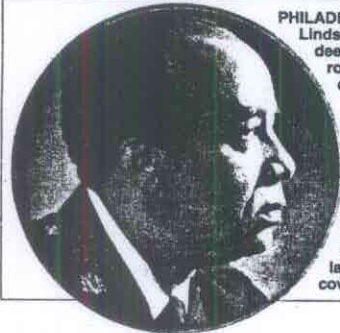


EXPOSED! PLOT TO



PHILADELPHIA Police Inspector William Lindsay was shocked when he probed deeper into what he thought was a routine drug deal going down at the city's airport hotel.

The heavily armed men turned out to be connected to the CIA — and a document found in their hotel revealed they were out to shoot Senator Ted Kennedy! At the end of his investigation Lindsay was ordered to destroy all traces of the assassination plot. Now, for the first time, he is blowing the lid off the attempt to kill the last Kennedy brother and the secret cover-up that lasted 12 years.

TED KENNEDY was marked for death by rogue CIA assassins linked to his brother Jack's cold-blooded murder in Dallas — and the government doesn't want you to know!

That's the shocking conclusion of Philadelphia police officers who thwarted the super-secret plot during Ted's run for the White House more than a decade ago.

And the lawmen are convinced there's been a massive cover-up — and that the last Kennedy brother would be dead today, if they hadn't gotten lucky. Here's why:

● On Jan. 4, 1980 — just two days before Ted was scheduled to visit the city — three men using phony names and fake I.D.s were arrested in a Sheraton Inn room crammed with cash, high-powered guns, CIA documents and cryptic notes referring to "Operation Blue Fin."

● A drawing of the Bellevue Strafford Hotel suite booked by Ted's presidential campaign was also found in the room. But the sketch mysteriously disappeared from police files after the feds entered the investigation.

● When confronted by cops, the hitmen — Larry Bryant, his cousin Bradley Bryant and Roger Barnard — claimed to work for the government. Later, they were linked to The Company, a savage organization allied with the CIA that operates in a twilight world of espionage, mur-

Rogue CIA hitmen wanted to finish the evil job they started with J.F.K.

der and racketeering. ● Bradley Bryant helped arrange for Cheers star Woody Harrelson's father, Charles, to carry out the contract murder of U.S. Judge John Woods in Texas. Incredibly, Harrelson — not Lee Harvey Oswald — has been identified as the real triggerman in JFK's assassination.

Frantic feds

"There's no doubt in my mind — or in the minds of our other investigators — that these three men came here with the plan, money and means to blow Kennedy away," says Philly Police Inspector William Lindsay, who led the probe.

"There was an obvious CIA-government connection in this case, and the way it was handled after the arrests proved it.

"We opened the lid on something that smelled really bad. I could tell the fix was in when the various government agencies got involved."

Frantic feds ordered local cops to destroy any notes about their investigation, Lindsay says.

The G-men even tried to

change evidence that linked Bradley Bryant to The Company and the CIA.

Certainly, the most damning piece of evidence — the sketch of Teddy's room — turned up missing once the feds got involved.

"I was shown the diagram that was seized the night the three were arrested," Philly Police Capt. James Maleno says. "But the floor plan turned up missing after the cache from the hotel room was transported."

That's just too much of an accident for Maleno's taste. But the cops did get one break — they stopped Teddy's killers cold.

After his brother Bobby was gunned down in Los Angeles by Sirhan Sirhan, Teddy was next on the hit list, especially after he decided to run for President and was leading in the polls.

But the plot to kill him short-circuited after Barnard and the Bryant cousins checked into the Sheraton Airport Inn on Dec. 26, 1979.

Hotel staffers became suspicious when the trio paid their bills on a daily



Senator Ted Kennedy campaigns for Philadelphia Mayor Bill Green just a few

basis — with crisp \$100 bills — and refused to let maids into their rooms. When they'd go out, the men put up "Do Not Disturb" signs, left TVs on and showers running so folks would figure the rooms were occupied.

But the tricks didn't work. Sheraton employees tipped off the cops. And the police put a 24-hour surveillance on the trio. After detecting

marijuana in Bradley Bryant's room, cops got a search warrant.

But before the police could use the warrant, Bradley — who'd registered as Doug Clark — took off for the airport.

Paramilitary group

He was tailed through a howling snowstorm — and nabbed by Detective William Stephenson before boarding a flight to At-

lanta. Stephenson found out that Bradley had booked a return flight to Philly for the next day.

As the cuffs were snapped on, Stephenson says Bradley told him: "Officer, this is a mistake. I'm one of the good guys — like you! You'll find out just who I am very shortly."

Bradley was packing a loaded Walter 9 mm. pistol, a two-shot derringer, \$22,800 in new \$100 bills

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— all with sequential numbers — and 10 different Kentucky driver's licenses, each with his actual photograph and different names and Social Security numbers.
His briefcase held a sophisticated, built-in phone scrambler and other assorted phony identification, wallets and gun permits. Stephenson was stunned. But he was in for a bigger shock when he

helped raid the hotel. "In all my street experience, I never saw a more formidable paramilitary group so well-equipped and armed for a hit," he says.
Cops seized pistols, silencers, commando daggers, ski masks, ropes, jump suits, 11 phony drivers' licenses, government documents — and an address book.
Hitman Charles Harrelson was listed, along with

the numbers of CIA, FBI and Secret Service agents. At first, Larry Bryant said his team was on a secret government mission.

Called off visit

"We work for the CIA! We're good guys!" Maleno says Larry shouted. Then, Larry, a highly decorated Air Force electronics wizard, changed his story after talking with his partners. His cousin did, too,

— and Maleno says they later denied ever making statements linking them to the government.

But Maleno, Lindsay and Stephenson did manage to trace the trio's mountain of cash to Jimmy Chagra, a drug kingpin suspected of hiring JFK's killer to murder Judge Woods.

And Stephenson says the feds told him that Bradley acted as the go-

between for Harrelson and Chagra. The cops used the information to warn Kennedy.

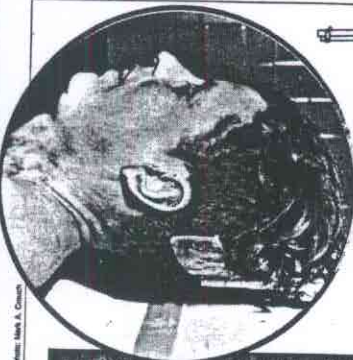
He called off his visit, but campaigned in Philly a few weeks later with then-Mayor Bill Green. Still, he's lucky to be alive.

Now, Harrelson's in federal prison serving life for the Woods hit. And Bradley's free after serving two years on charges stemming from the Phil-

ly police raid. Larry and Barnard beat the rap entirely. But even after all these years, the three hitmen aren't talking.

When investigators offered a deal in exchange for his testimony, Bradley coolly said: "No thanks. I think I'll sit this one out." And the feds' cover-up doesn't sit well with the Philly police.

— FRANK GEARY and CHARLIE MONTGOMERY



OSWALD

J.F.K. The assassination of Ted Kennedy would have been the final nail in the coffin of the Kennedy dynasty. The first blow was the killing of President John F. Kennedy, allegedly by Lee Harvey Oswald



SIRHAN

R.F.K. Murder hit the Kennedy family again when Robert F. Kennedy, a presidential candidate, was gunned down during a campaign stop in Los Angeles by Palestinian Sirhan B. Sirhan