

7/29/72 Je sent me from the SFEexam 7/18/72 "A Theory of Assassinations" story quoting one David Rothstein, Michael Reese Hosp shrink from Chicago. By the most remarkable of coincidences I have just gotten a; 1 245 pp of the formerly withheld staff meeting at which he was one of the three shrinks in consultation. Considering among many factors that this was on July 9m when the investigation was hardly over, one wonders again at the state of shrinkery and shrinkdom.

I haven't yet planned, but I think it likely I'll do an analysis of this garbage. Can it be less when there was no evidence LHO was a or the killer, when none of the three "consultants" made any kind of independent inquiry and never interviewed the suspect, and the quote conclusionis that the two Kennedys were responsible for their own assassination, as was Lincoln? "Some politicians are assassination prone because 'an entirely\_unrealistic belief in their own indusctictability leads them to take unwarranted risks'". Like running for office, making speeches, taking auto rides?

Naturally this is true of only those who got killed, i.e., isn't of Truman or FDR, against whom threats were made and for their eras did at least as much, I'd suggest HST doing morre, from the rear platforms of trains in the most vulnerable whistlestops. But THEY were not "assassination prone"?

I have heard it said that psychiatry is part art, part science, but I have come to wonder why witchcraft isn't included? In fact, recent commentaries give at least as much success to real rather than figurative witchcraft. This stuff isn't even that.

Personal and confidential commentary: Some time ago I consulted a shrink, I suppose because of the causes and consequences of anxiety, then already diagnoses in both Lil and me but communicated to neither. Recently I learned one of his conclusions. He had others, all based upon no testing of any kind, all reached in the course of a single "consultation". Naturally enough, he asked me about my work and I told him. Whatever I told him had to be less than the truth, as I think those who know what I do and the kinds of things I have done will understand. His conclusion is I am delusionary. Boy, is it a good think threats against me were never asked, for if they had been, the tapes I have of some would have, naturally enough, for can this happen in a country in which the assassination-prone Presidents are only those assassinated? I'd have been a raving maniac who manufactured the tapes. HW

