

allies that after all citizens might find the facts of a conspiracy in the Warren Commission Records, some sure way had to be found to still the growing clamor, lock the door and hide the key.

They found their allies in the vast bureaucracy, not only in the National Archives, but also in the nooks and crannies of government departments everywhere. Bureaucrats joined them because they are not different from other members of the human race.

Some are like members of other professions — military and educational — who are often moved by a vision of what they hold to be greater things. They are attracted by enhanced prestige, greater power, more privileges and a ride on the sparkling political currents that carry helpful persons with them. They all knew what successful careers demanded and did their duty.

Government attorney E.J. Silbert, for example, received a promotion, being appointed by President Nixon as United States Attorney for the District of Columbia. What they had not counted on were the winter scholars and storm-battered citizens standing in 200 years of American tradition who were moved by a far wider vision.

A Summary

That a President of the United States can be shot dead on the streets of the nation he governed and the foul deed can be masked by callous forgeries, perfidious conduct, studied deceit and broken oaths shames the history and fine tradition of the nation. It belies all he stood for as a man and as our President. It invites — yes strongly suggests — comparison with the political actions of Imperial Rome or Germany of the mid-1930s.

Critics who follow the principle of objective truth have ever been repelled by acts that buckle to imposed base standards. Critics in a democracy have the double fortune of being able to pursue truth not only to the end of the political order because the essential argument of democracy is that the ends of government must be intelligently formed by the people's action.

To enable a condition for right action to exist, critics have the splendid duty of objectively presenting knowledge that ignorance cannot sway the citizen's act. That men and women continue to labor on the evidentiary foundation of the assassination of John F. Kennedy is a public good.

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