

Commission's Task

**Facts vs. Theories
Of a Conspiracy**

Washington

The Warren Commission presented a massive array of evidence in rebutting the view — widely held abroad—that Lee Harvey Oswald was only a cog in a conspiracy to kill President Kennedy.

In doing so, the Commission had to grapple with a bewildering mass of rumors, speculation and misinformation that was generated in the shock waves of the assassination.

This, in a nutshell, was the Commission's own verdict on the conspiracy question:

"... The Commission concluded that there was no credible evidence that Lee Harvey Oswald was part of a conspiracy to assassinate President Kennedy."

SUSPICIONS

Suspicious of a conspiracy began to form almost immediately after the assassination: First, a conspiracy by Dallas right-wingers and then, after Oswald's arrest, a

conspiracy by Communist agents.

New swarms of rumor took wing with the jailhouse murder of Oswald.

Theories on a conspiracy flowered in newspapers, magazines, and, finally, in books that reached millions of readers.

BOOKS

The two foremost examples are "Who Killed Kennedy?" by Thomas G Buchanan, a form living in France, and "Oswald: Assassin or Fall Guy?" by German-born writer Joachim Joesten. Both expound the right-wing conspiracy theory.

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