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NIXON LINKED TO JFK DEATH

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When Richard Nixon's Impeachment hearings open, one shocking revelation may be his implication in the assassination of John F. Kennedy 11 years ago. Serious charges already tie Watergate figures into the Kennedy plot, yet one investigator has also tied ~~Nixon~~^{Nixon} into the conspiracy.

Trowbridge Ford, a 44-year old Political scientist from Holy Cross College who's been on the case for seven years, has evidence linking Richard Nixon with the assassination and coverup. He has presented his documentation to the House Committee on the Judiciary, noting, "There are far too many hard connections between Nixon, his people, and the Kennedy murder to dismiss simply as coincidence."

The dynamic, meticulous investigator has been in contact with John Doar, special counsel to Congressman Rodino's Committee, submitting 87 questions to be asked of Nixon. ~~Many of the documents~~^{For example, the documents} deal with Nixon's relationships with John Connally, Jack Ruby, E. Howard Hunt, and others, plus his own presence in Dallas the day before and the day of the murder.

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Ford explains that the Kennedy plot in three parts: The murder; the bungling that accidentally wounded Connally; followed by the emergency coverup which has grown into a carefully orchestrated plan among top officials within the CIA, FBI, and the military. Dr. Ford says that the coverup worked because, until Watergate, Americans simply would not believe their leaders were capable of such a heinous activity.

"Today," Ford notes, "we know the Kennedy killing was a domestic political assassination involving a cabal of diverse groups of people."

These conspirators began as Special Group 5412/2, working within the White House in the late 1950s to coordinate the actions of the CIA and the Defense Intelligence Agency. Operating invisibly under the protection of the National Security Council, they plotted attempted assassinations of Fidel Castro, plus outlined the Bay of Pigs invasion. The "Action Officer," which is CIA jargon for Chairman, of the Group was Richard Nixon, who personally took credit for approving covert training of Cubans for "dirty tricks and terror" at the Bay of Pigs, according to a May 1973 story in the WASHINGTON POST.

Others on this Nixon team included Alexander Haig, E. Howard Hunt, and CIA contract employees Frank Sturgis and Bernard Barker. Former CIA chief Richard Helms quietly testified to the latter during special Watergate hearings last year.

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John Kennedy was the target of this group of men from the very beginning of his campaign for the Presidency. He had to die, Dr. Ford reasons, because he was about to overhaul the CIA, vastly weakening its powerful war-making ability; also, Cuban militants and their sponsors were killing mad about the lack of overt support in their ~~invasion~~ ^{invasion}; American extremists vowed to crush his liberal civil rights advances; H. L. Hunt and other oil interests were dangerously concerned about JFK's lack of concern for them. Finally, as his brother Bobby later noted in his own writings, "John Kennedy was going to pull the flag out of Viet Nam after the fall election, which meant a hell of a loss to the oil, industrial and military forces."

Treewbridge Ford charges that these forces found a common political ally in Richard Nixon, an embittered loser who was skilled in "dirty tricks" and who could agree with their extreme plans for JFK. The idea was to make Kennedy vulnerable in Texas.

"Obviously, it was a set-up," Ford documents, showing newspaper stories documenting John Connally as the outspoken advocate of Kennedy's "showing the party banners in hostile Dallas." Connally then arranged Kennedy's entire trip so it would fan the anger of all the political elements from whom JFK was seeking support.

Ford also implicates officials of the DALLAS MORNING NEWS, especially publisher E. M. "Ted" Dealey, showing how that newspaper's stories and editorials baited JFK into coming to Texas to prove his political courage and to deal with his political enemies. Ford terms this a clearly defined role in the plot.

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"After Dealey's newspaper got Kennedy to Texas, it was easy for Connally to get him to Dallas, then for Nixon's men to get the President's open-top motorcade to detour through the dangerous dogleg of Dealey Plaza, Ford points out.

Brandishing newspaper clippings, the political scientist showed planted stories about Nixon getting "threatening" postal cards and how he "bravely ignored them...fearlessly." Nixon made sure the press "knew" that he had nothing to fear in Dallas, then hinted that JFK didn't have this same courage. Nixon also told reporters Kennedy would soon dump Lyndon Johnson, ~~this helped Connally's plan greatly.~~ ~~this helped Connally's plan greatly.~~ Later, serious investigation proved the postal cards were a dupe, arranged by Jack Ruby, another Nixon friend, according to Trwobridge Ford.

Although Ford doubts Nixon knew Oswald, there is little doubt that he knew Jack Ruby, adding, "They got back to 1947, when Congressman Nixon got labor organizer and smalltime hoodlum Jack Rubenstein (Ruby) out of a jam with the House Unamerican Activities Committee."

Ford adds, "History's political dirty tricks have very many points in common with JFK's murder and Richard Nixon's ride to the Presidency. Sadly, most Americans still feel it simply couldn't happen in our own country. Well, it has!"

A man with an international reputation in his field and with a special expertise in the study of political connivance and coup d'état, Dr. Ford has studied and published extensively on this topic. He also know the real world of "dirty tricks," having served with the U.S. Army's Counterintelligence Corps in the '50s.

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Ford claims the Kennedy assassination plan was compromised when Connally was accidentally wounded, creating the contingency of altering the coverup, i.e., the immediate cover-killing of J. D. Tippit; the mysterious missions of Jack Ruby, David Ferrie, and Bruce Ray Carlin; the arrest, pre-released news stories, and murder of Lee Oswald--who never shot anyone; plus, the temporary disappearance of Larry Craford. With the after-action plan altered, the massive coverup operation had become operable.

According to Ford, the journalistic end of this new plan was greatly aided by former DALLAS MORNING NEWS reporter Hugh Aynesworth, who "supplied Ruby with a convenient alibi for 22 November; scooped the Oswald arrest; played up Marina Oswald's fabricated story for which she'd been coached by government agents; and leaked the 'Oswald Diary,' which from its style, could easily have been written by E. Howard Hunt."

Hunt is another figure Dr. Ford ties in with Richard Nixon's past, dating their friendship from the South American trip of the then Vice-President, when Hunt was a senior CIA agent in that area. Although Hunt worked with Nixon on the 5412/2 Group, and claimed to have led CIA training of Cubans, he actually was kept away from the trainees because of his almost rabid and unsettling influence on the nationalistic soldiers. Yet, Hunt managed to feed very sensitive political information about the Kennedy's to Nixon during this time, according to Ford's investigations.

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Ford adds that Hunt "just happened" to be temporarily in charge of the CIA office in Mexico City the day Lee Oswald "just happened" to show up there in 1963. And, despite stories that Hunt was in Dallas the day Kennedy was shot, Ford says he was not.

"Hunt was in Washington, meeting with other CIA officials, including Helms and Kirkpatrick," Ford relates. "But, this wasn't to create an alibi. He was at headquarters to cover there in case of an emergency, and I guess his services surely were needed when they had to change the plans in mid-murder."

Ford's investigations show other "Waterbuggers" were involved in the plot, as he says he is certain two of the men who later became Watergate burglars were also on the grassy knoll in Dallas, armed at least with valid Secret Service credentials to aid the getaway of the actual assassins.

Another Watergate name popping up in the Kennedy plot is Leon Jaworski, who, according to Ford, interceded in the Dallas police questioning of Oswald. Concerned about Oswald's rights, H. Louis Nichols, respected president of the Dallas Bar Association, agreed with various law school officials that he should visit the accused. Shortly after his visit, Nichols was called by Jaworski, who passed himself off as a private attorney representing the American Trial Lawyers Association.

"Very simply, he was lying," Ford snorts, adding that Jaworski was, in fact, an investigator for Waggoner Carr, the Texas Attorney General, a friend of both John Connally and Richard Nixon.

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? "Jaworski said he was interested in Oswald getting a fair trial, but I feel he was interested only in infiltrating the defense to see if Oswald had spilled his role in the plan, telling for whom and why he was being a patsy."

Ford strongly believes the American people deserve to know why Richard Nixon's Special Prosecutor did such an illegal, risky thing, and just how independent he is now.

? Continuing, Ford observed, "While E. Howard Hunt was recently on national television getting a pro-Nixon whitewash from admitted former CIA agent William F. Buckley, Jim McCord has been muzzled from talking. I feel McCord's been silenced because Jaworski doesn't want him questioned about events in Dallas back in 1963."

? Trowbridge Ford also claims Gerald Ford, no relation, was in on the coverup. He presents documentation that "none other than Richard Nixon insisted that Gerald Ford be named to the Warren Commission." Commenting on the Commission operations, Dr. Ford says, "They should have called it the Ford Commission, as he dominated things his own way."

Commenting, the intense political scientist says bitterly, "Gerald Ford threw out red herrings which the rest of the Commission gobbled up like starved cats. It's no wonder Richard Nixon wanted him to run things."

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One Warren Commissioner who had second thoughts was Hale Boggs, former Majority Whip who would have been a key figure in any Impeachment move, obviously, says Dr. Ford. Boggs told a staff assistant in 1972, "I know we were hoodwinked on the Kennedy thing, and I want to look into it again." He never got the chance, as he died when his aircraft disappeared in Alaska later that year.

Shaking his head, Trowbridge Ford remarked, "On top of everything else, that was just a bit too much coincidence to swallow."

Dr. Ford stresses he is not a Nixon-hater, and, in fact, supported him in 1968. Yet, his documented charges are discounted by many government officials and newsmen as "totally outrageous." However, he's not afraid to take his charges into the legal arena, saying, "If Nixon, Ford, or Connally, or the others would care to sue me for what I've said, I'd be more than happy to explore our arguments in court."

Continuing, "I'd like the President to deny he met with Howard Hunt and Jack Ruby prior to the assassination. I'd like to know about his association with Connally and Jaworski in 1963 and after. What about those friends of his bankers--the men who used to run the casinos in Havana? Did Jaworski know Ruby, too? With whom did FBI people connive throughout this whole affair?"

No crackpot, Trowbridge Ford is a serious, concerned, and very dedicated investigator who has spent much of the past seven years building his case, including a college-financed year's leave of absence to do fulltime investigation.

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Ford says, "As a good American I wish someone would step forward and prove all this isn't true. I fear, though, there is just too much involvement among the same people who were in Dallas in 1963 and are in Washington today."

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