

Axt of Treason, by Mark North

This ad is from the NYTimes Book Review Sunday section of 11/16/91. I think it represents a larger expenditure than Carroll & Graf normally make and possibly reflects the profitability of the other irresponsible and ~~crappy~~ assassination books they've published. Like them, this is a formula book and as baseless.

What I've highlighted is what I saw North say on the Geraldo show several days ago, and there is no basis for any of it.

Not that Marcello was behind the assassination;

Not that the Kennedys were about to file criminal charges against their own vice president, a really insane conjecture presented as fact;

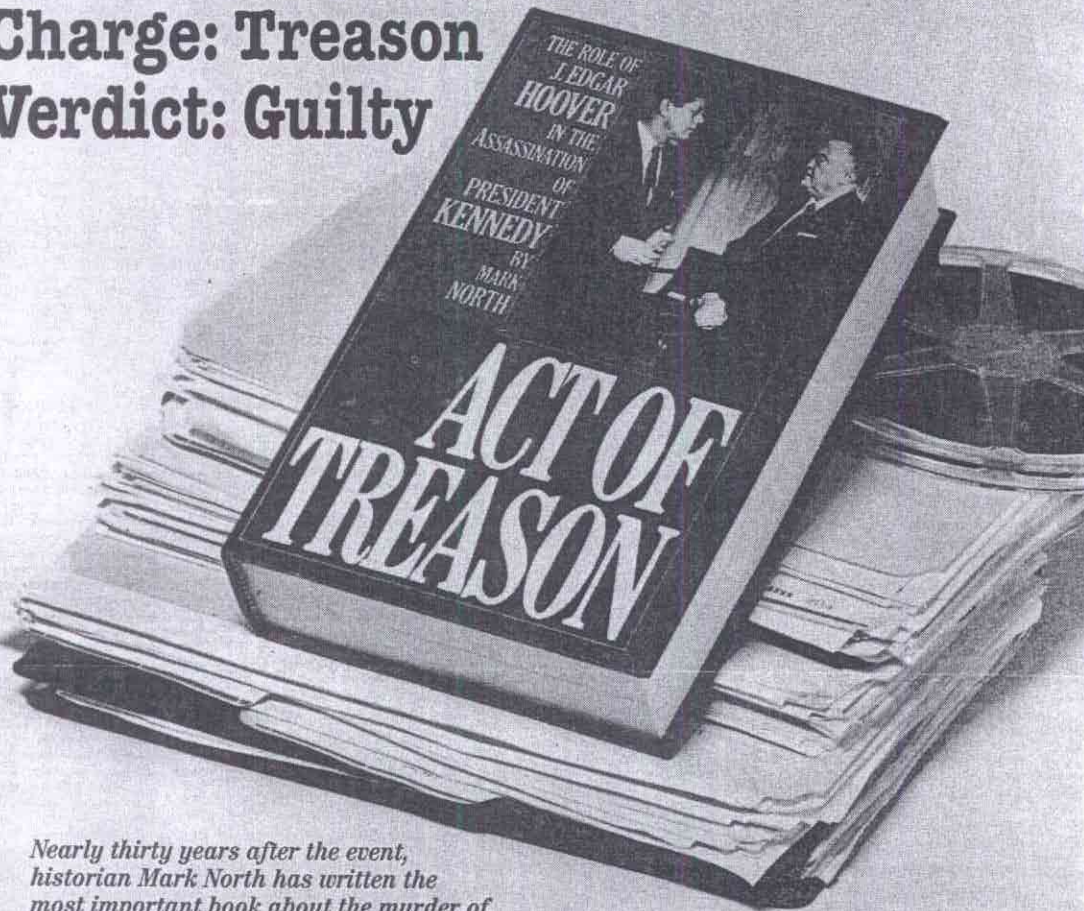
And not as I saw North say, because JFK was going to force Hoover's retirement when he reached retirement ago.

Hoover masterminded and manipulated the coverup but he had no "role" in the JFK assassination. I've not yet read the book but this is obvious.

In checking the dust cover I see how ignorant North really is, or dishonest. He actually says that because there was a threat or plot against JFK of which Hoover learned in September, 1962, "Hoover not only did nothing to prevent the assassination from taking place, he actually worked to make sure that the plot would be successful." The latter part has to be fiction and the former is ridiculous. There are always myriads of threats and reported plots.

I see what I've forgotten, that I started to annotate the book and laid it aside as that utterly worthless. If in that memo I did not note it, he cites but one of my books and he has but three in his bibliography. These three are my editions but the one he cites in two footnotes is the Dell editor¹⁹⁶² of the second! He is an authentic scholar!

Defendant: J. Edgar Hoover
Charge: Treason
Verdict: Guilty



Nearly thirty years after the event, historian Mark North has written the most important book about the murder of JFK. With access to new information, he has uncovered shocking revelations about the roles played by people at the highest levels of the federal government and the FBI.

"North neatly sketches Hoover's bizarre personality, how he ran the FBI and the ways in which the FBI is supposed to cooperate with the other agencies. He argues his thesis well, and helps explain many odd failures of the Warren Commission, whose findings have long been almost universally disregarded."

-Publishers Weekly

•Sixteen Pages of Photographs

"Strong scenario by Texas attorney for J. Edgar Hoover's complicity in the assassination of President Kennedy by the Carlos Marcello mafia family of New Orleans. North's evidence is forceful. He argues that Hoover sat on information and entered into a sweetheart pact with Vice President Johnson, who was sweating over his own criminal acts that were about to be revealed by RFK. With the Kennedys silenced, Johnson and Hoover would be in clover. North's reasoning is abundantly enforced by Hoover's own memos, among other sources."

-Kirkus Reviews

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