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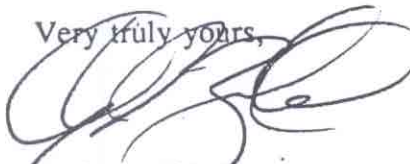
Dear David:

Thank you very much for your letter and I apologize for the delay in responding. Obviously, your interest in the assassination is just like mine and many other Americans who are completely dissatisfied with the conclusion offered to us by our governments. You are absolutely correct in your assessment that each of us has our own individual bias and from my standpoint, my bias stems from my initial interest in Lyndon Johnson which then lead me to develop an interest in the assassination.

However, irrespective of each individual's bias I am certain that all of us have a like goal in attempting to determine the truth wherever it may ultimately lead. In that regard, I am presently working with several other assassination researchers on several tests and studies that may be of help to all of us.

Keep up the interest and feel free to drop me a line anytime.

Very truly yours,



Craig J. Zirbel

P.S. Your father was very astute.

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- 0000 - "Star Spangled Banner" - Whitney Houston SB XXV '91
- 0276 - JFK Assassination: "Abraham Zapruder Film Examined" - HARD COPY w/ Barry Nolan reporting
- 1097 - JFK Assassination: "Eyewitness Jean Hill & Dr Cyril Wecht discuss Assassination" - M Povich Show
- 2534 - "A View To A Kill" - Duran Duran music video
- 2748 - "The Kennedy Assassinations: Coincidence or Conspiracy?" - All American Communications - examination of all conspiracy aspects
- 5906 - end/approx 30 seconds remains UNrecorded

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- 0000 - "Star Spangled Banner" - Whitney Houston SB XXV '91
JFK Assassination: "A Time For The Truth" -
A CURRENT AFFAIR studies various aspects of case
 - 0272 - phony/doctored backyard photos of L H Oswald studied
 - 0984 - Abraham Zapruder Film analyzed frame-by-frame
 - 1372 - Madeleine Duncan Brown interviewed (IBJ's mistress)
 - 1684 - famous "tramps"/hobos identified & located
 - 2214 - L H Oswald's Marine friend Kerry Thornley interviewed
 - 2632 - Oliver Stone/Vincent Bugliosi/G R Blakey interviewed
 - 2926 - "Who Killed JFK? Facts Not Fiction" - hosted by
Dan Rather/cumulative interviews of 3 separate CBS
News investigations over the past 29 years/77 min.
 - 5890 - end/NO segment remains unrecorded (all credits incl)
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- 0000 - "Star Spangled Banner" - Whitney Houston @ Super Bowl XXV '91
0275 - JFK Assassination: "Dr Charles Crenshaw intrvwd" - KCBS-TV
0379 - JFK Assassination: "Jack Valenti interviewed" - ENTER TONITTE
0660 - JFK Assassination: "Dr Charles Crenshaw intrvwd" - ABC "20/20"
1818 - RFK Assassination: "Reopen Investigation" - ENTERTAIN TONITTE
2030 - "JFK Assassination: The Jim Garrison Tapes" - an in-depth look
at all aspects of the JFK Assassination including interviews
w/ the top assassination researchers over the last 29 years
5870 - end/NO segment remains unrecorded

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0000 - "Star Spangled Banner" - Whitney Houston @ Super Bowl XXV '91
0275 - JFK Assassination: "Clay Shaw Trial" - KCBS-TV Channel 2
0453 - JFK Assassination: "The Cuban Connection" - TODAY Show
1094 - JFK Assassination: "A View To A Kill" - Duran Duran mus video
1384 - JFK Assassination: movie "JFK" - ABC News's "Nightline"
2670 - JFK Assassination: "Assassination Files" - ABC News "Nightline"
4160 - JFK Assassination: "The KGB Oswald Files" - ABC News "Nightline"
5876 - end/approx 5 seconds remains UNrecorded (trailer only)

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Memorandum

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Subject: "The TEXAS CONNECTION": Lyndon Baines Johnson - Vice-President or Presidential Assassin? "LBJ: Kennedy Killers"	Date: 9-21-92
To: CRAIG I ZIRBEL - "TEXAS CONNECTION" author	From: Victor Martinez AC-818 358-5390 7-10 pm 8-5 pm

This letter has been long in the making and I finally decided to put all my thoughts down concerning your masterpiece, "The TEXAS CONNECTION." Your book has to rate as one of the 10 (ten) best books I've ever read w/ "The GODS of EDEN," being No. 1. The two most brilliant points you make are the observation of the "Right Hand Man Assassination" as a means of succession to the throne by the second in command; the second is your comparison to this country's obsession to the Kennedy Assassination (and how we let it happen w/o bringing those responsible to fully account for it) to Hitler's Germany (and how the German people stood idly by and let it happen). We ourselves wonder how the German people could let such a thing happen in their country, yet Europeans wonder how we Americans could let a palace coup d'etat be staged in our country w/o slightest outcry from the docile, lethargic, well-behaved American populace.

Beides the many positive, brilliant points brought up and pointed out in your book, after weighing and considering it against other knowledge I have on the case, I disagree w/ your principle thesis which is that Lyndon Baines Johnson masterminded his predecessors assassination; what your book instead convinced me of is that Lyndon Johnson helped in executing the planning of Kennedy's murder and solely acted (just about) in covering up any evidence after the fact. To articulate why I disagree w/ you would consume too much space and be very lengthy, however what I'm going to do is point out some errors, misstatements you made and some general deficiencies in your book, some of which will help your case, some which will hurt it.

• pp. 75-76 - you allege that though several members of the Mafia probably wanted Kennedy out, that they would never have sanctioned a "hit" w/o full "family" approval; you also error in stating that Robert Kennedy never went after "the big guys." Kennedy went after Trafficante, Marcello (who was deported and dropped in a Guatamalan jungle and subsequently flown back to the U.S. by CIA pilot David Ferrie), Sam Giancana (who went to court to get a Restraining Order against the FBI/Justice Dept for tailing/wiretapping him); if these weren't "the big boys," then WHO were they back in that time frame, Craig?! One of the primary reasons I consider the Kennedy assassination scenario as explained in the best-seller "DOUBLE CROSS," is that it explains how the Mob was involved in Kennedy's murder; not as the primary moving force, but instead it was brought into the project to help execute the plan. You're correct in stating that the top men would have to sanction such a "hit" UNLESS someone else was the main mover, that main mover being a rogue element within the U.S. intelligence establishment. I thought your use of the term "double crossed" was interesting since you wrote your book before "DOUBLE CROSS" was published, but that was very perceptive on your part as to a motive on the part of organized crime to eliminate Kennedy. You state that the Kennedy's had a close relationship w/ the Mafia, yet other works indicate that it was in fact Joe Kennedy who had cultivated that relationship and enlisted their assistance in securing the '60 election WITHOUT the Kennedy Brothers being aware of it; as a matter of fact, it's also been pointed out that it was in fact Joe Kennedy who suggested to his son John that he select LBJ as his running mate as he would never be able to carry the South/Texas w/o LBJ on the ticket; you made much of Kennedy's choice of LBJ in your book and I felt

obliged to point it out. In summation, I believe that the Mafia's help was enlisted, but I agree w/ you that they were not the primary movers. I might point out that John Davis says in "The KENNEDYS: Dynasty & Disaster" that the Mob "had the means, motive and opportunity" for the assassination. I believe they had the latter two, but certainly not the means, especially when it came to covering it up after the fact.

• pp. 78-83 - you don't give much credibility of the "CIA did it" theory, but this is the one that most researchers subscribe to and even you state, "And a CIA connection to the Kennedy assassination appears to have some validity." What I believe is that a rogue group of CIA Case Officers and upper echelon managers within the CIA plotted Kennedy's death and brought others into the planning to execute the plan. This is where you and I differ; you allege that Lyndon Johnson brought these other individuals/co-conspirators into the murder of his predecessor, ... I say that Lyndon Johnson was brought into the assassination planning by this rogue group of very powerful men who call themselves "S-Force." Once again, "DOUBLE CROSS" supports this belief on my part and many, many others. In your book you point out that the last typed words Kennedy issued to his secretary Lincoln was that Lyndon Johnson wouldn't be on the '64 ticket; what you fail to mention is that one of the last statements Kennedy made right before the start of the motorcade was, "... when we get back to Washington, I'm doing some more housecleaning at the CIA." I couldn't believe your statement that the new CIA Director would know necessarily about all the goings-on at the CIA; if this rogue group was operating outside of Agency knowledge, how would Director McCone have known?! Also, the mere fact that Kennedy was going to do still more "housecleaning" indicates that your statement, "... the truth is that the disgruntled employees were eliminated from the Agency," as being totally false. On the "GERALDO Show," Robert Groden thought that your view of LBJ as the primary moving force was a narrow perspective and that you weren't seeing the much bigger picture. I have to agree w/ that assessment. To understand the mind set the CIA was operating in 1963 -- and perhaps even to this day -- one would have to go back to the end of WWII and the dismantling of the OSS in that Fall of 1945. "Wild Bill" Donovan proposed to then President Roosevelt that the United States should set up a permanent civilian intelligence agency. Word of the suggestion was leaked to the Chicago TRIBUNE which denounced it as "an American Gestapo." Little did they know that that is literally what happened when the CIA was created in 1947 by the National Security Act and had as many of its first "employees" 6,000 - 20,000 former Nazis and SS members in a deal struck w/ Nazi Brigadier General Reinhard Gehlen. Needless to say, the U S Congress knew nothing about it and Truman knew very little about it. These CIA operatives served as our eyes and ears until 1955 in Europe and the USSR until the entire organization was transferred to the BND and became the backbone of NATO intelligence. This was the base that the U S Intelligence system was founded and developed through the decades of the Cold War. Everything American policymakers believed they knew about Europe and the Soviet Union well into the '60s was supplied to them by an intelligence network made up completely of Hitler's most dedicated Nazis. I believe that many (most?) CIA personnel at the birth of the Agency were indoctrinated w/ this quasi-fascist mind set and have in fact passed it down from one generation of employees to another. Can you now see how these extremely right-wing/fascist employees at the CIA would view the young liberal Kennedy as a "communist" and support the "Wanted for Treason" posters posted in downtown Dallas the day Kennedy came to town? Plus you can compound this w/ the fact that when the National Security Agency was formed in 1952, most of the intelligence functions were taken away from the CIA and it was left w/ nothing to do except play "what if" games some of which included the MK/Ultra drug experiments, HT/Lingual, Operation AJAX, Operation SUCCESS, election thefts, the overthrow of foreign elected governments and news control in this country. Truly, the CIA had/had become "the American Gestapo." In the photocopied pages of "DOUBLE CROSS," it's pointed out that the CIA had many times overthrown democratically-elected governments, so why not here for the first time?! And so it was done on November 22, 1963. The members of "S-Force" probably sincerely believed that they were doing the country as a whole "a favor" by eliminating Kennedy as they had done for many, many years abroad. There's even evidence to suggest that they did it almost a decade later when a "silent coup" was staged to overthrow Nixon through a subtle counter-conspiracy. At least this is what H R Haldeman writes in his "novel" about what happens when a U S President finds out that the CIA was involved in a controversial domestic political assassination and the CIA finds out that he knows what they did; the CIA then proceeds to frame this President in a "silent coup" to get him out of office. What does this sound like to you, Craig?! I thought Carl Oglesby put it best in summing up what most serious JFK assassination researchers believe today which is:

- 1) Rabidly anticommunist elements of the CIA's Operations Division -- often moving through extra-governmental channels -- were deeply involved at the top of the assassination planning and management process and appear to have been the makers of the decision to kill the President.
- 2) The conspiracy was politically motivated. Its purpose was to stop JFK's movement toward detente in the Cold War and it succeeded in doing that. It must therefore be regarded as a palace coup d'etat.
- 3) Oswald was an innocent man craftily set up to take the blame. As he put it, "I'm a patsy."

The assassination scenario and how it worked and the principle players is pretty well laid out in the attached pages of "DOUBLE CROSS." The only error I have found (so far) is when it states on p. 335, "... the CIA upper echelon sequestered themselves in a hotel, surrounded by electronic equipment. With the aid of walkie-talkies, the men were able to secure their firing positions and learn of Oswald's whereabouts immediately following the hit." My research has led me to determine that the "hotel" were in fact the offices of Jaggars-Chiles-Stovall which was used -- without the knowledge of the proprietors -- as the operational headquarters of "S-Force" during the assassination. (JCS did top-secret map work for the military and, in fact, Lee Harvey Oswald worked there for a while upon his return from the Soviet Union which was odd in light of the fact that one had to demonstrate proven loyalty to the United States, but Oswald was an alleged "defector"). You state quite often that Lyndon Johnson had "the means, motive & opportunity" to carry out this heinous act against his predecessor, yet I've demonstrated that another organization also met that criteria: the CIA, our own American Gestapo. In fact, Johnson couldn't have done it solely w/ the aid of some "wealthy, right-wing oil-rich Texans;" who hired private, top-notch shooters. In your book, you highlight Madeleine Duncan Brown's statements of LBJ's "death prediction" for John Kennedy on the morning of the assassination, yet you omit what Johnson told her in later years as to who was really behind the assassination: "the CIA and the oil people." I have as much contempt for Lyndon Johnson as you display in your book, but I believe him in this one instance, though what he failed to mention to Ms Brown was that the conspirators could never have carried it out w/o his direct involvement. In closing, I don't think the case you made for the CIA not being the prime mover was at all a good one, ... a rather poor one in fact when looking at the larger historical perspective in pursuit of "the big picture."

- p. 114 - in the book "DOUBLE CROSS," it explains that if Nixon let the true 1960 election results slide, that they would "owe" him a favor in a future election thereby insuring Nixon's silence. It was an astute observation on your part to point out that the fraud was greatest in Johnson's home state of Texas, though Chicago received most of the publicity (remember that Joe Kennedy correctly predicted that his son could never win the presidency w/o carrying Texas).
- p. 143 - the donations by "conservative Texas oil men," in LBJ's quest for the Presidency were most certainly used to pay for the shooters that day in Dealey Plaza as "DOUBLE CROSS" states that ea shooter received \$50,000 for taking part in the assassination. Even w/ the CIA's power, it would be difficult to fudge the books for that amount of money (a lot in those days) for that many people w/o arousing suspicion.
- p. 147 - you spend several pages exploring the reasons WHY Kennedy would ever select LBJ as his running mate knowing full well what a vicious campaign LBJ had waged against him. Again, "DOUBLE CROSS" answers it describing the direct involvement of Joe Kennedy. Your third version is probably nearest the mark, though I don't believe Johnson "baited" Kennedy into selecting him as you speculate.
- p. 158 - the murder of USDA Marshall w/ a bolt action rifle makes me wonder if Johnson didn't suggest to "S-Force" that the patsy use a similar weapon when "firing at" the President?
- p. 183 - this is the other rather weak part of your thesis that LBJ masterminded Kennedy's death in your chapter titled, "Timing." To someone uninitiated in this complex case, your statements make a lot of sense UNTIL one learns that there were in fact "stand-by assassinations plans" set for all over the country from March - November 1963; in fact the Protective Research Section of the Secret Service recorded over 400 such threats to President Kennedy during that period. The first (significant) threat was a postcard warning that the President would be assassinated while riding in a motorcade. A 23-yr-old Puerto Rican was disarmed on Nov 5, 1960 as he tried to get to Kennedy riding in a open convertible (he had a loaded pistol). This event happened in Chicago (Giancana's home) as well as the ensuing event on October 30, 1963 when the Secret Service arrested Thomas Arthur Vallee, a former Marine Corps veteran w/ a history of mental illness, a member of the John Birch Society and a self-styled expert marksman. The Chicago Secret

Service office had also received a teletype from the FBI right before Nov 2, 1963 which stated that an attempt would be made on the President's life by a four-man team using high-powered weapons. Of course the reasonable question which comes to mind is: was Vallee the proposed "patsy" for Chicago as Oswald was in Dallas? It's too much of a "coincidence" for me that this took place in Sam Giancana's backyard who felt that Kennedy had "double crossed" him and other Mafia leaders by prosecuting them mercilessly; even you wonder about a double cross on p. 75 of your book. Then another credible threat was received when a right-wing extremist was secretly tape recorded as saying on Nov 9, 1963 that Kennedy would be killed w/ a high-powered rifle from a tall building. The motorcade scheduled for the President was cancelled for Nov 18, 1963. Part of Milteer's conversation w/ the undercover police officer goes, "It's in the works,... there ain't any countdown to it. We have just got to be sitting on go. They will pick up somebody,... within hours afterward,... just to throw the public off" were clearly statements of someone who wasn't just guessing. My point in illustrating and presenting these examples to you, Craig, is simply this: do you REALLY think that Lyndon Johnson was also intimately involved w/ the detailed planning of each and every one of these "proposed" assassination sites?! I have no doubt that he assisted the real plotters in helping pull off the Dallas job successfully, but it's much more reasonable to believe that the same group -- S Force -- which stalked Kennedy in L.A., Chicago and Miami also followed him to Dallas; of that I'm certain and I think your chapter "Timing" is greatly weakened by this "bigger picture" of evidence.

- pp. 197 - 199 - your statements regarding the President's security -- or gross lack of -- were sharp observations. Regarding the security detail, Sam Giancana observed, "They made sure it was so loose down there on the day of the hit, shit, a 4-yr-old could've nailed Jack Kennedy." With respect to the press pool car, you don't mention it, but I think it was LBJ who bumped it to the rear instead of being the fourth car back in the motorcade in which case it could've filmed much more during the actual shooting than it did which is virtually nothing.

- p. 202 - your noting of any tissue on the "Magic Bullet" and how it cleansed itself after traveling through two bodies is an observation which isn't made very often; rather it's the pristine condition of the bullet that's noted, not the lack of any extraneous material which adhered to its outer surface.

- pp. 203 - 205 - I believe the questions you have regarding the "bizarre" actions of Officer Tippit and any involvement w/ Oswald are explained in both "DOUBLE CROSS" and "HIGH TREASON II" however, unfortunately, both accounts vary slightly. In one account, Tippit drove in front of Oswald's rooming house, beeped and waited for him a block away in order to take him to Redbird Airport and then be spirited out of Dallas. Tippit balked and shooter Roscoe White killed Tippit (an extra police shirt was found in Tippit's back seat of his patrol car and it's speculated that it was White's when he changed right there). The other scenario has Tippit as being ordered to kill Oswald at the assassination site "in the line of duty" and he heralded a "hero," but again he balked, let the "patsy" get away and was himself killed by Roscoe White. In both accounts, they agree on this one issue: that Roscoe White -- not Lee H Oswald -- killed Tippit, so when Oswald answered, "no sir, I didn't shoot anybody,... I'm just a patsy!" was in fact the truth. Your book on p. 205 leads one to believe that Oswald killed Tippit, but the evidence -- especially in CROSSFIRE by Jim Marrs -- doesn't support this sequence of events described in your book.

- pp. 208 - 209 - your description of Oswald's having to "work" the boxes as he would have had to, yet only partial fingerprints were found on only two boxes is a very good one. What it took a former college tackle and weight lifter to move the same number of boxes as Oswald allegedly did is an excellent one.

- p. 216 - here, you commit an error though a minor one. In fact, "a fully staffed ambulance was waiting in the basement" is simply NOT true. In fact, Oswald was quickly hustled back into the room which he had just emerged from, a weekend intern they used was called to give him medical attention and the ambulance arrived 6-7 minutes later (this is explained in the video-tapes and in "CROSSFIRE"). You are correct, though, that the medical procedures only hurried the internal bleeding in Oswald.

- P. 229 - was Oswald in Mexico? Or was it a double? The CIA claims it has pictures of Oswald in Mexico, but has never been able to produce a single photo, but instead produced one of "Saul" (from "APPOINTMENT IN DALLAS") who was too burly in appearance to be mistaken for Oswald. I faintly remember the HAC determining that in fact it was not Oswald in Mexico City but could have been someone impersonating him to further incriminate him. I don't know myself and you/I need to do more checking into this one aspect.

- P. 230 - this is another weak/misleading part of your book. You write so that the impression is given to the reader that Oswald was working for Jack Ruby when in fact it was George DeMohrenschildt who was closest to Oswald and was, in fact, his CIA controlling officer. Of course, mentioning this would once again help point the finger in the direction of the CIA, much to the detriment of your thesis. Remember, Craig, it is only the TRUTH that all of us seek, not to necessarily vindicate our own little belief system so we can say, "See, I was right!"
- p. 231 - 232 - your claim that "no evidence" exists linking Oswald to the CIA is a ludicrous statement at best. CIA Case Officers have come out and said that if one had a "201 File," then you were a CIA Agent. And what about the 1,000,000 + pages which the CIA has in two four-file cabinets?! If there's any doubt in your mind of Oswald's CIA link/employment, you should re-read "CROSSFIRE" by Jim Marrs; there's no doubt in my mind that he was an intelligence operative of some type, be it w/ the Office of Naval Intelligence, the CIA, or whatever, perhaps we'll never know for sure. Once again, his CIA employment would not go well w/ your thesis since it points the finger of blame in another direction.
- P. 239 - your analysis of why Ruby went to Parkland (to report something had gone awry w/ the assassination) is a very good one, though you might have mentioned that it was even alleged that Jack Ruby was at the theater when Oswald was arrested later that day (read "CROSSFIRE").
- P. 254 - yours is the first book I ever learned of what Johnson was doing at the moment of the assassination and I don't think you gave it nearly enough play; had you given it the right amount of attention, it certainly would have strengthened your case on Johnson. The walkie-talkie was supposed to be tuned to Channel One which was used by the President's security staff, however it went down "mysteriously" for 12 minutes: 4 minutes prior to the assassination and eight minutes after the shooting stopped. Given these facts, WHAT could Lyndon Johnson have been possibly listening to?! You also don't mention -- but I will -- that Johnson's Secret Service Guard Rufus Youngblood leaned over from the front and put his ear eagerly up to the same walkie-talkie; what were THEY listening to?! Correlating it w/ other known facts -- and speculated ones -- I believe they were listening in to the second-by-second goings-on and directions which were being communicated by the members of "S-Force" to the shooters/ participants in Dealey Plaza; this was their way making sure everything went like clockwork; this allowed Johnson to get an immediate picture/ results of what had happened and to keep up w/ rapidly unfolding details. It also shows that some of the Secret Service staff may also have been involved in the plot. As you know, it's been speculated for a long time that the assassination was controlled via the use of radio communications and this would certainly add up given Johnson's unusual actions. Like you wrote, it would be awfully difficult for Johnson to wave and smile at crowds while listening to walkie-talkie communications.
- P. 260 - you're correct in your statement, "... it becomes crystal clear that Johnson was aware that Kennedy was going to be murdered," however that only Johnson gained from the death of Kennedy is an erroneous one. His friends gained, military contractors gained and the CIA gained by retaining their powerful, "lone-wolf" position as an "independent, non-accountable" arm of government. While it's true that only Lyndon Johnson could conceal the facts/evidence after the assassination, this was much too complicated of an operation to have undertaken beforehand w/o the help of very powerful men in government.
- P. 290 - your statement, "If Kennedy accepted the advice of his advisors, all of the assassination planning would have been wasted," is only partially true; it would have been "watsed" for Dallas only, but as I explained earlier, it would've have been a "go" for some other city, so eventually Kennedy would've been killed.
- P. 291 - because paraffin tests revealed that Oswald had NOT fired a rifle that day and that most likely he was on the first floor watching the motorcade (as well as having lunch), I don't believe that he ever even fired a shot; as a matter of fact, "DOUBLE CROSS" gives that honor to Richard Cain, though you may be correct in stating that it was the "signal" for the others that the shooting in coordinated volleys was about to start.
- P. 292 - your synopsis as to the post-assassination maneuvering is a correct one w/ the only question remaining: was Oswald supposed to be killed by Tippit right there "in the line of duty," or was he slated to make a clean get away from Redbird Airport? Perhaps we'll never know.
- P. 298 - while you think that some readers will suspect you of "presenting a skewed set of facts" (to support your thesis), I think I've shown you that the inclusion of other facts might have softened the belief in many that LBJ masterminded Kennedy's death and in fact acted only as an accessory.

I felt, too, that your close scrutiny of political assassinations on pp. 36 - 37 went a long way in casting doubt in a reasonable person's mind as to Oswald's culpability in the crime of the century.

Though I've read many books on the assassination, yours is the first I've ever responded in detail to, Why? Because over the years, whenever I heard, "So-and-so had the "means, motive and opportunities to commit it," I always wondered to myself why no one ever thought Lyndon Johnson might have been a major driving force behind Kennedy's death if not the primary one in fact. When a political assassination takes place abroad, the first question the media and the American people ask themselves as a whole is, "What were the existing political forces at work and did sufficient motive exist for them to carry out this treasonous act?" Even from recent history, we asked ourselves this when Ghandi was assassinated in India; so why not ask that question for this country? In fact, it was asked,... in Europe many of whom thought Lyndon Johnson was behind it. Perhaps the highest-ranking Soviet official to ever defect to the West, Arkady N Shevchenko, put it best in his book, "BREAKING WITH MOSCOW," when he wrote, "In November 1963, President Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas,... Moscow firmly believed that Kennedy's assassination was a scheme by "reactionary forces" within the United States seeking to damage the new trend in relations. The Kremlin ridiculed the Warren Commission's conclusion that Oswald had acted on his own as the sole assassin. There was in fact widespread speculation among Soviet diplomats that Lyndon Johnson, along with the CIA and Mafia, had masterminded the plot; since Johnson was from Texas -- a center of the most reactionary forces in the United States -- according to the Soviets, he was associated with the big-time capitalism of the oil industry, also known to be anti-Soviet." This view buttresses and lends sharp credibility to the scenario laid out in "DOUBLE CROSS" and I think what you have to keep in mind, Craig, is that during that period, both the CIA and Mafia had become "fused" together almost as one, but one must not lose sight of the fact that it was the CIA which took the lead and not the reverse in initiating "black" projects.

There is one last good reason I believe the CIA was behind this whole thing, but I'll relay that to you in person (over the phone), rather than detail it here just because it would be too lengthy.

I know you're anxious to respond, but I would prefer that you NOT do so until after you've viewed all the customized videotapes I've enclosed for you; many hours were spent in preparing these for you; very tight editing and the best quality tapes were used in mastering these HX dubs for you personal library. Many of the points I've raised are addressed in these tapes. How can you "reimburse" me for these tapes? You can do so by:

- 1) *Keeping an open mind when reading my critique of your book and trying to understand where others are coming from in their presented points of view;*
- 2) *Review the enclosed tapes carefully and don't press the "fast forward" because you think you know what the individual interviewed is going to say;*
- 3) *On p. 123, you purposely deleted Johnson's obscene table manners and rather unsanitary habits to "spare the reader," but I'd like to have that deleted chapter, anyhow (a rough photocopy of the material you have would be fine);*
- 4) *Do you know where I might be able to secure a copy of an out-of-print book entitled, "A TEXAN LOOKS AT LYNDON: A STUDY IN ILLEGITIMATE POWER," by J Evetts Haley, Palo Duro Press, 1964?*

I've also enclosed a photocopied article which appears in the Sept '92 issue of SAN DIEGO Magazine written by Louis Kartsonis. The whole gist of the

article is that Kennedy was only struck from behind and if there were any shooters from the front, they missed entirely. This, as you well know, is utter nonsense, but in fairness to him, that was the logical conclusion he reached after Kartsonis reviewed the (phony) JFK autopsy photographs at the National Archives,... too bad he didn't have the benefit of speaking w/ Dr Charles Crenshaw before writing his article. You may want to write your own "letter to the Editor" at San Diego Magazine; if you do, send it to:

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Louis Kartsonis was a pretty cool guy in forwarding a copy of the "Master Researcher Directory" to me of which a copy is enclosed for your review and consideration. I feel that you have made a very important contribution in this very complex and important case and I think you should place yourself on this list by contacting Gordon Winslow so that you are in even a better position to possibly acquire and exchange information that you might have missed altogether.

When you had the toll-free no. set up for the "Texas Connection," your secretary indicated that some of your friends have prompted you to write a "Texas Connection II," which agree with as well. As my friends and I described your book when first reading it, "It's one of those books you just can't put down once you start!" You had a very clear, conversational style of writing as opposed to the "stuffy" style of many other researchers and so it was very easy for you in getting your points across to the reader. No where is this more evident than on pp. 282 & 298 - 300,... BRILLIANT! Over the summer, I read your book, "The TEXAS CONNECTION" three (3) complete times and correlated much of your information w/ other information from various sources and took very detailed notes on everything. I have concluded that you're weren't "off base" by very much, just mistaken in your belief that Lyndon Johnson took the lead in the assassination planning when in fact it was the members of "S Force." I also asked myself after reading your book the second time around, that if Lyndon Johnson had died after his first heart attack in 1955, would Kennedy have lived through '64? It took me about 10 seconds to give myself a resounding NO! To me regardless of LBJ, Kennedy would still have been killed, though the conspirators found a willing and able co-conspirator in Lyndon Johnson so that their job was made that much easier after the crime and its subsequent coverup.

In reviewing the GERALDO Show tape you were on, you seemed like you'd be a real interesting guy to meet and discuss this with at some time in the future, so I'd like to offer you a standing invitation to drop me a line if and when you're ever in the greater southern California area on either business or pleasure. I'll come down to the hotel you're staying at, meet you in the lobby and we can have a dinner "business" meeting there. Perhaps a Bar Association event of some sort or a radio talk show will bring you out here sometime? If so, I hope you can "kill two birds with one stone," and pop me a quick line and set something up.

Let me know what you think of the tapes and keep up the GREAT work you've started and I wish you and your law practice the best in all your pursuits.

P.S.: I'd also like a copy of, "LBJ and the JFK Conspiracy," McDonald & Moore, Condor Books, 1978,... any ideas where I could get a copy?