

Jack Ruby fingered LBJ for JFK's assassination

By CRAIG ZIRBEL

In letters smuggled out of jail after he gunned down Lee Harvey Oswald, Jack Ruby charged that Lyndon B. Johnson was the evil architect of the John F. Kennedy assassination.

In one letter, Ruby, a Dallas nightclub owner with ties to organized crime, wrote: "Isn't it strange that Oswald should be fortunate enough to get a job at the Texas Schoolbook Depository (from which JFK was shot) only two weeks before (the slaying)..."

"Only one person could have had that information (the motorcade route) and that man was Johnson... because he is the one who was going to arrange the trip... the only one who gained by the shooting."

And Ruby wasn't the only person to implicate Johnson in the horrifying slaying of the President. Johnson's girlfriend for more than 20 years, Madeline Brown, said LBJ told her before the assassination that Kennedy was going to be killed in Dallas.

Madeline admitted she was a frequent customer in Ruby's nightclub — and that she was originally introduced to Ruby by one of Johnson's lawyers.

Johnson's bizarre behavior after the slaying strongly suggests he knew he had nothing to fear from any assassination conspiracy.

As President Kennedy lay dying at Parkland Memorial Hospital, Johnson stood nearby. The President had just been slain and as far as anyone knew, the killing may have been a prelude to a nuclear military attack, a bloody coup or a wipeout of all government leaders. The assassins were unknown and had not been captured.

However, despite security staff orders that Johnson immediately leave the area for his own and the coun-



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Author Craig Zirbel charges that Lyndon B. Johnson masterminded the assassination of John F. Kennedy. And in this final exclusive ENQUIRER installment from his blockbuster new book "The Texas Connection: The Assassination of John F. Kennedy," Zirbel describes Johnson's bizarre behavior right after the murder of the century.

MASTERMIND: In letters smuggled out of jail, Jack Ruby charged that LBJ was behind JFK's murder.

as the new President he had the right to depart first and demanded it. Almost everyone else on the plane thought this was improper and that the slain leader should be taken out first.

When Johnson continued to argue, the others just ignored him and removed Kennedy's body first. This act enraged Johnson.

On the day after Kennedy's death, with the nation in mourning and world tensions peaking, Johnson began his day by firing President Kennedy's personal secretary. He demanded that she have her desk cleared out by 9 a.m. He then ordered the staff to begin removing JFK's personal effects from the White House (including his rocker). Once this was done Johnson hung a gold framed portrait of himself in the White House.

While JFK's widow Jackie was still in the midst of preparing for her husband's funeral Johnson told her to move out of the White House by Monday — the day of her husband's burial — so he could quickly move in.

These types of callous activities demonstrate the cold ruthlessness of a man who was neither stricken with fear over a possible conspiracy, nor in any way mourning the loss of a leader.

In fact, within one month of Kennedy's burial, President Johnson held his first Presidential Christmas at the White House. He used this opportunity to serve his guests with his new Presidential china. Strangely, Johnson bought his china in the early fall of 1963 while he was Vice President.

This raises the question: Why would a man who was not President buy himself such a product? It is just additional proof that Johnson knew of the assassination in advance.

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COLD AND RUTHLESS: Despite security risks, Johnson insisted on taking his oath of office on board Kennedy's plane, Air Force One, left. Then in Washington, he demanded to depart the plane first, even before the slain leader. He was enraged when Kennedy's body was removed first.

While the nation reeled in shock at the President's death, Johnson calmly ate vegetable soup & drank JFK's bottled water

try's safety, he flatly refused. In the midst of the crisis, and with himself as a next possible victim, he refused to leave until he made sure that Kennedy was dead.

When he arrived at the airport, Johnson again overruled the advice of the security staff, the Secret Service, the White House staff and even President Kennedy's brother Bobby that he quickly get airborne for the good of the nation.

Instead, he first demanded that his luggage be taken off his plane and transferred to Kennedy's plane, Air Force One.

Johnson delayed his departure even more by insisting that he wanted to take his oath of office on Texas soil. This required locating a federal judge and bringing her back to the plane.

During all of these delays, which took hours, Johnson

passed the time by watching TV, eating, and twice changing his shirt to get ready for his swearing-in ceremony!

Eventually, Johnson left Dallas on Kennedy's plane, with the body of Kennedy on board. On the return flight to Washington, while everyone aboard was in shock and mourning, Johnson calmly ate vegetable soup and drank JFK's bottled water.

Prior to landing in Washington another problem arose. Johnson claimed that



JACK RUBY
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— E. Florkowski, Seminole, Fla.