

SHAW-WEST NEWS CONFERENCE - NEW EVIDENCE IN JFK CASE
 GALVESTON - May 11, 1990

Well known JFK researcher, J. Gary Shaw and a relative newcomer, Houston Private Investigator Joe West, staged a JFK assassination news conference at the Key Largo Hotel, during the annual meeting of The National Association of Certified Legal Investigators held in Galveston, Texas.

Shaw is the co-director of the JFK ASSASSINATION INFORMATION CENTER in Dallas, and co-author of "COVER UP", a book which lambasted the establishment's theory of JFK's murder.

The new information came mostly from an unidentified source, who provided Shaw and West with his direct conversations with persons whom he determined had taken an active role in the planning and the murder of President Kennedy.

The source said that while incarcerated in an Arizona prison, he saved the life of a person he later found out was the son of a well known mobster. After his release he was contacted by the mobster and went to work for him as an enforcer, i.e. a strong-arm type and hit-man. This was followed by similar employment for the Bonanno crime family. His work was so respected he was retained by "the commission", i.e., the highest power clique in the Mafia.

In the mid seventies when the possibility of Mafia involvement in JFK's murder was being discussed, "the commission" directed the source to find out who the participants were in Kennedy's murder and to interrogate them. This led to John Roselli, and eventually, to Sam Giancana and Charles Nicoletti. The latter was an enforcer for Giancana. Roselli had to be tortured before he revealed the involvement of the other two and additional information concerning JFK's assassination.

Giancana allegedly received a million dollars from the CIA for his efforts to rub out Castro.

There came a point in time when CIA personnel, distraught over the gangster's lack of success with the Castro death plots, and angry at JFK for a myriad of grievances, told their hired murderers that they could keep the money for the Castro job if they would murder the President.

Several plots were supposed to go forward in 1963. The first was in Chicago, slated for November 2nd under the sponsorship of Giancana.

On November 11th, a group of 5 Latins and 5 Anglos met to discuss additional murder plans at the Cinders Club, in Dallas. Jack Ruby and an unnamed New Orleans business man were part of this homicide conference.

The second attempt occurred in Miami on November 18th, under the tutelage of Trafficante. (It should be remembered that a witness quoted Trafficante as saying



that Kennedy would not be re-elected in 1964 because "he's gong to be hit").

Carlos Marcello allegedly organized an attempt on Kennedy's life in Houston on Nov. 21st. It has long been alleged that conspirators met in the Helena Motel in Houston and that Jack Ruby was in there that day.

The source had no knowledge about why these attempts failed.

West learned from a law enforcement source in Houston that the attempt in that city failed because the President's limousine travelled in a different lane than what had been anticipated, causing trees to block the assassins' line of fire. Three of those involved in this attempt were observed running to their car carrying rifle cases.

The plot in Dallas went off with the key assistance of Jack Ruby whom, it is now claimed, played a much larger role than previously suspected.

The plots in Chicago and Miami were the subject of considerable discourse in the FINAL REPORT OF THE HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS, but this did not include the names of the sponsors listed above.

The source went on to say that Giancana, Roselli, Nicoletti, Ruby (et al) met on the evening of November 21st, at the Cabana Motel in Dallas, to engage in last minute discussions on the assassination attempt which succeeded at 12:30 the following afternoon.

Ruby allegedly obtained the guns used to fire at the President from a burglary at a ranch located slightly west of Abilene, Texas. This occurred on November 13th. The gun which fired the head shot that snuffed out the life of the President was a .35 calibre, pump type, Remington rifle, which was fired by Nicoletti from a hiding place behind the picket fence, located on the "grassy knoll."

Roselli told the source he patrolled the parking lot while Nicoletti did the shooting. Roselli then took the rifle and got away in a car.

Nicoletti integrated himself with onlookers and eventually made his escape.

The other 2 shooters supposedly fired from build-

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ings located behind the President. They were not named, but the source claims to know who they were and says they are still alive.

CONFLICT met the source of these allegations on two successive days. He is a large man, in the twilight of his life, soft spoken and very deliberate.

We discussed an entirely different area of the JFK investigation. The source's answers to our questions were accurate in certain key details which only someone extremely knowledgeable about those details could answer. On that basis, CONFLICT found him credible.

He was not questioned as to his motives for his forthcoming attitude... one which might well earn him a resting place with a long list of others who claimed knowledge about the conspiracy to murder JFK.

It should be pointed out that this source originally wrote to Anthony Summers, ("CONSPIRACY"), claiming he could give the author additional information about Kennedy's murder. CONFLICT learned that Summers passed this lead to Gary Shaw who eventually provided it to Joe West.

It should also be pointed out that G. Robert Blakey, the controversial former Chief Counsel of the HSCA, postulated the same general theory about Organized Crime's involvement in Kennedy's murder. However, he ruled out any involvement on the part of the CIA. (See "THE PLOT TO KILL THE PRESIDENT", by Blakey and Richard Billings).

According to Anthony Summers, Blakey told him many years ago he felt confident he could get convictions against individual members of organized crime for their role in the Kennedy assassination, if the Department of Justice wanted to bring them to trial. This was the same Department of Justice which allowed over 9 years to pass before replying to the House Committee's Final Report on the murders of JFK and Martin Luther King.

That reply stated that there was no basis for continuing the investigation.

The Galveston news conference was covered by the Houston affiliate for ABC, (who said they were pooling with CNN), a Galveston newspaper, the Houston Chronicle and several other papers.

Additional details relating to this story will appear in the June edition of CONFLICT.

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spoke from what appears to be detailed knowledge. It
was our impression that more than one of these persons
prefers to keep the truth hidden (and assumes that it will
remain so) while others prefer that it emerge, although
not in a position to do so.

From the perspective of intelligence analysis our
findings are conclusive. From the perspective of journal-
ists it is publishable speculation. From the perspective of
trial lawyers it probably remains inadmissible specula-
tion or hearsay.

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Fortunately, the intelligence provides leads to
admissible evidence. The videotape is the gem. But all
the evidence is guarded by formidable constraints. Only
carefully planned and tenaciously and narrowly pursued
efforts will make acquisition possible.
(To be concluded in June 1990 issue)

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*CONFLICT has learned from a reliable source that famed
defense counsel Melwin Belli received money from the late Sam
Giancanna for Belli's defense of Jack Ruby.
The source claims that in April this year, Belli gave a
video-taped deposition in the same Dallas office building
Where Ruby's co-counsel, Phil Burleson is headquartered.
Belli is alleged to be suffering from terminal cancer. He
supposedly gave this as yet unpublicized deposition to absolve
Burleson and another Ruby lawyer, Joe Tonahill, from the
stigma attached to Belli's dealings with Giancanna.
This development lends credence to an earlier rumor
alleging that upon completion of Ruby's trial in Dallas, Belli
flew directly to Mexico City where he received a large sum in
cash.*

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