

Death in Dallas
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It is of paramount importance to “show the world that America is not a banana republic, where a government can be changed by conspiracy.”

--Member John J. McCloy, at the first meeting of
LBJ-appointed Warren Commission

Last November marked the 42d anniversary of the assassination of John F. Kennedy and virtually everyone in America past the 50-year-old mark remembers where he or she was that day. People were stunned. Former Canadian diplomat and assassination researcher Peter Dale Scott wrote, “[A]s a foreigner who lived through it, I could not but observe the depth and centrality of everyone’s response to the assassination of the President.” The assassination still resonates today.

The Warren Commission printed 10 million words in 26 volumes, with yawning gaps between its report and the available testimony and evidence, and there have been thousands of books written on JFK, so things are complicated but, as usual, not that complicated.

To solve a crime, detectives look at *cui bono*, and more specifically motive, means and opportunity. In his short time in office JFK managed to provoke a swamp full of vicious and powerful enemies. Here are the Big Eight by

MOTIVE

- Vice President Lyndon Baines Johnson, whose ambition, pride and ruthlessness were unexcelled, was going to be dumped from the ticket after three years of inside ridicule at the hands of the Kennedy crowd, and further the Billy Sol Estes and Bobby Baker scandals were about to end his powerful political career.
- The CIA hated JFK for his *coitus interruptus* of its (and Dick Nixon’s) all-out Bay of Pigs scheme, his crack down on assassination attempts against Castro, his hands-off-Cuba pact with the Soviets after the missile crisis and his threat to scatter the criminal CIA into a thousand pieces. JFK fired Director of Central Intelligence Allen W. Dulles [future Warren Commission member!] and cronies after the Bay of Pigs, and Dulles is suspect #1 for top supervisor of the JFK ambush. A *Fort Worth Press* front page photo a few days before the assassination showed Allen Dulles at the LBJ Ranch.
- J. Edgar Hoover and his FBI hated everything about the Kennedys, including their boss, RFK, attorney general of the United States, and Hoover knew that JFK planned to “retire” him after reelection in 1964.
- Texas independent oilmen like H.L. Hunt and Clint Murchison hated JFK for many reasons, especially his promise to eliminate the 27.5% oil depletion allowance, which would have raised their taxes by hundreds of millions of dollars annually.
- The Pentagon and the military industrial complex were agitated because JFK had already signed a National Security memorandum to begin a phased withdrawal of

American military “advisers” from Vietnam, had rejected the Joint Chiefs proposal to stage a false-flag terrorist Operation Northwoods to provide a pretext to invade Cuba, and more generally, JFK’s drive for peace and perceived “softness” on communism.

- Wall Street and investment banking powers were threatened by JFK’s intention to terminate the Federal Reserve under his silly theory (!) that a privately-owned central bank served the interests of Wall Street and bankers, not those of America, and it had no right to issue currency under the Constitution. JFK further alienated the business community with his confrontation over price increases by big steel.
- Organized crime, which had worked with the CIA since it began as the OSS in World War II, wanted its lucrative casinos back in Havana, plus its drug- and gun-running and money laundering profits from Cuba. The mob helped get Kennedy elected and showered him with molls to bed, and for their troubles Bobby cracked down on them. Resentment can be traced back to Joe Senior, who made his fortune running booze during Prohibition, generating plenty of underworld enemies.
- The Israeli government’s determination to go nuclear was fiercely opposed by JFK on the grounds that it would destabilize the middle east and ignite an arms race. Ben Gurion and successors believed that JFK’s resolve threatened Israel’s very existence. Prior to launching its 1981 attack on Iraq’s Osirak nuclear facility, the Israeli commander told his pilots with unusual emotion, “The alternative is our [destruction](#).” After JFK’s demise, LBJ generously supported the Israeli war machine.
- Miscellaneous outsider groups like rednecks, Russians and Cubans, both pro- and anti-Castro, do not make my Big Eight, even though individual Cubans were involved.

Clint Murchison threw a party at his Dallas residence the night before the assassination and his guest list included H.L. Hunt, Richard Nixon, Texas Senator John Tower, John McCloy [‘head of the establishment’ and future Warren Commission member], J. Edgar Hoover, and Lyndon Johnson ([pp. 109-10](#)). They went into a private meeting and Lyin’ Lyndon came out and told Madeleine Brown, one of his mistresses, “Those damned Kennedys will not be poking fun at me after today.”

In contrast to this intense cauldron of hatred toward the charismatic Irish Catholic, all the establishment offers us about Oswald’s motive is the loose suggestion that he was a publicity-seeking, lone nut. Like most propaganda about what happened to JFK, little evidence supports the official theory. For example, upon arrest Oswald protested, “Now everybody will know who I am!” This comports with the compelling evidence that Oswald was a CIA and FBI asset.

OPPORTUNITY

- Key to opportunity in this case, as Air Force pilot Fletcher Prouty said, is who had “the power to call off or reduce the usual security precautions that are always in effect whenever a president travels?” Only powerful insiders, not outsiders, have this power.
- The Secret Service violated rule after rule of presidential protection, including an blatantly slow 110 degree left-hand turn from Houston onto to Elm Street, no

motorcycle escorts alongside the presidential limo (instructed to stay behind the rear wheels), no shield of Secret Service agents on limo running boards, people in the streets and in open upper-story windows, the presidential limo braking during the shooting and even coming to a complete halt as shooters finished their work, secret service agents reacting slowly during and after the shooting, and so on. It was a set up, beyond reasonable doubt.

- One particularly telling fact is that the press photographers' flat bed truck which usually traveled in front of the presidential limo was cancelled in favor of a station wagon far back in the motorcade, thwarting a major media photo and film record of the assassination.

Fall guy Oswald was in the Texas School Book Depository at the time of the assassination, so he superficially had opportunity. The trouble is that within ninety seconds of the shooting TSBD superintendent Roy Truly and Dallas policeman Marrion Baker found Oswald standing in the lunch room on the second floor calmly drinking a coke, despite (allegedly) committing the "crime of the century." He did not have enough time to fire on the president, run to the opposite corner of the sixth floor where the weapon was discovered, hide it, race down four flights of stairs without being seen (the elevators were locked in the wrong position for descent), get a coke and show no sign of exertion or emotion. Other TSBD employees concurred that they heard no footsteps and did not see Oswald racing down the stairs for his encounter with Truly and Baker.

MEANS

- The assassination required money, expert planning, coordination and skilled shooters to insure success.
- Accused clandestine services like the CIA, Mossad, and the French SDECE had money and plenty of experience in assassination. Likewise the FBI and military. The mob had it too, although the military-style triangulation that killed JFK was not their style, favoring instead up-close-and-personal techniques like garroting and 38 caliber slugs. LBJ and Texas independent oilmen were quite familiar with employing professional killers. The list of possible and self-confessed killers is long (E. Howard Hunt, Frank Sturgis, Charles Harrelson, Bernard Barker, Mac Wallace, etc.) yet the key is that the professional killers depended on powerful insiders, especially in terms of supplying compensation, a patsy and the cover up that continues four decades later.

Oswald, by contrast, had military experience but was a poor marksman by all accounts. No expert marksman has ever been able to reproduce the Warren Commission script on the first attempt that the lone assassin fired three deadly shots within six seconds from behind a moving limo with a bolt-action Mannlicher-Carcano rifle. The absurdities of the Warren theory are countless, but one is that a real lone gunman on the 6th floor of the TSBD would have shot the president as his limo approached the TSBD on Houston Street rather than waiting until it turned onto Elm Street and went away from the sniper. A leafy tree obstructed half the good shots along Elm Street. Further, the rifle in the fabricated backyard photos used by the Warren Commission to link Oswald to the Mannlicher-Carcano rifle found in the TSBD is not the same weapon! And Oswald's assassination? The conspirators could not allow Oswald to stand trial since he could easily prove his innocence and implicate insiders as well. Oswald eluded his own

scheduled murder on the streets of Dallas following the assassination, so mob figure Jack Ruby was given an order he could not refuse.

COVER UP

The final area proving that JFK's death was an inside job is the systematic destruction of evidence, fabricated evidence, omissions in gathering evidence and dead witnesses and potential squealers. The medical data—body, autopsy, and X-rays—were criminally tampered with and forged in the case of X-rays, primarily to hide the evidence of the frontal shots and the huge hole shot out the back of the president's head with the attendant brain loss. He was shot in the head at least twice. The limousine was immediately sent to Michigan for a makeover, covering up the multiple shots and especially to replace the windshield with its bullet hole from the front, likely a fatal headshot. Eyewitnesses were intimidated and their testimony distorted and inverted beyond recognition. The federal government stonewalled New Orleans prosecutor Jim Garrison, governors refused to extradite witnesses and dozens of witnesses and insiders were murdered. Garrison's chief suspect, David Ferrie, was found dead less than a week after the newspapers broke the story of Garrison's investigation.

CONCLUSION

It is not difficult to disprove the lame lone assassin theory in favor of multiple gunmen. Try this out: Oswald could not drive a car, yet he pulled off the crime of the century without help. Then supposedly a second lone nut with no known connections to organized crime according to the Warren Commission, a complete lie, but plenty of cop connections, whacked Oswald in the cops' stronghold because he said he wanted to prove Jews were not weak, and later that he was worried about Jackie's health. Who makes this stuff up? We are supposed to believe that these are real motives for murdering a president and his accused assassin?

Shortly after the assassination, national polls showed that 52% doubted Oswald did it alone and this skepticism reached 90% in intervening years. The evidence is overwhelming that multiple gunmen did JFK in at the behest of powerful interests.

Why care today? Surely most of the perpetrators are dead. Yet that rogue network inside and outside the national government remains. It was never rooted out. It would sound familiar to a Roman citizen who experienced the transformation of the Roman Republic into despotic empire and then eventual dissolution to barbarism. Rome shriveled from the first city to attain perhaps 1 million people to a local trading center of about 5,000-10,000.

The network concealed in deep politics has grown more audacious since the Kennedy triumph, with individual assassination still popular (e.g., Senator Paul Wellstone) but escalating to mass murders like the Oklahoma City bombing and the World Trade Center. Do we need CNN to televise the federal government slaughtering Americans in a Tiananmen-square-style massacre, more open and visible than the FBI's massacre of women and children at Waco, before people understand the constitutional crisis? I fail to see how America's current head-in-the-sand approach can succeed.

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