

Interim Project #309
"Anatomy of a Fraud: Case Closed as Dissected in Case Open"
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A. Requirements and Expectations:

Everyone is required to purchase both books I have ordered for this project. I expect those books to be read by everyone in their entirety, even though each of you will only be responsible for researching and writing about a small portion of that reading. Let me also stress that there will be numerous additional pages of xerox material which you will also be expected to read. I hope all of you will participate in some way in class discussions, beyond the brief oral report you will give during the final week.

As a final check on your reading and participation, a FINAL QUIZ will be given during the last week of Interim (specifically, Wed. Feb. 1st). You are going to be on your own for a good deal of the time, especially during the second and third weeks, so it will be up to you to do the reading and research necessary to complete your report and successfully pass the final quiz.

Strict attendance is expected and required. You will be allowed only one cut or unexcused absence from our full class meetings, as indicated in the schedule of meetings below.

LET ME SUMMARIZE THE THREE WAYS IN WHICH YOU MAY FAIL THIS PROJECT:

- (1) failing the final quiz
- (2) two or more cuts or unexcused absences
- (3) failure to turn in a written report on your particular area of research.

***Any one or combination of the above will mean failing the project.

On a more positive note, it is my hope and wish that you will find this project interesting, informative, and educational, and that you will all be conscientious about doing a great job. I would like to put together our report and send it to some interested parties such as, Random House, Gerald Posner, New York Times, Tom Wicker, Harold Weisberg, perhaps others.

- B. Books:
- (1) Case Closed: Lee Harvey Oswald and the Assassination of JFK by Gerald Posner (note: we are using the hardcover edition because it was the one which Harold Weisberg used in writing his critical response.)
 - (2) Case Open: The Omissions, Distortions and Falsifications of "Case Closed" by Harold Weisberg.
 - (3) I have put several books on reserve in the library which will be helpful in doing your research.

- C. Written Reports: each student will be responsible for dissecting a portion of Posner's book. The division of responsibilities and other details about this assignment will be worked out during the first week.

MEETING SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Time (approx.)</u>
Mon. 1/9/95	Introduction: Personal Statement. Begin develop background on assassination	10am-12noon
Tues. 1/10/95	Further background; history of investigations	10am-12noon
Wed. 1/11/95	"Reasonable Doubt" (video) and discussion	10am -12noon
Thurs. 1/12/95	Stone's "JFK" (video)	TBA
Fri. 1/13/95	Work out details of written report	10am-12noon
Mon.-Thurs. 1/16- 1/19/95	Working independently; I will meet individually with 5 of you each day in the library.	TBA
Fri. 1/20/95	Meet as a class to discuss progress	10am-12noon

MEETING SCHEDULE (cont.)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Time (approx.)</u>
Mon.- Thurs. 1/23-1/26/95	Working independently; I will meet individually with 5 of you in the library	TBA
Fri. 1/27/95	Meet as a class to discuss progress, and determine presentation schedule for last week.	10am-12noon
Mon. 1/30/95	Begin individual oral reports.	9:30am-12noon
Tues. 1/31/95	Complete oral reports	9:30am-12noon
Wed. 2/1/95	Final Quiz Loose ends	10am-12noon
Fri. 2/3/95	Written reports due	<u>no later than</u> <u>12noon my office,</u> <u>132 Main.</u>

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Groups Reports
1/13/95

A. The following is the list of categories for the group reports.

- (1) Oswald's Biography (3 people)
 - including childhood, Marines, defection to USSR, domestic life, possible govt. relations.
 - helpful additional resources: Weisberg's Whitewash (Oswald in New Orleans) Post Mortem.
- (2) Alleged Assassination Weapon; Oswald's Rifle Capability (2 people)
 - additional helpful resources: Accessories & Whitewash.
- (3) Oswald's Actions & Movements on Nov. 22, 1963 (3 people)
 - including questions such as: did he carry the rifle to work that morning; was he in that 6th floor window; his escape, etc.?
 - Roffman's Presumed Guilty especially good on this.
- (4) Tippit Murder (2 people)
 - Whitewash & Accessories especially helpful.
- (5) Autopsy of JFK and Medical Testimony about Connally (3 people)
 - Post Mortem & Presumed Guilty very helpful.
- (6) Single Bullet Theory (3 people)
 - Post Mortem & "Arlen Specter: For the Record".
- (7) Conspiracy Community (3 people)
 - examining Posner's attacks especially in Chaps. 18 & 19 of Case Closed.

B. Each group will prepare a written report of roughly 8-10 pages (double-spaced typewritten). As an appendix, you should also include xeroxes of documents, testimony, or critical books which help to substantiate your analysis. In addition to the criticism, of course, you should make sure to describe clearly your topic and its significance to the JFK assassination. Keep in mind that you will also be giving an oral presentation during the final week before you turn in the written report on the last day.

C. During the course of your independent work I will meet with each of the groups according to the following schedule:

Tuesdays: Group 1: 10am
(1/17 & 1/24) 2: 10:30
 3: 11:00
 4: 11:30

Wednesdays: Group 5: 10am
(1/18 & 1/25) 6: 10:30
 7: 11:00