

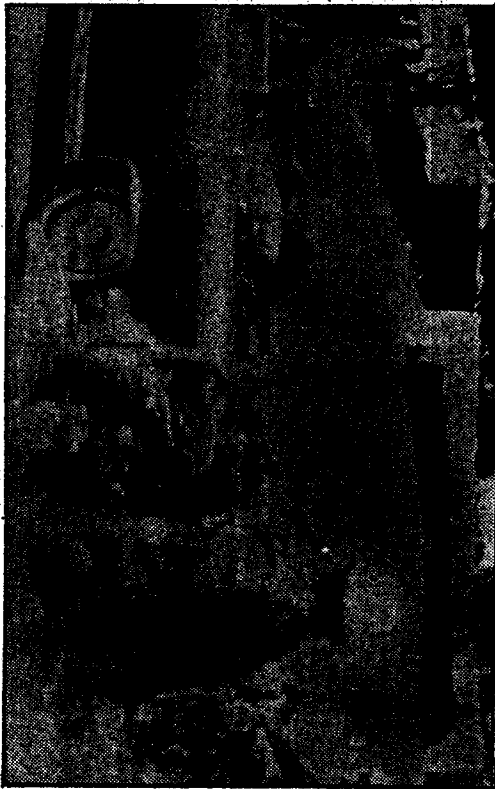
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CAN A COMPUTER FIND OUT WHO MURDERED JOHN F. KENNEDY?

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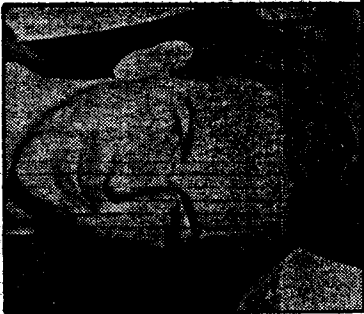
A computer is trying to find out who killed President John F. Kennedy.

At the office of the National Assassinations in Washington, D.C., 12 volunteer workers have designed a coding structure for putting all the evidence of JFK's death into a computer and storing it.

The project was started in June, 1970, after the first of a series of articles on the assassination appeared in Computers and Automation magazine, a professional journal.

IN THIS article the author, Richard E. Sprague, president of Personal Data Services Corp., a research and consulting firm, argues that only a computer can organize the huge mound of evidence in the JFK murder.

"Seventy-five photographers, amateur and professional, took at least 512 photos just before, during and just after the killing," said Sprague.



Lee Harvey Oswald — the computer may find him innocent of pulling the fatal trigger, as some evidence already suggests.

"Plus, there are at least two home-movie sequences of the assassination," he added. "One of these is the well-known film shot by Abraham Zapruder, which the American public saw on TV several times during the weekend of Nov. 22-24, 1963, and which has been reprinted, in part, in Life Magazine, which owns the original print.

"THE OTHER MOVIE was shot from the other side of the freeway, apparently by a woman. It has unfortunately disappeared — which is too bad, because her camera was aimed right at the Texas School

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Book Depository Building and probably would show that Lee Harvey Oswald was NOT firing shots from the Sixth Floor window. He believes there were two separate conspiracies in the JFK killing: the first of which caused the death; the second of which covered up the first.

The actual killing, he says, involved 80-odd people in the planning and execution.

"The second conspiracy began," he says, "when a large number of important and highly-placed persons in the United States Government (and outside of it) realized there had been a 'conspiracy' to assassinate

They decided — one by one, or in groups, or in the result of bullets or charges of being with confidence — and I've not known what happened in hangings of conscience — until they decided to cover up the first conspiracy.

THE PHRASE they used and still use to describe themselves is 'on grounds of national security.'

There is evidence that people are still holding the second conspiracy, having concluded that it is to the advantage of the United States or to their own advantage not to admit the existence of the first conspiracy.

The evidence for this second conspiracy is very different from the evidence for the first, which includes such things as: photographs, confessions, court testimony, the physics of bullets and guns, and other very solid evidence.

The evidence for the second conspiracy consists essentially of a large number of 'strange events.'

Separately, each one can be explained reasonably. Together, these events make a mass of evidence that cannot possibly be explained reasonably in the same way as a person who steals from his employer can 'explain reasonably' once, but not 20 times.

THE MOST recent of these 'strange events,' according to Sprague, was in Spring, 1970, when ex-President Lyndon Johnson let it spill out that he wasn't sure the Warren Commission conclusions were right.

Johnson was due to divulge these thoughts on a CBS-TV news special on May 2, 1970 — but a couple of days ahead of that date he announced he wanted his remarks about Oswald and the Warren Commission cut out.

Why? For that same old Bungalow reason: "National Security."

Sprague also points out one other little-known fact: that LBJ got the word of "no conspiracy" even before Lee Harvey Oswald was charged with the crime!

It was on the afternoon of Nov. 22, 1963, when Air Force One was jettisoned back to Washington with the new President and the body of the slain one.

The message was received via Air Force radio from somewhere in the Midwest, relaying information from the Pentagon. The time was prior to 4 p.m. The plane landed at Andrews Air Force Base, Md., at 4:30 p.m. At

that time, Oswald was in custody, but was being grilled mainly on the shooting of Dallas policeman J.D. Tippit. He had not been charged with anything at that point.

Sprague concludes that in the killing of JFK there are thousands — perhaps millions — of bits of pertinent information, strung out across innumerable sources.

"The sheer volume of record-keeping for all this evidence requires a computer," he says.

**NEXT WEEK:
How The
Conspiracy Works**



The death of JFK. A computer found out where the bullet came from and who fired them.