

Letters to the editor
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Within my lifetime one President was assassinated, attempts were confirmed against three others, one almost succeeding, another taking the life of Chicago's mayor, a candidate for president and the great man known as "The Black Messiah" were also assassinated, and most of the Post along with all those judges pretend this is not a real menace? (Except for ^{Maxine} ~~Maxine~~ ^{Wroly} ~~Wroly~~, God bless her, the one who is both level-headed and impartial!).

The lives of all the Secret Service agents involved are now in greater danger. This the ideologue who is behind it all and the ideologues on the bench who support him, ignore but with all the attention to them, including their names and pictures over and over again on TV, it is a real threat - to them and to those they protect. (Several have paid a heavy price in other ways.)

When ~~This~~ ideologue was in the Department of Justice it withheld even the names of its agents who appeared and testified in court, alleging it was a danger to them to disclose their well-known names. This was also done on many tens of thousands of records I obtained ^{N/} in FOIA lawsuits.

All of this began with earlier and baseless Republican ^{hopes} ~~opens~~ for a cheap political advantage in Whitewater, which amount to nothing at all. Now Starr hopes for a Republican political advantage in reports of the President's sex life. The kinds of ~~Reports~~ that have been associated with presidents ^{and} ~~so~~ so many others going back to ^{our} ~~the~~ first and including many, one of whom legitimized a bastard only when he was in the White House ^{at}.

The Post and just about all the media have given up ~~and~~ claim to independence with the bias, the ~~im~~partiality and sometimes the irresponsibility with which they have belabored this while ignoring so much that should not be ignored if they want representative society to work.

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Dear Ms. McGrory,

In addition to what I say in the enclosed letter to the editor, at least two of the Secret Service agents who did not keep John Kennedy alive suffered the most severe psychiatric reactions. One Clint Hill, almost lost his life and he did save Jackie. Another is in a nursing home with the most severe psychiatric problems and ~~the most in possible and loudest allegations~~ ^{the most in possible and loudest allegations} were made against him in a book which said he had killed the President by accident. I provided him and his family with counsel, rather referred them to my FOIA lawyer and friend, who I knew without speaking to him, would do all he could, and he did get a public apology and some money from St. Martins.

All the people who make threats do not mean them and all the threats do not come to the attention of the authorities, but there was a number of threats against Kennedy when he was killed and I can remember what amounted to incitations against FDR by those who included the Starrs of that era.

But there is no way of knowing and there should be ^{no} unnecessary risk for those whose lives are always at risk.

As a record for history I wrote a book-length manuscript disproving the foul commercialization and exploitation that blamed the assassination on a Secret Service agent in the follow-up car.

If there is another attempt on a president all those who are trying to make political capital of this one should be held to account. Including the sanctimonious Hatch who has already established himself as a partisan of there is an attempt to impeach and if there is, should be required to disqualify himself.

Thanks for the fairness of your today's column. When I saw your friend Russert passing that stuff off as news he looked a though he had just won a Pulitzer!

A Judge Johnson story that, if used, could let her pinpoint my source, shows how uninformed she is. There was a lawsuit for James Angleton's records. She asked,

Sincerely,

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"Why don't you just ask him for them?" More than a decade after his death!

She might take it out on my source if he is before her again.