JFK & Hampton

murders linked

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SAN FRANCISCO—Evidence was revealed this week in Chicago of a possible link between the assassination of President John F. Kennedy and the assassination of Black Panther party leader Fred Hampton.

The thread of this story—which reads like the rough notes for the script of the movie “Z”—begins with a mysterious black Secret Service agent who was in Kennedy's private guard.

The charge is now that this agent was railroaded to jail when he tried to tell the Warren Commission what he knew of a plot to kill Kennedy, not in Dallas, but three weeks earlier in Chicago, at a football game, an appearance the President never made because he had a cold.

The plot being described in Chicago is also linked to Lee Harvey Oswald, the man accused of killing the President.

This is the story uncovered by well-known Chicago corruption investigator Sherman Skolnick after he became interested in the case of black former secret service agent Abraham Bolden.

Skolnick says he has uncovered a mass of evidence, leading not only to a Chicago plot or plots unmentioned in the Warren Commission report, but also a mass of trails leading to apparent complicity of the FBI in the murder of Fred Hampton.

The hunting knife as well as the rifle, according to Skolnick, was tied to the account of a man who lived in Chicago at the time of the assassination.

The license plate of Vallee's car, 311 ORF New York, Skolnick claims is “linked or registered to Lee Harvey Oswald.” But efforts by William Corley, Chicago NBC television news director at the time, to trace the plates, turned up an FBI freeze on the registration. Others who have tried to trace the plates have been harassed by the FBI, Skolnick charges.

On the police record of Vallee's arrest, in the slot for aliases are the words “M1 rifle.” But Groth testified that any weapon Vallee had was a hunting knife.

The hunting knife as well as the car was returned to Vallee, and he has since apparently disappeared.

Bolden's name has come up before in connection with the Kennedy assassination. News stories at the time mentioned a black Secret Service agent charging some Secret Service men were drunk in Chicago. But that was all he charged.

RACIST AGENTS
Among the things Boden wanted to tell the Warren Commission was that some agents were bitter racists, who hated Kennedy because of his pro-civil rights stand.

Chicago has also figured in the case before. Jack Ruby, the man who killed Lee Harvey Oswald before he could talk, came from Chicago. Oswald bought his rifle mail order from a store in Chicago.

Skolnick claims he has only released 10% of the evidence he has collected. He says he doesn't trust Chicago judges and he has good reason not to. He is the head of the Citizen's Committee to Clean up the Courts. Last Year through his efforts a corruption scandal forced the Chief Justice of the Illinois Supreme Court to resign. He recently turned up evidence that forced the Chicago City Council to redistrict.

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