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# WORLD EXCLUSIVE — NEVER

As doctors worked desperately to revive John Kennedy in a Dallas emergency room on November 22, 1963, the dying President regained consciousness long enough to utter his dramatic final words — “Castro did this . . . we have the proof.”

# JFK'S LAST WORDS

That blockbuster information is revealed by author William Shannon in his shocking new book, *Death in Dallas*.

Shannon has acquired a copy of a top-secret recording of Kennedy's final moments. The never-before-released tape had been locked in a Secret Service vault in Washington for nearly 32 years.

“The recording was made by a Secret Service agent who was present in the emergency room while doctors tried to save President Kennedy,” Shannon said. “You can tell by the doctors' conversation that



PRESIDENT John F. Kennedy slumps against the wall in the Dallas emergency room after he was struck by assassins' bullets on November 22, 1963.

## President revealed assassination plot

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they knew Kennedy was not going to make it.

"But in the final seconds before he died, President Kennedy used all his strength to softly say who his killers were. If you listen very closely to the tape you can barely hear his weakened voice say 'Castro did this . . . we have the proof.'"

Shannon says a stunned silence fell over the room after Kennedy's statement.

"Just for a moment the doctors stopped everything they were doing," Shannon said. "But then you hear a Secret Service agent yell, 'Keep working. Save him.'"

Seconds later Kennedy was dead.

Much of Shannon's book concerns his research into what happened to the secret tape and why it had been hidden from the public for so many years.

"It is still unclear who heard the tape in the days and weeks after the assassination," he said.

"There is strong evidence that high-ranking American officials confronted Castro with the information through a go-between and engaged in some tense, top-secret discussions concerning Kennedy's statement and other factors that indicated Castro was involved."

But Shannon said U.S. officials were fearful of taking military action against Castro.

He believes President Lyndon Johnson's military advisors determined that an offensive against Cuba would have resulted in World War III.

"It was clear that the Soviet Union and the entire Communist world was strongly supporting Castro," Shannon said. "The fear was that any retaliation against Cuba would have resulted in a war being fought on American soil."

"Pentagon officials frankly were afraid to take any action

because of the risk of causing a major war," he said. "This resulted in the Kennedy tape being hidden from the U.S. public because it would have caused tremendous outcry for revenge

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— JOHN F. KENNEDY

— and President Johnson was not willing to take military action."

Worldwide newspaper reports of recently released documents allege that after Kennedy's killing, Castro conducted tests with Cuban sharpshooters to "re-enact" the assassination. The tests were supposedly used by Castro to determine whether Lee Harvey Oswald could actually have been the lone gunman.

Shannon says these "tests" were actually practice sessions that took place before the murder.

"The idea of these so-called tests coming after the assassination is absurd," Shannon said. "Castro had his triggermen practicing for months to pull off the assassination — and now it

is clear Kennedy knew this."

Shannon says he believes even high-ranking government officials knew nothing of Kennedy's shocking last statement.

"If the members of the Warren Commission had all heard Kennedy's last words, it is highly doubtful they ever

would have concluded that Oswald was the lone gunman," he said.

"The coverup of the Kennedy tape clearly changed the course of American history."

Shannon refused to disclose how he got a copy of the emergency room tape.

"Someone who had known about it for a long time helped me obtain it," he said.

"I also had permission to play it for a university professor who is an expert in voice analysis."

"He told me there is no question that it is indeed Kennedy."

"He tested it against tapes of JFK's speeches and it matched out with more than 99 percent certainty."

**PRESIDENT Kennedy was warned that Cuban leader Fidel Castro had targeted him for assassination.**



**HAPPY Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev meets with a triumphant Fidel Castro several months after President Kennedy was assassinated.**



Shannon

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**just seconds before he died!**

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