



Wide World

6. Millions here and abroad shared the Commission's interest in a photo seemingly showing accused assassin Lee Harvey Oswald in a ground-level doorway at the very moment the President walked forward. The day



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18. Seized in a movie theater, a pale but unemotional Oswald told reporters, "I did not kill anyone. I don't know what this is all about."

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Fuel for Conspiracy Fire

Q: Is there a link between Watergate's E. Howard Hunt Jr. and the JFK and George Wallace shootings?
—J. N., Monroe, La.

A: There's no actual evidence, but Gore Vidal, writing in The New York Review of Books, threw another log on the conspiracy fire by noting: Oswald visited Mexico City in 1963 when Hunt was acting chief of the CIA there. Hunt's 1972 novel "The Coven" was about the Vanes, rich, young, handsome and much like Jack and Jackie. Hardly flattering, the novel was in line with Hunt's expressed hatred of JFK, whom he blamed for deserting the Cubans fighting Castro at the Bay of Pigs. Lee Harvey Oswald's "attempt" to kill rightist General Edwin Walker before actually killing JFK coincides, says Vidal, with Arthur Bremer's "intention" to kill President Nixon before actually shooting Gov. Wallace. Vidal cites Hunt's 50-odd highly imaginative works of fiction. He says perhaps it is only a coincidence that the comic-book- and-pornography-reading Bremer suddenly began to keep a diary that is almost a work of art. Vidal contends that Bremer, like Oswald and Sirhan, was set up as a patsy to deflect attention from the true right-wing conspirators. He finds it coincidentally odd that Oswald, Sirhan and Bremer all kept diaries. He notes that Bremer's was written by someone with talent.



E. Howard Hunt, Jr.