then Deputy Director of the House Select Committee on Assassination, I had a sobering experience. I found myself being forced off the road into a concrete abutment on the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. I also later found what appeared to be plastic explosives fastened under my car's bumper. The FBI and the CIA also informed me that my phone was tapped.

As I have said, the answer to why the CIA would be involved in such a heinous crime as killing the president is simple. The covert agency considered the Kennedy brothers little more than traitors to the national security. They blamed them for sabotaging the Bay of Pigs invasion, the phony Cuban missile crisis, and the selling out of the anti-Castro Cubans after Kennedy made his deal with Khrushchev not to invade Cuba.

Only time will tell if Ricky White has sprung the door open to Pandora's Box. But an interesting hint might come from the CIA itself, which uncharacteristically spoke out against White's allegations, calling them "ludicrous" and "not credible." The CIA almost never comments on anything.

Author tells why JFK had to die

By Corky Johnson
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Author Robert Morrow says he knows who really killed President John F. Kennedy — and why.

But is his story credible? Did the Central Intelligence Agency engineer the assassination or is Morrow's story more like something out of a "Who shot J.R." Dallas TV show episode?

"Everybody in the intelligence community wanted Jack Kennedy's ass," Morrow maintains. "They considered him a traitor to the nation." Now, Morrow, who operates a professional employment service in Blue Ash, says he is convinced there was a conspiracy to kill Kennedy. As far as he is concerned the case is closed. "I know more than 99 percent of the people do about the assassination," he said.

Morrow claims he came upon this knowledge while in the employ of the CIA. He became an agent for the "Company" in 1959 at age 32 after meeting with a patent attorney in Washington, D.C. An electronic engineer, Morrow had sought the help of the attorney to protect inventions he had developed in his Baltimore laboratory.

Among his inventions, Morrow says he was a pioneer with the first cable TV systems and video tape recorders. He says he was also consulting with several Washington firms on early-day nuclear projects.

Taking a special interest in his electronics background, the D.C. attorney introduced Morrow to Marshall Diggs, a friend of then Vice President Richard

Nixon. It was Diggs who arranged for Morrow to be put on the CIA's payroll, working with Cuban underground leader Mario Kohly.

"Everything was handled under Army contract. They never hired any agent to work directly for the CIA," Morrow said. "I signed a contract and a secrecy oath but I wasn't allowed to have a copy," he chuckled. "We did everything in cash. We had access to up to a quarter of a million dollars anytime we needed it."

Morrow said he did everything necessary to aid the Cubans in attempting to overthrow Castro, including setting up communications systems and purchasing weapons in several parts of the world. He bought Thompson sub machine guns and vintage WWII rifles for the Bay of Pigs invasion, he said.

During a daring reconnaissance flight into Cuba for the Bay of Pigs invasion, Morrow recalls some scary moments when he had to fly the spy plane to safety, dodging Cuban fighters, after the pilot had been knocked out.

It was his assignment with the anti-Castro Cubans which lead Morrow into learning about members of the intelligence community's hatred for JFK, he said. The CIA had entered into an unholy alliance with heads of the Mafia, which controlled many of the Cuban exiles, Morrow said. The Mafia lost huge profits when Castro came to power and shut down the mob's operations on the island.

Organized crime wanted Kennedy dead because he was hurting their business and the intelligence community felt the President had handed Cuba over to the Soviet Union, Morrow said, explaining what would be the reasoning behind such a conspiracy.

He claims Kennedy's fate was sealed when the botched Bay of Pigs invasion revealed that Soviet missiles had

not been taken out of Cuba as Kennedy claimed. "When we found out the missiles weren't coming out of Cuba, that was the final nail in the coffin of Jack Kennedy," Morrow said.

Then, in October 1963, another planned invasion of Cuba was terminated by the Kennedy's. A month later JFK was gunned down. "I was told by Kohly that Kennedy would be killed," Morrow said. "They actually tried to kill him first in Florida but he took a helicopter instead of a motorcade."

Saying he was "scared to death" about the assassination, Morrow said he started working on his book "Betrayal" to clear his own name, which had become soiled by the Cuban invasions.

Presenting his evidence to Congressional investigators, Morrow said he knew he was taking risks by unearthing such information and has said he thinks several attempts were made on his life in the 1970s. "There is no threat today because the people who were involved are either dead or safe enough in their own right."

Looking back on the events, Morrow said he has few regrets over the Kennedy murder. "In my opinion JFK would have ruined the country. He was ruthless and would do anything to maintain his own power."

While he said he wouldn't have pulled the trigger himself, he added he has no doubts the Cubans would have. "I worked with them, but they were crazy, they would have done anything."

Morrow moved to Cincinnati because his wife is originally from here. His follow-up book on Robert Kennedy's assassination entitled, "The Senator Must Die," was published two years ago.

"I have gone through many trying years. I wouldn't want to relive those years," he said.