

# Carter Rebuffs Newsman's Claim JFK's Death Was a Conspiracy

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Dutch journalist, who claims to have proof that a conspiracy was responsible for the assassination of John F. Kennedy, has been rebuffed in his effort to get an appointment with President Carter.

Willem Oltmans, the journalist, said yesterday that former President Gerald Ford at one time received proof of the assassination plot and proof that Lee Harvey Oswald was only "a fall guy."

A spokesman for Ford said in Vail, Colo., that the former President would have no comment on the subject. The spokesman, Bob

Barrett, said Oltmans' allegations were "ridiculous."

Oltmans said he has a witness who can verify that the proof was presented to Ford. He said he was "trying to find a means to produce the guy" but that the witness would only talk to Carter.

The witness, Oltmans said, has known or spoken with every President since Franklin D. Roosevelt, with the exception of Carter.

The journalist approached White House officials on the subject this week. Carter's press secretary, Jody Powell, said yesterday that Oltmans had been

offered an appointment with Justice Department officials, but declined the offer.

"I have proof President Ford received the complete information as to who killed President Kennedy, and who ordered it (the assassination)" Oltmans said.

Lee Harvey Oswald, later killed while in custody of Dallas police, has been named by the Warren Commission as the sole assassin of Kennedy. Ford, then a Republican congressman, served on the commission which was charged with investigating the Kennedy killing.

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