

The Deep State Rides Again

**How the Washington Establishment Continues
to Try to Overturn the Will of the Voters**



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This book is dedicated to all those who tried to get the truth out to the public. Especially to those who, like Mary Pinchot Meyer and Dorothy Kilgallen, lost their lives in that attempt.

“Once you eliminate the impossible, whatever remains, no matter how improbable, must be the truth.”

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

“History is the set of lies we agree on.”

Napoleon

“Ye shall know the truth and it shall set you free”

From the Bible (John 8:32) and engraved in the lobby of CIA headquarters

“You will never find a more wretched hive of scum and villany.”

Obi-Wan Kenobi

Preface: The Deep State Rides Again

The Deep State is trying to get rid of President Trump, and this is not the first time they've tried to overturn the will of the voters. They tried this in the 1960's and the only difference is that this time they're not using bullets. The Deep State represents a danger to our democracy. Our government, which we the citizens elect and pay for, has no business trying to overthrow the will of the voters, especially not by murdering our duly elected president. However, that's what happened on November 22, 1963 in Dallas. What was back then referred to as The Washington Establishment and what we now call the Deep State (or sometimes just the "Swamp") conspired to murder President John F. Kennedy. Having the government bureaucracy try to take over power from the existing leadership is not a new concept. This has been going on since the beginning of civilization. The Deep State in the United States of America consists of the crooked politicians, the FBI, the Justice Department, the intelligence community, the mainstream media and a few others. This hasn't changed much since the early 1960's. With a few relatively minor differences, the current crop of bad actors from these same institutions are still at it. The Deep State that took out President Kennedy also included the mafia, the Pentagon and some anti-Castro Cuban exiles. Back then the intelligence community was primarily the CIA. Now the U.S. intelligence community has grown to also include over a dozen other major intelligence agencies in addition to just the CIA. Other than those relatively minor differences, the Deep State hasn't changed much in the last few generations. And the Deep State is still trying to overturn the will of the voters. They still, a few generations later, have no intention of allowing democracy to work. They don't believe in our representative republic or our Constitution. They are doing everything in their considerable and growing power to substitute their agenda and policies for those of the duly elected president. And what is worse, they're still succeeding and getting away with it. They're not using bullets this time, which gives us the illusion of progress, but the Deep State is still doing their best to either get rid of Donald Trump, our duly elected president, or stop him from implementing his agenda. While they're trying to have him thrown out of the White House, they're doing everything humanly possible, legal or otherwise, to make sure that he's unable to implement the agenda he was elected on. The objective of the Deep State hasn't changed in the last few generations. Whatever it takes, the Deep State has no intention of allowing our elected leaders to exercise power unless their agenda is in line with that of the Deep State.

The Deep State is doing this to President Trump because he had the nerve to challenge them. Like President Kennedy, President Trump persisted in believing that he was the elected president and not the Deep State. He believed that the Constitution and the voters

gave him the authority of the presidency. The Deep State chose not to use bullets to take out President Trump, but they threw everything else they could think of at him in an effort to keep him from winning the election and exercising power. The Deep State launched a multi-level attack on Trump starting when he was still just a candidate in 2016. They tapped his phones, made up fake documents, used those documents to start an illegal investigation, and used the investigation to try to find something they could use to not only have him thrown out of office but also put in prison. At the same time the mainstream media smeared Trump and his family at every opportunity. No matter what the question was, the media's answer was "Trump is bad." The Deep State was doing this for several reasons. First, they disagree with almost every part of Trump's agenda. For example, he wanted to stop illegal immigration and they wanted to continue illegal immigration. They are also doing this because they wanted to make an example out of Trump. They want to make sure that no one ever tries the same thing again. The Deep State wants candidates from the Establishment who either agree with their agenda or who they can control. Trump was neither of those things and they wanted to both destroy him and make the process so ugly that no one else will dare to try to challenge them again. In a later chapter I describe the multi-level attack on New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison. The Deep State launched a vicious multi-level attack on him for the same reasons. He challenged the Deep State, they disagreed with his agenda, and they wanted to make an example out of him so no one else would dare challenge them again. They went after him with (no pun intended) trumped-up charges and smears in the mainstream media.

In the following pages I lay out for the reader what happened in Dallas on November 22, 1963 when President Kennedy was murdered, the events that led up to it, and what happened after. I also lay out the reasons behind what happened and what motivated the major players like Lyndon Johnson and J. Edgar Hoover to participate in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. Finally, I describe how our history is repeating and what we can do about it.

In this book I claim that many outrageous or shocking things happened, then I spend a lot of time backing those claims up with facts. I claim, for example, that Lyndon Johnson shot his way into the White House. Then I spend a lot of time supporting that argument. I also claim that J. Edgar Hoover joined Johnson in the conspiracy to assassinate President Kennedy. Then I spend a lot of time supporting that argument. In the end I believe that the weight of the evidence supports my conclusions, but that will ultimately be for the reader to decide.

How I Came to Write This Book

Since 1963 many facts have surfaced that contradict the official conclusion of the Warren Commission. So many facts have surfaced that the government has been forced several times to change the “official” version of the Kennedy assassination. For example, in the late 1970’s the United States House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA) came out with a report admitting that Oswald was not a lone gunman – that there was in fact a conspiracy to kill President Kennedy. Imagine that. Even the government now admits that the JFK conspiracy theory isn’t just a theory.

I noticed that the CIA worked hard over the decades to cover up the conspiracy. This got me to wondering if they were part of it. Even the CIA has finally been forced to officially admit that they were part of the cover-up. According to a report by CIA Chief Historian David Robarge released to the public in 2014, CIA Director John McCone was “complicit” in a CIA “benign cover-up” by withholding information from the Warren Commission. According to this CIA report, CIA officers had been instructed to give only “passive, reactive, and selective” assistance to the commission, in order to keep the commission focused on “what the Agency believed at the time was the ‘best truth’ – that Lee Harvey Oswald, for as yet undetermined motives, had acted alone in killing John Kennedy.” The CIA was also covering up evidence that the CIA may have been in communication with Oswald before 1963, according to the CIA’s own official findings. And this is only what they “officially” admit.

This book didn’t start out to be a book. It started as an interesting project for me in my spare time. History is a hobby for me. I read and listen to books for entertainment and the criteria I use to choose a book is based on what I think I might learn from it. One day I decided to start buying books on the Kennedy assassination. I thought it might be an interesting exercise to see if I could solve the question of who was behind it.

The JFK assassination was the crime of the century. I was three years old when Kennedy was murdered. I grew up in the sixties and seventies watching and listening to all the speculation about the unanswered questions surrounding his murder. It was impossible to miss. It affected the whole country and there was an enormous amount of media attention given to it. The questions the conspiracy theorists asked could not be answered and therefore the rumors persisted.

Even the government, which tried desperately to keep a lid on the cover up, eventually officially admitted that there was a conspiracy. The House Assassinations Committee in the late 1970’s admitted that there was hard evidence of at least two shooters, one from the

front and one from the back. Two shooters constitute a conspiracy, as the government was eventually forced to admit.

Once you conclude that there was a conspiracy to kill Kennedy the next obvious question is “Who was behind it?” Who else (besides Oswald) was involved? The importance of this question can’t be overstated. Some people conspired to kill our president. I was interested to know who. I was also interested to see if I could figure it out. This is part of what pushed me to dig deeper.

As an amateur history buff, I gradually came to learn a few things about Kennedy in the early sixties. It was pretty obvious that the CIA had been involved somehow in the Kennedy assassination and the cover up, but I never expected to know specifically who at the CIA was involved. They do things in secret and didn’t appear to be rushing to give me an update. From what little I knew (at that time) about the circumstances surrounding Kennedy in the early sixties I understood that the CIA had persuaded him to give a green light to the Bay of Pigs invasion and that, when it became a fiasco, he blamed the CIA and was threatening to come down on it. Some reports have Kennedy threatening to shatter the CIA and scatter it to the winds. Kennedy took responsibility in public but privately he felt that the CIA had deceived and manipulated him into the decision and he was truly angry about it.

As I learned how bureaucracies worked I started to suspect that there was someone high up in the CIA in the early sixties who said to themselves ‘I’m not doing this (killing an American president) to save *my* skin, I’m doing this for my country....’ In other words, the justification for killing Kennedy could be wrapped in patriotism rather than self-interest. If Kennedy really was planning on cutting back the CIA, or at least getting rid of the guys who persuaded him to go ahead with the Bay of Pigs invasion, then the guys who were about to lose their jobs could have justified their treason by telling themselves that they were doing it ‘for the good of the country.’ The logic goes something like this: ‘The U.S.A. and the world need a strong CIA to contain Communism and if Kennedy is going to weaken the CIA then that’s bad for the country – and for the world.’ This would, of course, be a stretch but it seemed plausible to me that it might suffice as a justification for an evil bureaucrat whose job is threatened. It’s all about the stories we tell ourselves. However, I still wasn’t expecting to figure out which bureaucrat we were talking about.

I also didn’t realize the level of animosity toward Kennedy from the Joint Chiefs of Staff at the Pentagon. They saw Kennedy as weak and indecisive and they saw the United States of America as needing someone with resolve to win the Cold War. After the Cuban Missile Crisis, the Joint Chiefs wanted to launch a strike and Kennedy did not. Kennedy wanted to work with Khrushchev to achieve peace and the Joint Chiefs viewed this ‘collusion with the Russians’ as tantamount to treason.

Then I happened to read *THE DEVIL'S CHESSBOARD: ALLEN DULLES, THE CIA, AND THE RISE OF AMERICA'S SECRET GOVERNMENT* by David Talbot and suddenly I had a name and a face to put on that faceless CIA bureaucrat – Allen Dulles. Allen Dulles was head of the CIA at the time of the Bay of Pigs and had deceptively pushed Kennedy into the Bay of Pigs fiasco and was later fired from the CIA by Kennedy for that reason. I was then shocked to see that Allen Dulles, of all people, was on the Warren Commission. Having the guy who was a prime suspect in Kennedy's killing sitting on the official committee set up to "investigate" the murder was just too much of a coincidence for me. It was then that I decided to look further into the Kennedy assassination to see if I could figure out who was behind it. I still had no intention of writing a book. I just wanted to see if I could figure it out, like solving a puzzle. I eventually bought and read dozens of books on the subject in addition to any documentary or video footage I could get my hands on. There's a mountain of Kennedy assassination material to choose from. I tried to stick to credible sources using known facts. I decided to stick to facts that could be proven because there has been so much myth, legend, disinformation, misinformation, rumors, obfuscation and spin, not to mention that much of the evidence was either buried or just plain destroyed, that I was concerned that I could get lost. There is a phrase – 'wilderness of mirrors' which has been used by one of the more colorful characters in the saga. His name is James Angleton and he was clearly one of the guys at the CIA working diligently at least on the cover up if not on the actual hit. I think the term is a good summation of the material available on the Kennedy assassination, and that's on purpose. The idea of creating a wilderness of mirrors is so that anyone wandering into it gets hopelessly lost and accomplishes nothing. I think that's exactly what the conspirators wanted. This exploration eventually led me to dig into the life of Lyndon Baines Johnson. As I dug into it and gradually pieced it together I realized with considerable dismay that Johnson was part of the conspiracy. The hit on Kennedy was a coup d'état. Johnson had shot his way into the White House.

Johnson had enriched himself through corruption on an epic scale. He acquired political power and influence and sold it to the highest bidders. If you needed something fixed you paid the price and Johnson would fix it for you. This corruption caught up with him and he ended up having to order at least half a dozen murders before he had Kennedy killed. By 1963 Johnson had put himself in a position where he was going to end up disgraced and in prison unless he got to the White House where he could use the power of the presidency to quash the investigations into his background. All of this came as a surprise to me.

Johnson had Kennedy taken out so that he could assume the presidency. This struck me as something that my fellow citizens should know, and that's how this book came to be. Killing the president so you can take over isn't supposed to happen here in the U.S.A. Killing the leader so you can take over is only supposed to happen in third-world "banana republics," not in my country. The understanding that Johnson was behind the hit on Kennedy also

answered many of the unanswered questions surrounding the Kennedy assassination. I finally felt like I knew what happened. Not only did the various pieces finally fit but it was the only scenario that answered the loose ends. Having Johnson behind the murder was the only way this could have happened the way it did.

Even if the background is black and the puppet strings are black and you can't see the puppet master in the darkened theatre that doesn't mean that there is no puppet master. Puppets don't dance and perform by themselves. They need someone pulling the strings. Just because Johnson was a master at hiding the strings doesn't mean that he wasn't behind the Kennedy assassination. Only Johnson could have appointed and controlled the Warren Commission. Only Johnson could have coordinated the hit because only he could guarantee the participants that, if they were successful in killing Kennedy, he and Hoover could keep a lid on the cover up. Otherwise the other conspirators would not have risked joining the conspiracy. They might have hated Kennedy but they weren't about to risk disgrace, prison and the electric chair unless there was a good chance they would get away with it.

That's how I came to write this book. I doubt very much that most people in America know that Lyndon Johnson was behind the Kennedy assassination. And we citizens need to know that it can and did happen right here in the United States of America.

The Warren Report was criticized from when it was first published and the criticism has only grown since then. As more and more evidence became public knowledge over time we the people have gradually acquired more and more of the pieces of the puzzle. We now have enough of the picture to see what really happened and therefore who had to be behind it. The time has come. Enough truth has seeped out around the edges. Even the government has admitted many of the facts that had previously been "officially" denied. People looking back on historical events have the advantage of having a 360-degree view not available to the people who were there at the time. We also now have the internet which helps in many ways, including the ability to search for historical evidence including videos of interviews of witnesses who were there at the time.

This book was made possible by a mountain of research, literature, books, magazine articles, DVD's, other videos, documentaries, home movies and other material produced by thousands of people devoting millions of hours to a search for the truth about Kennedy's assassination. For our representative republic to function the way it should we the people need to know the truth. This book is a summary of the information from all those others. My hope is that, having read this summary, the reader is then interested enough to not just take my word for it. I hope that, having read this summary, people decide to read some of the supporting material, including previous books, that I reference here. I hope people travel at least part of the way down the road I did and discover the truth for themselves.

This is not the first book to claim LBJ was behind the plot to kill JFK. Several books, like (for example):

- Phillip Nelson's book *LBJ: THE MASTERMIND OF THE JFK ASSASSINATION*
- Barr McClellan's book *BLOOD, MONEY AND POWER: HOW LBJ KILLED JFK*
- Stone & Colapietro's book *THE MAN WHO KILLED KENNEDY: THE CASE AGAINST LBJ*

have all claimed that Johnson was part of the conspiracy that killed Kennedy. I make reference to these and many other books as I attempt to build a case that, beyond a reasonable doubt, Johnson was part of the conspiracy that killed our president.

Jefferson believed that an educated populace was necessary to maintain our freedom. This book is my attempt to help with that. Once I realized that Kennedy was taken out by Johnson, it dawned on me that this was not the only time the Deep State was trying to overturn the will of the voters. It was happening again right before my eyes as I was writing this book. The Deep State was also trying to take out President Donald Trump, only this time not with bullets. The Deep State rides again.

Reasons Why Oswald Could Not Be a Lone Shooter

The Warren Commission said that Oswald was a nut who acted alone and killed Kennedy. This can't be true. The following are some of the reasons that their conclusion does not fit the known facts:

Oswald was out of place. He was seen by multiple witnesses in the lunch room just before, during and after the shooting and could not have gotten to the sniper's nest and back in time. Oswald wasn't even one of the shooters, much less the lone shooter.

If Oswald had scurried up to the sixth floor, shot JFK and scurried back down the stairs to the lunchroom in the brief minutes between when witnesses saw him in the lunchroom, he would have been spotted on the stairs by Victoria Adams and Sandra Styles. Victoria Adams was watching the motorcade with Sandra Styles from the fourth floor of the Texas School Book Depository. Adams said there was no one else on the stairs when she and Sandra ran down to see what was going on when the shooting started.¹ It took author Barry Earnest thirty-five years to find Victoria Adams. She said she was harassed, questioned multiple times and changes were made in her testimony, so she decided to disappear for her own safety.² The Warren Commission disregarded Victoria's testimony. Her testimony didn't fit the "Oswald as lone shooter" theory because the two women would have been on the stairs at the same time as Oswald if he had just shot JFK and then went down the stairs to the lunchroom where he was seen right after the shooting by Dallas police officer Marion L. Baker who had rushed into the building right after JFK was shot. She decided it was safer to leave town.³

There were shots from the front. Kennedy was hit from the front as well as from the back. The presidential limousine had a front-to-back bullet hole in the windshield. Even assuming Oswald was a shooter there was more than one shooter so Oswald could not have been a "lone" shooter.

The ammunition for the Mannlicher-Carcano rifle had been manufactured decades earlier. The fact that the bullets were no longer being made for it was one of the reasons the rifle was so cheap. A test of Mannlicher-Carcano ammunition showed that, out of one batch of twenty rounds of this type of ammunition, seventeen of them failed to fire.⁴ And we're asked by the Warren Commission to believe that Oswald got three in a row to work, the only three he fired. The odds against this are so high as to rule it out as a realistic possibility.⁵

According to multiple witnesses there were some shots very close together. This is not possible with a bolt action rifle being used by a lone gunman. Only an automatic weapon like a machine gun or multiple shooters could have produced shots that close together. Not even the government is claiming Oswald had an automatic weapon. Therefore, Oswald could not have been a lone shooter.

The rifle claimed by the Warren Commission as the murder weapon could not have made those shots. It was not sighted properly. Ronald Simmons of the Army Ballistic Test Center told the Warren Commission that the Mannlicher-Carcano rifle, Oswald's alleged murder weapon, could not even be tested until they added three metal shims to the scope make it accurate enough to test.⁶ No one could have hit anything at that distance with a rifle that was not sighted.

The Warren Commission claimed Oswald carried the rifle into the Texas School Book Depository that morning. He is supposed to have claimed it was some curtain rods. Oswald could not have carried the murder weapon into the book depository the way the Warren Commission said he did. Even if it had been disassembled, it was too long to carry under his arm. He got in the car for his ride to work that day and had the package in the back seat. When they got to work he cupped his hand under the end and tucked the package up under his armpit. Whatever it was it could not have been the Mannlicher-Carcano rifle claimed by the Warren Commission, even if it was disassembled. The wooden stock, the longest single part, of the Mannlicher-Carcano was much too long to fit between Oswald's hand and his armpit so he could not have carried that weapon the way they said he did.⁷

A German Mauser rifle was found on the sixth floor, not the Italian Mannlicher-Carcano. This Mauser was likely one of the actual weapons used to shoot Kennedy. The cops weren't supposed to find it but they did. And they publicly identified it as a Mauser, not the Mannlicher-Carcano, which was found a day later and on a different floor.⁸ The Warren Commission said Oswald used the Mannlicher-Carcano and made no mention of the Mauser. It disappeared into some taxpayer-funded black hole. If Oswald was a lone shooter, who was using the Mauser?

Oswald passed his paraffin test. Had he shot a rifle he would have had residue on his cheek. He had none.⁹ Even the government wasn't trying to say Oswald shot President Kennedy and Governor Connally with a pistol. Therefore, Oswald wasn't even a lone shooter. He wasn't a shooter at all.

Rose Cherami predicted the assassination two days before it happened. She had heard about it from some anti-Castro Cubans who she was with while they were

on their way to Dallas as one of the shooting teams. She told her story to multiple people and it was well documented. Then the assassination happened just like she predicted. The only way Rose could have predicted the assassination was if it was a conspiracy and she found out from some of the conspirators.

Oswald's voice stress test says he was telling the truth when he said he didn't shoot anyone.¹⁰

Clearly Oswald was not a lone shooter. Make no mistake, Oswald was involved in the Kennedy assassination. He was told he was being prepared to go on an undercover mission to go to Cuba to kill Castro while he was really being set up as the fall guy in the Kennedy assassination. The point I'm trying to make here is that Oswald wasn't a lone shooter. Based on the evidence, he couldn't have been. Once you accept that Oswald could not have been a lone shooter and there were at least two shooters you have just proven that Kennedy was killed by a conspiracy. Based on the findings of the House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA) in the 1970's, even the government now admits that Kennedy was killed by a conspiracy.

This is why the government has locked all the information away for generations. If it happened the way the government originally said it happened (as opposed to the way they later changed the story in the late 1970's to admit there actually was a conspiracy) then there would be no reason not to come clean. The government has locked all the information away for a few generations now to hide the truth from the public. That information is still locked away to this day.

Author Anthony Summers, in his book *NOT IN YOUR LIFETIME*, pointed out that:¹¹

"The Central Intelligence Agency, for its part, over the years released assassination related documents only when under intense pressure at the insistence of Congressional committees or, in more recent years, when obliged to comply with the Records Act. Sometimes, released documents have turned out to be censored virtually out of existence."¹²

It Couldn't Have Happened Any Other Way – a Summary

At some point you have to be a kook to continue to believe in the Warren Report. This is ironic because, for a few generations now, the mainstream media has painted anyone who questioned the official government version of the Kennedy assassination out to be a “conspiracy nut” or “conspiracy kook.” This was intentional. Marginalizing those who sought the truth allowed the Deep State, the government and the mainstream media, to minimize their impact on public opinion. Anyone who looked into the killing of our president was labeled a kook and therefore there was no reason to listen to anything they had to say. God forbid we the people should actually search for or find out the truth.

Any objective analysis of the Kennedy assassination will come to the same conclusion. There's just no way that the Warren Commission's conclusion that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone can be true because it doesn't fit the facts. Even the government now admits this. So, you have to ask the question; were they lying in the early 1960's when they said that Oswald was the lone shooter or were they lying in the late 1970's when they admitted there was more than one shooter? The answer is obvious. They were lying both times. After all, this is the government we're talking about.

A minimum of two shots came from the front. This was the finding of the doctors at Parkland Hospital before they were intimidated into changing their story. More on that later. They were well familiar with gunshot wounds and they found an obvious entry wound in the front of Kennedy's throat. They stood up and said so at the press conference that day. There was another shot, after the first shot to the throat, that hit Kennedy in the front of his head that took off part of the back of his head. There was blood splatter on the motorcycle cops riding to the left and rear of Kennedy. There was also a bullet hole in the windshield of the presidential limo. It was a front-to-rear hole. The glass shop folks at Ford who replaced the windshield were well familiar with the effects of gunshots on automobile glass. They clearly recognized the windshield bullet hole as the result of a front-to-rear shot. There were multiple witnesses in Dealey Plaza at the time who saw and smelled gun smoke and heard shots from the fence at the top of the now famous grassy knoll which was in front of the limousine. There were even a few people who witnessed the shooters. In the 1970's the House Select Committee on Assassinations reviewed acoustical and other evidence and concluded that shots had come from the direction of the knoll. That is, from the front.

Oswald was behind Kennedy at the Texas School Book Depository when Kennedy was shot. Oswald could therefore, not have taken the shots at Kennedy that came from the front. There is more evidence that Oswald was not a shooter and I will get into that in more detail

later. However, the fact that there were shots from the front proves that the Warren Commission conclusion that Oswald was a lone shooter was wrong. Shots from the front mean at least two shooters, since there were also shots from behind, from the direction of the Texas School Book Depository. That means there was more than one shooter involved. The fact that there were multiple shooters means there was a conspiracy to kill Kennedy. This leads directly to several other questions like: Who else was involved, who set up the hit and who participated in the cover up? These are huge questions. Setting up a hit on the president is no small task. And covering up a conspiracy to kill the president is a considerably more difficult and complex task even than shooting the president. Several lone nuts have shot American presidents, but a cover-up is a huge and complex undertaking.

This book goes into detail on the answers to these questions. Once I accepted that there was a conspiracy to assassinate Kennedy, I started to understand the magnitude of the conspiracy necessary to plan and cover up something that big. I realized that whoever did it would need to have high-level cooperation from the FBI because they would obviously be called in to investigate.

The only person who could have kept the lid on a conspiracy that big was President Johnson. Corrupt leaders have been using their political power to squash opposition since before recorded time. It continues today. Lyndon Johnson didn't invent the concept, he just used it to deadlier effect than most other corrupt American politicians. Johnson planned to use the power he would have as president to quash the investigations into his past and avoid paying consequences for his crimes, including the killing of Kennedy.

Johnson was a brilliant, ruthless and driven politician who would stop at nothing to achieve the presidency. By 1963 he had put himself in a position where he would either go to the "big house" (prison) or the White House. Given those options he chose the White House, even if it meant killing JFK. The Kennedy assassination was not the first murder that Johnson had orchestrated, and his past had caught up with him. The Kennedys were going to dump him off the ticket for the 1964 election and he would be indicted for some of his many crimes and end up disgraced and behind bars.

Johnson decided to organize Kennedy's many enemies into a cabal that would not only kill the president but cover it up once it was done. Of the two tasks the cover up was the harder one. Johnson was uniquely qualified to do this. He had proven himself "master of the Senate" (to borrow the term from Robert Caro, one of Johnson's biographers) by getting enough United States Senators to do what he wanted. This was no easy task. Senators are notoriously egotistical and independent-minded individuals and Johnson had managed to control them as no one had before. He was able to bend them to his will. Also, Kennedy

had made many enemies including at the highest levels of the mafia, the FBI, the CIA, the Pentagon, the wealthy oil barons of the time and among the anti-Castro Cubans who were unhappy that Kennedy had pulled the plug on invading Cuba. All Johnson had to do was get them to work together. He was good at this. He would provide the leadership and the cover and they would do the dirty work. And the rest, as they say, is history.

For those of you who, like me, are skeptical of “conspiracy theories” please read on. In the following chapters I lay out, in detail, that this is the only way that this could have happened. Only the new president would be able to cover up the assassination of a (now previous) president. As appalled as I was to come to this conclusion, there is no other way it could have happened. Sir Arthur Conan Doyle was right. Once you eliminate the impossible whatever is left, no matter how improbable, must be true. The Warren Commission’s “conclusion” that Oswald was a lone nut with a rifle simply isn’t true. It can’t be. It doesn’t fit the evidence. The only conclusion that does fit the evidence is that Johnson was behind it.

No one but Johnson could have appointed and controlled a presidential commission stocked with cronies willing to do a whitewash like the Warren Commission. Only a sitting president who was part of the conspiracy as vice president could have organized and run the assassination and cover-up that happened before, during and after the Kennedy assassination. The Kennedy assassination involved the CIA, the mafia, the FBI, the Pentagon and others and only President Johnson could have coordinated and run a conspiracy of that magnitude.

Here is a partial list of things only Johnson could have done:

- Only LBJ was in a position to control every aspect of the pre- and post-assassination conspiracies.
- Only LBJ took over the planning and coordination for the Dallas trip that day.¹³
- Only LBJ could have appointed and controlled the Warren Commission.
- Only LBJ could have convinced the other conspirators that he could cover up the assassination so they would not all end up in the electric chair.
- Only LBJ could have orchestrated the Kennedy trip to Dallas. JFK didn’t want to go and only LBJ could have arranged the circumstances in Texas that convinced JFK to go play peacemaker.
- Only LBJ could have changed the motorcade route to go by the book depository. Only LBJ could have convinced everyone that the lunch venue had to be changed and thus the route.

- Only LBJ could have arranged to have the protection stripped from JFK in Dealey Plaza. LBJ was old friends with Secret Service Director James Rowley and only LBJ could have convinced him to go along with the plan.
- Only LBJ could have controlled the authorities in Dallas. He'd been doing it for years.
- Only LBJ could have held Air Force One on the ground while they played the shell game with the body to get the autopsy results faked. Only the president can hold Air Force One on the ground.
- Only LBJ had the skills necessary to get a bunch of conspirators to work together. This was no easy task and he'd been doing it for years in the Senate.

Johnson knew the major conspirators and had long and trusting relationships with them. And many of them also knew each other the same way. Johnson had to be involved. It was Johnson who appointed and controlled the Warren Commission. Johnson alone had the means, the motive and the opportunity. Without him it could not have happened the way it did. This is the only scenario that fits the known facts.

Johnson didn't do this alone. Just as he had in the Senate, he had to coordinate lots of egotistical, independent-minded folks and get them to work together. Fortunately for Johnson, Kennedy had made a long list of enemies who all wanted Kennedy removed from power. These included the mafia, the CIA, the anti-Castro Cuban exiles, Hoover at the FBI, the Joint Chiefs at the Pentagon and the oil barons, the same list just mentioned above.

The mafia were outraged at Kennedy for several reasons. First, Sam Giancana in Chicago had helped JFK to get elected and saw Kennedy as having double-crossed him by allowing Robert Kennedy to go after the mafia as Attorney General. Second, Carlos Marcello in New Orleans had been rather rudely deported by Bobby Kennedy. He had been kidnapped and dropped off in the jungle in South America. He came close to losing his life during this episode, but he made it back to the United States. Once back, the Attorney General continued to try to have him convicted and deported. For Marcello, this was a life-or-death struggle. Giancana and Marcello were not the kind of guys to be taken lightly. They were willing and able to take out a hit on the president, and they did.

Allen Dulles and his crowd at the CIA were die-hard Cold Warriors who wanted to fight communist expansion. They saw Kennedy as a lightweight who was weak and indecisive. They wanted to make war and Kennedy wanted to make peace. Dulles was out of control when Kennedy took office and their relationship got progressively worse with each crisis. Dulles saw Kennedy as passing up chances to attack Cuba and the Soviet Union. Dulles wanted to invade Cuba. Kennedy was not so sure. Dulles and his Cold Warriors saw the Bay of Pigs as a missed opportunity. Then there came the Berlin Crisis and the Cuban Missile

Crisis. With each crisis, the folks at the CIA grew more and more outraged that Kennedy would not give them the green light to attack. Meanwhile, Kennedy grew more and more interested in reaching out to Khrushchev and eventually even Castro to make peace. Kennedy's firing of Dulles and his efforts to bring the CIA under control only made things worse.

The CIA also wanted to ramp up the Vietnam war and Kennedy decided he wanted to pull out of Vietnam. This was the 'domino theory' in action. We had to fight back or the communists would gradually take over, one country at a time until the United States would end up isolated. The top echelon of the CIA had all been recruited and trained by Dulles and they all agreed with him that what Kennedy was doing was an outrage. The entire CIA did not participate in the Kennedy assassination and cover up. Clearly there were a few people at the top who went rogue and ran a covert operation that involved a few more CIA people and CIA contractors. And not everyone who was involved was told all the details of why they were doing what they were doing. Only those few with a "need to know" understood what was really going on.

The anti-Castro Cuban exiles were outraged at Kennedy because, between 1961 and 1963, he had done a 180-degree turn on them. He started out in 1961 by backing their efforts to retake their island from Castro, but the Bay of Pigs invasion failed. They were then told by their sponsors at the CIA that the Bay of Pigs invasion failed because Kennedy lost his nerve and pulled the rug out from under them. This outraged them. In 1962 Kennedy had promised Khrushchev, to resolve the Cuban Missile Crisis, that the U.S. would not invade Cuba and the Kennedy administration ended up having to actively try to keep the exiles from launching raids against Cuba. The anti-Castro Cuban exiles saw this about-face turn as a betrayal and many of them hated Kennedy for this reason. For some of them this turned their outrage to cold hatred for Kennedy. They saw getting rid of Kennedy as their only option to get back their homeland. And they were egged on by their CIA sponsors.

J. Edgar Hoover at the FBI was going to be fired by Kennedy. Hoover was outraged at this prospect. He had created the FBI as a dictatorship for himself and he was desperate to stay in power. He was not about to allow himself to be put out to pasture if there was any way to keep that from happening. The entire FBI did not willingly participate in the cover-up of the Kennedy assassination, but orders were orders at the FBI in those days and an order from Hoover was not to be ignored.

The Joint Chiefs at the Pentagon thought Kennedy was soft on communism and were outraged that Kennedy would not agree to let them launch World War Three. They were of the opinion that Kennedy had passed up several chances at a nuclear first strike, including the Bay of Pigs, the Berlin crisis and the Cuban Missile Crisis. They thought Kennedy was

weak at a time when the country needed a leader who was more decisive. The Joint Chiefs also believed that the United States should strike now while the Russians were still relatively weaker in terms of numbers of nuclear weapons. In their view the window of opportunity for a successful first strike would not stay open much longer. Time was running out and in the meantime the military brass came to see Kennedy as a threat to the survival of the nation. And JFK's collusion with Khrushchev was seen by them as treason.¹⁴ (Does this 'collusion with the Russians' charge sound familiar?) The Joint Chiefs also agreed with the CIA that the war in Vietnam should be ramped up. Johnson would do that and Kennedy would not. The entire Pentagon did not participate in the Kennedy assassination. A few of the top brass were all it would take.

The wealthy oil barons of the time hated Kennedy because he wanted to get rid of their oil depletion allowance. This was a huge tax break that would have cost them millions and they spent heavily on corrupt politicians like Johnson to keep their tax breaks in place. Their contribution to the conspiracy was most likely money to run the operation, but they could also supply some logistical support. D.H. Byrd is one example. He was one of the oil barons and he owned the Texas School Book Depository, and their connections to the corrupt authorities in Dallas would come in handy when Oswald needed to be arrested, framed and murdered.

And these different groups who all hated Kennedy all had ties to each other. The Joint Chiefs and the CIA were in agreement that communism was the big threat and that Kennedy was the problem. The CIA and the mafia were already working together to try to kill Castro. The CIA was sponsoring the anti-Castro Cuban exiles in their bid to take back Cuba. The mafia and J. Edgar Hoover all hung out together at a resort and race track owned by one of the oil barons. And Johnson was friends with all of them. He was the common thread that pulled them all together and made it work. One of these groups by themselves could not have pulled it all off. With Johnson's leadership they not only killed our president, they got away without being punished because Johnson and Hoover were able to keep a lid on the conspiracy with the cover up.

In addition to the things listed above that only Johnson could have done, there were a number of things that Johnson did that, while others could possibly have done them, are very suspicious:

- LBJ issued a gag order to keep the Bethesda medical staff from discussing the autopsy and the circumstances surrounding it.¹⁵ Being honest about the autopsy would have given away the fact that there were shots from the front and therefore Oswald was not a lone shooter.

- LBJ pushed Texas Governor John Connally to insist on the Trade Mart as the site for the lunch that day even though it was harder to secure than the alternate site, the Women's Building. This change forced the parade route to go by the Texas School Book Depository in Dealey Plaza.¹⁶
- LBJ later placed the blame for making this decision on Kennedy aide Kenny O'Donnell which wasn't true.¹⁷
- LBJ kept trying to get Kennedy to agree to have Senator Yarborough switch places with Connally in the limo with Kennedy. John Connally was a friend of LBJ's and he didn't want John to get hurt. Johnson hated Yarborough and therefore would have preferred to have him in the line of fire.¹⁸ As it happened Connally was seriously injured during the assassination.
- LBJ could have easily made peace with the Texas factions who were fighting. He kept the feud going in order to force Kennedy to have to make the trip to Texas when he really didn't want to.
- LBJ (and Hoover) were longtime friends with James Rowley, the head of the Secret Service, who had to be involved in order to help with the setup and the cover up.

Since we know Oswald wasn't a lone shooter and that some of the shots came from the front, we know that there was a conspiracy to assassinate Kennedy. The question then becomes who else was involved in that conspiracy. The only answer that fits the facts is that Johnson was involved. No one else could have done all the things listed above, and without them the conspiracy would have failed. They got away with it because Johnson was there as vice president to push Kennedy to visit Dallas and later in the White House to help keep the lid on the conspiracy. There's no other explanation that fits all the facts in this case.

In this book I will go into details on each of the points listed above, including showing where I got those details so the reader can, if they would like, go check it out for themselves. I'm not asking anyone to just take my word for all of this, I would encourage anyone who is interested to check out the facts for themselves.

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