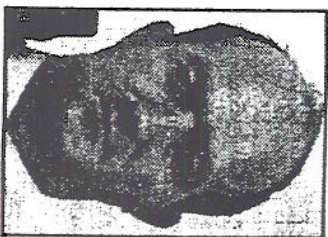
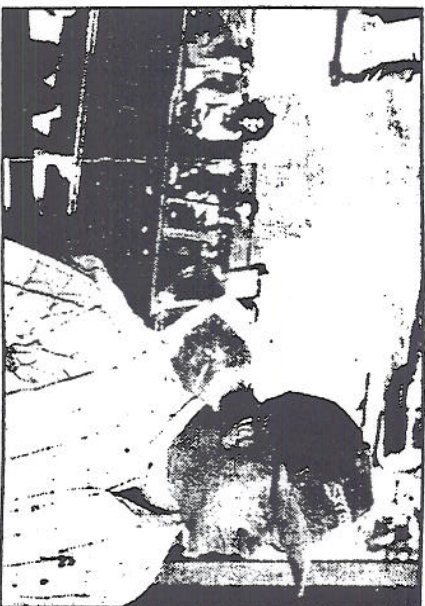


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Above, Ricky White, who claims his father helped kill President John F. Kennedy for the CIA, stands near a photo made of Kennedy's limousine just before the shots were fired. Right, White's father, Roscoe White, who died in 1971.

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JFK assassination tale ludicrous, CIA says

BY PAUL WEINGARTEN
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DALLAS—Ricky White, a 29-year-old unemployed oil equipment salesman, added his version Monday to the vast field of conspiracy theories about the assassination of John F. Kennedy.

White declared at a packed news conference that his father shot the president from the infamous grassy knoll on orders from the CIA.

The CIA called White's allegations "ludicrous," and said White's father was never associated with or employed by the agency.

White said his late father, former Dallas police officer Roscoe White, had kept a secret diary of his undercover intelligence activities in which he relat-

ed details of how he had been one of three assassins who shot Kennedy on Nov. 22, 1963, and wounded John Connally, then the Texas governor.

Oswald, widely believed to be the sole assassin, was involved in the plot but did not fire any shots at Kennedy, according to White's claims.

White said an FBI agent stole his father's diary. The FBI denies it.

In the diary, White said his father described how he fired two shots from the grassy knoll area in front of the Kennedy motorcade, and that two other CIA operatives fired two shots each from the Texas School Book Depository and a nearby building.

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The account contradicts the conclusions of the Warren Commission, which found that the shots were fired by Oswald alone from behind Kennedy's motorcade. A later House Select Committee on Assassinations said a shot was fired from the knoll, but the National Academy of Sciences disputed that.

This spring, White said, a cryptic message in his father's Marine footlocker led him to the final clues: three faded cables, purportedly from the Office of Naval Intelligence, instructing Roscoe White that his next assignment would be "to eliminate a national security threat to worldwide peace."

Bobby Inman, a former naval intelligence director and CIA deputy director, said the cables appeared to be "a forgery of some kind."

For the last 18 months, White has been bankrolled by seven Midland, Texas, investors on his quest to confirm his father's story. White also said he has been in contact with book publishers and movie director Oliver Stone.

Among evidence that White presented Monday: a 7.65mm Mauser that White claimed his father used in the assassination and embarkation slips that showed both the elder White and Oswald departed on the USS Bexar for Marine duty in Japan on Aug. 22, 1957.

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