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Untimely Deaths: Coincidence or Paranoia?

By Jack White



Every researcher knows about Penn Jones' famous list of untimely deaths related to the JFK assassination. You know the pattern: immediately after November 22, 1963 and during the Warren Commission inquiry there was a flurry of "mysterious deaths"; then during the Garrison investigation, another batch; then during the Church committee hearings, some more; and during the House Select Committee on Assassinations hearings another big group. The House committee even addressed the issue with a statistical study, but they concluded it was all coincidence, and that researchers were just paranoid.

Well, consider the following and decide if "untimely deaths" are paranoia, coincidence, or part of a pattern:

1. About 5 years ago the announcement of the alleged participation of former marine (and also former Dallas police officer) Roscoe White roused the nation into thinking there was finally a break in the JFK case. Then, a mass of disinformation attacking the credibility of Ricky White and his story of his father created confusion in the minds of researchers, media and the public.

2. The Dallas JFK Assassination Information Center had presented the information to the public at a 1990 news conference. Presiding at the conference were AIC financial backer Bernard "Bud" Fensterwald and the then AIC CoDirectors Larry Howard and Gary Shaw. Also present were private detective Joe West, who was helping the AIC with the investigation, Rev. Jack Shaw, researcher Larry Harris, and Ricky White. The four main "White" investigators were Fensterwald, Howard, Gary Shaw, and West.

3. Shortly after the announcement, at the height of the investigation, Geneva, Roscoe's widow, suddenly died an "untimely" death at a relatively young age.

4. Since then, of the four main investigators...

(a) Bud Fensterwald died an "untimely" death at a relatively early age from a "sudden illness." AIC's

funding dried up with his death.

(b) Joe West died an "untimely" death at a relatively early age during a "routine" heart bypass operation. I had talked to Joe three days before the operation, and he told me that during a "routine" physical, the doctor told him he must have a "sudden" bypass. Joe told me that he would call me about some "Roscoe photos" the following week when the doctor had told him he would be back in circulation after the routine operation. The heart operation was a "success", but Joe's lungs never restarted and he didn't wake up. He died later when the lung machine was disconnected.

(c) Larry Howard early in 1994 died an "untimely" death at a relatively young age from a "sudden illness." At the time of his passing, Larry was working with a former FBI agent on a fresh lead in the Roscoe investigation, and told me just days before he died that he was finding lots of new information concerning Roscoe's participation.

(d) A few weeks after Larry's death, JFK Assassination Information Center died.

(e) Gary Shaw, *be very careful of "sudden illness!"*
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Dear Harold,

I had a very distressing call from Gary Mack last week telling me that you had told him essentially the following:

"George Michael Evica recently made a speech in which he stated that Jack White and Jim Marrs think that Harold Weisberg is a disinformation agent."

Harold, first I doubt that George Michael ever made such a remark. Second, if he did, he did not gain such an impression in any way from Jim or me. You have always been one of my heroes for your monumental research for your "Whitewash" and "Oswald" books. I have nothing but the highest regard for you and have never stated anything to the contrary to George Michael or anyone else!

There are disinformation agents planted in the research community for the purpose of causing conflicts between researchers ("divide and conquer"). Most of them can be identified by their activities (putting down good research and researchers, supporting Warren Report, attacking new evidence). All researchers have their opinions, some of them contrary to the mainstream, but that does not make them disinformation agents. I'm sure that many researchers disagree with your position on a few issues, but I do not know anyone who is suspicious of you. You, Mary Ferrell and Paul Hoch are foremost among document researchers, and we all owe you a debt of gratitude. The only leading JFK activist that many researchers have expressed doubts about is the late Bud Fensterwald, because of his CIA contacts.

I would like to get to the bottom of this obvious falsehood. Apparently someone is trying to discredit Jim and me and to cause a split among us. I am sending a copy of this to George Michael and Jim Marrs to see if they know what is behind this disinformation.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "JACK" in a stylized, cursive font.

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