THE KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

After more than half a century, the November 22, 1963 shooting of President John F. Kennedy by Lee Harvey Oswald in Dallas remains a mystery. Over a thousand books have told the story. Many accept the official version of the 1964 Warren Commission that Oswald was a lone gunman. But the 1976 House of Representatives committee on assassinations did not reject the idea of a conspiracy. Thus conspiracy theories abound that involve Soviet intelligence, the Castro government in Cuba, anti-Castro Cuban exiles, Lyndon Johnson, the FBI and CIA and mafia dons operating in New Orleans, Tampa and Chicago. This course will examine the assassination and its major characters—Kennedy, Oswald and Oswald’s killer, Jack Ruby—along with the conspiracy theories and historiography of America’s most famous presidential murder. Students will find that all the major documents are now available on line, with more to be released in October during this course. Internet literacy is highly recommended. Robert C. Williams is a retired Russian historian with some personal connections to the Kennedy assassination story who has taught at Bates, Davidson and Williams Colleges and at Washington University in St. Louis.

Students are encouraged to read James W. Douglass, JFK and the Unspeakable: Why He Died and Why it Matters (Simon & Schuster, 2008). They should also utilize the web site of the Mary Ferrell Foundation.
1. **DEALEY PLAZA, NOVEMBER 22, 1963 (Sept 29)**

*Dallas Morning News* publishes black-bordered advertisement criticism of JFK “Welcome Mr. Kennedy to Dallas”. Anti-JFK “Wanted for Treason” leaflets handed out along motorcade route. *Richard Nixon* is in Dallas for a meeting of Pepsi Cola board, flies back to DC. Paper also publishes headline: “NIXON PREDICTS JFK MAY DROP JOHNSON” i.e. as v.p. running mate in 1964. Mafia don *Carlos Marcello* is in courthouse in New Orleans being acquitted of charges he used a fake birth certificate to reenter the U.S. from Guatemala illegally. His pilot and p.i. *David Ferrie* sits with him.

12:29 JFK shot during motorcade in limousine SX-100. Back braces prevent him from bending over. Shots fired from different directions (1979), 3 from Texas Book Depository sixth floor in 7 seconds. Witnesses report other shots from Grassy Knoll. Policeman James Chaney (closest to JFK) says pres was “struck in the face” by the final shot. JFK Taken to Parkland Hospital, dies there within the hour. Casket arrives for JFK about 1:40 pm. Darrel Tomlinson, hospital engineer: “I bumped the wall and a spent cartridge or bullet rolled out that apparently had been lodged under the edge of the mat [on a stretcher].” Later known as CE399 or “magic bullet.” Tomlinson never asked to identify it. 3 empty shells and pile of cardboard boxes found in “sniper’s nest” on sixth floor.

![Zapruder film, frame 313.](image)

12:45 Dallas police radio i.d.s suspect as a “white male, 30, 5 feet 10 inches, slender build, 165 pounds, armed with what is thought to be a 30-30 rifle.”

1:00 Calvin Thompson receives “magic bullet” CE399 on a stretcher at Parkland Hospital. Later shown to match Oswald’s rifle.
Dallas police officer J.D. Tippit is shot and killed in Oak Cliffs neighborhood. Four .38 bullets match revolver found in Oswald’s possession. Headshot is typical of gangland slayings. Tippit was a friend of Jack Ruby, in financial trouble and contemplating a divorce. Oswald’s wallet was found next to Tippit’s body. Set up? Sam Giancana claimed later that Tippit and fellow officer Roscoe White were supposed to kill Oswald. Plan failed, so Ruby did it.

Dallas police find rifle in TX depository sixth floor: “a 7.65 Mauser bolt-action equipped with a 4/18 scope, a thick leather brownish-black sling on it...between some boxes near the stairway.” (Seymour Weitzman)

Police arrest Oswald in the Texas Theater with $13.87 in his pocket.

Oswald is taken to Dallas police HQ. Denies owning a rifle, says photo of him with rifle is a fake, denies knowing Hidell, denies bringing any package to Dallas except his lunch, asks to see a lawyer.

After president’s death is announced, during a break in Marcello trial in New Orleans, David Ferrie tells Marcello “Our troubles are over. JFK is dead.” Jury acquits Marcello after an hour’s deliberations.

Parkland doctors perform no autopsy but observe entrance wound in throat implying a shot from the front. President’s body is flown to Washington, LBJ sworn in as president. Autopsy performed at Bethesda Naval Hospital, Maryland, upon return to DC, at Jacky’s request, beginning Nov. 22 at 8:15 pm. doctors conclude shots came from rear. Military officers issue orders, pathologists inexperienced in autopsy techniques. Autopsy photos, evidence, and conclusions all disputable.

JFK body in casket taken to Air Force One at Love Field. Federal Judge Sarah Hughes swears LBJ in as 36th POTUS (unnecessary). LBJ takes over AF1 for his presidential party, mixed with JFK staff and Jackie. Holds plane for 1.5 hours before takeoff. Presidential limo SX-100 washed clean and flown to DC, stored for a few days in White House garage.

Corsican hit man linked to the “French connection” heroin trade (aka Jean Souetre, Michel Roux, Michel Mertz) was in Fort Worth in the morning, Dallas in the afternoon, expelled from U.S. to France.

Ruth Paine, Oswald’s Quaker landlady in Irving, signs an affidavit before a notary public (Patsy Collins) that Oswald “came in about 5 pm yesterday and spent the night. I was asleep this morning when he left for work.” Prepared by Dallas police.
That evening CIA flies "Oswald" tapes to Dallas from Mexico City, where CIA station had him under audio and visual surveillance since Sept 27.


FBI informs White House and Secret Service that a “Lee Oswald” who was taped phoning the Soviet embassy in Mexico City on October 1 was an impersonator of the L.H.Oswald now in custody in Dallas. Voice did not match that of man in custody in Dallas. Hoover told LBJ on the telephone:

"No, that’s one angle that’s very confusing, for this reason—we have up here the tape and the photograph of the man who was at the Soviet embassy, using Oswald’s name. That picture and the tape do not correspond to this man’s voice, nor to his appearance. In other words, it appears that there is a second person who was at the Soviet embassy down there."

Dallas Police (chief Jesse Curry) begins turning all evidence over to the FBI, which never returns it to Dallas.

Several witnesses later identify Jack Ruby as present at Parkland Hospital.

Oswald held at Dallas police station. 12 hours of interviews but no tape recorder.

November 24: Sunday. Jack Ruby, owner of Carousel Club strip joint, shoots and kills Oswald in the basement of Dallas police HQ at 11:21 am. Oswald dies at Parkland Hospital at 1:07 pm. Two hours later, Hoover telephones the White House: “The thing I am most concerned about...is having something issued so we can convince the public that Oswald’s the real assassin.”

Abraham Zapruder’s home movie film of assassination is analyzed by Kodak in Rochester NY. Time and expertise for modification?

November 25: FBI chief Hoover instructs assistant Clyde Tolson to “prepare a memorandum to the Attorney General setting out evidence that Oswald was responsible for the shooting that killed the president.” Hoover also orders Dallas police to forward all files to FBI in DC. JFK’s funeral held in Washington DC. LBJ orders limo SX-100 shipped to Detroit, body replaced, interior refurbished, thus destroying all evidence of the JFK murder.

Deputy AG Nicholas Katzenbach to LBJ aide Bill Moyers: “The public must be satisfied that Oswald was the assassin; that he did not have confederates who are still at large; that the evidence was such that he would have been convicted at trial.” “Speculation about Oswald’s motivation ought to be cut off.”
Zapruder film turned over to Time-Life by Kodak per arrangement with Abraham Zapruder.

1964 On Sept 24, Warren Commission releases its report. Concludes Oswald was lone gunman, 3 bullets came from his rifle, no other shots, thus no conspiracy. Arlen Specter propounds single “magic bullet” theory. Contradictory evidence ignored. Witnesses not called. No mention of U-2 flight or CIA Mexico City tapes and photos.

1977 Dallas police Dictabelt recording confirms at least four shots, one from the “grassy knoll” area. Recording later shown to be after the shooting.

1993 John Connally dies and is buried with bullet fragments still in his body.

2008 In Hollywood, Sydney Wilkinson analyzes Zapruder film. She finds: “In the frames that weren’t blurry—frames 317, 321 323 and others—a solid black patch on the rear of his [JFK’s] head jumped out at me. It was clearly artificial.”
2. PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY: CUBA, THE SOVIET UNION AND VIETNAM IN THE COLD WAR (Oct. 6)

Bobby and Jack Kennedy at the Kefauver hearings on organized crime, 1959.

Kennedy enemies: organized crime; anti-Catholics; Castro/Cuba (Bay of Pigs); CIA ("scatter to the winds" after Bay of Pigs, fired A.Dulles); FBI (J.E.Hoover); U.S. military (Vietnam withdrawal); Khrushchev (Vienna summit, Cuba missile crisis)

1944 JFK becomes a war hero by rescuing his crew of PT-109, sunk by Japanese.

1947 JFK is married very briefly to Durie Malcolm, Palm Beach socialite. Joe K goes ballistic. Friend Charles Spalding, NY stockbroker, removes marriage papers from Palm Beach courthouse. Marriage a prank?

1951 JFK elected US Senator from MA. Visits Vietnam with brother Robert. Determined not to get involved, like French. Hires Priscilla Johnson as staffer. She was Bryn Mawr graduate, World Federalist, CIA job applicant.

1960 JFK elected U.S. President by 118,000 votes out of 68 million cast. Sam Giancana and mob get out votes for JFK, feel double-crossed when Joe Kennedy then tells JFK to appoint RFK as AG. JFK soon begins a three-year affair with Mary Pinchot Meyer, pacifist ex-wife of CIA agent Cord Meyer and friend of JFK since 1936. On February 7 at the Sands Hotel in Las Vegas, singer Frank Sinatra introduces JFK to Judith Campbell, later JFK mistress.

In August, Richard Bissell, CIA, begins to organize ZR/RIFLE, a top-secret team for foreign assassinations (e.g. Castro) with help from Mafia leaders: Joe Bonanno, Johnny Rosselli, Sam Giancana and Santos Trafficante. Operation Pluto authorized by NSC to kill Castro using underworld contacts; Robert Maheu approaches Rosselli. RFK organizes parallel Task Force W with CIA to kill Castro. JFK authorized murdering Castro before his inauguration.
On July 23, CIA head Allen Dulles briefs JFK on Ike’s current anti-Castro efforts under way. By late Sept., Castro assassination plans underway in Miami (Fontainebleau Hotel) with Maheu, Rosselli, Giancana and Trafficante involved. Maheu and Giancana share hotel suite in Oct.

CIA involved in assassination of Patrice Lumumba, newly elected president of Congo.

U.S. ends diplomatic relations with Cuba on Jan. 3. Cuban exiles, financed and armed by CIA, launch an abortive attack at the Bay of Pigs on April 15-19. JFK blamed for not supplying air and ground support. Khrushchev virtually declared war on Kennedy, code-named “The Pig” by KGB. JFK thinks CIA wanted to trap him into an invasion of Cuba and later says he would like “to splinter the CIA into a thousand pieces and scatter it to the winds.”

In April, attempted right-wing army coup against De Gaulle in Paris. Meeting with JFK in Vienna on June 3-4 only increases NSK’s hatred of JFK and escalates Berlin crisis. They agree on a neutral and independent Laos. In Sept speech to the UN, JFK calls for abolition of nuclear weapons and a “peace race” with the USSR. Confidential JFK-Khrushchev correspondence begins. Berlin Wall erected. RFK and JFK utilize Georgii Bolshakov as back-channel communication with Khrushchev.


May 7 meeting at Justice Dept. RFK learns CIA retained Roselli and Giancana prior to Bay of Pigs to murder Castro, does not tell them to stop but just to “check with him” ahead of time. CIA’s Charles Ford is RFK back channel to mafia leaders for next 18 months.

July: RFK and JFK meet at least 6 times with Bolshakov.

August: FBI breaks into LA apartment of Judith Exner, longtime JFK mistress, and confirms she is also in contact with Giancana and Roselli.

The Cuban Missile Crisis (October 22-8). US photos show Soviet missiles in Cuba. NSK tells JFK through Bolshakov missiles are “defensive.” JFK authorizes first U-2 flight over Cuba Oct 9. On Oct 22, Soviet missile shoots
down U-2 plane over Cuba. Kennedy forces Khrushchev to back down and lose face. Secret agreement: Soviet missiles removed from Cuba, 16 U.S. *Jupiter* missiles from Turkey. On Dec 21, James B. Donovan negotiates (for JFK) an agreement with Castro to release and return 1,113 prisoners from Bay of Pigs invasion, in exchange for $53 million in food and medicine. Donovan also arranged the spy exchange of Rudolf Abel for U-2 pilot Francis Gary Powers. US Joint Chiefs of Staff are furious at JFK’s concessions to Soviets and refusal to invade Cuba. Curtis Lemay: “We lost! We ought to just go in there today and knock ‘em off.”

On Oct 30, JFK terminates “all sabotage operations in Cuba” and fires Bill Harvey as head of ZR/RIFLE.

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On March 19, CIA Cuban exile group Alpha 66, headed by David Atlee Phillips, announces it has attacked Soviet fort and ship in Cuba.

On April 11, Pope John XXIII issues *Pacem in Terris* encyclical, sending advanced copies to JFK and Khrushchev.

On May 6, JFK issues NSC action memorandum 239 ordering withdrawal of 1,000 US troops from Vietnam by end of 1963, a nuclear test ban, and eventual nuclear disarmament.

On June 5, in El Paso TX, JFK, LBJ and gov. John Connally agree on a Nov. 22 presidential visit to Dallas. On June 10, JFK address at American U proposes end to Cold War and declares unilateral end to US atmospheric nuclear tests. US wants “general and complete disarmament.”

By July 3, James Donovan has negotiated the release of 9,703 POW families from Cuba to U.S. On September 6, *Fidel Castro* in Havana warns that “U.S. leaders should think that if they are aiding terrorist plans to eliminate Cuban leaders, they themselves will not be safe. Let Kennedy and his brother Robert take care of themselves since they too can be the victims of an attempt that will cause their deaths.” JFK authorizes secret negotiations for a meeting with Castro.

At July Dem convention, JFK reneges on promise to have Stuart Symington as running mate in 1964 election. *Sam Rayburn* threatens blackmail unless LBJ is chosen. JFK: “Those bastards were trying to frame me. They threatened me with problems, and I don’t need more problems.”

In August, Allen Dulles and wife visit LBJs at ranch in Texas.

On Aug 21, State Dept deports Ellen Rometsch, another JFK mistress alleged to be an E.Ger spy; secretly ordered by JFK and RFK, not FBI. She was one of *Bobby Baker’s* Senate “girls” available through the Quorum Club.


On Oct 11, JFK signs NSC 263 authorizing withdrawal of most US troops from Vietnam by the end of 1965. In October, Allen Dulles gave a speech highly critical of the Kennedy administration as appeasers with weak leadership.
On Nov 1, agents arrest 2 of a 4-man sniper team in Chicago planning to shoot JFK. His trip is cancelled the next day without explanation. Only one sniper, Thomas Arthur Vallee, an ex-marine working along the motorcade route is identified and arrested, then released. Like Oswald, Vallee worked on the U-2 in Japan. Secret Service destroys all records of the Chicago plot in 1995.

On Nov. 9, Joseph A. Milteer, wealthy Miami right-wing leader of the National States Rights Party. Police tape: “the more bodyguards he has, the easier it is to get him...from an office building with a high-powered rifle...He knows he is a marked man.” Miami police alert FBI and Secret Service. No mention in Warren Commission report.

Nov. 14 JFK confirms LBJ will not be on the ticket in 1964. Tells Evelyn Lincoln on Nov. 19 that “it will not be Lyndon.”

Nov. 18 JFK trip to Tampa proceeds despite assassination threat. Like Chicago, threat not reported to Secret Service or Dallas police.

Nov. 19 Dallas parade route published in newspapers.

On Nov 21, before Dallas trip, JFK says Vietnam is “not worth another American life.”

On Nov 24, LBJ signs NSAM 273 which rescinds JFK’s policy of withdrawing from Vietnam.

1964 In January LBJ reverses JFK decision and grants J.Edgar Hoover exemption from compulsory retirement. On October 11, Mary Pinchot Meyer, wife of a CIA official and mistress of JFK, is found shot to death while jogging in Washington. Raymond Crump arrested but later acquitted by a jury. CIA’s James Angleton retrieves her diary from her Georgetown home. Khrushchev is ousted that same month as leader of the USSR. Mary’s case unsolved.

1973 David Morales, CIA hit man and Bay of Pigs veteran, told a friend: “We took care of that son of a bitch, didn't we?”

Did Oswald intend to kill JFK? Connally? Walker? Was he an agent of the US, the USSR, or anyone else? A “lone nut” without a home?

1939 Oswald born in New Orleans October 22 to a single mother (his father died just before he was born) who moves around the country. He attends 22 various schools in Brooklyn NY and Dallas –Fort Worth area in his first 17 years. Raised briefly by his uncle, Charles Murret, known as “Dutz”, who works for Carlos Marcello in New Orleans. Half-brother John Pic sent to Lutheran Bethlehem orphanage, joined by Lee.

1945 Marguerite Oswald (twice divorced) remarries to Edwin Ekdahl, engineer, and moves to Fort Worth TX, Lee and John Pic sent to a military boarding school.


1955 Oswald in high school works with David Ferrie in Civil Air Patrol in New Orleans. Ferrie a pilot for Eastern Airlines (and Carlos Marcello), right-wing anti-Cuban, and active homosexual.

1956 In October 1956, Oswald enlists in Dallas in the U.S. Marine Corps and is trained as a radar operator in Florida, Mississippi and California. He qualifies as a sharpshooter. His half-brother John Pic and brother Robert also Marines.


1958 March 18: in brig for owning the pistol. Found guilty April 11, sentenced to 20 days hard labor. Begins studying Russian. In December, assigned to El Toro air base at Santa Ana, California, Marine Air Control Squadron No. 9. Both Oswald and Dallas policeman Roscoe White served in same Marine unit at El Toro and sailed to Japan on same ship. No evidence they knew each other. Sept 16 medical certificate says Oswald was treated for Gonorrhea, “origin: in line of duty, not due to own misconduct.” Alleged Sep 8 – Oct 17 training at CIA “Farm” at Camp Peary VA.
1959 March 4, applies to Albert Schweizer College, Switz. June 19 pays registration fee. School owned by International Association of Religious Freedom, founded Boston MA 1900 by Unitarians. CIA-funded? Aug 15: requests “dependency discharge” from Marines (mother). On September 11, honorably discharged from Marines, changed to lower level on September 13, 1960 after defection to USSR. Sep. Fort Worth, New Orleans. Arrives Moscow via London and Finland on October 15 (same day Soviet agent Bogdan Stashinsky murders Ukrainian nationalist Stepan Bandera in Munich). On October 21, Oswald arrives at U.S. embassy in Moscow and says he wants to defect, then slashes his wrist when he is rejected. Oct 21-8 in psychiatric hospital. Doctors certify Oswald is no danger to anyone else. O hints to Richard Snyder he could give radar and U-2 information to Soviets.

In late Oct., leaves U.S. passport with Richard Snyder at U.S. embassy, tries to renounce US citizenship. On November 9, CIA counter-intelligence under James Angleton puts Oswald on its “watch list” as “recent defector to the USSR—Former Marine.” Priscilla Johnson, a journalist, interviews Oswald at Hotel Metropole 4 hours on Nov. 16, published in Fort Worth-Dallas newspaper. Aline Mosby interviews Oswald on Nov 19. Dec. 1, US embassy Moscow informs State Dept Oswald has left town. Oswald’s defection to USSR is public knowledge and recorded in US files.

1960 On January 7, Oswald arrives in Minsk, greeted by Soviet Red Cross. On Jan 13, Oswald begins work at Minsk Radio Factory experimental department as a metal-lathe operator. In late April, FBI agent John Fain interviews Marguerite Oswald and her son Robert in Fort Worth about his brother’s activities in the USSR. On May 1, U.S. pilot Frances Gary Powers is shot down over Siberia on a U-2 mission denied by President Eisenhower, torpedoing a scheduled Paris summit. Powers trial was Aug 17-18 in Moscow; Oswald may have attended.

On December 9, CIA opens a “201 file” on Oswald as a person of “operational interest”, more than a year after Oswald expressed his desire to defect to American officials in Moscow. Defector file is 201-289248 for Oswald. Opened by James Angleton’s secretary, Ann Egerter. Implies Oswald was a CIA employee under suspicion as a possible double agent. JEHoover and FBI warn State Dept that “there is the possibility that an imposter is using Oswald’s birth certificate.”

In 1961, Oswald is well known and on file at CIA, FBI, ONI and State Dept as a potential defector to the USSR who has married a Russian. On July 3, John Fain files full report on Oswald to FBI from Fort Worth TX. July 8, Oswald flies to Moscow to get visa and return home to US. Gets visa back. On Oct 4, Oswald writes U.S. embassy Moscow asking for help getting Soviet exit visas so he and Marina can move to the U.S.

1962 Daughter June born in Minsk February 15. On June 1, Oswalds leave Moscow for U.S. thanks to loan and travel arrangements by U.S. embassy (Joe Norbury). They leave Moscow by train June 2 via Poland/Holland and arrive in Hoboken NJ June 13 on SS Maasdam and are met by Spas T. Rankin, a Bulgarian rep of Travelers Aid Society (and alleged CIA agent). They move to Fort Worth TX to live with Lee’s brother, Robert.

On February 23, 1962, TX gov John Connally writes Oswald rejecting his request that his Marine status be returned to “honorable discharge” from the later “undesirable discharge” imposed by Marines when they learned Oswald planned to defect. Connally had been US Sec of the Navy in 1961. He offered to forward his request to the Navy Discharge Review Board, to which Oswald appealed on March 22.

FBI interviews Oswald on June 26, and again on Aug. 16, which upsets him. Takes job at Leslie Welding Co. July 16 (loses job Oct 9). Petroleum geologist (and CIA asset) George de Mohrenschildt and other Russian émigrés help Oswalds rent furnished apartment in Forth Worth. In October emigres again help the Oswalds move to Dallas. J.Walton Moore, CIA Domestic Contacts Service chief, asks Mohrenschildt to contact Oswald. Mor. urges Oswald to move to Dallas, finds him a job at Jaggars-Chiles-Stovall, a graphic arts company involved with U-2 photo processing.

On Aug 16 FBI agent John Fain interviews Oswald briefly in a car outside Oswald’s house in Fort Worth TX. (Fain retires from FBI Oct. 29.)

In October, Bogdan Stashinsky, a defector and KGB assassin on trial in Munich, confesses to having murdered two Ukrainian nationalists in Munich in 1957 and 1959. Sentenced to 8 years in prison by W.Ger. federal supreme court.

In October, Dallas FBI office closes its Oswald case file (reopens it in March 1963). June 26 Oswald interview transcript sent by FBI to ONI, INS and State Dept, but not to CIA.

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On Jan. 27, Oswald orders a Smith & Wesson revolver in name of A. Hidell from Klein’s Sporting Goods in Chicago. (Hidell was a Marines cryptonym used by Oswald in Japan.) On March 13, Oswald orders a Mannlicher-Carcano rifle in Hidell’s name from same firm. Both rifle and pistol shipped on March 20 to POB 2915, Dallas. Marina takes photos of Oswald in back yard with rifle and pistol on March 31. (Four photos show different shadows and positions, but Oswald’s face remains the same.) Oswald proudly shows off photos to Michael Paine, who recalls this showing only in 1993.

On April 10, someone fired a shot at right-wing General Edwin Walker and missed. On April 24, Marina moves in with Ruth Paine in Irving TX and Oswald moves in with his aunt in New Orleans, forms Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC). He is perhaps the only member. He works for Reily Coffee Company, whose right-wing owner, William B. Reily, worked with the CIA for years. Also for Guy Bannister, a detective who ran guns for the CIA to Alpha 66 in Miami and had office next door to Reily. Bannister worked for FBI in Chicago before moving to New Orleans in 1955.

Judyth Vary Baker later claimed she worked with Oswald on a secret CIA project to produce cancer from polio vaccine in a lab at 544 Camp St. next to Reily Coffee Co. Both married, had an affair, she claims. Plan was to kill Castro with cancer cells SV-40 (simian virus) from monkeys. Both went to work for Reily Coffee May 10. Oswald fired on July 19, same day she left.

Newman Building at corner of Camp and Lafayette is known as the “Cuban Grand Station” because it housed CIA-backed Cuban Rev Council, anti-Castro Crusade to Free Cuba, and Guy Bannister’s private detective agency, which employed David Ferrie and Jack Martin.

On June 8, Oswald procures vaccination certificate for himself, performed by A.J.Hidell, Box 30016, New Orleans. On June 11, PO box rented in New Orleans in names of Oswald and Hidell. Oswald also has fake SS draft card

On July 25, Oswald receives a letter from the Navy that his discharge appeal has been finally turned down. According to Marina, he was very angry at the Navy, the Marines and John Connally.

On Aug 5, Oswald enters Casa Roca store in New Orleans and tells Carlos Bringuier he is an ex-Marine and can train anti-Castro commandos to fight in Cuba.

On August 9, Oswald and 3 Cubans arrested after a fight with anti-Castro Cubans on Canal St., spends a night in jail in New Orleans and is again interviewed by an FBI agent at Lee’s request. Uncle Dutz’s lawyer, Emile Bruneau, posts bail and gets him out of jail. Cubans are part of a CIA operation code-named AMSPELL run by CIA’s David Phillips from Mexico City that reported on Oswald and may have used him as an informant and agent in running the nonexistent FPCC for DRE (Cuban Student Directorate, an anti-Castro group).

On August 21, Oswald appears with Carlos Bringuier on a radio talk show Latin Listening Post to debate Cuba.

On Sept 17, Oswald visits Mexican consulate in New Orleans to apply for a travel visa to Mexico.

On Sept 27, Oswald takes bus to Mexico City, probably visits Cuban embassy twice, states he wants to visit Cuba on his way to the USSR. Sylvia Duran, Mexican employee at Cuban consulate wrote: “There is an American here who has requested an in-transit visa because he is going to Russia.”

Later letter to Soviet embassy says he met “Comrade Kostin” on this visit of Sep 27 – Oct 3. Probably Valery Kostikov, who says he met “Oswald” at Soviet consulate in Mexico City. Kostikov was in KGB Dept 13 (“wet” affairs such as assassinations). Sept 28 and Oct 1 CIA tapes of someone claiming to be Oswald calling Soviet and Cuban consulates. Oswald's Oct 1 message in Russian said: “Hello, I was at your place last Saturday and I talked to your consul. They said they’d send a telegram to Washington, and I wanted to ask you if there was anything new.” CIA tape of the call was in station’s hands in fifteen minutes.
Oswald takes bus back to Dallas and hitchhikes to Paine home in Irving (Oct 2-4). CIA and FBI photos and wiretaps of an “Oswald” suggest an impersonator at both embassies. Judyth Baker claims Oswald was to deliver a bioweapon to kill Castro to an agent who never materialized in Mexico City.

On October 8, CIA reports describe a photo of a “non-Oswald” on steps of Soviet embassy in Mexico City: “apparent age 35, athletic build, circa 6 feet, receding hairline, balding top.” (Still unidentified.) By now Oswald has been noted by four different CIA offices collecting information, beginning with AMSPELL in New Orleans. CIA station chief Win Scott remembered that Oswald was “a person of great interest to us during this 27 Sept-- Oct 2, 1963, period”. Oswald was “observed on all his visits to each of the two communist embassies.” Yet no CIA photos of Oswald have ever surfaced.

On Oct 9, FBI abolishes a security watch on Oswald for no apparent reason. He is removed from the FBI FLASHLIST of suspicious people to be watched.

On Oct. 10, CIA cables FBI that Oswald had contacted Soviet embassy in Mexico City. Information on Oswald circulates in higher reaches of CIA under James Angleton.

On October 16, Oswald begins work at Texas Book Depository, helped by Michael and Ruth Paine. Yale prof. Frederick Barghoorn, a friend of JFK, arrested in Moscow as provocation. Win Scott asks CIA Washington to send a photo of Oswald to compare with Mexico City surveillance photo.

Second Oswald daughter Rachel born October 20.

In early Nov Oswald leaves a note threatening James Hosty at FBI office in Dallas. Hosty later told by supervisor to destroy note.

On Nov. 7, Congressman Charles Kersten of Milwaukee WI writes JFK and requests that Stashinsky be admitted to U.S. as defector. Kersten notes that S. was trained for “high-level killing in England and the U.S.” and that “there are undoubtedly others in such training.” Kersten had attended Stashinsky trial in Munich a year before.

On Nov. 18, Soviet embassy in DC receives a letter from Oswald (dated Nov. 9) about his visit to Mexico City embassy “to complete our business.” On Nov. 19, the JFK motorcade route is published in Dallas papers.

On Nov. 21, Oswald gets ride to Irving and returns to Dallas with his rifle, hidden in a box labeled “curtain rods” and stored in Ruth Paine’s garage.

On Nov. 22, Oswald allegedly shoots JFK in Dallas from the sixth floor of the Texas Book Depository at about 12:30 pm. Sheriff Bill Decker tells Dallas
police at 10:30 am that they “were to take no part whatsoever in the security of the presidential motorcade.” Secret Service is left in charge. Rumor is that Oswald is carrying David Ferrie’s library card.

Oswald charged with murdering Tippit 7:10 pm; charged with murdering JFK at 1:00 am Nov 23.

On Nov. 23 Castro asks: “Can anyone who has said that he will disclose military secrets return to the U.S. without being sent to jail?” Oswald is interrogated for 12 hours, says he is a “patsy,” says 4 March 30 photos of him with rifle are fakes with his face superimposed. Parrafin test by Dallas police shows no expected gunpowder residue on Oswald’s hands or cheek.

Secret service agent Mike Howard finds Oswald’s green address book in his room. On p. 17 is the entry “I WILL KILL: John Connally, James Hosty, Edwin Walker, Richard Nixon. Book goes to FBI, Warren Com and National Archives, where p. 17 is torn out and missing.

On Nov. 24, Oswald’s rifle flown to FBI lab in Washington on USAF plane, flown back to Dallas that afternoon.

On Nov. 25, Nicaraguan Gilberto Alvarado claims he saw Oswald receiving $6,500 in the Cuban embassy in Mexico City in September. Later discredited. David Ferrie turns himself into New Orleans police after DA Jim Garrison orders him arrested.

On Nov. 26, Soviet Ambassador Anatoly Dobrynin sends top-secret telegram from DC to Moscow that Oswald’s Nov. 9/18 letter was clearly a forgery and/or provocation. Also on Nov. 26, FBI raids Ruth Paine’s house in Irving TX and finds a Minox camera (item 375) in Oswald’s marine sea bag. German-made, 3” long, used by spies on both sides in WWII. (Later said to be a light meter, not a camera.)

On Nov 29, RFK sends Jackie’s artist friend William Walton on a secret mission to Moscow to assure Soviets that RFK and Jackie K. know Soviets were not behind the assassination. Back channel to Khrushchev was Georgii Bolshakov. Alvorado admits his story about Oswald and Cuban money was “completely false.”

1964 Yury Nosenko defects to US in February and is held in isolation by CIA for 3 years. Suspected KGB plant or mole. Denies any Soviet involvement with Oswald during Russia stay.

Oswald’s mother Marguerite testifies to Warren Commission: “All I know is that my son is an agent, and that he deserves to be buried in Arlington Cemetery.”


William Manchester in his Death of a President insinuates Ruth Paine and Marina Oswald were lesbian lovers, infuriating Oswald.

1969  On March 1, CIA exonerates Nosenko and releases him from prison to work for the agency. Later retired under witness protection. Died 2008. Clay Shaw also acquitted that day by New Orleans jury.

1971  CIA station chief in Mexico City Winston Scott dies. His close friend James Angleton flies in the next day and removes Scott’s papers from his garage.

1974  Clay Shaw dies of cancer at age 61. Marina Oswald tells People Magazine: “They called me lesbian, because I had a friendship with Ruth Paine, who isn’t that way at all. People are quick to apply names. I assure you I am normal.” Angleton dismissed from CIA, all his files on JFK assassination are allegedly destroyed.

1977  George de Mohrenschildt found dead of an apparent self-inflicted shotgun blast on eve of Edward J. Epstein interview.

1981  On October 4, Oswald’s body exhumed and identified as his, not a Soviet agent’s, as alleged by Eddowes and Epstein books.

1993  In an interview, Marina claims Oswald did not kill JFK.

1998  CIA releases Sept 28 and Oct 1, 1963 Mexico City phone tapes of “Oswald.”
4. JACK RUBY AND THE MOB (Oct. 20)

Was Ruby’s murder of Oswald part of a mafia hit plan to kill the “patsy”?  
Was Tippit supposed to kill Oswald, but Oswald killed him?  
Was Carlos Marcello’s 1987 boast that he ordered JFK ‘hit’ the truth?  
Did both Ruby and Oswald work for Marcello?  
Was Dallas the assassination success after failures in Chicago and Tampa?  
Was Oswald part of the JFK/RFK plan to kill Castro?  


Born Jacob Rubenstein, 1911, Chicago, parents Orthodox Jews from Poland. School truant, gambler, racing, Chicago mobster, runner for Al Capone. After US. Army service, moved to Los Angeles 1933 and Dallas 1947 and changed name to Jack Ruby. Nickname “Sparky.” US Army Air Corps 1943-5. As “Jacob Rubenstein,” may have worked for Nixon campaign in CA in 1947. Ruby involved with Cuban casinos and Santos Trafficante mafia in Tampa. “French connection” heroin trade goes from Marseilles to Tampa to New Orleans and on. Testified to Kefauver committee in 1950. Drugs, gambling, prostitution, strip club owner. Knows Sam Giancana and Johnny Rosselli. Involved in Chicago mob’s move into Dallas after WWII. Ruby was Marcello’s payoff-man for the Dallas police, well known in the force, frequent visitor to police stations. Alleged homosexual.

Jack Ruby in front of his Carousel Club in Dallas,  
*Controlled by Carlos Marcello*

1959  Ruby involved in gunrunning and narcotics trade with Cuba. Also becomes an FBI informant in March. Travels to Cuba several times that summer and visits Santos Trafficante in Havana jail. Courier between T and Marcello. Trafficante is released. On Oct. 2, Ruby ceases to be an FBI informant, having met FBI agents at least 8 times between April and October. Ruby arrested 9
times in 16 years while in Dallas. He becomes Marcello’s “payoff man” for bribing the Dallas police.

1960  Mobster Sam Giancana helps JFK win Chicago and Illinois elections in agreement with JFK’s father Joseph P. Kennedy. Mob feels double crossed when JFK appoints his brother RFK attorney general and begins plotting revenge as Kennedy’s continue their assault on organized crime.

1961  April 4, Carlos Marcello deported from U.S. He signs papers at INS office in New Orleans. Kidnapped and flown to Guatemala City. RFK letter confirms legality of deportation order. CM swears vengeance on Kennedys.

1962  In Miami at Scott-Bryant Hotel in Sept, Santos Trafficante tells a wealthy Cuban exile friend that “Kennedy’s not going to make it to the election. He’s going to be hit.”

1963  January: RFK tells JEHoover he wants more extensive coverage of Carlos Marcello and his activities. April: Ben Tregle, a partner of Marcello, tells a friend “Someone is going to kill Kennedy when he comes down South.” May: Ruby visits Frank Caracci’s Old French Opera House on Bourbon Street in New Orleans, managed by Harold Tannenbaum. Ruby hires “Jada” for his strip joint in Dallas, The Carousel Club. Caracci was the New Orleans capo for Carlos Marcello, who controlled the Carousel Club.

Oswald lives with his uncle Charles “Dutz” Murret (married to Oswald’s mother’s sister) who collects illegal and overdue gambling debts for Marcello, for whom Oswald may have been an unwitting or witting ‘runner.’ On July 23, Jimmy Hoffa tells mob lawyer Frank Ragano “the time has come to kill John F. Kennedy.”

October 4, attorney Carroll Jarnagin overhears Oswald (“H.L.Lee”) and Ruby at Carousel Club talking about killing Connally. Oswald asks Ruby for money. FBI later turns 8-pp. letter from Jarnagin to FBI over to Warren Commission.
Nov. 2: Plot to shoot JFK from a tall building in Chicago along a motorcade route is discovered, trip cancelled, Thomas Vallee arrested (ex-Marine who worked at U-2 airfield in Japan).

Nov. 9/10 and 16/17 weekends: David Ferrie at Marcello’s estate at Churchill Downs outside New Orleans. Marcello pays Ferrie $7,000 at about this time for some unknown purpose.

Nov. 18: Similar plot to shoot JFK in Tampa discovered, but motorcade proceeds without incident. Santos Trafficante suspected. No arrests.

Nov. 20: Rose Cheramie, a heroin addict and prostitute working for Jack Ruby, is hospitalized after being hit by a car near Eunice LA. She predicts JFK will be killed on Friday.

Nov. 21: Ruby has dinner at Egyptian Lounge, Dallas, with Joe and Sam Campisi, Dallas mafia figures under Marcello.

Nov. 22: Marcello awaits trial for conspiracy regarding his “false birth certificate” in New Orleans. David Ferrie there. Marcello acquitted by a jury and released that day. French connection heroin trafficker and gunman Michel Victor Mertz is in Dallas, flies out that afternoon. Seth Kantor and two other witnesses say they saw Ruby at Parkland Hospital and spoke with him. Oswald alleged killer of police officer Tippit, a friend of Ruby.

Nov. 24: Ruby shoots and kills Oswald during jail transfer in Dallas.

Nov. 27: David Ferrie returns to New Orleans, where FBI questions him about why Oswald had Ferrie’s library card in his wallet.

David Ferrie after his arrest.

Nov. 30: Joe Campisi is first person to visit Ruby in jail.
Dec. 1 Kennedy-CIA plan for an uprising in Cuba to install Juan Almeida Bosque (1927-2009), an army commander and friend of Castro, in power (according to Waldron...). Called off by LBJ after talks with RFK in Jan 1964.

Dec. 6: assassination attempt on Castro.


On Oct 9, Nicholas Katzenbach announces that Marcello has been indicted on charges of conspiracy and obstruction of justice. Acquitted Aug 17, 1965.

1965 Dorothy Kilgallen found dead in NYC apartment on November 8. Her JFK assassination file was taken and never recovered.


1985 FBI launches CAMTEX program to monitor and wiretap Carlos Marcello in federal prison in Texarkana. Jack Van Lingham, a Korean and Vietnam War veteran imprisoned for a bank robbery, agrees to be FBI informant and becomes Marcello’s friend and cellmate. Marcello calls Ruby a “homo son of a bitch” and says Oswald was Marcello’s runner for his uncle “Dutch” Murret.

1975 On June 19, Sam Giancana is murdered in his home near Chicago, five days before scheduled to testify before Church Committee on CIA/Mob plans to kill Fidel Castro. He was frying chicken.

1976 On July 9, legless body of Johnny Rosselli is found stuffed in an oil drum floating in the ocean off Miami.
1979  House Assassinations Committee concludes that Marcello had the “means, motive and opportunity” to murder JFK.

1987  On December 15, Carlos Marcello confesses to Jack Van Laningham (cellmate) that he organized Kennedy assassination. “Yeah, I had the son of a bitch killed. I’m glad I did. I ’m sorry I couldn’t have done it myself.”

1992  In his book Double Cross, Sam Giancana writes “the hit in Dallas was just like any other operation we’d worked on in the past.”

1993  Carlos Marcello dies on March 3.

1995  Jan. 15: Michel Mertz dies in France.
5. **LBJ, BOBBY BAKER, AND MALCOLM WALLACE (Oct. 27)**

LBJ (1908-73) has means, motive and opportunity to have JFK killed. Automatically becomes POTUS despite fact that JFK intended to drop him from the ticket as VP in 1964. Bobby Baker scandal breaking. LBJ hated the Kennedys and v.v. LBJ-Hoover connection. John Connally a protégé of LBJ. Photos show LBJ slumping down in car seat and invisible at time of shooting.

1937  LBJ elected to US House of Reps, serves until 1948. Smokes 60 cigs daily until 1955, then stops.

1939  *Malcolm Wallace* (1921-71) graduates HS in Dallas, enters the USMC but reinjures himself and resigns. After Pearl Harbor, he attends UTX in Austin, where he is president of the student body and graduates in 1947.

1943  Bobby Baker arrives at the US Senate as a page, age 15. Born 1928 in Pickens SC.


1949  Malcolm Wallace employed as economist by US Dept of Agri, serves until 1952.

1951  On October 22, Malcolm Wallace shoots *John Kinser*, miniature golf course owner in Dallas and kills him. Kinser was sleeping with Wallace’s wife, both Wallace and Kinser were sleeping with LBJ’s sister Josefa. Was Kinser blackmailing LBJ?

LBJ chosen minority whip of US Senate. Bobby Baker serves as his aide.

1952  At February murder trial, Wallace is found guilty of murder. 11 jurors favor the death penalty, 12th wants life in prison. Instead Wallace received a suspended five-year sentence and serves no time in prison. LBJ arranges a job for Wallace at Luscombe Aircraft Company, later absorbed into LTV (Ling-Tempee-Vought), where Wallace manages the purchasing department for many years.

1953  LBJ chosen minority leader of US Senate. Mafia don *Carlos Marcello* (New Orleans and Dallas) funds LBJ Senate campaigns with $50k annual contributions from Marcello’s gambling operations. Bobby Baker works with mob leaders Meyer Lansky and Sam Giancana on their gambling and casino operations in Cuba and Dominican Republic.
1955  LBJ chosen majority leader of US Senate. Has difficulty getting life insurance after a heart attack until he arranges kickbacks from his Austin TX radio station to insurance broker Dan Reynolds, pressured to buy advertising time on station by LBJ.

1956  John Connally nominates his close TX friend LBJ for US President at the Democratic Convention, which instead chooses Adlai Stevenson.

1960  LBJ elected v.p. with JFK, defeats Nixon-Lodge ticket. LBJ is crucial in carrying Texas, but is deeply disliked by the Kennedy brothers, especially Bobby.

1961  LBJ persuades JFK to appoint John Connally of TX as Secretary of the Navy. Connally serves eleven months before resigning to run for gov of TX. As sec of Navy, C upholds Oswald’s demotion of discharge from Marines and refuses his appeal, news of which reaches Oswald only in July 1963.

LBJ giving Sen. Richard Russell of GA the “Johnson Treatment,” trying to convert people to his ideas by violating their personal space.

Russell was the major dissenter on the Warren Commission.
1962  Bobby Baker forms Serve-U-Company (vending machines) with machines manufactured by Giancana-controlled company in Chicago. Also runs the Quorum Club in Washington that procures prostitutes for JFK and Senators.

1963  LBJ, JFK and Connally meeting in El Paso agree on a November visit of JFK to TX, possibly Austin and three or four other cities, ultimately Dallas.

August: RFK has Ellen Rometsch deported to East Germany. She was a “hostess” and alleged call girl for Bobby Baker’s Quorum Club, supposedly serving Senators, JFK and Gerald Ford, later a member of the Warren Commission. She was also an alleged spy for DDR Pres Walter Ulbricht. The Rometsch FBI file is available on line.

October 7: Bobby Baker forced to resign over a F-111 contract lent to General Dynamics, a TX aircraft firm.

Nov. 21 At a party, LBJ tells his mistress Madeline Brown that “after tomorrow those goddamn Kennedys will never embarrass me again—that’s no threat—that’s a promise.” Brown, *Texas in the Morning* (1997).

November issue of *Life* magazine focusses on the Bobby Baker scandal and The possibility that LBJ will face censure or prison. On Nov. 22, Senate Rules Committee meets on LBJ-Reynolds insurance kickback scheme of 1955. Some allege LBJ faces prison time.

Nov 22: Newspapers report JFK may drop LBJ in 1964 election. LBJ-JFK shouting match that morning in JFK suite at Texas Hotel. LBJ wants Connally to ride with him in motorcade, wants Sen. Yarborough to ride with JFK. When
queried by Jackie about the argument, JFK tells her “That’s just Lyndon, he’s having a bad day.” LBJ and wife riding in car behind JFK/Connally limousine, Altgens photos show LBJ slumped out of sight at time of shooting. LBJ sworn in as Pres. That afternoon (unnecessarily).

Nov 23 LBJ telephones Hoover 10:01 am, H says Oswald has been charged with murdering JFK but evidence is “not very strong.” Hoover says figure photographed and taped in Mexico City is imposter. LBJ had asked him about “the visit to the Soviet embassy in Mexico City in September.” How did he know about it? Hoover tells LBJ “the case, as it stands now, isn’t strong enough to be able to get a conviction.”

Hoover tells LBJ aide Walter Jenkins: “The thing I am most concerned about, and so is Mr. Katzenbach, is having something issued so we can say that Oswald is the real assassin.”

1964 LBJ reverses JFK Vietnam policy, increased US presence from 16,000 advisers to 525,000 troops by 1967. Gulf of Tonkin resolution by Congress justifies war in Vietnam. Also calls off plan to invade Cuba. Landslide victory in November elections over Barry Goldwater.

1967 Bobby Baker found guilty of seven (of 9) counts of theft, fraud and tax evasion. Sentenced to 3 years, but appeals.

1968 RFK assassinated.

1971 Loy Factor, a Chickesaw Indian serving a 44-year sentence for allegedly murdering his wife, tells hospital mate Mark Callum and his friend Glen Sample that he helped shoot JFK. Factor claims he was one of a team of 3
(with Oswald and Malcolm Wallace, plus a Hispanic woman named Ruth Ann) who fired simultaneously from sixth floor TX book depository.

Bobby Baker goes to prison (Lewisburg PA) in January, gets to meet Jimmy Hoffa, then moves to Allenwood PA penitentiary. Nixon pardons Hoffa.

1972 Bobby Baker released from prison, having served 16 months of a 3 year sentence.

1975 Hoffa disappears from a restaurant near Detroit. Body not found.


1984 *Billy Sol Estes* tells a grand jury that LBJ used Malcolm Wallace for eight (8) murders on individual targets, including JFK.

1998 *Nathan Darby*, a forensic scientist and Certified Latent Print Examiner, matches fingerprint on one of the cardboard boxes from the “sniper’s nest” with one from Wallace’s murder trial (blind test, Darby did not know Wallace’s identity; 14-point match).
6. **LONE NUT (LN) ADVOCATES, CONSPIRACY THEORIES (CTs), AND HISTORY (H) (November 3)**

LNs believe the Warren Commission report. Oswald alone did it. CTs believe there was a conspiracy, whether or not Oswald was aware of it, involving the U.S., Soviet and/or Cuban governments and the mafia. Historians consider the case open, not closed, and await further evidence and interpretation to examine. The JFK assassination remains a murder mystery, an American tragedy, a wilderness of mirrors and a bundle of conspiracies associated with Oswald, Ruby, LBJ, Allen Dulles, Fidel Castro, Carlos Marcello and sundry CIA agents and Cuban exiles. I think the case is still open, with more questions than answers.

1994  *Evelyn Lincoln*, JFK’s secretary: “*It is my belief that there was a conspiracy... These five conspirators, in my opinion, were Lyndon B. Johnson, J. Edgar Hoover, the Mafia, the CIA, and the Cubans in Florida.*” The Kennedy family distrusts Lincoln because she removed and sold artifacts from the White House and JFK’s office.

2007  Watergate burglar E. Howard Hunt dies. He told his sons that the conspiracy to murder JFK involved LBJ and CIA officers Cord Meyer, William Harvey, and David Atlee Phillips. Hunt also named CIA operative David Morales and a “French gunman on the Grassy Knoll,” perhaps Lucien Sarti.

2013  Gallup Poll survey:

**Mafia, U.S. Government, CIA Lead Conspiracy List**

Just your best guess, what other specific people or groups were involved in the assassination of President Kennedy? [% OPEN-ENDED]

| Mafia/Organized crime/Gangsters | 12 |
| U.S. government/Federal government (nonspecific) | 12 |
| CIA | 7 |
| Fidel Castro/Cuba | 5 |
| Special interests who disagreed with his policies (nonspecific) | 5 |
| Political groups (nonspecific) | 5 |
| KKK/Klan/Klansmen/Racist groups | 3 |
| Lyndon Johnson | 3 |
| Soviet Union/Russia/Communists | 3 |
| Multiple people/More than one (nonspecific) | 2 |
| Another country/Foreign government | 2 |
| Big business/Oil/Financial interests | 2 |
| Secret Service | 1 |
| FBI/J. Edgar Hoover | 1 |
| Labor unions/Teamsters | 1 |
| Military-Industrial complex | 1 |
| Anti-government/Fright-wing groups | 1 |
| Other | 5 |
| No opinion | 40 |

Note: Asked of those who think others were involved in Kennedy’s assassination.

GALLUP
The idea of a conspiracy behind Oswald will not die:

The lone gunman theory (Warren Commission, 1964):

Oswald alone shot JFK with 3 bullets from an Italian sniper's rifle from the sixth floor of the Texas Book Depository. “Magic bullet” found on a stretcher at Parkland Hospital passed through JFK and Connally at 7 points. (Arlen Spector theory) This theory began on Saturday Nov. 23 before Ruby killed Oswald.

Second shooter?

Eyewitnesses at Dealey Plaza suggest additional shots came from the “grassy knoll.” Crossfire? Autopsy at Parkland Hospital suggests frontal wounds, as well as shots from rear. No eyewitness put Oswald in the sixth floor at the time of the shooting. European hitman in Dallas on the 22nd.

Lyndon B. Johnson

Opportunity, means and motive. Gained most by becoming U.S. president, feared being dumped as v.p. in 1964 by JFK. Bobby Baker scandal threatens LBJ with legal charges and prison. Slumped out of sight in the second car as if he had foreknowledge. Had financial support over the years from Carlos Marcello.

CIA: Oswald frequently appears in files before 1963. Possible CIA agent since 1957 in Marines, under Office of Naval Intelligence. James Angleton followed Oswald since November 1959 and kept voluminous files on him.

CIA worked with mob on Bay of Pigs fiasco and on killing Castro. JFK fired Allen Dulles after Bay of Pigs. Robert Vinson says CIA cargo plane (unmarked) picked up two men, one Oswald look-alike, at Dallas airport right after assassination. Dulles visited LBJ at TX ranch in August 1963.

FBI: Hoover hated JFK and RFK, had the dirt on everyone. Takes over from Dallas police, immediate conclusion that Oswald did it alone. Evidence flown in Nov. 22 from CIA Mexico City about Oswald visit. Hoover admits weak case against Oswald until after Ruby shoots him. US Attorney General’s office calls for Oswald to be found ‘lone gunman’ despite absence of trial evidence sufficient to convict. Hoover and LBJ concur.

Khrushchev and Soviets: Oswald secretly trained as agent in Minsk? Was Marina a Soviet honey trap? Was Oswald a rogue Soviet agent on his own in spring 1963 but trained by KGB? After Vienna summit, Bay of Pigs, and Cuban missile crisis, NSK had revenge motive and KGB had long experience in murdering enemies abroad.

Castro and Cuba: JFK tried invasion at Bay of Pigs, Castro wanted revenge. Castro knew JFK and CIA had plans to kill him, so he preempted them.

Carlos Marcello and mafia: threats to kill RFK and JFK. Ties to Ruby. French connection of heroin trade. Ties to David Ferrie. Oswald a runner for
his uncle Dutz, who worked for Marcello. Marcello later boasts he had JFK “hit” in Dallas in typical gangland style, using a murdered “patsy.” The Tippit murder: was Oswald framed? Was T supposed to kill O as the “patsy”? Why was O in a theater shifting his seats around?

*The Mafia Conspiracy Chart*

HISTORIOGRAPHY:

Hundreds of books and articles have been written on the JFK assassination. Here are some I found valuable--

1964 The commission chaired by Supreme Court Justice Earl Warren publishes *Investigation of the Assassination of President John F. Kennedy*, along with an additional 26 volumes of testimony. Oswald alone shot JFK with 3 bullets from sixth floor of TX book depository. There were no conspirators. Available on line. LN

1966 Philosopher Richard Popkin publishes *The Second Oswald*, the first book to argue that there may have been a second shooter and an Oswald double. CT
1976  Michael Eddowes, British attorney, publishes *Khrushchev Killed Kennedy*, arguing that a Soviet imposter of Oswald killed JFK. CT

1977  Priscilla Johnson Macmillan publishes *Marina and Lee*, a double biography of the Oswalds. She first interviewed Oswald in Moscow Nov. 16, 1959. LN

British attorney Michael Eddowes in *The Oswald File* argues that the Soviets captured Oswald and “a look-alike substitute was returned to the U.S.” CT

1978  Journalist Edward Jay Epstein publishes *Legend. The Secret World of Lee Harvey Oswald*, suggesting Oswald was a Soviet agent. CT

1979  The U.S. House Select Committee on Assassinations publishes its own *Investigation of the Assassination of President John F. Kennedy*, along with 12 volumes of new testimony. The Committee also investigated the murder of M.L. King and Robert Kennedy in 1968 and did not rule out the possibility of a conspiracy. Says Carlos Marcello had means, motive and opportunity. H

1986  Mary Ferrell (1920-2004) begins transforming her card-indexed data base regarding the JFK assassination into a searchable web site on the Internet, now maryferrell.org, providing access to every individual and document in the case. The best place to begin your search. H

1988  Jim Garrison in his book *On the Trail of the Assassins* asserts that Clay Shaw was behind the assassination, even though acquitted by a jury in 1967. (Reissued in 2005 and 2014.) CT


1992  JFK Assassination Records Act by Congress compels the declassification and release of all records related to the murder by October 2017 by an ARRB (Ass. Records Rev Board). Oswald’s CIA 201 file released, now on line. H

1993  Legal expert Gerald Posner publishes *Case Closed. Lee Harvey Oswald and the Assassination of JFK*. Offers wishful thinking about the lone gunman. LN


2006  Michael Kurtz, *The JFK Assassination Debate*, reviews the literature. H

2007  Ion Pacepa, a Romanian intelligence defector, publishes his *Programmed to Kill. Lee Harvey Oswald, the Soviet KGB, and the Kennedy Assassination*, arguing that the Soviets trained Oswald, then abandoned him, but he completed his job on his own. CT

2008  Jefferson Morley, *Our Man in Mexico. Winston Scott and the Hidden History of the CIA* shows how much the CIA knew about Oswald after his Sept/Oct visit to Mexico City and how they have denied it subsequently. H


2011  Phillip Nelson, *LBJ. The Mastermind of the JFK Assassination*. Argues LBJ was behind it all, using hit man Malcolm Wallace and aide Bobby Baker working through Carlos Marcello’s mafia network. CT

2013  Lamar Waldron publishes *The Hidden History of the JFK Assassination*, arguing again that Carlos Marcello organized and ordered the mafia hit. Stefano Vaccara reiterates charge that Marcello was behind the JFK murder. CT and H

Peter Savodnik publishes *The Interloper. Lee Harvey Oswald inside the Soviet Union*, on Oswald’s years in Minsk and his marriage to Marina. LN

James Reston, Jr., *The Accidental Victim. JFK, Lee Harvey Oswald and the real target in Dallas*. Argues Oswald really trying to kill TX Gov. John Connally for refusing to reinstate Oswald’s honorable discharge from US Marine Corps in 1959. Connally was Sec Navy in 1961. H

2017  Over three thousand JFK assassination documents made public by Oct. 27, per the 1992 JFK Records Act. Trump withholds some at request of CIA and others. H

Jefferson Morley, *The Ghost. The Secret Life of CIA Spymaster James Jesus Angleton*. Makes it clear that the CIA knew all about Oswald since 1959, did nothing to stop him, may have run him as an agent for a time, and has
covered up its pre-assassination knowledge and files ever since. Angleton died in 1975 after obstructing justice by seizing the files of Mary Meyer and Winston Scott. H

CASE OPEN: TWENTY QUESTIONS OF A HISTORIAN:

1. Who shot JFK and John Connally on Nov 22, 1963?
2. Was the Mannlicher-Carcano rifle the only murder weapon? Did Oswald fire it? Who used the Mauser rifle first discovered by Dallas police?
3. Was Oswald a CIA asset or agent since his days in the Marines?
4. Did Oswald travel to Mexico City in September 1963 and visit the Soviet and Cuban consulates? If not, who was the impersonator caught on video and tapes of the CIA station there?
5. Was J.D. Tippitt supposed to kill Oswald, the “patsy”?
6. Was Carlos Marcello behind the “hit,” as he later boasted?
7. Were Ruby and Oswald both working for Marcello?
8. Why did Allen Dulles meet with LBJ at his TX ranch in Aug. 1963?
9. Was evidence planted or removed at the crime scenes?
10. Was autopsy or Zapruder film evidence doctored?
11. What happened to the Secret Service files on the assassination plots in Chicago and Tampa in November 1963?
12. Were Judith Vary Baker and Oswald working together (and lovers) at Camp St. in New Orleans on a CIA project to kill Castro, involving David Ferrie and David Atlee Phillips?
13. Was Oswald working for David Atlee Phillips and CIA anti-Castro Cubans in 1963 New Orleans, using the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (himself) legend as a ruse?
14. Why did CIA’s James Angleton remove files of Mary Meyer and Winston Scott, and what happened to his Oswald and JFK assassination files afterwards?
15. Why did LBJ slump out of sight in his car before the shooting began?
16. What relationship with the CIA did the following have: J. Walton Moore of Dallas; George Von Mohrenschildt; Ruth Paine’s brother; Priscilla Johnson Macmillan; Clay Shaw; David Atlee Phillips; David Ferrie...
17. What relationship with the FBI did Jack Ruby have? James Hosty?
18. Explain the deaths of Jack Ruby, David Ferrie, Dorothy Kilgallen, George Von Mohrenschildt, Sam Giancana, Johnny Rosselli, etc....
19. Did the CIA merely cover up its long-term pre-assassination knowledge and files on Oswald, or was Oswald a CIA agent (see 3.) since 1959 or before?
20. (Extra credit) Was Oswald a KGB mole inside the CIA (being monitored by Angleton) who went rogue in spring 1963?