

WHO SHOT GEORGE WALLACE?

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The following preliminary overview of the attempted assassination of Governor George Wallace is based on information supplied by confidential C.R.I.C. informants.

The questions, parallels to other assassinations, speculations and conclusions triggered by the events of May, 1972 are, necessarily, at this point, incomplete and await more information.

The public is informed by the establishment media that Arthur H. Bremer, accused would-be assassin of Governor George Wallace of Alabama, a Democratic Presidential candidate, is a distributed twenty-one year old unemployed ex-busboy and janitors' assistant. Then the first question must be 1) where did Arthur Bremer get the money for his mad scheme to kill George Wallace who, with his double set of body guards and bullet proof speakers' podium, was by far the most heavily guarded of all the candidates?

We are here computing Bremer's expenses — from January, when he

last worked in Wisconsin, to May, when he was arrested in Maryland — at the rock bottom rate consistent with his eighteen week, ten state journey toward murder.

Setting to one side the cash outlay for stopping at expensive hotels (the Waldorf-Astoria in New York, the Lord Elgin in Ottawa); automobile repairs for a machine driven constantly for weeks at speeds up to 75 miles per hour in order to keep pace with presidential candidates who flew to their destinations; any miscellaneous expenses such as the records, ammunition found in his car and the expensive clothes Bremer wore into court when he pled not guilty; setting aside all these and any other contingency costs Bremer could not have spent less than five thousand dollars since he was laid off as a janitor's helper in January of this year.

This extremely conservative figure would include the price of the guns he purchased, court fines for speeding and possessing a gun, and the \$135 a month rent for his occasionally used Milwaukee apartment.

Important is the fact that all the while Bremer was ranging far and wide in pursuit of his quarry he was also doubling back to his Milwaukee base of operations. He was seen near his Milwaukee apartment only a week before the Wallace attack and seen in the company of an "unidentified man."

On April 7 and 8, 1972, Arthur H. Bremer was staying at the luxurious Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City. Candidate Hubert Humphrey was also scheduled to be there on April 7. This would be a curious enough fact were it not over-

shadowed by another fact: Hubert Humphrey's Waldorf-Astoria arrangements were not known to the public. The next day, April 9, Bremer met his contact on the Luddington, Michigan Ferry.

A ticket agent for a Wisconsin-Michigan ferry line reported having seen Bremer on several occasions talking with an older, heavy set man as the two of them rode back and forth on the ferry boat. Bremer's 200 pound companion closely resembles a man identified as being in Dealey Plaza on November 22, 1963 and at the shopping center, changing his license plates, on the day George Wallace was shot.

In summary Bremer has no record at all of income in 1972; in 1971 his income tax return shows \$1,611 in wages earned. His automobile, purchased in September of 1971, cost some \$800 or half of his total income for the entire previous year. Besides, Bremer's pattern of travel makes it logistically impossible for him to have followed various presidential candidates' campaign trails and still be seen near his Milwaukee home base throughout April and May, Arthur H. Bremer was flying as well as driving.

The first on-the-spot media coverage reported that three men were involved. One was Bremer. One was a man who was rushed to a hospital. One was a man seen changing license plates on his car in an adjacent parking lot.

The parallels between the Wallace assassination attempt and the other assassinations of major figures in the last decade are startling.

1. Unexplained money: Lee Harvey Oswald travelled extensively for

months, while he was unemployed, before the killing of John F. Kennedy in Dallas in 1963. James Earl Ray, unemployed, spent close to \$20,000 during the short period before Dr. Martin Luther King's murder in Memphis. The impoverished Sirhan B. Sirhan, when he was arrested for the shooting of Senator Robert F. Kennedy, had over \$400 in his possession and had been spending freely.

Bremer sped south from Ottawa on April 15. That same night and for two more days he stayed at the comfortable Sheraton-Lanham Inn in New Carrollton, Maryland, only minutes from the site where Governor Wallace was gunned down one month later.

2. Penetration of an intelligence agency: Arthur Bremer could not have known that Hubert Humphrey would be at his hotel on April 7. He could not have known this without privileged information.

The top-secret, completely classified Rand Corporation file known as "Operation Star" confirms that agents of a conspiracy had penetrated the Secret Service in Dallas in 1963. In the case of Malcolm X, undercover operative Gene Roberts, of New York's Bureau of Special Services, was Mr. X's bodyguard and, as we shall illustrate, another agent was actually apprehended by the police and then released.

Arthur Bremer could not have known the location of Governor Wallace's Laurel, Maryland shopping center speech weeks in advance without intelligence information.

C.R.I.C. also has proof that staying at the Lord Elgin Hotel in Ottawa at the same time as Arthur H. Bremer were members of a United States intelligence agency.

Law enforcement, through the media has predicated its "tone psychopath" theory on the fact that Arthur Bremer has now been connected with not only Governor Wallace, but Senators Humphrey and McGovern and, in Ottawa, Canada, with President Nixon. This proves, they imply, that there could be no coherent motive for Bremer thus no conspiracy. What the ubiquitous Bremer does prove is the likelihood that he was not surveilling the presidential candidates but rather the new operating procedure of the Secret Service.

When Arthur Bremer drove from Milwaukee to Ottawa then to Laurel Springs and then flew from Laurel Springs to Milwaukee and back he was not stalking Richard Nixon. The orders that he received in Milwaukee only days before the act had been kept from him so that, compartmentalized in this way, he could not know or tell; but, all along, the target had been George Wallace. Wallace was first, but the information on other candidates could be used at other times.

Finally, if one demands to know "why Wallace?" it may well be that the motive was the same as the one James Earl Ray confided after the King killing: to "start a race war."

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