

Jack Anderson's Washington-Merry-Go-Round

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WASHINGTON — The Central Intelligence Agency asked one of its Cuban operatives to help fabricate a story about Lee Harvey Oswald during the investigation of the John F. Kennedy assassination, the Cuban has told congressional investigators.

In an earlier column, we reported that the same witness claimed he had met the accused assassin in Dallas in the company of a CIA agent three months before Kennedy was killed.

We identified the witness only as Mr. X because of attempts on his life. But we have studied his detailed, confidential statements to congressional investigators. They interviewed him three times, cross-examining him closely. He gave them such specific information that they concluded he was a "credible" witness.

He told of meeting his CIA contact in the lobby of a Dallas office building in August, 1963. "This time he brought another guy," recounted Mr. X. "The guy never talked."

Mr. X explained that he had trained himself, as an underground leader, to memorize the characteristics of people he met. He immediately recognized the CIA agent's companion after seeing Oswald on television following the Kennedy assassination.

Not long afterward, the CIA contact made a strange request of Mr. X. There had been a report that Oswald had met a Cuban couple in Mexico. "You have a cousin working for Cuban intelligence in Mexico," the CIA agent said. "Why don't you just ask him, saying we'll bribe him, if he said it was really him that Oswald met."

It isn't clear from the confidential transcripts why the CIA would want to fabricate this evidence. Perhaps the CIA could have sought to tie Kennedy's killer to the Castro government.

In any event, the CIA agent called off the scheme, and Mr. X "never did talk to his cousin," according to a summary of the interview. It should be stressed that the interview in no way implicates the CIA in the Kennedy killing.

The mystery witness first met his CIA contact in Havana before the United States broke off relations with Cuba. Mr. X had helped to organize a group of bank accountants, who embezzled funds from the Castro regime to finance anti-Castro causes.

The agent, who used the name Morris Bishop, recruited Mr. X to plan an attempt on Castro's life. The plotters planned to fire a bazooka from a nearby apartment while Castro was delivering one of his marathon speeches.

The plot was discovered by Castro's police, and Mr. X escaped to Miami. He continued for a dozen more years to work with Bishop in the anti-Castro underground.

During Castro's 1971 visit to Chile, Mr. X tried again to knock him off. The plotters included a Venezuelan security

agent, named Louis Posada Carriles, who was supposed to provide forged documents laying the blame on the Soviets. This plot, too, fell through.

Only a few weeks ago, the same Posada was indicted in Venezuela on murder charges in connection with the crash of a Cuban jetliner.

Mr. X said he worked for the CIA until 1973 for expenses. When the relationship was terminated in 1973, he said, Morris Bishop paid him a lump \$253,000 in cash for past services.

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These are the "major motivating factors," which lead women into prostitution. So concludes a scholarly study of call girls and streetwalkers, which has just been completed at the taxpayers' expense.

Two distinguished researchers from the University of Washington, Dr. Jennifer James and Jane Meyerding, were assigned to find out why women become prostitutes. Their findings will be published shortly in a 32-page document, which has been bootlegged to us before it goes to press.

Not only do women become prostitutes for the same underlying motives that "some people become lawyers," according to the learned ladies from Seattle, but the profession requires little schooling.

For the pay, there are "virtually no other occupations available" to women of modest skills, the researchers note. They conclude that prostitution will flourish as long as there is "a consumer demand." As they put it, "Economics is the pervasive theme of prostitution."

The study also dispels old wives' tales about "fallen women," who sell sex because they hate men or have abnormal sex drives or are forced into the business by "the coercion of brutal pimps."

Customers who expect to find true love for their money can forget it. "Most prostitutes see their sexual activities with customers as purely business and usually get no sexual pleasure from them."

Yet prostitutes who develop relationships after business hours tend to have a better love life than non-prostitutes, according to a study cited by the authors.

They found that some prostitutes prefer street walking to the wife-mother role. Indeed, a project to convert streetwalkers into homemakers was a complete flop. Yet most ladies of the night "stated that lowered self-esteem was an effect" of prostitution.

Finally, Dr. James and Ms. Meyerding reached the clinical conclusion that "all women must somehow come to terms with the fact that their personal value is often considered as inseparable from their sexual value."