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Dear Paul,

Glad you found what I said about the Ricky White concoction useful.

It really is low-grade fiction.

Made into more than it is by those so anxious to accomplish something they have lost all balance and reason and had not done any real checking.

Who, I guess, will never outgrow it or find a cure.

I've only a few moments before Lil hands me some ~~typing~~ ^{betyping} that must be ~~taken~~ taken care of immediately so I want to thank you for the copies of the stories you sent. If and when you get any more I'd appreciate copies. This will be a valuable file for students, and these days I think more and more that way, the future.

My but tempus does fugit! I've not realized how long it was since your second was born and since we'd seen the first!

Joe West is a real problem but not "the" problem. Bud and his are their own very real problems in this business.

They are cheerleaders, as Kevin says (glad you two were in touch on this) but they are also more. Without them this awful business could not have happened.

I'd borrowed and I've returned the Bernau novel. I recall that one bit that White et al used was on 525 of the paperback but much more was in a paragraph somewhat earlier in the book. There is no other possible source for the impossible account of Roscoe picking Oswald up at the TSBD, then picking Tippit up and then killing Tippit.

Can you understand how, after hearing that, Bud et al didn't drop it dead?

I'm sure they'll give you a copy of the press kit but I've heard they have asked \$20 for it. There is nothing of real value in it because there is nothing to the story at all. I don't know if I have the whole thing or not. There are pictures in it not clear in the xeroxes I got. From someone who got the kit.

Hope all goes well with all of you.

Thanks and best,

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Dear Harold,

Thanks for your good letter of August 30 on the Rickety White story. It's a pleasure to hear from you again, especially on a topic on which we basically agree.

Unfortunately, I missed your appearance on "Inside Edition." In fact, I've missed all the TV and radio appearances of the Whites and their supporters, which is okay by me.

Here are copies of all the sources listed in my earlier comments, except for the first Golz story and the Star piece, plus two recent arrivals: Warren Hinckle's original column, and a version of a DMN story by David Real. Apparently Joe West is a real problem for Bud's and some of the other "cheerleaders" (as Kevin calls them).

I was not aware of the similarity of White's story about the death of Tippit to the Bernau novel. (I have the novel, but haven't read it.) If you can provide cites, I'll check it out. It could be helpful in distinguishing a recent fictional effort from one by Roscoe White himself.

I haven't seen the Dallas AIC press kit. Unless you think I should have it, I'll not ask for it unless a need turns up.

We are all fine, but busy. Joanna starts first grade on Monday, and Beth is already in the eighth! I'm putting more hours into my programming job, which is mostly fine, but I have to deal with someone who, once in a while, gets as irrational as the worst of the critics. Also, my work on the JFK case is good training for disagreeing with a professor who has done some quite silly analysis.

With best regards,

Paul

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assassination coincidences

JFK IS ALIVE! 73-year-old John Kennedy advised LBJ, Nixon, Ford, Carter, Reagan & Bush: JFK's Funeral History's Most Elaborate Hoax!

Thus the front page headlines in the latest Weekly World News, supermarket tabloid worthy of its name. The scoop was based on the unsolicited letter of a Polish neurosurgeon who said she treated the wounded president at a convalescent center in Poland after the messy events of Nov. 22, 1963. A "wax likeness" of Kennedy was buried at Arlington National Cemetery, the tabloid said. John Kennedy Jr. saluted a candle.

Some crimes never die. Last week in Boston, someone spray-painted the word "murderer" across a statue of JFK at the Massachusetts State House on the eve of the anniversary of Marilyn Monroe's mysterious death, a cryptic reference to the nasty rumors of how the sexual congress of the brothers Kennedy with the film star somehow led to her untimely demise. Last week in Dallas, Ricky Don White, an unemployed oil equipment salesman, called a crowded press conference to implicate his late father, Roscoe White, a former Dallas cop, in the 1963 as-

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A section of the San Francisco Sunday Examiner and Chronicle

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assassination of the Camelot president.

The Dallas press conference was treated with a far greater degree of seriousness than the Boston trashing. Texas Attorney General Jim Mattox said he was interested in pursuing White's evidence about his father's skull-dugger. Two Kennedy assassination research organizations which co-sponsored White's press conference said they thought they finally had a solid lead toward solving the 27-year-old mystery — opinion polls have consistently found that a majority of Americans do not believe the Warren Commission's lone assassin theory of the Ken-

edy assassination.

"I think it's our best shot," said Bud Fensterwald, executive director of the Assassination Archives and Research Center in Washington. "This is not a solution to the Kennedy case. Even if what White said checks out, the case is not solved. We still don't know who planned it or paid for it."

Bay Area experts in the Kennedy assassination were not as sanguine about the latest Dallas revelations. "I'd like to file it in that part of my mental filing cabinet where I put these things, but on a lower drawer," said Berkeley Professor Peter Dale Scott.

If proved true, White's account of his policeman-father being part of a three-man team firing at Kennedy as his motorcycle passed Dallas' Dealey Plaza would be a dramatic bingo for San Francisco private detective Josiah Thompson, whose book, "Six Seconds in Dallas," proved with technical brilliance that the lone assassin theory violated the laws of ballistics, anatomy and logic.

White's story is that after his father died in 1972, he and his mother found in the family attic a diary in which Roscoe White detailed his role as a sharpshooter firing at Kennedy. The diary disappeared in 1986 after the

FBI visited his house and questioned him about it, White said. White said his father was apparently working for an American intelligence agency, either the Office of Naval Intelligence or the CIA. Along with the diary, he found coded teletypes directing his father to take part in the Kennedy hit and a "witness elimination list." "This should give heart to proponents of the

"mysterious deaths" theory of the Kennedy assassination, in which witnesses to the assassination met deaths as arbitrary as that of the late president.

White said his father, who used the code name Mandarin, fired from behind a fence atop the famous grassy knoll on Elm Street above Dealey Plaza. His two confederates, code-named Sol and Lebanon, fired from the Texas School Book Depository and the adjacent Records Building, according to White's account. Each of the shooters was accompanied by an assistant who disposed of the weapons after the shooting, he said.

White's story supports the theory of ex-FBI man William Turner of San Rafael, who has written extensively about Oswald's role as a fake leftist and the paper trail he created to mislead assassination investigators. White said Oswald was involved in the plot but never fired a shot.

Oswald was instructed to build a sniper's nest on the sixth floor of the School Book Depository — where the Warren Commission said all three fatal shots came from — but didn't make the final cut in the shooting team, White said.

The most convincing evidence of White's story is the number of coincidences that seem to fit all the credible scholarship about the Kennedy assassination. Almost too much, coincidence-wise, is his assertion that his mother, Ginger, was a waitress at Jack Ruby's Carousel Club in Dallas in 1963 and saw Ruby and Oswald there before the assassination. (In Texas everybody's mother gets in the act: Attorney General Mattox volunteered that his mother, who was a waitress at a popular Dallas hangout, Campia's Egyptian Restaurant, told him that she saw Oswald and Ruby dining there.)

At week's end White was reported in Hollywood discussing with director Oliver Stone making a movie out of his father's story.

"One of my theories about the assassination is that it's continually being contaminated by false stories," said Peter Dale Scott. "Whoever is scrippling these stories has a penchant for the curious coincidence."



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Man who says his father killed Kennedy opposed

By DAVID REAL
Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — Roscoe Anthony "Rock" White was an easygoing, mild-mannered Dallas police officer who liked to play dominoes on his lunch break.

Or he was a coldblooded CIA assassin who killed his president and a fellow officer on Nov. 22, 1963.

Several weeks ago, White's son, Ricky Don White of Midland, said his father was both.

But few of those who knew White appear to agree.

His contemporaries find it almost impossible to believe that the man who worked an extra job unloading freight to make ends meet for his family would be capable of killing both President John F. Kennedy and Dallas police Patrolman J.D. Tippit.

And some members of the panel that stood behind Ricky White earlier this month during a news conference now offer competing theories that contradict or conflict with his account.

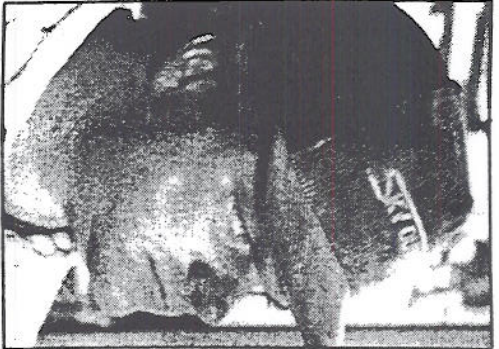
Investigators and volunteers are hard at work trying to verify White's account. Although the theory was received with skepticism in some quarters, Texas Attorney General Jim Mattox and representatives of the Dallas County district attorney's office each met with some of the theory's proponents recently.

All that is known with certainty is that Roscoe White was born in Paris, Texas, on Nov. 18, 1935. He joined the Marine Corps on Feb. 19, 1957, and was honorably discharged as a sergeant on Dec. 4, 1962.

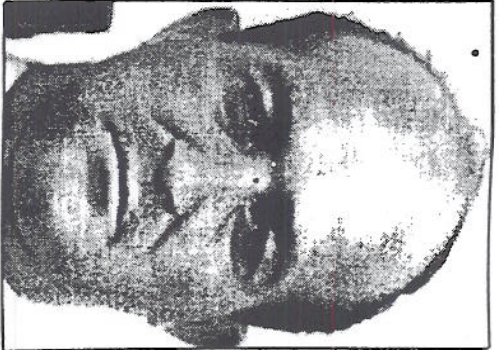
On Oct. 7, 1963, he started working for the Dallas Police Department as a clerk in the identification division. Six weeks later, Kennedy was assassinated.

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for mental diseases, many say, and a reluctance still exists over testing



RICKY WHITE
Story disputed



ROSCOE WHITE
1963 file photo

A few weeks later, in December 1963, Roscoe White began classes at the Dallas Police Academy and graduated on Feb. 28, 1964, with police badge No. 1884.

Less than two years later, he left the police force on Oct. 18, 1965, to work at a drugstore. On Sept. 24, 1971, White was working as a welder and shop foreman at M&M Equipment Co. when he died in a fire.

The story might have ended there, Ricky White said, if he had not found his father's diary, in which the man supposedly admitted to the killings.

But Ricky White said the diary, known only to him and his mother, disappeared from his home after an FBI agent visited in 1988.

White is now trying to reconstruct the diary passages from memory, said Robert Groden, the author of a

Kennedy assassination book. Seven other people have come forward since the news conference, saying they saw and read parts of the diary without the knowledge of Ricky White or his mother, Groden said.

But experts disagree about the authenticity of the only physical evidence: three vaguely worded cables that Ricky White said ordered his father to kill the president.

And his mother is too sick to talk to reporters.

No evidence can be found that unquestionably substantiates White's assassination account, but some has been found that challenge its details.

Joe H. West, who sat with White at the news conference this month, said panel members argued beforehand whether to tell the news media "the

whole truth" about the assassination.

In any case, the story presented that day differs from one presented a few months earlier by West, a Houston private investigator, and J. Gary Shaw, vice president of the JFK Assassination Information Center in Dallas. The two held a news conference in May at which they blamed the Mafia for the assassination.

West said then that Kennedy was killed by Charles Nicoletti, a hit man for the Sam Giancana crime family of Chicago, and was backed up by another Mafia hit man, John Roselli. West said last week that both men joined Roscoe White on the grassy knoll near Dealey Plaza on Nov. 22, 1963, as part of a joint operation between the CIA and the Mafia.

West said White and Nicoletti fired one shot each, while Ricky White said his father fired both shots.

"Ricky is confused. I think, at the point where he's thinking his father fired both of those shots," West said. In all, nine armed operatives were in the area around Dealey Plaza that day, West said.

West said he and two other panel members threatened to walk out of the news conference because the other members wanted to tell only the "Ricky White story" without portraying Roscoe White as a coldblooded assassin who killed dozens of victims.

"They'll make this just a sugar-coated, beautiful little story about how a good former Marine fired a shot — when he was ordered — at the president," West said. "That's not the truth."

West added: "The whole truth might not be good for the sale of a book that Ricky wants to write."

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JFK theory sinks in murk off deep end



**STEVE
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The press conference was just beginning when I arrived. A gray-haired man stepped up to the microphone and said: "You'll notice we're all wearing the same uniform. The only

reason I get to go first is because I am the only one wearing white shoes."

And then things started to get strange.

We were crowded into a corner of the West End MarketPlace, just outside the JFK Assassination Information Center. Life-size photos of Jack Ruby and Lee Harvey Oswald loomed over those seated at the head table.

The gray-haired man at the microphone, Bud Fensterwald, introduced those at the table. As best as I could tell, none wore a uniform. Several did wear blue sport coats, however. I could not see their shoes.

This press conference had been called so that a 29-year-old Midland man could announce to the world that his father killed John F. Kennedy.

But first there was a word from our sponsor.

Various conspiracy theorists associated with the Assassination Information Center took turns at the microphone, explaining how Ricky White's story fit with their views of Kennedy's death.

For almost an hour they went on and on: the grassy knoll — the second gunman — the Mafia — the CIA — entry wounds — exit wounds — Cuban immigrants — New Orleans — cover-ups — covert paramilitary operatives.

Daddy did it

Finally, Ricky stood up. After all those complex theories, it was somehow refreshing to hear his simple story: Daddy did it.

And there was something in Ricky that made you want to believe him. A good old boy in a gimme cap, surely he wouldn't make up this tomfoolery. A West Texas family man in Wranglers and scruffy cowboy boots, surely he wouldn't be one of those assassination nuts.

So you started out listening to his story with a little excitement that this might be for real.

Daddy was a rookie Dallas police officer, see, but that was just a cover for his real job as a trained killer for the CIA.

Dad's name was Roscoe White, but in the CIA they called him "Mandarin." And oh, by the way, Dad killed his friend and colleague J.D. Tippit, too, but he felt real bad about it.

And Mom worked for Jack Ruby, see, and she overheard Mr. Ruby and her Dad discuss the assassination plot in detail, so she had to undergo electroshock therapy to erase that memory or risk being rubbed out by the CIA for knowing too much.

And all of this was spelled out in detail in a diary that Dad kept and Ricky found after his death but nobody else ever saw it and now it's missing and the FBI probably stole it but of course they will deny it.

But there is the other evidence — the hidden canister found after Ricky cracked the secret code that Dad left behind on a paper bag.

Clues in the bag

At first Ricky thought the tree bark shavings inside the paper bag meant that he should dig around the trees at the picnic ground at Lake Whitney where the family used to go. But then he realized that the tree bark meant nothing and he should decode the writing on the outside of the bag.

And when he did, he found a canister hidden behind a warped board in the attic of his grandparents' burned-out, boarded-up home in Paris, Texas.

And in that canister were secret dispatches from top-secret U.S. intelligence sources sending Dad to Dallas to kill Kennedy but of course the CIA will deny it.

And . . . and . . . and . . .

Do you know that feeling you get when you are swimming and you stretch your toes out, expecting to touch bottom, but it's not there? You keep swimming and sticking your toes out, hoping to eventually find solid footing.

I dog paddled all the way through that press conference Monday. I kept hoping for something concrete to stand on.

But it never came and the press conference was over and we just had two hours of talk to rely on.

I stood around after the press conference, trying hard to think of some way to verify anything that had been said that morning.

And in the end, I could think of only one thing. In the milling crowd, I found Mr. Fensterwald, the gray-haired man who had opened the press conference.

And it was true. He was wearing white shoes.

WARREN HINCKLE

JFK assassination: Wherein lies truth?



"HOW COME Senator Ted Kennedy does not tell who killed his brother? The Warren Report was the coverup, not Watergate."

— Michael E. Desmond,
Parkmerced

"DURING THE '60s, when I was editing Ramparts magazine, I discovered a sure way to goose newsstand sales: put a Kennedy on the cover. The dead ones sold better than the live ones.

Public interest in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy and distrust of the official explanation remains a vital sign of the national curiosity. Since the Warren Commission presented its lone-assassin thesis in 1964, public opinion polls have registered an unflinching disbelief in that verdict. Most people think Kennedy was killed by a conspiracy. The sentiments expressed by Michael E. Desmond of Parkmerced Towers were typical of the letters and telephone calls following a report in this space last Sunday regarding the latest Kennedy conspiracy news: a claim by the son of a Dallas policeman that his dad had been one of three men shooting at President Kennedy in Dealey Plaza on Nov. 22, 1963.

The column registered less-than-blind enthusiasm from Bay Area Kennedy assassination experts on the Dallas claim staked by Ricky Don White, an unemployed salesman of oil equipment, on the murderous marksmanship of his late cop father, Roscoe, whose diary is said to contain proof of conspiracy. Examiner readers had their own theories of the assassination: One suggested it had to do with JFK's views on the silver standard.

An often-heard refrain about the assassination is that the truth will never be known until the files of the Warren Commission are unsealed at a date sufficiently far into the future as to qualify for science fiction, circa A.D. 2039. Robert Gardner Raftel, a JFK assassination researcher in Berkeley, put a match and powder to that shibboleth.

Raftel said that more than 90 percent of the Warren Commission files have already been made public through Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuits filed by assassination researchers.

He then laid out the following scenario: that the government has done all it can toward resolving the nettlesome questions about the Kennedy assassination, and that the question should be mercifully put to rest on the basis of the best evidence available.

But after all these years the government now has vastly more information about the assassination locked up than it did at the time of the 1964 Warren Commission Report.

The irony is that the researchers' lawsuits dislodged sufficient information from the files of the Warren Commission to intensify the questioning of its arbitrary conclusions and to prompt congressional probes, culminating in a reopening of the case by the House Assassination committee in 1976. This was propelled by the findings of a subcommittee of the famous Church Committee — which investigated the domestic doings and Mafia-related assassination plots of the CIA that the CIA had withheld key files from the Warren Commission, impeding its investigation. Hearings by Bay Area Congressman Don Edwards also established that the FBI had destroyed evidence related to the investigation.

During the House Assassination Committee probe in 1977-1978, the FBI released some 100,000 pages of its Kennedy assassination files and researcher Raftel trudged through them all.

"But the House Assassination Committee got 300,000 pages of CIA files and an additional 300,000 pages of FBI files on the assassination — and those files are now sealed for 50 years," Raftel said.

Raftel said freedom of information lawsuits cannot penetrate these core assassination files because the records of Congressional investigations, like some papal writ, are immune from FOIA suits.

The bureaucratic rationale for keeping these files off-limits to the very researchers who forced the reopening of the assassination case is to protect intelligence agency "assets" and methods.

Raftel is no conspiracy monger. He recently shot down a press report that George Bush was a CIA agent in 1963 and was involved in the assassination investigation. Raftel showed that what Bush did do was telephone the FBI and suggest that a right-wing Houston Republican who was a political enemy should be considered as suspect in the Kennedy killing. If Oswald was the lone assassin or, as the House Committee concluded, the mob did it, why is every agency of government with a need to know about the Kennedy assassination straining to suppress the facts that would support such elementary conclusions?

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Texan claims his father fired shots that killed JFK

By Hugh Aynesworth THE WASHINGTON TIMES

DALLAS — A 29-year-old Midland, Texas, man charged here yesterday that his father, a former Dallas policeman, was a CIA hit man who fired the shots that killed President Kennedy in 1963.

Ricky White, an unemployed oil equipment salesman who has been trying to peddle the story for at least a year through several unnamed Texas businessmen, told a packed news conference here that his father, Roscoe White — who died in a 1971 fire — joined the Dallas Police Department shortly before the assassination just to handle the job.

Mr. White said yesterday that his father, shooting from the infamous "grassy knoll" area ahead of the presidential motorcade, fired two of three shots that hit Kennedy on Nov. 22, 1963. He said his father also killed Dallas policeman J.D. Tippitt as he and Lee Harvey Oswald were rushing to Red Bird Airport in Mr. Tippitt's car to leave town.

He claimed that Oswald fired no shots at all and that Oswald and Officer Tippitt were "partners."

Ricky White also named two other "shooters," code-named "Saul" and "Lebron," who he said had fired at Kennedy. Roscoe White's code was "Mandrill," he said. Saul and Lebron were CIA operatives stationed in the Texas School Book Depository Building and the County Records Building overlooking Dealey Plaza, he said.

He added that his mother, Geneva White, overheard a plot to kill Kennedy while working as a barmaid at Jack Ruby's nightclub a few weeks before the assassination. She told nobody, he said, because Ruby threatened to kill her if she did.

Ricky White said his mother "has had four shock treatments and cannot be questioned."

The Rev. Jack Shaw of suburban Richardson also was at the news con-



Ricky White with a photo of the presidential motorcade before claiming yesterday that his father killed John Kennedy.

ference, held at the JFK Assassination Information Bureau, which sells conspiracy materials about the tragedy and said Mrs. White had told him what she overheard.

"These allegations — that this was done on CIA orders, that this guy worked for us and that CIA had any role in the assassination of President Kennedy — are ludicrous," CIA spokesman Mark Mansfield said in Washington.

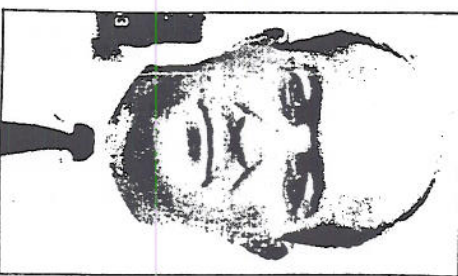
Roscoe White never worked for the CIA, Mr. Mansfield said. "Normally, we never confirm nor deny employment, but these allegations are so outrageous that we felt it nec-

essary and appropriate to respond," he said.

The FBI said in a brief statement that it had received the same information in 1968 but determined that this information is not credible."

The Warren Commission concluded that Oswald, acting alone, fired the shots that killed Kennedy and wounded John Connally, then Texas governor. Despite the findings, conspiracy theories have abounded since the assassination.

Ricky White showed reporters documents that he said would buttress his claims. Among those items were embargated slips showing that



The late Roscoe White in a 1963 photo. His son says he was a CIA agent when he shot President Kennedy.

ing it — particularly, he explained, because Officer Tippitt and his father were close friends.

Earlier this year, Ricky White and his agent, Chuck Neighbors of San Antonio, met with The Washington Times for several hours at the best of a New York publishing house, which had been contacted by Mr. Neighbors.

The New York editor urged a writer for The Times to "examine the validity of what Mr. White claims" and determine if he wanted to write a book with Ricky White about the charges.

This Times reporter — who has written about the Kennedy assassination since the day he witnessed it — investigated several of the White claims and then told the New York

TERRY O'LEARY

editor that he was not interested — that he did not believe the story.

Since the discussions with The Times, Ricky White has come up with further documentation and allegations, including:

- That he had read his father's diary and understood what it meant, but that an FBI agent had taken it and he has not seen it since. Previously, the only reference to the FBI having any materials of his was when he said an agent had read some notes and he could not find them later. Nothing was ever mentioned about a diary, nothing remotely touching on admissions about killing Officer Tippitt, or Oswald not even firing a shot.
- That Mrs. White held a plot with Ruby, saying, "I will take care of Oswald," and her husband replying, "I will take care of the president and I will take care of Tippitt."
- That he had additional information linking his father to the CIA. The Times reporter was told by Ricky White the only thing that caused his belief his father was a CIA agent was a friend living like a "paraded hermit" in a West Texas town, who is no longer mentioned.

There appear to be many holes in the latest scenario, including:

- Officer Tippitt was known to have been farther away from the city and was pulled in closer by his dispatcher as police searched for the assassin. He could not have been downtown, hurrying Oswald and Roscoe White out to an airport.
- When Ricky White said his father fired two telling shots, including one to Kennedy's throat, he was parroting several conspiracy theories, but most forensic experts say there was no shot from the front.
- Woody Specht, an FBI spokesman in Dallas who has dealt with the Kennedy case for nearly a decade, said simply: "You really need to evaluate the source on these types of things."
- This article is based in part on wire service reports.

Man may profit from JFK plot allegations

By JERRY URBAN
Houston Chronicle 8/7/90

DALLAS — A Midland man who claims his father was a U.S. government agent when he participated in a conspiracy to kill President John F. Kennedy admitted Monday that he works full-time for a company set up to profit from his story.

Ricky Don White, 29, said during a news conference at the JFK Assassination Information Center that he wants to see a book written about his father's involvement in the Nov. 22, 1963, assassination.



Roscoe White

He said his father, Roscoe Anthony White, joined the Dallas Police Department in September 1963 in order to carry out the assassination.

White said his father, who died in 1971 of burns from a suspicious fire, fired the shots that a number of witnesses claimed came from behind a picket fence on a so-called grassy knoll, hitting Kennedy in the head and throat.

In a diary detailing the conspiracy, White said his father wrote that he was one of three men who

fired upon Kennedy as his motorcade passed the Texas School Book Depository. He said his father operated under the code name "Mandarin"; the other two men were identified in the diary only by the code names "Lebanon" and "Saul."

White said the diary has disappeared and suggested a Midland FBI agent slipped away with it after the agency interrogated him in 1988.

In response to questions from skeptical reporters, White said he works full time for Matsu Corp., a Midland-based company formed to assist him and share in any profits that may arise from his allegations.

"Originally, we got into this thing to help Ricky solve the story," said Gary Bally, president of Matsu, which is owned by a group of Midland oil and gas investors. "And it turned out that there was going to be a lot of money involved, so we got into a contract arrangement with him to split any potential profits that may come about."

Bally said the group has not made any money on the 1½-year-old agreement.

Matsu would negotiate any book or movie rights, said Bally, adding that film director Oliver Stone has expressed an interest in White's information.

"I've been involved very closely with Rick for the last 14 months,

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Associated Press

Ricky White stands in front of a photograph of Jack Ruby, the JFK Assassination Information Center, where he details allegations that his father, not Lee Harvey Oswald, shot and killed President Kennedy in 1963.

do something. That would be just like you being in the Vietnam War, and they handed you a rifle to take that hill. You don't question the government."

White also said that, after his father died, he found covert government cables that apparently ordered the assassination. The cables, allegedly involving an apparent CIA operation, are stored in a Houston vault under the care of a Houston private investigator.

One of the alleged cables says in part, "The next assignment is to eliminate a national security threat to worldwide peace. Destination will be Houston, Austin or Dallas."

White refused to say why the U.S. government would want Kennedy killed. But, Joe H. West, the Houston private investigator researching White's claims, said at the news conference that elements of the CIA may have wanted to retaliate against Kennedy for not taking more affirmative military action during the Cuban Bay of Pigs operation.

The CIA, which seldom responds to inquiries, had a strong rebuttal Monday to White's claims.

"These allegations — that this was done on CIA orders, that this guy worked for us and that CIA had any role in the assassination of President Kennedy — are ludicrous," CIA spokesman Mark Mansfield said in Washington.

"This individual, Roscoe White, was never employed by the CIA or associated in any way with the agency," Mansfield added. "Normally, we never confirm nor deny employment, but these allegations are so outrageous that we felt it necessary and appropriate to respond."

White said his father served in the Marines with Oswald, the man the federal government concluded killed Kennedy. He also said his mother worked for Ruby.

"It's eating me apart," said White. "I'm sharing a story with you that has built up inside of me, because I loved the man that you are telling about."

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and he's an incredible person to go through what he's gone through," said Bally.

White told reporters that since revealing his father's involvement in the conspiracy he fears for his life. Representatives of the JFK Assassination Information Center will ask the Texas Attorney General's office to investigate the allegations.

White said he is not interested in working with the FBI because agents treated him like a "nut" in 1988 when they questioned him about the claims.

An FBI spokesman in Washington, D.C., said White's claims were reviewed in 1988 and "determined not to be credible."

Ron Dusek, a spokesman with the Texas Attorney General's office, said the agency would look at White's information and then determine if warrants further scrutiny.

White, previously employed as an oil services salesman, said others would corroborate his story once they are assured of protection by authorities.

The Rev. Jack Shaw, an ordained Baptist minister in Dallas, said White's mother, Geneva, who also is said to have seen the diary, told him that she overheard Dallas nightclub owner Jack Ruby and her husband discussing plans for the assassination.

Ruby shot and killed the accused assassin, Lee Harvey Oswald, as he was being led out of the Dallas police station.

White also said his father, and not Oswald, shot and killed Dallas Policeman J.D. Tippit shortly after the assassination of Kennedy. Oswald, who claimed innocence after his arrest, and Tippit were "patsies" in the conspiracy, White suggested. "I don't think he was a bad person," White said of his father.

"He was told by our government to

THE NATION

CIA: Latest JFK plot claim 'Judicrous'

By George Hai
USA TODAY

CIA officials Monday rejected as "judicious" a Dallas man's claims that his father was one of three CIA operatives who assassinated President John F. Kennedy.

During an earlier news conference, 29-year-old Ricky White said his late father, Roscoe White, joined the Dallas Police Department so he could carry out the assassination.

White said Lee Harvey Oswald and police officer J.D. Tippit, who Oswald killed after the 1963 assassination, were "patsies," Oswald was a part of the conspiracy, while Tippit was uninvolved, White said.

He said much of his information came from his father's diary, but he could not produce the book. He suggested FBI agents had taken it.

The FBI said that, in 1988, it received the same information as White divulged Monday but "determined that this information is not credible."

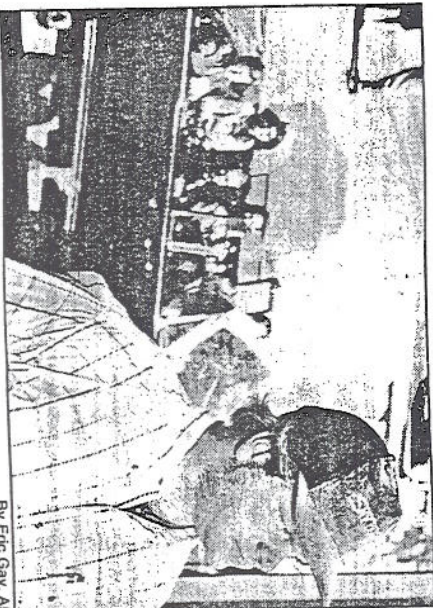
The CIA denied the claims.

"These allegations — that this was done on CIA orders, that this guy worked for us and that the CIA had any role in the assassination of President Kennedy — are ludicrous," spokesman Mark Mansfield said.

Official investigations of the assassination concluded Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone.

White's news conference was at the JFK Assassination Center in Dallas, a group that has pursued the idea of a conspiracy and cover-up.

"We hope the (Texas) attorney general will reopen the case," said center director Larry Howard. "The federal government has done two investigations, but they haven't



By Eric Gay, AP

NEWS CONFERENCE: Ricky White stands next to a photo of JFK's motorcade taken minutes before the president was shot.

done it right yet."

Dozens of reporters covered the news conference, and Howard said later he "had 300 to

400 calls today. We've been on several news shows and Inside Edition is filming, too. The response has been incredible."

White's theory has credence in the eyes of one man who investigated the assassination. Former New Orleans prosecutor Jim Garrison still says the CIA was behind Kennedy's death. He tried New Orleans businessman Clay Shaw in 1969, but a jury rejected Garrison's claim that Shaw was part of a CIA plot.

"There is the possibility that this is valid because there are so many points where this kind of statement... usually veers off into unbeliefability," Garrison said. "This statement continued to ring true."

But Woody Specht, an FBI agent who spent nine years assigned to the assassination case, said: "There's been so many claims like this in the last 27 years. You have to use good judgment here, especially from somebody who was, what, 2 years old at the time?"

CIA denies Texan's version of JFK killing

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DALLAS — An unemployed Texan's claim that his father helped kill John F. Kennedy for the CIA was met by strong denials from the agency on Monday.

Ricky Don White contends his father joined the Dallas police department in September 1963 to carry out the assassination. He said his father, Roscoe White, was one of three CIA operatives who fired the shots.

The CIA issued an unusually strong rebuttal to White's claims. "These allegations — that this guy worked for us and that CIA had any role in the assassination of President Kennedy — are lud-

icrous," CIA spokesman Mark Mansfield said in Washington. Roscoe White never worked for the CIA, Mansfield said.

"Normally, we never confirm nor deny employment, but these allegations are so outrageous that we felt it necessary and appropriate to respond," he said.

The FBI said in a brief statement that it had received the same information in 1968 but "determined that this information is not credible."

The Warren Commission concluded that Lee Harvey Oswald, acting alone, fired the shots that killed Kennedy and wounded John Connally, then the Texas governor, on Nov. 22, 1963, in Dallas. Despite the commission's find-

ings, conspiracy theories have abounded since the assassination.

Ricky White said at a news conference that his father also killed Dallas police officer J.D. Tippit about an hour after the assassination. Tippit's killing has been blamed on Oswald.

White said his father served in the Marines with Oswald, who he said also was part of the conspiracy but fired no shots.

Roscoe White died in 1971 from burns suffered in a fire.

Ricky White, 29, is a former oil equipment salesman from Midland. He made his claims during a news conference at the JFK Assassination Information Center, a privately run group that re-searches various assassinations.

theories. White acknowledged he has tried to sell a book or movie on his theory.

White said he drew his conclusions from what he read in his father's diary and from his parents' discussion with a minister.

White said he got the diary after his father's death and never showed it to anyone. He said the diary disappeared after he talked to the FBI about his theory in 1968.

White said his father referred to himself in the diary by a CIA code name of "Mandarin" and to two other CIA operatives — "Lebanon" and "Saul." The diary indicated his father was on a grassy knoll in front of the presidential caravan and fired two shots that struck Kennedy, White said.



Roscoe White

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Texan claims his father helped kill JFK

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AUSTIN — An unemployed Midland oil equipment salesman claims his late father, a former Dallas police officer, was one of three assassins who killed President John F. Kennedy in 1963, a newspaper reported.

His story is the latest twist in a mystery that has haunted Americans in the 26 years since Kennedy was gunned down in Dallas.

Ricky White was scheduled to meet today with reporters in Dallas to offer evidence he believes implicates his father, Roscoe White, in Kennedy's assassination, the Austin American-Statesman reported in a copyright story Sunday.

White's conspiracy theory is one of many that have been offered since Kennedy's death. And like the others, his intriguing story raises as many questions as it answers.

White, 29, says he "had no conception of ever, ever giving this story out," but decided to do so after the FBI began questioning him in May 1988.

White said he can prove that his father fired two of the three bullets that killed the president, and that he also killed Dallas police officer J.D. Tippit during the search for Lee Harvey Oswald.

Roscoe White died in an explosive fire in 1971.

Ricky White said Oswald was involved in the plot but fired no shots. The two other shooters were referred to in his father's diary only by code names, White said.

The evidence White reportedly will provide includes a rifle with telescopic sight that uses ammunition he said is similar to that Oswald's gun used; records showing Oswald and White served together in the Marines; and three faded messages apparently sent by U.S. intelligence officials ordering Kennedy's assassination in Dallas in November 1963.

White said that he and his mother read his father's diary, which detailed the assassination. His mother, Geneva White, is se-

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rously ill and unable to be interviewed, family members told the newspaper. The diary itself is missing.

Clues found among his father's effects and available government records show that Roscoe White and Oswald served together in the U.S. Marine Corps in the late 1950s, Ricky White said. He said his father claimed to have become acquainted with Oswald in Japan and the Philippines.

Oswald was discharged in 1959 and defected to the Soviet Union. He returned to the United States in 1962, settling first in Fort Worth before moving to Dallas.

Millitary records show White was discharged in late 1962 and joined his wife and two sons in Paris, Texas. Ricky White says his family later moved to Dallas where his father sold insurance.

Dallas police records show that on Oct. 7, 1963, Roscoe White joined the department as a photographer and clerk. He did not become a patrol officer until 1964.

A staff member in the police personnel department said recently that White's file contains no job references, the American-Statesman reported.

As the incriminating evidence began to mount against his father, Ricky White asked the JFK Assassination Information Center in Dallas to verify or disprove his father's involvement, said center director Larry Howard.

"He's actually very courageous to follow this thing through," Howard said.

Howard, who said he has been working with White for 1 1/2 years, hopes White's story will lead to an investigation of the assassination by Texas authorities.

The two Washington-based probes — the Warren Commission in 1963-64 and the House Special Committee on Assassinations in 1976-78 — failed to resolve the Kennedy shooting, Howard contends.

"I've worked personally on (White's theory) from the very start and I've never been so convinced of anything in my life," Howard said.

"We're not saying that we've solved the John F. Kennedy assassination case but this sure opens the doors to another investigation," Howard said.

Howard said Americans are fascinated by JFK's assassination. "I think they (the public) know that it was a massive cover-up in the very beginning and they want to know the truth."

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Mattox urged to open JFK

By Earl Golz
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Attorney General Jim Mattox met for several hours Tuesday with private researchers who are urging him to open an investigation into the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

The researchers showed Mattox some of the evidence they say points toward three gunmen, including Dallas police officer Roscoe Anthony White, as those who fired the shots that killed Kennedy in Dallas' Dealey Plaza in 1963. Two previous federal investigations have concluded that Lee Harvey Oswald fired the shots that killed Kennedy and wounded Texas Gov. John Connally.

Meeting with Mattox in his Austin office were Bernard Fensterwald, executive director of the Assassination Archives and Research Center of Washington, and J. Gary Shaw, co-director of the JFK Assassination Information Center of Dallas.

"They have a number of things that are very interesting," said Mattox, who has five months left in office. "They are going to provide us with additional information. We are going to have a conference among ourselves and see if we feel like we can move forward."

Fensterwald and Shaw are skeptical of the findings of the Warren Commission in 1964 and the House Select Committee on Assas-

sinations in 1979. The Warren Commission found that Oswald, acting alone, fired all the shots. The select committee concluded that Oswald fired the fatal shots from the sixth floor of the Texas School Book Depository, but that a second person also fired a shot that missed from behind a fence atop the grassy knoll to the front and right of the presidential limousine.

Mattox said he also wants to talk to Ricky White, 29, of Midland who has stated he believes his father, Roscoe White, fired two

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shots that struck the president in the throat and head. White said he read in his father's diary, which has since disappeared, that he fired from behind the fence while two other members of an assassination team shot from the Book Depository and Records buildings to the rear of the limousine.

Mattox said he hasn't decided yet what to do, but that his office has jurisdiction.

"The attorney general can investigate anything," he said. "Waggoner Carr (attorney general in 1963) conducted a major inves-

tigation of this when he was in office. He cooperated with the federal investigation."

Ricky White also has determined that his father boarded the same boat with Oswald for Japan as both began their overseas duty as Marines in 1957, and that his mother worked as a hostess in Jack Ruby's Carousel Club in Dallas two months before the assassination. Ruby fatally shot Oswald two days after the assassination while Oswald was in police custody in the basement of the Dallas City Hall.