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Book links CIA to JFK killing

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A man claiming links to the Central Intelligence Agency says in a new book that he bought and customised four rifles used by the CIA and the Mafia to kill President Kennedy.

In *First Hand Knowledge: How I Participated in the CIA-Mafia Murder of President Kennedy*, Robert Morrow claims that under orders, while on contract to the CIA, he bought four 7.35mm Mannlicher rifles and supplied several CIA hit men with sophisticated electronic

equipment.

In a lecture at New York University yesterday, he said he was not aware at the time that the equipment he supplied was to be used to kill Kennedy.

"I thought they were to be used against a head of state in Central America," he said.

Although two weeks before the November 22, 1963, shooting, he heard a rumour that a Kennedy assassination was in the works at the CIA, he said he disregarded it until he saw one of the rifles he had

bought shown on television the night of the shooting.

"Then I went into a state of panic. I went to my [CIA] case officer and he said 'Shut up'."

A CIA spokesman contacted yesterday said: "There is no record that Robert D. Morrow was ever a contract agent of the Central Intelligence Agency."

But Morrow claimed the agency was using a linguistic trick to avoid naming him. "I was a contract employee, not an agent, and I was paid by the US Army," he said.

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