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Previously I've noted that Ricky White's fabricated account of the JFK assassination in which he has his deceased father as one of three assassins cribbed from two books, Hugh McDonald's Appointment in Dallas and Richard Popain's The Second Oswald.

When the Whites and I were being taped for appearance on Inside Edition, in a part not broadcast the Whites said they not read any assassination book.

In reading George Bernau's novel, Promises to keep (Warner, 1989) this morning I found something in it that is unique to it in any assassination book of which I know, whether fiction, as it is, or non-fiction, that is duplicated in the White fabrication. It is on page 384.

Bernau's novel comes quite clearly from the JFK assassination and he uses some of what is known in it, with a major difference: the president survives. Dallas, Parkland, Dallas police, etc., all in the novel. He duplicates characters like Ruby, who is Green and Tippit, who is Towne.

In White's fabrication Tippit picks up Oswald (Strode in Bernau) near the book depository and his father, and in Bernau, Towne picks up one assassin and Strode! What follows is quotes that reflect the cribbing by the Whites. (I make this plural because I have the impression that he doesn't have much brains but the wife is sharper.)

"I think it was Ray Towne's job to eliminate at least one of the shooters."

"Maybe Strode had been told that Towne's patrol car is going to be his transportation out of the city or at least as far as the pickup point for the other shooter... . What better way to clear downtown Dallas that day than in the back seat of a Dallas black-and-white? But the truth is it was just a setup. Towne was really there to kill him."

Those familiar with what the Whites have said about their alleged plot at the press conference they had in Dallas will see that their fiction appears to come directly from the fiction.

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