Encyclopaedia of Conspiracy Theory

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"Conspiracy theories only remain 'theories' when there is no court, no lawyer, no judge, no Congress with the courage to expose the evidence" (Mae Brussell).

"But when some confessed they owed their greatness and wealth to Sodomy, or incest;
others, to the prostituting of their own wives and daughters;
others, to the betraying of their country or their prince;
some, to poisoning;
more, to the perverting of justice, in order to destroy the innocent;
I hope I may be pardoned if these discoveries inclined me a little to abate of that profound veneration which I am naturally apt to pay to persons of high rank" (Swift, *Gulliver's Travels*).

How to Use this Glossary

(1) Histories have no beginning or end. They like to twist and turn, branch out and double back. So by all means read this glossary from start to end if you insist, but you'll enjoy it more if you keyword search it, or follow the various prepared threads, *shown like this*. We also sometimes use *q.v.* to indicate that a brief divert to an associated entry might be profitable. The entries are in alphabetical order, except for addressing and similar numerics - not least the Dallas addresses and the "9/11..." entries - which are at the beginning, in numeric order.

(2) Unless otherwise stated, all ages, occupations and ranks, workplaces, places of residence, etc., are with effect 22nd November 1963, the day of the JFK assassination. Three-element Hispanic names are filed alphabetically using the middle name, the father's family name. The italicised adjective/adverb *convenient(ly)* indicates that the assertion at hand is to some extent suspicious.

(3) This is a student resource designed to introduce JFK conspiracy theory to the younger audience, *that they might hit the ground running and not sink in what is largely a sea of lies*. Statements referenced in academic style may safely be interpreted as "scientific"; all other content is merely encyclopaedic - it collates what others have been saying, *and those others might be wrong*. Research opportunities are highlighted where particular issues are historically pivotal.

***** Sherlock Holmes' First Law of Deduction *****
***** Eliminate the Impossible and See What Remains *****
(4) Sherlock Holmes once famously pointed out that if you are able to reject as impossible all but one competing explanation of an event, then the explanation which remains - no matter how improbable it may strike you - must be the truth (Conan Doyle, "The Sign of the Four", 1890 [full text online], p21). He would therefore have had great fun with the JFK Story, because ALL the competing explanations are in at least one crucial respect impossible ...

**ASIDE - WHAT TO DO WHEN NOTHING MAKES SENSE:** The highly respected Sixth Floor Museum in Dallas [homepage] identifies nine competing types of alternative assassination theory, which, given sub-variants within each type, makes for perhaps two-to-three dozen decent candidate alternatives in all. The problem, however, is that every one of these alternatives has come from a never-totally-objective source, and so must be treated as a deliberate attempt either (a) to muddy the waters, or (b) to make money at tragedy's expense. Sherlock Holmes would therefore not have allowed himself to be distracted by the repeatedly told story of the sale and eventual publication of the Zapruder Film [see own entry], treating it instead as a thriller writer's red herring. Rather, he would have wondered why there were so few spectators on Dealey Plaza's only time he was ever clear was when he was tel

Holmes would also have wondered why Abraham Zapruder himself, and his mob-connected business partner, went AWOL from the scene for several hours after the shooting, before coming forward in late afternoon with the movie. More on this in due course.

So all in all, our substantive advice to would-be conspiracy detectives is to keep your eyes closely on the pea whenever officialdom is moving the shells; in the Kennedy case it is only the gangsters and the Cubans who have ever told the truth (Hager, 2017)! The best way to do this is - as a matter of routine - to consider the inverse of every proposition immediately it is encountered: if someone tells you way, think no way. It really is that bad. And never forget that in the end Holmes would have got so close to those spinning the lies that he would have been exterminated with the same clinical precision as were Lee Harvey Oswald, Jack Ruby, Deputy Roger Craig, Lt-Commander William Pitzer, Mary Bledsoe, and Richard Nagell (to mention but a few) [see own entries]. Happy sleuthing!!

(5) Steer especially clear of internet broadcasting channels and the broader truther-debunker confrontations, for they are all in our judgement part of the problem, not of the solution - the louder the mouth or the darker the glasses, the more suspicious you should be. On the other hand there is much to learn from the established research chatrooms and bulletin boards, although this sort of material is often difficult to cite academically.

(6) Remember that lawyers, although they insist that witnesses swear to tell the whole truth and nothing but the truth, are themselves paid to steer those same witnesses in the direction of a dollar's-worth truth. Worse - all intelligence agents [Allen Dulles was exceptionally clear on this (indeed, the only time he was ever clear was when he was telling you he would lie to you if he thought he had to)],
all lodge-members, and the religiously devout are bound by higher oaths NOT to tell the truth in something as mundane as a court of law, even though they have sworn that they will!

(7) If you are one of those who likes reading the last page of a story first, then here are a couple of WHODUNIT go-tos ...

Who blew JFK's head off with a frangible round from the Grassy Knoll?
   go directly to the entry for James Files

Who killed DPD Patrolman J. D. Tippit?
   go directly to the entry for Gary Marlow

If, on the other hand, you prefer a long pre-amble, then feel free to familiarise yourself with some of the noises you will be encountering. Just click and inspect ...

   Firecracker
   .38” Smith and Wesson revolver (incl. Jack Ruby re-enact)

Here are three rifles, two bolt-action and one semi-automatic ...

   7.65mm Mauser
   6.5mm Mannlicher-Carcano (incl. JFK re-enact)
   ZH-29 Czech semi-automatic

Here are two types of bullet strike, conventional and fragmenting ...

   .223 non-frangible into gel
   .223 frangible (JFK headshot candidate)

And here is some of the bigger stuff ...

   Thermit (lo-tech for welding or demolition)
   Nanothermite (super thermit, here as loose powder)
   Nanothermite (shaped for demolition) - CLASSIFIED!
   Plastic explosive (shaped for demolition)
   This is a U-2 spy plane
   (as mentioned in the entries for the Atsugi Naval Air Station and Gamal Abdel Nasser)

The Glossary Entries (A to Z)

107 Decatur Street, New Orleans: The location of Carlos Bringuier's shop, and therefore (a) the effective base for the New Orleans chapter of the DRE, and (b) one of the two sources, in late afternoon 22nd November 1963, of the pre-scripted This-is-your-Assassin briefing material which shaped the world's headlines on the morning of 23rd November.

112th Military Intelligence Group: For a detailed history see Larry Hancock's 2001 paper "Mysteries of the 112th Intelligence Corp" [full text online].

201 File: A 201 File was/is a U.S. military personnel record file, specifically the Master Personnel Folder [Wikipedia text and images].

214 West Neely Street: About a quarter of a mile SSW of 1026 North Beckley Avenue, this is the property in the upstairs apartment of which LHO, Marina Oswald, and baby June lived between 2nd
March 1963 and (although paid up to 2nd May) 24th April 1963 (negligible neighbour-confirmation, however). It was from here, on at least one occasion (2nd April 1963), that Michael Paine collected them to take them to the Paine House for dinner. And it was in the backyard here that, on 31st March 1963, Marina Oswald took the three Backyard Photographs of LHO proudly displaying a Mannlicher-Carcano [UNLESS, OF COURSE, SAID PHOTOGRAPHS WERE SUBSEQUENTLY FAKED]. It is also where, after being cleaned and padlocked by owner Waldo George in May, and quickly re-inspected on the afternoon of 22nd November by same, that Special Agent (FBI) William Brookhart nevertheless managed to find a cheque counterfoil from American Bakeries to one James Jackson.

21st Century Fox: MSM conglomerate 21st Century Fox [Wikipedia briefing] was formed on 28th June 2013 by spinning off the North American assets of Rupert Murdoch's News Corp. With 87-year-old Murdoch still at the helm as Executive Chairman, the corporation is presently [April 2018] one of the "Big Six" MSM players.

28 Bolsheviks, The: The "28 Bolsheviks" were a group of Russophile Chinese students based at Sun Yat-Sen Chinese University [Wikipedia briefing] in Bolshevik Moscow during the late 1920s and early 1930s. They were led for much of this time by Wang Ming [see own entry], and their style of Communism naturally followed that of their university's rector, Pavel Mif [see own entry], a member of the Comintern Central Committee at that time. After the Kuomintang-Communist schism in 1927 [see 1st October 1927], they attempted, but failed, to develop Chinese Communism along Comintern lines and were doomed to play little part in Chinese politics after the mid-1930s.

488th Military Intelligence Detachment: Established in Dallas in 1956 by Jack Crichton as a special duties detachment under the Army Reserve umbrella 488th MID [Spartacus Educational briefing] was effectively big oil's private army. Some 40-50% of the hundred or so members in 1963 had day jobs with the DPD; one of them - Deputy Chief of Police George Lumpkin - even drove the Motorcade's Pilot Car.

501 Elm Street, Dallas: See the entry for the Dal-Tex Building.


531 Lafayette Place, New Orleans: Guy Banister's office and headquarters. It was contiguous (it being a corner property) with Katz n' Jammer's Bar at 544 Camp Street.

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604 Elsbeth Street, Dallas: See the entry for Elsbeth Apartment.

1026 North Beckley Avenue, Dallas: A boarding house owned by Earlene Roberts, where LHO roomed from 14th October 1963 during his working week (while his wife Marina Oswald was staying with Ruth Paine at the Paine House). The address features boldly in the Tippit Murder Thread, and is nowadays on the JFK tourist circuit as a living museum [see brochure]. The house is a difficult two miles SSW of Dealey Plaza, across the Trinity River, and just short of a mile NNW of Patton and 10th, where Patrolman J. D. Tippit was murdered.

1101 Elm Street, Dallas, TX: See Rio Grande Building.

1312½ Commerce Street, Dallas: Demolished in the early 1970s this was the site of The Carousel Club nightclub, one of two such businesses owned by Jack Ruby. Acquired in 1961 it was, though he said it himself, "a fucking classy joint".
1502 North Zangs Boulevard, Dallas, TX: See Gloco Gas Station.

2515 W. 5th Street, Irving: See Paine House, The.

4907 Magazine Street, New Orleans: One of LHO's rooming houses during his stay in NOLA in the summer of 1963. Appears as an LHO address on some of the famous *Fair Play for Cuba Committee* flyers, and therefore part of the LHO Patsification Thread.

9/11 First Responder Testimony: Here, from the many available online, are some of the most telling first responder eye-witness statements ...

(1) **FIREFIGHTERS GRILLO AND JOHNSON**: FDNY firefighters Jimmy ["This Ain't Done Yet"] Grillo [no convenient biography but much to reward the determined browser] and Tyrone Johnson [ditto], both featured in a CBS interview a few minutes after being injured by a rarely discussed and still unexplained lobby level explosion in WTC1, the North Tower, shortly after the aircraft impact 93 floors higher up the building - [YouTube it now ESSENTIAL VIEWING (5 mins). This footage was later edited into many subsequent documentaries.]

OTHER EXAMPLES TO BE ADDED ...

**FURTHER READING**: For more on this line of evidence, see Benjamin J. Luft's (2011) "We're Not Leaving: 9/11 Responders Tell Their Stories" [Amazon TREMENDOUSLY MOVING].

9/11 Thermitic Demolition Theory: We refer here to the theory which emerged in the mid-noughties [see, for example, *Timeline at 22nd September 2005*] to the effect that the 9/11 Attacks had taken place against buildings already pre-rigged for demolition with state-of-the-art military demolition charges known as "Nano-Thermite". For more on this, see the entries for two of the 9/11 Truther scholars responsible for the laboratory experiments which have since confirmed the theory, Steven E. Jones and Niels Harrit.

**TECHNICAL ASIDE - HARD SCIENCE vs LEGAL PROOF**: There is literally zero doubt in scientific terms that many tonnes of Nano-Thermite were set off in the four-dimensional vicinity of the World Trade Center on 11th September 2001. However it could be argued that the chemical residues came from an as-yet-unknown coincidental source, as, perhaps, if miscreant residents of at least one of the buildings [the residues are in the dust which carpeted Lower Manhattan, but that dust came from the three towers combined, so there is no proof that all three towers produced it - Ed.] had been illegally storing Nano-Thermite. This is all legalistic squirming, of course, for the *prima facie* common sense explanation is that all three towers were deliberately brought down by the stuff, and moreover that of the half-dozen superpowers possessing the technology only the United States itself would have had the required level of sustained security access.

Aaronsohn, Aaron: Romanian-born Palestinian crop scientist, Zionist activist, and British spy Aaron Aaronsohn [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context as a convenient exemplar of a Great War semi-professional spy. Specifically, he used his field research fighting locusts, etc., as a cover for mapping Ottoman troop movements, fortifications, and oases. After the Ottomans came into the war in early 1915, he set up Nili [Wikipedia briefing], an espionage network of family and friends, reporting to William Ormsby-Gore [see own entry], at the Arab Bureau [=British intelligence, Middle East - Ed.] in Cairo. Then, when command structures changed following the arrival of General Allenby in June 1917, he was passed across to a new handler, Richard Meinertzhagen [see own entry]. The network was penetrated by the Turks in October 1917, Aaronson's sister Sarah to suicide and other members to execution. Aaronson himself was out of the country at the time, conducting a political tour of the United States at the request of Zionist leader Chaim Weizmann [see own entry]. He was due to put in an appearance at the 1919 Versailles Peace Conference, only to be killed in a plane crash on his way to France 15th May 1919. For a lot more detail of the Aaronson story we recommend Bloom (2005 [online]). [THREAD = WW1 ESPIONAGE AND INTELLIGENCE]

is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been Special Advisor on international democracy to President George W. Bush between 2001 and 2009, (b) for having specialised in same as Director of the National Security Council (NSC) in much the same period, and (c) for having been appointed 25th January 2019 as United States Special Envoy to Venezuela. He was classified within Ron Paul's List of Neocons [q.v.] under "Leo Strauss students and philosophical adherents", and described as a "key player in designing our new strategy for pre-emptive war".

Abrams, Gus: Bona fide innocent tramp Gus Abrams [no convenient biography] was one of the Three Tramps in the Mary la Fontaine documenting of the Three Tramps Thread.

Abrasion Collar: An abrasion collar is a circle (or near-circle) of bruising around a bullet entry wound, caused by the incoming bullet immediately prior to its penetrating the skin. Very importantly, the collar is radially only of equal extent when the bullet strikes perpendicularly to the skin. If the bullet comes in at an angle then the collar is wider on the side facing the shooter. In cases where it is not possible to dissect or probe through a wound to establish the direction of fire, the abrasion collar becomes one of only two available points of evidence (the other being the presence of a clearly associated exit wound). During JFK's autopsy the Secret Service explicitly forbade dissection or probing of the wounds. Taking the abrasion collar indicator in isolation Michael Kurtz points out in his 1982/1993 book "Crime of the Century" that JFK's back wound was - very perversely - on an ascending trajectory.

Abt, John: Without knowing it Chicago born civil libertarian lawyer John Abt [Spartacus Educational biography] entered the assassination story on 23rd November 1963 when LHO gave his name as the lawyer he would like to represent him. There had, however, been no previous contact of any sort between the two men. Abt's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now].

Acheson, Dean Gooderham: WW2 non-combat veteran (Assistant Secretary of State) and Cold War player Dean Acheson [Wikipedia biography] had retired from public service in 1953 but was nevertheless frequently called upon for his advice by JFK during his Presidency. He is noteworthy in the present context for, in a May 1950 exchange with Senator Thomas Connally [q.v.], having helped establish the U.S. Pacific Rim "chain of defence" through the Straits of Formosa [=Taiwan] and along the 38th Parallel between the two Koreas.

***** How about this for a coincidence!! *****

Acker, Raymond: Some histories record that a Dallas Southwestern Bell Telephone Company manager named Ray Acker [no convenient biography] provided DPD with a list of operator interrupted calls from Jack Ruby's listed number to the busy payphone at 1026 North Beckley Avenue, only to be thanked and told to keep the matter to himself. The following year, Acker would be mentioned en passant in the Warren Commission testimony of Irving gun shop owner Charles Greener [q.v.] as one of very few people in the area who was equipped to hand-load the rather uncommon "6.5 Italian". [Our verdict - you couldn't make it up. But there is a distinct possibility that someone did.]

Adams, Don A.: 32-year-old Korean War veteran FBI Agent Don Adams [no convenient biography] began as a rookie on the FBI's investigations of the assassination. One of his first duties was to study the Zapruder Film, instantly judging that JFK's throat injury came from a frontal shot. He was then able to identify no less than 11 possible shots. Later in life he would become co-author with Harrison Livingstone of the 2012 book "From an Office Building with a High-Powered Rifle", in which the general case is made that the assassination was on balance of probabilities a conspiracy made successful by a security cock-up, and then followed by a long and painful cover-up conspiracy. More specifically he wished in retrospect that more had been done at the time to "crack" the Joseph Milteer case, for in his opinion, much of value would have emerged. YouTube him now.
Adams, Victoria Elizabeth: Employed in the Scott, Foresman Company area of TSBD4. Victoria Adams [no convenient biography] was watching the Presidential motorcade from a window when the shooting took place, in the company of fellow-workers Sandra Styles, Elsie Dorman, and Dorothy Garner. She reported hearing shots "from the right below". She then left the building along with Styles, via the back stairs, sighting only Bill Shelly and Billy Lovelady on the way. She then exited by the north (back) door and made her way leftwise round to the front of the building. Here she milled around for a short time, taking it all in, before re-entering the building by the front entrance. She would go on to feature in Barry Ernest's 2013 book "The Girl on the Stairs", the central thrust of which is that the Warren Commission systematically massaged many minor details in order to fit witnesses into the official narrative. Adams' evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now]; Subject of the video documentary "The Girl on the Stairs" [YouTube it now] and similar on-line follow ups to that book.

Adlai Stevenson Riot: On 24th October 1963 U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Adlai Stevenson, II [Wikipedia biography] attempted to speak at the Dallas Memorial Auditorium in defence of government policy toward hot topic issues such as communism and civil rights. Unfortunately ultra-right-winger General Edwin Walker [q.v.] had spoken at the same venue the previous evening, and had arranged for many of his followers to be in Stevenson's audience. Stevenson was introduced by local dignitary Stanley Marcus [q.v.], but was then immediately heckled by the ultras. The affair soon degenerated into a riot and Stevenson had to be whisked away by his bodyguards.

AE-ACRE: Active in the early 1950s, CIA Project AE-ACRE [browsers will find several CIA declassified documents, but no core briefing] is noteworthy in the present context for funding "agent training bases" in the United States, including the Domestic Operations Base (DOB) [see own entry] at Alexandria, VA.

"Aggressors For Peace Speech", The: While visiting the Boston Navy Yard on 25th August 1950, at the height of the broader debate over what U.N. objectives in Korea should be, Secretary for the Navy Francis P. Matthews [q.v.] put his personal cards on the table by arguing that "declaring that the U.S. should declare its intention 'to pay any price, even the price of instituting a war to compel co-operation for peace', adding that by becoming 'an initiator of a war of aggression, it would win for us a proud and popular title— we would become the first aggressors for peace"' (Wikipedia). This, needless to say, was the phrase which has echoed - usually in paraphrastic form as FUCKING FOR VIRGINITY - throughout Peacenikville ever since, to many a despairing head-shake.

RESEARCH ISSUE: Interestingly, when President Truman took half of Washington on the 18,000 mile round trip to the Wake Island Conference [q.v.] on 15th October 1950 to meet mere theatre commander General MacArthur, SECNAV Matthews did not accompany SECARM Frank Pace and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Omar Bradley. We should love to know why.

Aguilar, Gary L.: Assassination researcher Dr. Gary Aguilar [Spartacus Educational biography] was co-author with Josiah Thompson of the public domain paper "The Magic Bullet: Even More Magical Than We Knew?" [full text online], exposing the inadmissibility of CE-399 - the famed Magic Bullet [q.v.] - as evidence of anything but an ruthless and far-reaching Establishment cover-up. Browse the Magic Bullet Thread to accumulate all the fragments of this story.

Aguilar, Manuel: Cuban exile (but very possibly a double agent) Manuel Aguilar [no convenient biography] pops up only infrequently in the histories, usually as a member of INTERPEN. Reportedly often photographed with Loran Hall.

Aguinaldo y Famy, Emilio: Philippine revolutionary leader President [1899-1901] Emilio Aguinaldo [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been a nationalist insurgent against the Spanish Empire's colonial possession of the Philippines, in punishment for which he was exiled to Hong Kong in December 1897, (b) for having then been brought back to the Philippines in May 1898 by the United States, only to lead a rebellion against his rescuers once it became clear they were
simply replacement colonial oppressors, (c) for having declared a provisional government a few days later [see 12th June 1898], and (d) for having waged (indeed, almost winning) the American-Philippine war, 1899-1902 [see 4th February 1899]. He died in 1964, aged 94 years.

Aitken, [Sir]¹⁹¹¹ William Maxwell [1st Baron Beaverbrook]¹⁹¹⁷: Canadian-born journalist turned financier-industrialist turned British press tycoon [Sir]¹⁹¹¹ Max Aitken [Lord Beaverbrook]¹⁹¹⁷ [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having relocated to Britain in 1910, becoming friends with fellow-Canadian and rising star Conservative politician Bonar Law and bridge partner for Winston Churchill, (b) for entering Parliament in 1910 as member for Ashton-under-Lyne, a seat he would hold until 1916, (c) for acquiring control of the Daily Express in November 1916, (d) for being made Minister of Information and Cabinet Minister in February 1918, (e) for expanding his stable of newspapers during the 1920s, openly using positive and negative editorial to influence party political policy, (f) for generally promoting Appeasement until the very late 1930s, (g) for serving as Minister of Aircraft Production between May 1940 and May 1941, greatly increasing output, and again as Minister of Supply until February 1942, (h) for resigning to concentrate on the Combined Raw Materials Board [Wikipedia briefing], a high level commodity coordination forum just agreed upon by President Franklin D. Roosevelt and Churchill, and (i) for accompanying/representing Churchill on a number of high-level missions in those years, not least to Roosevelt (accompanying) and Joseph Stalin (representing).

Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigade: This was/is the Palestinian-centric direct action paramilitary group [Wikipedia briefing] founded in 2000 as a loose adjunct to the legally constituted Fatah [q.v.] Palestinian nationalist political party.

Alba, Adrian Thomas: New Orleans businessman Adrian Alba [no convenient biography] ran the Crescent City Garage, 618 Magazine Street, in whose waiting room were the gun magazines which a customer named "Lee" spent a lot of time studying. Lee also asked lots of questions about guns, how to mail order them, and whether it was worth joining the National Rifle Association. Many of these magazines were removed by the authorities after the assassination, eventually finding the one from which the order slip for the Mannlicher-Carcano C2766 had been torn (Hurt, 1985).


Aldrich, Nelson Wilmarth: Civil War veteran turned businessman-politician Senator¹⁸⁸¹-¹⁹¹¹ Nelson Aldrich [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been the Senate's resident economic theorist [he had been a provincial merchant between 1862 and the mid-1870s prior to refocusing into politics - Ed.] during the 1890s (when his tariff policies helped cause the Panic/Slump of 1893 [check it out]) and 1900s (when he chaired the National Monetary Commission [check it out] and helped create the Federal Reserve System [check it out]).

Alexander, Ward: Ward Alexander was the false identity of low end JFK conspirator Rod MacKenzie during his half century of wise invisibility.

Alexander, William F.: Ex-FBI Agent Assistant District Attorney Bill Alexander [no convenient biography] entered the assassination narrative when he was driven to the scene of the J. D. Tippit shooting by Lieutenant Calvin Owens and Captain Bill Westbrook. He was then at the rear door of the Texas Theater during LHO's arrest, and on the scene again for the search of LHO's room at 1026 North Beckley Avenue. Back at DPDHQ he assisted LHO's interrogations, and prepared the indictment
against him that same evening. Reporter Jim Ewell would later remember him as "a squad car prosecutor" - always out where the action was.

Al-Fayed, Mohamed: [Born Mohamed Fayed] Ambitious and blessed with no little animal charisma, Alexandria-born street trader turned "delivery" man turned Egyptian Intelligence Service asset turned Saudi Intelligence Service asset turned doer-of-deals turned household name Mohamed Al-Fayed [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for surviving 1945-1952 as a small-scale street trader, (b) for getting a job in 1952 alongside one Tousson El-Barrawi [nothing known], who had him working alongside an even younger but just as dynamic future arms dealer named Adnan Kashoggi [see own entry] in the mid-1950s, (c) for becoming an asset of the Egyptian Intelligence Service [we cover this aspect of his life in the entry for Al-Nasir - Ed.], (d) for being introduced to Haitian President "Papa Doc" Duvalier in the early 1960s ...

CAMEO - AL-FAYED IN HAITI: Alert to the possibility of big money to be made in the war-torn Caribbean of the early 1960s, and posing as a Kuwaiti sheikh, Al-Fayed flew into Haiti 12th June 1964 in what would later be assessed as the "first major performance of Fayed the Tycoon" (Bower, p20). While there he seems to have crossed paths for a short while with international man of mystery and CIA asset George de Mohrenschildt (who was very possibly checking him out for the Agency).

(e) for (some say with a vengeful Haitian hit squad on his tail) going on to acquire such high profile business ventures as the Ritz Hotel in Paris, Harrods in Knightsbridge, and Fulham Football Club, (f) for socialising sufficiently with the Prince and Princess of Wales from the late 1980s onward that, following that couple's separation, his son Dodi Fayed not only dated the Princess but also died at her side 31st August 1997 in the famous Alma Tunnel car crash [Wikipedia briefing]. FURTHER READING: For more on the Haitian deal, see Tom Bower's (1998) "Unauthorised Biography" of Al-Fayed [Amazon].

Alger, Philip Rounseville: Career U.S. Navy officer and head of the Department of Mechanics at the Naval College, 1891-1903, Philip Alger [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been the navy's resident expert on explosives, and yet neither called to serve on, nor give evidence to, the Sampson Inquiry Board into the sinking of USS Maine [see 21st March 1898]. His own considered opinion on that sinking was that it was caused by an undetected bunker fire spreading to the adjacent Reserve 6" Magazine.

Alger, Russell Alexander: Civil War veteran of fully 66 engagements, industrialist-politician Russell Alger [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been Secretary of War at the time of the Spanish-American War [q.v.]. As such he stopped the buck for the catalogue of technical hitches which afflicted the U.S. Army's operations against Cuba.

"Allen, Donald M.": [CIA nom-de-guerre; true identity unknown] CIA senior officer "Donald M. Allen" [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context as author of an internal CIA memorandum dated 9th September 1960 concerning Spas Raikin, the man who, at the request of the State Department, would later calmly collect LHO and Marina Oswald from the New Jersey quayside as they arrived back from the Soviet Union 13th June 1962. Intriguingly, the thrust of the memorandum is that in 1960 the CIA was far from certain that Raikin was not a sleeper agent for the communists!

CAMEO - THE DONALD ALLEN MEMORANDUM: [STUB ENTRY - we have placed a more detailed cameo in the entry for Spas Raikin.] To read the full original memorandum (now in the public domain) check out "Memorandum for the Record: Spas Todorov Raikin" [full text online - FASCINATING].

Allende, Salvador: Democratically elected Chilean President Salvador Allende [Wikipedia biography] was deposed on 11th September 1973 by a military coup fomented by the CIA. He conveniently committed "suicide" and was replaced by General Augusto Pinochet.
Allen, Duncan: [STUB ENTRY] British state propagandist Duncan Allen [no convenient biography but much to RECOMMENDED READING: There is also a great deal of value in McKeigue et al's (2018 [full text online]) briefing paper.]

Allen, Morse: [Read firstly the entry for Projects Bluebird and Artichoke.] WW2 veteran (U.S. Navy Intelligence) turned post-war polygraph expert turned Cold War CIA Security Officer turned scientific research project manager Morse Allen [no convenient biography but an awful lot to reward the determined browser] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for pioneering field experience with polygraph systems in vetting refugees in Europe after WW2, (b) for serving as project manager on the 1950-1951 Project Bluebird and 1951-1953 Project Artichoke research programs into the use of hypnotism and hypnogenic drugs as vehicles for enhanced interrogation procedures, and - should it prove feasible - the priming of Manchurians, (c) for being briefed 25th January 1952 by Joseph Pritchett [see own entry] of the Eastern European Division of the Office of Policy Coordination (OPC) as to a rather delicate situation which had arisen with a 29-year-old would-be Bulgarian immigrant named Dimitre Dimitrov, (d) for writing up this briefing in the Morse Allen Memorandum, (e) for a 29th January 1952 briefing from CIA Technical Services wizard Sidney Gottlieb on what had been found out so far about the use of LSD in the field, and (f) for successfully creating a real-life Manchurian 19th February 1954, thus ...

“Allen's 'victim' was a secretary whom he put into a deep trance and told to keep sleeping until he ordered otherwise. He then hypnotised a second secretary and told her that if she could not wake up her friend, 'her rage would be so great that she would not hesitate to kill'. Allen left a pistol nearby, which the secretary had no way of knowing was unloaded. Even though she had earlier expressed a fear of firearms of any kind, she picked up the gun and 'shot' her sleeping friend. After Allen brought the 'killer' out of her trance, she had apparent amnesia for the event” (Albarelli, 2013, K5040, quoting Marks, 1991).

The Dimitrov story now continues in his own entry.

Allington, Daniel: British social scientist Daniel Allington [Academic homepage] is noteworthy in the present context for his research into "hatred, inequality, and exclusion", with an especial interest in the aetiology of antisemitism and extremism. At the time of going to press [= December 2019], his latest publication concerned the ideology of "the sectarian far left".

**** FRINGE FIGURE IN JFK ASSASSINATION CONSPIRACY ****

Almeida Bosque, Juan: Cuban lawyer-politician turned top-table Castro revolutionary and guerrilla commander General Juan Almeida [Spartacus Educational biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being in the thick of the unsuccessful guerrilla attack 26th July 1953 on Moncada Army Barracks, getting captured and exiled to Mexico for his pains, (b) for regrouping in Mexico as the July 26th Movement and for returning to Cuba 25th November 1956 aboard the M.Y. Granma, running straight into a government ambush from which only he and 17 others escaped, fleeing into the remote Sierra Maestra mountains to set up a hide-away, (c) for gradually rallying whole strata of Cuban society to the anti-Batista flag, (d) for being given command of the "Santiago Column" of the Revolutionary Army in 1958, leading it with no little skill over the months of fighting which followed, (e) for acquitting himself well in responding to the Bay of Pigs Invasion, and (f) for being pivotally involved from 8th June 1963 in Operation AM/WORLD ...

RESEARCH ISSUE: It is not at all clear who was playing whom in this operation. (1) It could have been a straightforward smear campaign against Almeida, intended to weaken his position at the Revolution's top table. (2) Alternatively, there might have been genuine CIA overtures sounding Almeida out as a possible "palace coup" replacement for Castro should one of the White House's assassination attempts finally get lucky. The mere fact that Castro let Almeida live suggests that Castro's counter-intelligence people were stringing their opponents along, and that Almeida was a Castro loyalist playing a part.
Al-Nasir: See the entry for Adnan Khashoggi.

Alpha 66: Alpha 66 [Wikipedia briefing] was a 66-member anti-Castro commando force created and maintained by Antonio Veciana and others and responsible during March 1963 for a series of raids on Cuban and Soviet shipping and shore installations (specifically selected as politically sensitive targets by David Atlee Phillips). Other noteworthy members of the group were Eduardo Perez and Tony Cuesta. The group also maintained a small counterintelligence team in Mexico City and generally liaised closely with Army intelligence officers [which might well explain why Richard Nagell was reportedly "recruiting for them" in California at one time - Ed.]. CIA house copy writer Virginia Prewett [see own entry] was used to guarantee positive press coverage (Summers, 2013e). Because of the international implications of Soviet casualties JFK ordered a clampdown on Alpha 66 activities 30th March 1963, whereupon the group withdrew to cover and started to work toward a second full invasion. They were tempted out of cover 8th June 1963, losing a dozen or so members MIA in the unsuccessful Operation Tilt, after the CIA had fallen for a Cuban intelligence "dangle". One of the 66, Herminio Diaz Garcia will later be tentatively identified as one of the sniper teams on the Dealey Plaza hit (Hancock, 2010, p52).

Altered States of Consciousness (ASC): First popularised by psychologist Charles Tart [Wikipedia biography] in his (1969) book "Altered States of Consciousness" [Amazon], the term Altered States of Consciousness (ASC) [Wikipedia briefing] is a catch-all descriptor for a host of conditions characterised by reversible aberrations of phenomenal awareness, be it anything from near-anaesthesia to the sort of sublime exhilaration associated with extreme exertion, music, drama, psychodrama, and so on. ASCs can be invoked deliberately by the consumption of hallucinogens or similar hypnogogic drugs or simply by engaging in suitable mood-changing behaviours such as repetitive drumming or chanting. This topic is now progressively developed in the entries for Entheogens, Shamanism and Community Mysticism, Evangelism and Evangelistic Preaching, and Hate Speech and Radicalising Preachers, which see. FURTHER READING: For a 50-year update to Tart's classic work, see Marc Wittman and Philippa Hurd's (2018) book "Altered States of Consciousness" [Amazon].

Altgens, James William ["Ike"]: AP photojournalist James Altgens [Wikipedia biography] was stood on the south verge of Elm Street level with the John Neely Bryan Pergola, so that any photographs he might take of the approaching limo #1 would automatically have the front of the TSBD in the background. The sixth of his exposures - evidence-coded as Altgens6 - was taken at Z255 [view it now] and shows the two right-side secret service men on limo #2 looking back over their right shoulders, and JFK already holding his throat. Billy Lovelady is in the TSBD doorway, and perhaps Johnny Roselli and David Morales are spectating at the foot of the Dal-Tex Building fire escape. The photograph exists in many variants some, it is believed, tampered with. Altgens' evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now]; Interview to camera, CBS 1967 [YouTube it now].

Alvarado, Gilberto: Pro-Castro freedom fighter, Nicaraguan intelligence agent, and alleged CIA informer Gilberto Alvarado [Spartacus Educational biography] walked into the U.S. Embassy in Mexico City at 1200hr 25th November 1963 and told officials he had some important information concerning LHO. The CIA Head of Station Winston Scott was involved, and on 26th November Alvarado was interrogated by David Atlee Phillips himself. Alvarado's since discredited story was that he had seen LHO in the Cuban Embassy on around 18th September, at which time "a red-haired Negro" had passed him a $1500 down-payment on an assassination. Given that the lone nut story was already being strictly enforced in Dallas and Washington, Larry Hancock suggests in his 2006/2010e book "Someone Would Have Talked" that Alvarado's story - and similar reports out of the woodwork at much the same time - represented a "second effort" attempt by the real plotters to resurrect the Castro link. Indeed it has been suggested that Phillips had set the whole thing up and was merely going through the motions.
Alyea, Thomas: WFAA-TV cameraman Tom Alyea [no convenient biography] had just got off the train from Fort Worth when the news of the shooting came through and managed the two blocks to Dealey Plaza in time to be one of the first reporters to reach the TSBD. He then entered the building alongside the first search teams, and filmed the progress of the search - including the recovery of the hidden Mannlicher-Carcano. Finding then that the building had been locked down he had to throw his film out of window to stay ahead of the competition - YouTube his footage now.

Ambros, Otto: Nerve agent chemist and Nazi war criminal Otto Ambros [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for an early career with BASF, Ludwigshafen, 1924-1934, (b) for transferring in 1934 to (BASF's holding conglomerate) IG Farben's plant at Schkopau [map], (c) for taking a study year in the Far East in 1930 ... LEST IT BE OVERLOOKED / RESEARCH ISSUE: The head of Japan's pre-war Chemical and Biological Warfare program, Shiro Ishii, had undertaken study visits to America's Edgewood Arsenal [see own entry] and Britain's Porton Down [see own entry] in the late 1920s, prior to putting his learning to practical purpose against Chinese and American troops 1937-1945 with the infamous Unit 731 CBW death squad [see own entry - COMPULSORY READING]. It is therefore entirely possible that reciprocal arrangements existed between Japan and Germany.

(d) for subsequently heading the Schkopau plant's research into nerve agents, successfully synthesising Sarin [Wikipedia briefing] in 1938, (e) for being transferred in 1942 to head the IG Buna synthetic rubber works at Monowitz [Wikipedia briefing], an outstation of the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp, (f) for being tried at Nuremberg in 1946, and for dully being sentenced to eight years imprisonment, (g) for being sprung early thanks to his highly marketable technical expertise, and for being headhunted to the United States as advisor both to the U.S. Chemical Corps at Camp Detrick and also to W. R. Grace and Company [see own entry].

American Bakeries Pay Stubs: These were the two small pay cheque counterfoils forming part of the official narrative's evidential trail. Both had originally been attached to American Bakeries pay cheques in favour of employee James Jackson. One was found in LHO's back trouser pocket, and the other was discovered by Special Agent (FBI) William Brookhart [q.v.] in the already twice-searched upper apartment at 214 West Nealy Street, Dallas, which LHO had rented after Jackson in Spring 1963.

American Council of Christian Churches (ACCC): Founded in 1941 by "crusty anti-Communist" Carl McIntire [see own entry], the American Council of Christian Churches (ACCC) [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context as a trailblazer for America's modern, highly politicised, Religious Right.

American Federation of Labour (AFL): Mentioned in the entries for CIA Front Organisations and Samuel Gompers [see own entry].

American Friends of the Anti-Bolshevik Bloc of Nations (AFABN): [Read firstly the entry for Anti-Bolshevik Bloc of Nations (ABN).] Founded in the late 1940s to complement and promote the work of the Europe-based ABN, the AFABN [no convenient biography but much of value in Lazar 2001 as referenced below] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being involved with/supported by General Charles Willoughby (Twyman, 1997/2010 K14453), (b) for thereby being front and centre amongst the protesters during President Khrushchev's visit to NYC in 1959, (c) for somehow becoming associated with the JFK Assassination's highly suspicious Guy Banister, via his office at 544 Camp Street, New Orleans, thus ...

"[The AFABN were] an émigré group in direct touch with the FBI and U.S. military intelligence. It also had contacts with anti-Communist activists in New Orleans, headquartered in the very building where, in months to come, Oswald's name was to be linked with CIA-backed anti-Castro activists" (Summers, 1980/1989, p187)
and (d) for employing Mr. Innocent Spas Raikin as its Secretary-General. **RECOMMENDED READING:** Check out Ernie Lazar's (2001) book "American Friends of the Anti-Bolshevik Bloc of Nations" [full text online].

**American Institute of Free Labor Development (AIFLD):** Founded in 1961 and "CIA-controlled" (Agee, 1975, p600), the AIFLD [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being funded by the U.S. government as a mechanism for ensuring that workers' rights organisations of target countries were as friendly toward U.S. businesses as possible ...

**LEST IT BE OVERLOOKED:** Readers should note what the entry for CIA Front Organisations has to say about Workers' Organisations before proceeding.

**CAMEO - THE AIFLD IN ECUADOR AND URUGUAY:** In his (1975) book "Inside the Company" [Amazon] retired CIA officer Philip Agee explains how the AIFLD fronted the CIA's 1962 program "to accelerate expansion of labour-organising activities in Latin America in order to deny workers to labour unions dominated by the extreme left" (p243). Agee - based at the time in Ecuador and Uruguay describes this as "taking national leadership" away from a country's indigenous unions.

(b) for being headed, until his death in 1967, by trade union journalist and U.S. government consultant Serafino Romualdi [see own entry], (c) for playing a facilitatory part in the March 1964 CIA coup against Brazilian President Goulart, for daring to put his people first, thus ...

"Goulart had incurred the displeasure of Washington by pursuing such policies as appointing socialists to his cabinet, and the CIA was deeply implicated in the events that led to his unseating, through links to local right-wing groups and U.S. organisations such as the AIFLD" (Wilford, 2008, p191).

and (d) for finally being rebranded October 1995 as the American Center for International Labor Solidarity [see own entry]. A cognate organisation, the African-American Labor Center [Wikipedia briefing] was founded in 1964 and operated across the South Atlantic in Africa. **FURTHER READING:** For a thorough discussion see Philip Agee's (1975) book "Inside the Company: CIA Diary" [full text online; browse on <AIFLD>].

**American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC):** Founded in America in 1951 by Israel lobbyist Isaiah L. Kenen [see own entry], the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being mentioned in the 2017 Al-Jazeera documentary "The Lobby" [see own entry] as having invited itself also into the U.K., and (b) for inviting two of the speakers who had inflicted most hurt upon Jeremy Corbyn's campaign in Britain's December 2019 General Election to do likewise against Democratic Party Senator Bernie Sanders in the 2020 Presidential primaries. The event went ahead 3rd March 2020 - see Timeline that date.

**American Jewish Committee (AJC):** [Read firstly the entries for Religious Right and Evangelism and Evangelistic Preaching.] Founded in late 1906 by NYC banker Jacob ["The Jewish Avenger"] Schiff [see own entry COMPLEMENTARY NARRATIVE], archaeologist Cyrus Adler [Wikipedia biography], and lawyer Louis Marshall [see own entry COMPLEMENTARY NARRATIVE], the American Jewish Committee (AJC) [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for flourishing 1909-1921 as a campaigning group for a more visible - Marshall's own term was "intense" - form of Jewish-American patriotism ...

**CAMEO #1 - THE AJC vs. BOLSHEVISM:** As noted in his separate entry, Schiff waged a personal and undeclared war against Tsarist Russia from about 1905 through to 1917, largely by blocking the Tsar's access to Western loan markets (or, more precisely, to that proportion thereof in which fellow Jews had some influence over who got loans and who did not). We assume, moreover, that as the richest member of the management committee his would have been the senior voice in the AJC. Against that context, Powers (1995) explains that after the 1917 Russian Revolution the AJC's anti-Communist campaigning was given greater urgency by a desire within the Jewish community to neutralise the at-that-time-common perception that Bolshevism was a largely Jewish movement. It was, the AJC counter-argument went, only a few radicalised Jewish activists who - having been mischievously stirred up by agents of the Kaiser's intelligence services - had fomented the
revolution in Eastern Europe: American Jews, by contrast were far cuddlier, and far less threat to the American way of life (op. cit., pp46-47).

... and (b) for having to do the same again during the McCarthy Era Witch Hunts of the early 1950s [Wikipedia briefing], when being Jewish in WASP Street, U.S.A. had once more been scapegoated ...

**CAMEO #2 - THE AJC vs. STALIN AND MAO:** Sociologically speaking, a "WASP" is a White Anglo-Saxon Protestant, and thereby (in that era) the gold standard in American patriotism. McCarthyism duly hounded high-profile Jews out of jobs, and even ran a few out of the country. For cameo examples check out the stories of actor Sam Wanamaker [Wikipedia biography] and scientist Albert Einstein.

**FURTHER READING:** For a more recent discussion of Jewish victims of the Witch Hunts, see the (2009) piece by Jewish Chronicle columnist Michael Freedland entitled "Hunting Communists? They Were Really After Jews" [full text online].

American Red Cross (ARC): The American Red Cross (ARC) [Wikipedia briefing] is the Washington-based American branch of the overarching Geneva-based International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) [Wikipedia briefing]. It was founded in 1881 to provide charitably funded humanitarian aid in war and disaster zones, and is noteworthy in the present context for having lent its name to the American Red Cross Mission to Petrograd in 1917 [see next entry].

**** THESE FOLK HELPED FASHION OUR PRESENT HELL ON EARTH *****

American Red Cross Mission, 1917: [Read firstly the entry for American Red Cross (ARC), simpliciter.] The American Red Cross Mission [U.S. Department of State Historian's index] was the Wilson Administration's probably well-meaning attempt to insert a commercial lobbying and information gathering team into revolutionary Petrograd in the summer of 1917. The commission was the brainchild of banker Henry P. Davison [see own entry WELL WORTH A LOOK], Chairman of the ARC’s time-of-emergency War Council in the weeks following America’s entry into the war [see Timeline 6th April 1917] ...

**CAMEO - THE ARC WAR COUNCIL:** Other members of the ARC War Council were (all fellow bankers, lawyers, or industrialists unless stated otherwise) Grayson Murphy [Wikipedia biography], John D. Ryan [Wikipedia biography], Charles D Norton [see own entry], Cornelius N. Bliss, Jr. [Wikipedia biography], Eliot Wadsworth [Library of Congress biography], William H. Taft (ex-POTUS and current Chairman of the ARC), Martin Egan [no convenient biography], George B. Case [no convenient biography], Joseph Hartwell [no convenient biography], and spin doctor Ivy Ledbetter Lee [UNDER CONSTRUCTION but must to reward the determined browser in the meantime]. Davison documented the organisational sides of things in the (1917) booklet "The Call to our Red Cross" [Amazon]. In the 22 months it was in operation, the War Council raised $400 million in donations (Lamont, 1933).

Those selected for the expedition itself were all freshly commissioned (or in some cases re-commissioned) into the U.S. Army upon the authority of the Secretary of War (Polk, op. cit. inf.). The expedition was headed by Colonel Frank G. Billings [see own entry]. It set sail from Vancouver 5th July 1917, destination Vladivostok, and then crossed Siberia by train, arriving in Petrograd 7th August 1917. To begin with, it dealt (quite properly) with Kerensky’s Provisional Government. Here is some more background detail ...

"The nominal chief of the mission was Dr. Frank Billings [... under whom] were four other doctors, a food chemist, a chemist, and a hygienist. [Most of these] left Russia after barely a month. Billings reportedly ‘completely disgusted’ by what others in the mission were up to. The rest of the members were all connected to business and finance, and the most important of these was William Boyle Thompson [see own entry ESSENTIAL READING]. [...] Before leaving the States, Thompson received a private briefing from President Wilson [and] came away believing he had a mandate ‘to undertake any work necessary or advisable in the effort to prevent the disintegration of the Russian forces.’ He saw himself as more important than the American ambassador, [David R.] Francis [Wikipedia biography], who he completely ignored and undercut" (Spence, 2017, k4109).

**LEST IT BE OVERLOOKED:** The ARC and the British Red Cross [see own entry] were major cover-story agencies at this time for Western intelligence services - see, for example, Liggett (1932) and the entry for Paul Raigorodsky. See also Senate Foreign Relations Committee, evidence of William C.
Bullitt, 1919. The German Red Cross were likewise used as cover for Anton Dilger's [check him out] biological warfare operations in the United States (Koenig, 2006).

A second ARC mission, this one headed by right-wing politician-lawyer Colonel Henry W. Anderson [see own entry], was sent to the provisional Romanian capital Jassy/Iasi at around the same time and with the same duties, and is noteworthy to the extent that Anderson (perhaps innocently) played a part in the "Rostov Affair" [see Timeline 22nd December 1917, then as directed FASCINATING WHATEVER THE TRUTH]. FURTHER READING: We recommend without reservation William Hard's (2012/2012) "Raymond Robins' Own Story" [Amazon]. Some of the issues are introduced in the entry for Raymond Robins, which see. After that, there is a lot of microscopically documented background in Jennifer Polk's (2012 [full text online]) dissertation entitled "Constructive Efforts: The American Red Cross and YMCA in Revolutionary and Civil War Russia, 1917-1924".

American Security Council (ASC): Founded in 1955 by millionaire Patrick J. Frawley [see own entry] the American Security Council (ASC) [Spartacus Educational briefing] is noteworthy in the present context as one of the United States' most influential privately funded assassination bureaux and foreign policy lobbying groups. Past members have included Henry Kissinger, Lyman Lemnitzer, and W. Averell Harriman.

American Volunteer Group ("The Flying Tigers"): [Read firstly the entry for Claire Chennault.] This was the combat mercenary group formed by Chennault in 1941 to support Chiang Kai-Shek's [see own entry] ROCAF in its struggle against the Communist Party of China (CPC) in the Chinese Civil War [see 12th March 1925ff] as well as its simultaneous involvement against the western flank of the 1941-1942 Japanese advance toward Malaya and Australia. We have been unable to quantify the division of effort between anti-communist and anti-Japanese operations.

Amery, Leopold Charles Maurice Stennett: British journalist turned politician Leo Amery [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been war correspondent for The Times during the Second Boer War, (b) for entering parliament in 1911 as member for Birmingham South, which seat he would hold until 1945, (c) for serving as an Intelligence Officer in the Balkans during WW1 (thanks to his ability to speak Hungarian), (d) for serving as a member of the War Cabinet, in which capacity he was peripherally involved in drawing up the 1917 Balfour Declaration [see own entry], (e) for serving as Lord Milner's parliamentary secretary during the 1919 Versailles Peace Conference [see own entry], with particular responsibility for the division of the Ottoman Middle East into modern Iraq, Syria, Palestine, and Lebanon, (f) for serving as First Lord of the Admiralty between 1922 and 1924, (g) for taking an anti-appeasement position against Germany in the mid-1930s, and for advocating the higher defence spending which would be needed, (h) for serving as Secretary of State for India and Burma during WW2, and (i) for then retiring to write it all up.

AM/World: See the entry for Operation AM/World.

Anderson, Henry Watkins: [Read firstly the entry for American Red Cross Mission, 1917.] American politician-lawyer Henry W. Anderson [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) as the head of the lesser of the two American Red Cross Missions to Russia, 1917-1918, that is to say, the one to Romania, and (b) for (perhaps innocently, perhaps not) playing a part in the "Rostov Affair" [see Timeline 22nd December 1917, then as directed FASCINATING WHATEVER THE TRUTH].
**Anderson. Orvil Orson:** WW2 veteran (U.S.A.A.F.) and in 1950 Commandant of the Air War College at Maxwell A.F.B., Montgomery, AL, General Orvil Anderson [Wikipedia biography] delivered the infamous "Saving Civilisation" Speech [q.v.] on 1st September 1950. He was quickly put out to grass. But that is hardly the point!

**Andrew, Abram Piatt, Jnr.:** Harvard academic Abram Andrew [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been a member of the National Monetary Commission [see own entry] between 1908 and 1912, by virtue of which experience he was invited to accompany Nelson Aldrich [see own entry] to the 1910 Jekyll Island Conference [check it out], where plans for the Federal Reserve System [check it out] were hammered out.

***** THE SOURCE OF THE EDWIN WALKER FALSE FLAG STORY *****


"For a brief time in 1963 he had been in the employ of H. L. Hunt, until the oilman demanded that Angers pack for Washington and go to work on his Lifeline radio project. Angers refused, and walked out of the office. Then, several weeks after the assassination, Angers says he got a surprise phone call from Hunt. 'He said, 'Brad, I'm sending a guy over to you. I want you to put him to work.' It was like an ultimatum'. Angers agreed to do so. When I spoke to Angers on a tip in the spring of 1992, he refused to identify publicly the person whom Hunt asked him to hire. But it quickly became obvious to me [that it was Larrie Schmidt]. [...] 'Before the assassination, this guy's brother [Robert Schmidt] had gotten close to General Walker. Eventually he'd become his chauffeur. It was part of their infiltrating Walker's organisation, and it went back to a power struggle in Germany, when this fellow had been in the Army there and started forming his own little group. Apparently this fellow couldn't stand Walker. Neither could his brother. Somehow that spring of '63, [Robert Schmidt] had made friends with [LHO], who was also trying to get close to Walker. But [Larrie Schmidt] had never met Oswald, I don't think, until his brother introduced them that night in April. The three of them got drunk together. They got in a car and the brother said, 'Somebody ought to shoot that no-good son of a bitch Walker'. And [Larrie] said, 'I've got news for you, I got him kicked out of the goddamned Army in Germany'. Then Oswald said, 'I've got a rifle, let's go hit the son of a bitch.'"

**ASIDE:** This part of the story creaks terribly, and we suggest it be regarded as deliberate misinformation. After all, why follow a General whose political views you share all the way from Germany, unless you are (1) with him all the way, or (2) have him under investigation as a security risk? Or perhaps, even, LHO was spying on the lot of them ...

"The three of them drove down St. John's Avenue [...] where Oswald pumped off a shot. It hit the wall instead. Then they jumped in the car and took off. Angers' story has never before been made public" (pp206-207; the p207 quote in the entry for Robert Schmidt continues from here, and records General Walker's recollection of these events - IMPORTANT).

**LEST IT BE OVERLOOKED:** Forensics have it that the attack on Walker was carried out with a 30-06 rifle. Oswald's more famous rifle was the 6.5mm Mannlicher-Carcano. Note also that General Walker was fined in 1976 for homosexual offences, so there is more than one way to interpret the phrase "gotten close to" above. Russell (1992, p204) uses the words "cozying up to" to describe the same relationship. Indeed Angers' entire narrative is single-sourced and contested, and should be regarded with caution.

A quarter of a century later, shortly before his death, Angers was interviewed in 2016 for Gayle Nix Jackson's (2017) book "Pieces of the Puzzle" [Amazon]

"I contacted Mr. Angers in 2016 and spoke with him on two separate occasions [...] Boisterous and confident, Angers was a popular man in Dallas [having before the latter's death in 1980] helped [DPD Police Chief Jesse Curry publish his [(1969)] book Jesse Curry Reveals his Personal JFK Assassination File. Angers also served in World War II in the Signal Corps as well as being trained in Psy Ops and Cryptography" (Jackson, 2017, p149).

***** "A MAN'S GOT TO DO WHAT A MAN'S GOT TO DO"** (trad. [sources]) ****
Angle, Roland: [Go firstly to the entry for Architects & Engineers for 9/11 Truth and work your way through the STUDENT EXERCISE - HOW TO DEMOLISH A SHOW TOWER ESSENTIAL PRIOR SKILL.] American structural engineer Roland Angle [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context for risking professional martyrdom [or worse: JFK witnesses were terminated by the dozen, remember, either literally or by targeted whispering campaign - Ed.] by standing alongside the University of Alaska at Fairbanks's veteran civil engineer J. Leroy Hulsey [see own entry ESSENTIAL READING] during his recent figurative "Gunfight at the O.K. Corral", simply because it was the right thing to do.

The "gunfight" on this occasion was the release of Dylan Avery's (2020) documentary entitled "Seven" [Amazon ESSENTIAL VIEWING], an account of a four-year-long research programme in Hulsey's department into the collapse of WTC7, the conclusion of which - meticulously documented in the Hulsey Report [full text online] - was that there had been a simultaneous failure (Hulsey uses the term "global failure") of every core column in the building (24 of them) on fully eight out of the building's 47 floors. This precision of time and place could - of course - not just happen, meaning (a) that the 9/11 Attacks had been an inside job, and (b) that if the 9/11 Inquiry said otherwise it was deliberately covering something up.

TECHNICAL ASIDE - HARD SCIENCE vs LEGAL PROOF: There is literally zero doubt in scientific terms that many tonnes of Nano-Thermite were set off in the four-dimensional vicinity of the World Trade Center on 11th September 2001. However it could be argued that the chemical residues came from an as-yet-unknown coincidental source, as, perhaps, if miscreant residents of at least one of the buildings [the residues are in the dust which carpeted Lower Manhattan, but that dust came from the three towers combined, so there is no proof that all three towers produced it - Ed.] had been illegally storing Nano-Thermite. This is all legalistic squirming, of course, for the prima facie common sense explanation is that all three towers were deliberately brought down by the stuff, and moreover that of the half-dozen superpowers possessing the technology only the United States itself would have had the required level of sustained security access.

Others who nobly stood at great personal risk alongside "Doc" Hulsey that fateful day were Ed "Three Rivers" Asner, "Randolph" Scott Grainger, and "Kid" Kamal Obeid [see own entries, one and all].

Angeleton, James Jesus: The CIA's Chief of Counterintelligence from 1954 to 1975 James Angleton [Wikipedia hagiography; 2013 YouTube documentary - RECOMMENDED] was brought up in Milan, Italy, where his father managed the local NCR tabulating machinery franchise. He then attended Malvern College in England before returning to the U.S. to study at Yale. During WW2 he was an OSS counterintelligence agent in London before being put in charge of Britain's Ultra operations in Italy in late 1944 (during which time he was not averse to calling on Mafia connections against a common enemy, nor, some say, of passing intelligence to the Nazis). In May 1949 he was made Chief of the CIA's Office of Special Operations, being then promoted by Allen Dulles in 1954 to Chief of Counterintelligence. Angleton testified before the Church Committee in 1975. In his 2006/2013e book "Someone Would Have Talked" Larry Hancock draws attention to the fact that Angleton knew of the November 1963 Attwood Mission [q.v.] by bugging Lisa Howard [q.v.], and saw it as part of JFK's ongoing efforts to peripheralise the CIA.

"Angeleton Ops": So effective were James Angleton's type of operation - daring, to-the-point, and ruthlessly pursued - that they became known within the trade as "Angeleton Ops".
Anglo-French Financial Commission: See the entry for Rufus Isaacs.

Anglo-Saxon Federation of America: See the entry for Christian Identity.

Anikeeff, Nicholas Michael: [1912-2016] Senior CIA officer (Soviet Russia Division) Mike Anikeeff [no convenient biography but much to reward the determined browser] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been a close friend of international man of mystery and CIA asset George de Mohrenschildt "back in the 1930s" (Newman, 2008, p278) ...

(b) for playing a part, so it seems, in the early years of Reinhard Gehlen's intelligence network in Soviet-occupied Poland, and (c) for maintaining contact with de Mohrenschildt through until at least the latter's assignment in Haiti in mid-1963.

Anti-Bolshevik Bloc of Nations (ABN): Founded on a war emergency basis 22nd November 1943 in war-ravaged Zhytomyr, Ukraine [map], by anti-Communist cadres from 15 Eastern European countries and former Soviet republics, the Anti-Bolshevik Bloc of Nations (ABN) [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for not being formally constituted until 1946 when funding allowed a headquarters to be set up in post-war Munich, (b) for having Ukrainian Nazi Yaroslav Stetsko [see own entry] as its first President, (c) for being promoted in the United States after the war by the American Friends of the Anti-Bolshevik Bloc of Nations (AFABN) [see own entry], (d) for cooperating with the World Anti-Communist League (WACL) [see own entry] and the European Freedom Council (EFC) [see own entry], and (e) for winding itself up in 1996. FURTHER READING: Check out this FOIA Research piece.

Arab-Israeli War, 1948: This is the war which established the modern state of Israel [Wikipedia briefing]. It began on 30th November 1947 as a three-way civil war between Palestinians of Jewish and Arab descent and the British administration, but the Arabs were having so little success that by the beginning of May 1948 the neighbouring states of Egypt, Jordan, Iraq, and Syria were mobilising to come to their aid at their respective borders. David Ben-Gurion proclaimed the State of Israel on 14th May (whereupon the Palestinians of Jewish descent became Israelis), and the Arab columns crossed the border the following day. Fighting continued until 10th March 1949, with repeated Arab defeats.

Arab Spring Offensive: The Arab Spring [Wikipedia briefing] was the name given initially to the 18th December 2010 regime change insurrection in Tunisia, but then extended as the unrest spread contagiously to country after country on a copycat basis. The domino line follows a militarily precise long right hook (i.e., anticlockwise when viewed on the map, rather like the Schlieffen Plan of 1914) from Tunisia to Libya (2011, Civil War), Egypt (2011, Egyptian Crisis), Syria (2011, Civil War), Turkey (failed coup, 2016), Iran. The cumulative events are historically noteworthy for the role played by modern social media in spreading discontent at hitherto impossible speeds. The conspiracy community regularly cites Neocon [q.v.] inspiration and CIA involvement in the insurrections and specifies the destruction of common Arab purpose as the strategic aim.

Árbenz Guzmán, Jacobo: Guatemalan soldier-politician President [1951-1954] Jacobo Árbenz [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being one of the leaders of the 1944 Guatemalan Revolution [see 1st July 1944] which deposed President Ubico [see own entry], (b) for then backing President Arévalo [see own entry] between 1945 and 1950, (c) for then being democratically elected in Guatemala's 1950 presidential (72% of the vote), and (d) for then being far from democratically ousted (by the oligarchs of the U.S. Deep State of that decade) in the 1954 Guatemala Coup [see 18th June 1954]. His "crime" was to have governed Guatemala for three years in a manner which smacked a little too much of communist leanings. More specifically, he used his 1952 Agrarian Reform Law [see 17th June 1952]
to give the United Fruit Company (UFCO) [see own entry] less of a free ride than they had grown used to [by many accounts they ran their plantations no better than the slave-plantations they had taken over - Ed.]. UFCO countered with a sponsored public relations offensive in the mainstream media, organised by Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and DCIA Allen Dulles (both major UFCO shareholders). Having thus prepared the way, they then forced Árbenz to resign 27th June 1954, and organised their own man, Carlos Castillo Armas [see own entry], to replace him.

Arce, Danny Garcia: Before the shooting Dallas-born TSBD order picker Danny Arce [no convenient biography] was standing on Elm Street outside the front door of the building and allowed "a real old man" to use the TSBD lavatories. "He had on an old brown suit and a western type hat". He then saw the man leave the building "and drive off in an old black Buick". It may or may not be relevant that Arce had only been working at TSBD for two months, having previously worked in the kitchens at "this Rubenstein place on Hall [Street]".

ASIDE: Hall Street is two miles east of Dealey Plaza. Researchers have recently largely excluded the possibility that the Sidney Rubenstein and (son) Stanley Rubenstein of Rubenstein and Son Produce Inc, 1111 Hall Street [looks like a parking lot on my Google Streetview - Ed.] have anything to do with Jack Ruby. We note that some sources give the Rubenstein address as 1111 Hall, while others mention Pearl Street. The descendent company - now just a wholesaler - is Rubenstein Seafood Sales Inc - see the website. It lists at 6210 Campbell Road. We also note that a (then) 73-year-old Richard Pavlick in a 1950 black Buick had tried to car-bomb JFK back in 1960, but was (unconfirmed) in a mental institution at the time of the assassination. Recent attempts to conflate Arce with an anti-Castro Cuban named Amado Cantillo seem to have drawn a blank.

Nobody has yet been able to find any substantive association between Danny Arce and the much older INTERPEN operative Remigio Arce. It may or may not therefore also be relevant that Danny Arce has been recently identified as an INTERPEN field operative in his own right - YouTube him in Dealey Plaza now - which, if true, would make you wonder who the "real old man" really was and what he brought in to the TSBD under his coat [MORE CURTAIN RODS, PERHAPS?!] Arce's evidential profile is as follows: Affidavit, 22nd November 1963 [read it now]; Warren Commission testimony [read it now].

Arce, Remigio ["Cuku"]: Remigio Arce [no convenient biography] pops up only infrequently in the histories, usually as a member of INTERPEN, and sometimes as having identified Herminio Diaz Garcia as a Dealey Plaza shooter. Nobody has yet been able to find any substantive association between Remigio Arce and TSBD employee Danny Arce.

Archacha Smith, Sergio: [Because Hispanic rules apply to this three part name, we have taken the family name Arcacha as the indexing name and Smith - the mother's name - as supplemental. Some authors prefer the hyphenated surname Archaca-Smith, and others refer to him as just Arcacha.] Cuban diplomat in the late Batista years turned anti-Castro agitator Sergio Arcacha Smith [Spartacus Educational biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for seeking refuge after the Castro Revolution in Venezuela, then Miami, and then New Orleans, and for there, on 21st December 1960, establishing a chapter of the Democratic Liberation Front (FRD) ...

ASIDE: The Shinley Archive names a number of collaborators in the FRD venture, including a young Francisco Uriarte [nothing known] and more senior officers from the Miami headquarters, namely Manuel E. Quesada and Manuel A de Varana.

(b) for thereby being an automatic choice when on 9th October 1961 the United States cobbled together the FRD and other similar Cuban exile organisations under the umbrella of the Cuban Revolutionary Council (CRC) [see own entry], (c) for opening a CRC branch office at Room 6, 544 Camp Street, across the corridor from Guy Banister’s detective agency in the Newman Building [Lafayette/544 Camp], (d) for working with Banister to promote a short-lived fund-raising vehicle named Friends of Democratic Cuba [see own entry], (e) for reportedly maintaining a direct line to Attorney General RFK, who, he says, "was always there for us" (Russo, 1998, K3295), (f) for working closely
with David Ferrie on semi-legal arms procurement operations, (g) for making the headlines 4th January 1961, by exposing a likely invasion of Cuba three months before the actual Bay of Pigs Invasion; and for repeating the boast 10th April 1961 when it was then less than a week away ... 

**ASIDE - CUBAN LOOSE TALK:** Russo passes on a former CIA officer's quip to the effect that "to a Cuban a secret is something you tell only one hundred people" (K3340). Loose talk was everywhere, in other words, and so too were Castro's spies!

(h) for being an accessory before as well as after the fact to the 22nd August 1961 munitions "liberation" from the Houma LA premises of oil exploration giant Schlumberger Corporation [see Timeline that date], (i) for being expelled from the FRD 20th January 1962 for allegedly benefiting inappropriately from campaign donations, being replaced by Luis Ravel, (j) for relocating following the Covington Bust and related government clampdowns, firstly to Miami, thence to Tampa, thence to Dallas, and (k) for being asked to testify as to the relationship between the exile community and indigenous right-wingers by Jim Garrison in 1967, but successfully avoiding extradition from Texas. Arcacha would in due course be named in Richard Sprague's 1985 book "The Taking of America" as one of the dozen or so inner sanctum conspirators in the JFK assassination, but for our part we have him more as an accessory to a different, albeit overlapping, crime, namely the attempted murder of Castro.

***** THESE ARE GOOD GUYS, WE THINK *****

(ONLY DEEP STATES CAN SMEAR LIKE THEY'VE BEEN SMEARED)

Architects & Engineers for 9/11 Truth (AE911): Founded formally on 13th November 2007 by architect-engineer Richard Gage [see own entry COMPLEMENTARY NARRATIVE] to act as an independent research fellowship and righter of historic wrongs, Architects & Engineers for 9/11 Truth (AE911) Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context for ensuring that the American people heard the evidence that WTC1, WTC2, and WTC7 (which came down without even being hit by an airplane) were destroyed by deliberate controlled demolition by persons unknown. Here is an entirely typical indication of their line of argument ...

**YouTube The AE911 Core Proposals (2012 Version)**
(For a 2021 update, see Gage's personal entry)

**THE VERDICT - WTC7:** Arguably AE911's greatest single contribution to the war between the sciences of truth and mass deception came in 2015 when the organisation funded research by the University of Alaska at Fairbanks's veteran civil engineer J. Leroy Hulsey [see own entry ESSENTIAL READING] which resulted in the 2019DRAFT/2020FINAL Hulsey Report and Dylan Avery's (2020) follow-up documentary entitled "Seven" [Amazon ESSENTIAL VIEWING]. Hulsey's calculations and simulations indicated that the reason WTC7 came down so neatly into its own basement dumpsters was that there had been a simultaneous failure (Hulsey uses the term "global failure") of every core column in the building (24 of them) on fully eight out of the building's 47 floors. We are more than happy to accept this conclusion as definitive and look forward to some form of official action to identify and punish the true culprits.

**THE VERDICT - WTC1/2:** There has been no comparably decisive research into the collapse of the show towers, and FWIW the present author has yet to decide whether the "window puffs" seen in the video evidence are causes or effects. The slo-mo video evidence - regularly red-ringed and freeze-framed for all to see - fails to convince us that these "explosive ejections" result from pre-plantted demolition squibs going off, primarily because there are too few of them and they are not sufficiently regularly spaced to match known controlled demolitions. **On the other hand,** we find Niels Harrit's [see own entry ESSENTIAL READING] forensic chemistry totally convincing, and are happy to accept that beyond any shadow of a doubt someone in Lower Manhattan that day let off several tons of state-of-the-art shaped Nano-Thermite [Wikipedia briefing] military demolition charges. **It remains, therefore, to bring the inconclusive video and the wholly convincing chemistry together into an**
explanatory scenario which explains both the window ejections and Harrit's chemical residues at the same time. Readers wishing to puzzle along with us should complete the Student Exercise below ...

**STUDENT EXERCISE - HOW TO DEMOLISH A SHOW TOWER:**

**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW BEFORE YOU START:** WTC1 and 2 consisted of a rectangular heavy steel core framework, topped by a square overhanging "hat truss" (altogether a large mushroom, therefore), and surrounded by a lighter girdier-and-glass external skin extruded downward from the perimeter of the hat truss. The lift shafting is situated within the heavy steel core.

Here is an occupant's casual column plan for the 91st floor, WTC1

And here is (first graphic) is a technical blueprint of same

And here is another, with column numbering (Figure 3, upper)

And here is a side view showing the lift shafting (Figure 5.2)

At every floor, horizontal trusses both locked the inner core to the outer skin and supported concrete floor beams. Workspaces were then constructed to customer specification out of gypsum board and other non-load-bearing materials.

**TASK 1:** Study the floor plans closely. On 11th September 2001 the airplane struck floors 93-99, and so the 91st floor sketch should be reasonably accurate. Find the eight heavy columns on each of the long sides of the rectangular core, and check them off against those on the blueprint. Note then the four immediate rows of eight (occasionally less) lighter columns, making a nearly complete six-by-eight array in total. Note also that the four corner columns alone carry an estimated 30% of the total building load!!

**TASK 2:** Now read the first hand accounts of art students escaping with their lives from the 91st floor just after the impact a couple of floors above their heads (New York Times, 26th May 2002 [full text online (paywalled)])

**TASK 3:** WTC1 had 110 floors. Your task is to "de-core" a number of contiguous floors, thus creating a "pile driver" out of the building remaining above you. Assuming that you are going to attack eight floors - as seems to have been the case with WTC7 - WHICH EIGHT FLOORS WOULD YOU CHOOSE? (HINT: If you start too high there will be too little weight in the pile-driver to cut through the intact floors below you, and if you start too low you will not be dismembering the pile driver itself.)

**TASK 4:** Assuming (1) that each of the four corner columns needs a 20 kilogram Nano-Thermite demolition charge to melt it out, (2) that the remaining twelve heavy columns need 10 kilogram charges each, and (3) that each light column needs a 5 kilogram charge, calculate the weight of explosive per floor. Then add 20 further 10 kilogram charges to attack the horizontal strapping between the columns. WHAT IS THE TOTAL WEIGHT OF EXPLOSIVE YOU NEED TO SMUGGLE IN PAST SECURITY?

1 This is the graphic entitled <Gelitin, the B-Thing, the 91st Floor of WTC1> in Mark Dotzler's [Professional website] (undated) piece entitled "Thoughts on the WTC Artists" ([full text online RECOMMENDED READING]). There is additional background on the artists concerned in our entries for "B-Thing" and Gelatin/Gelitin, if interested.

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**Arévalo, Juan José:** Guatemalan philosophy professor turned "spiritual socialist" President [1945-1951] Juan Arévalo [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been the first remotely progressive president in Guatemala's history, (b) for surviving 25 coup attempts during his six years in power, and (c) for surviving a further 20 years thereafter.


**Arnold, Carolyn Nearn:** TSBD secretary Carolyn Arnold [no convenient biography] went into the TSBD2 lunchroom "about a quarter of an hour" before the shooting and saw LHO having lunch, but was never called to testify formally to this. However she was subsequently interviewed in 1978 by Anthony Summers and her very confident recollection did not match the officially approved
scenario. Specifically, at around 1215hr - the very time that a number of other witnesses were seeing movements at the TSBD6 windows - she placed LHO elsewhere. Arnold's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED]. [Our verdict - we agree with Summers that this is a strong witness.]

Arnold, Gordon: About to return from leave to Fort Wainwright, AL, 22-year-old Gordon Arnold [Wikipedia biography] was told by a man with CIA Id not to spectate from the triple overpass, and so moved down in front of the picket fence.

ASIDE: One of Rod Mac Kenzie's false Id Cards at work, perhaps??

Arnold was then filming the motorcade at about the same moment that Badgeman (Roscoe White or Charles Rogers) took his shot. His camera was then confiscated by a hatless uniformed officer with a drawn gun. Arnold died in 1997. His evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED]; Interview to camera, 1988 [YouTube it now - RECOMMENDED].

Artíme Buesa, Manuel Francesco: Psychiatrist and lapsed Cuban Revolutionary Dr. Manuel Artíme [Wikipedia biography] had been captured on 2nd May 1961 during the failed Bay of Pigs Invasion, not being released until on 24th December 1962. Five days after that he shared the saluting platform with JFK at the latter's homage to the Brigade 2506 veterans. With CIA support he then helped organise and train new cadres of anti-Castro exiles in preparation, they hoped, for a second invasion.

Arvad, Inga Marie: [Until 1931, Inga Marie Arvad Petersen] Danish journalist and some time beauty queen and film starlet Inga Arvad [Wikipedia biography] had schmoozed her way (a) into being a guest at Hermann Goering's wedding on 10th April 1935, and (b) into conducting two career-shaping interviews with Adolf Hitler ("You immediately like him"). She did not like "Chews" (Kessler, 1996, e3870). She emigrated to the U.S. in 1940, where in November 1941 she entered into a love affair with the son of a U.S. diplomat. This shameless social posturing led to her being closely monitored by the FBI - wiretaps and all - as a suspected Nazi spy. Now guess the name of the diplomat's son ...

***** "A MAN'S GOT TO DO WHAT A MAN'S GOT TO DO" (trad. [sources]) *****

Asner, Eddie: [Go firstly to the entry for Architects & Engineers for 9/11 Truth and work your way through the STUDENT EXERCISE - HOW TO DEMOLISH A SHOW TOWER ESSENTIAL PRIOR SKILL.] American actor Ed Asner [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for risking professional martyrdom [or worse: JFK witnesses were terminated by the dozen, remember, either literally or by targeted whispering campaign - Ed.] by standing alongside the University of Alaska at Fairbanks's veteran civil engineer J. Leroy Hulsey [see own entry ESSENTIAL READING] during his recent figurative "Gunfight at the O.K. Corral", simply because it was the right thing to do. The "gunfight" on this occasion was the release of Dylan Avery's (2020) documentary entitled "Seven" [Amazon ESSENTIAL VIEWING], an account of a four-year-long research programme in Hulsey's department into the collapse of WTC7, the conclusion of which - meticulously documented in the Hulsey Report [full text online] - was that there had been a simultaneous failure (Hulsey uses the term "global failure") of every core column in the building (24 of them) on fully eight out of the building's 47 floors. This precision of time and place could - of course - not just happen, meaning (a) that the 9/11 Attacks had been an inside job, and (b) that if the 9/11 Inquiry said otherwise it was deliberately covering something up.

TECHNICAL ASIDE - HARD SCIENCE vs LEGAL PROOF: There is literally zero doubt in scientific terms that many tonnes of Nano-Thermite were set off in the four-dimensional vicinity of the World Trade Center on 11th September 2001. However it could be argued that the chemical residues came from an as-yet-unknown coincidental source, as, perhaps, if miscreant residents of at least one of the buildings [the residues are in the dust which carpeted Lower Manhattan, but that dust came from the three towers combined, so there is no proof that all three towers produced it - Ed.] had been illegally storing Nano-Thermite. This is all legalistic squirming, of course, for the prima facie common sense explanation is that all three towers were deliberately brought down by the stuff, and moreover that of the half-dozen superpowers possessing the technology only the United States itself would have had the required level of sustained security access.
Others who nobly stood at great personal risk alongside "Doc" Hulsey that fateful day were Roland "Alameda" Angle, "Randoph" Scott Grainger, and "Kid" Kamal Obeid [see own entries, one and all].

Asquith Resignation Coup: We are referring here to the sequence of events described in Chapter 26 of Jim Macgregor [see own entry] and Gerry Docherty's [see own entry] 2017 book "Prolonging the Agony" [see own entry], whereby the case is made that the ousting of Asquith's coalition administration in December 1916 was more a Secret Elite coup than a simple party political scalp for Bonar Law's Conservative Party opposition. Lloyd George, they note, had long been groomed as Asquith's replacement by Lord Milner, and had been assisted throughout 1916 by Milner's acolytes in and close to the Cabinet.

===== THE ASTORS ARE LISTED BY YEAR =====

==== OF BIRTH, NOT ALPHABETICALLY ====

Astor, John Jacob I: German-American merchant and self-made billionaire [in today's money] John J. Astor I [Wikipedia biography] (1763-1848) is noteworthy in the present context (a) as an example of a rags-to-riches immigrant who by hard work and frugal living helped forge the American Dream, and (b) for the Astor dynasty which sprang from his loins.

Astor, William Backhouse: American merchant and father-made billionaire [in today's money] William B. Astor [Wikipedia biography] (1792-1875) is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being the son of the founder of the Astor dynasty John Jacob Astor I, and (b) for proving no less a single-minded businessman than his father - Kaplan (2007) calls him "a comparably relentless accumulator" (p11). His older brother John Jacob Astor II (1791-1869) was not mentally capable of managing the family fortune.

Astor, John Jacob III: American dynastic businessman John J. Astor III [Wikipedia biography] (1822-1890) is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being the grandson of the founder of the Astor dynasty John Jacob Astor I via William Backhouse Astor (and thus older brother of William Backhouse Astor II), (b) for being the first to eschew "relentless accumulation" and start to enjoy his fortune; he worked hard, "but never after dinner" (Kaplan, 2007, p28), and (c) for fathering William Waldorf Astor [1st Viscount Astor] in 1848.

Astor, William Backhouse II: American dynastic businessman William Backhouse Astor II [Wikipedia biography] (1829-1892) is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being the second son of William Backhouse Astor I (and thus younger brother of John Jacob Astor III), and (b) for making "pleasure his religion" (Kaplan, 2007, p29).

Astor, William Waldorf [Baron Astor]1916 [1st Viscount Astor]1917: American socialite and dynastic businessman turned British ditto William Waldorf Astor [Lord Astor]1916 [Wikipedia biography] (1848-1919) is noteworthy in the present context (a) for fathering Waldorf Astor [2nd Viscount Astor] in 1879, (b) for moving to Britain in 1891, buying the Pall Mall Gazette in 1892 and having little difficulty "working his way into the circle of the pleasure-loving Prince of Wales" (Kaplan, 2007, p115), (c) for buying Cliveden House [see own entry] in 1893, (d) for taking British nationality in 1899, (e) for gifting Cliveden to his son on the occasion of his 1906 marriage to divorcee Nancy Langhorne Shaw [see the entry for Nancy Astor], (f) for buying control of The Observer from Lord Northcliffe in 1911, and (g) for becoming ennobled in 1916, concerning which Kaplan notes wryly as follows ...

"The driving force in William's final years remained the determination to win a place in the British peerage. He made no secret of his ambition, even at the cost of inviting ridicule, [...] In the spirit that drove his quest he had more in common with his former countrymen than he would have liked to acknowledge: instead of comporting themselves like citizens of a democracy that had shaken off aristocratic distinctions, Americans were notorious for becoming virtually unhinged with borrowed glory when they found themselves shaking hands with a duke" (Op. cit., p170).
For his part, Astor told his son "I have never gone in pursuit of this honour" (Idem., p172). He severed contact with his children in 1916, and died a gout-ridden and embittered old man in 1919.


Astor, [Colonel]1894 John Jacob IV: American dynastic businessman and veteran of the Spanish-American War [Colonel]1894 John Jacob Astor IV [Wikipedia biography] (1864-1912) is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being a cousin of William Waldorf Astor I [1st Viscount Astor], and (b) for being the Astor who died (showing due courage) with the Titanic.

***** THREE DINNER PARTIES AND A LOT OF FUNERALS *****

Astor, Nancy; [Née Langhorne; first marriage as Nancy Langhorne Shaw] American-born British socialite Nancy, Lady Astor [Wikipedia biography] (1879-1964) is noteworthy in the present context (a) for marrying multi-millionaire Waldorf Astor [see own entry] in 1906, setting up the marital home at the rather magnificent Cliveden House [Wikipedia briefing and images] (a wedding present from the groom's father, and nowadays a spa-hotel), (b) for there cultivating a reputation as society hostess (including to a certain Archduke Ferdinand and his wife in June 1914, a fortnight before they returned home en route for Sarajevo), (c) for resolving immediately war began to make Cliveden House available as a war hospital ...

ASIDE - CLIVEDEN HOUSE AT WAR: The War Office declined the offer, and so Cliveden was offered instead to the Canadian Army. New buildings were hastily erected in the gardens of the house, and the Duchess of Connaught's Canadian Red Cross Hospital was open for business the following July - check it out.

(d) for hosting another historically significant dinner party 13th March 1917, this one attended by Chaim Weizmann, Foreign Secretary Arthur Balfour, and Prime Minister Lloyd George to discuss the Sykes-Picot Formula [see the entry for Sir Mark Sykes] and the imminent Balfour Declaration, (e) for being in 1919 only the second woman to be elected to Parliament, and the first actually to take her seat ...

ASIDE: The seat in question - Plymouth Central - had previously been held by her husband, who, having just inherited his father's Viscountcy, now had to vacate it and move up into the House of Lords. Nancy was thus already a favourite of the voters there, and would hold the seat until retiring in 1945.

(f) for responding henceforth to her own political agenda rather than her husband's, that is to say, by seeing to it that her entertaining became more personally relevant [she even got the King to dine at the same table as Socialists - Ed.], (g) for thereby being in at the birth of that circle of guests soon to be dubbed the "Cliveden Set" [see own entry], a power bloc of ageing Milner Group high priests whose unifying belief was that the rapidly strengthening Nazi Party in Germany was not a threat to Britain's interests ...

ASIDE - NANCY ASTOR AND APPEASEMENT: On 24th October 1937 Lady Astor hosted a lunch attended, inter alia, by Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden, Ambassador to Berlin Sir Neville Henderson, Editor of The Times Geoffrey Dawson, Lord Brand, and Lord Lothian. This get-together represented the high-water mark of Britain's high society's love affair with the Nazis. "There was a consensus," one historian has written, "[...] that Hitler could be handled, talked down, reasoned with" (Livingstone, 2015, p466). Within days, however, an article by the journalist Claud Cockburn [see own entry] had blown the whistle on this sort of Appeasement talk, and it was suddenly no longer fashionable to be described as a member of what he characterised as the "Cliveden Set".

Astor, Waldorf [2nd Viscount Astor]1919: American-born socialite turned British aristocrat-politician Waldorf Astor [Lord Astor]1919 [Wikipedia biography] (1879-1952) is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been the first son of William Waldorf Astor [1st Viscount Astor] (and thus older brother of John Jacob Astor V [1st Baron Astor]1956), (b) for marrying divorcee Nancy Langhorne Shaw in 1906, setting up the marital home at the rather magnificent Cliveden House [Wikipedia briefing and images], a wedding present from his father, and nowadays an hotel, (c) for entering Parliament in 1910 as member for Plymouth, (d) for being introduced into the Milner Group in about 1914 by Philip Kerr (later Lord Lothian), becoming one of the two main financial supporters of that group
(the other being Abe Bailey [see own entry]), (e) for taking control of his father’s two newspapers in 1915, selling the Pall Mall Gazette but retaining The Observer, (f) for reportedly being part of Lloyd George’s Monday Night Cabal [see the entry for Milner’s Ginger Group], in the ousting of Prime Minister Asquith during the second half of 1916, (g) for being rewarded with a seat in Lloyd George’s Secretariat [see own entry] in January 1917, although in the event he "lingered unhappily in Downing Street" (Turner, 1980, p173), (h) for moving up to the House of Lords when he inherited his father’s title in 1919, (i) for generously supporting Chatham House [see own entry] after 1920, and (j) for generally acting with Lord Lothian and Lord Brand to keep the Milner Group going as Lord Milner gradually dropped from the picture (he died 1925 aged 71 years).

**Astor, John Jacob V [1st Baron Astor]**1906: American-born British socialite turned WW1 hero turned politician turned newspaper proprietor John Jacob Astor V [Lord Astor]1906 [Wikipedia biography] (1886-1971) is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been the fourth son of William Waldorf Astor [1st Viscount Astor] (and thus younger brother of Waldorf Astor [2nd Viscount Astor]) (b) for serving with distinction with the Household Cavalry siege train during WW1, losing his right leg to counter-battery fire in 1918, (c) for entering Parliament in 1922 as member for Dover, a seat he would retain until 1945, and (d) for buying The Times newspaper in 1922 following the death of Lord Northcliffe, thereby providing the Cliveden Set with a direct line to British public opinion in the 1920s and 1930s.

**Astor, William Waldorf II [3rd Viscount Astor]**1952: British hereditary peer Lord [Wikipedia biography] (1907-1966) was British high society’s senior sponsor for osteopath-artist Stephen Ward [q.v.] between the late 1940s and the Profumo Affair [q.v.] in 1963. They shared friends and confidences and generally partied it up, with Ward repaying invitations to aristocratic soirées by turning up with spare women.

**ATF:** See the entry for Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms.

**Atkins, Commander Thomas M., USN:** Official White House cinematographer Tom Atkins [no convenient biography] was one of the several press corps old hands consigned to Car #6 in the Dallas Presidential motorcade. He managed to take some footage in Dealey Plaza and then proceeded via a short stop at the Trade Mart to Parkland Hospital, where he filmed, amongst other things, the parked-up limo #1. He then flew back to Washington in the press plane and took further footage of the arrival of the body at the White House. Atkins' evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT TAKEN]; 19-minute documentary "The Last Two Days" [YouTube it now].

"The mothership of the Neocon persuasion"[1](Molydko, 2019, op.cit. inf.)

**Atlantic Council:** [Read firstly the entry for Neocon.] Founded in Washington DC in 1961, the Atlantic Council [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context for pushing U.S. foreign policy in those countries on the receiving end of it [much like the fifth columns of old - Ed.]. Funders include the American billionaire Adrienne Arsht [Wikipedia biography], the Ukrainian-based Burisma Holdings [Wikipedia briefing], and the Foreign and Colonial Office (FCO), the diplomatic arm of Britain’s special operations capability. A 9th October 2019 piece for Mediapart by Nicholas Molydko entitled "The Atlantic Council is a den of vipers" [full text online - HIGHLY RECOMMENDED] offers a valuable fresh air alternative to the official hagiographies.

**Atsugi Naval Air Station.** American military base in the Kanagawa Prefecture of Japan [Wikipedia briefing, maps, etc.]. It is the largest U.S.N. airbase in the Pacific Theatre, and is noteworthy in the present context for having supported the CIA-led U-2 photoreconnaissance effort from 1957. LHO served at Atsugi as a radar operator between September 1957 and November 1958. Other persons of interest to the present narrative who also served/passed through the station were Gerry Hemming and E. Howard Hunt.
Attwood Mission: This was the JFK peace initiative to Fidel Castro undertaken between September and November 1963 using diplomat William Atwood as go-between. The initiative began at the United Nations on 19th September when the Guinean Ambassador to Cuba sought out Attwood between sessions and mentioned that Castro wished some sort of accommodation with the U.S. and would be willing to take part in talks about talks. The CIA, however, had significantly different plans for Castro, and so to keep things out of normal diplomatic channels Atwood chose the ABC correspondent Lisa Howard - already known to Castro - to make the next contact, with Cuba's U.N. delegate Carlos Lechuga in Manhattan. Tragically, as an ex-lover of the Cuban President, Howard was also well and truly on the CIA's radar, and her apartment was promptly bugged. A follow-up contact was in Havana and used French journalist Jean Daniel as intermediary, but by then the cat was out of the bag, and in his 2006/2010e book "Somebody Would Have Talked" Larry Hancock suggests that James Jesus Angleton, David Morales, and David Atlee Phillips all soon knew of this threat to the CIA's self-appointed role in deciding U.S. foreign policy. The upshot was that something as laudable as a peace initiative gave both the CIA (eager to avoid being marginalised) and Castro (uncertain of JFK's bona fides) good cause to discontinue Attwood's mission by force.

Attwood, William Hollingsworth: WW2 veteran, journalist, speech-writer, and diplomat William Atwood [Wikipedia biography] had just been appointed JFK's special envoy to Fidel Castro at the time of the assassination. See now the entry for the Attwood Mission.

Atwell Security: This was the Tel-Aviv based security company which was ejected from the WTC security contract in 1987 - see the entry for Avraham Shalom.

**** HAVE DOGMA, WILL TRAVEL

Auchincloss, Gordon: American lawyer-turned-diplomat Gordon Auchincloss [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being headhunted by his father-in-law Colonel House [see own entry] as a safe pair of hands to help organise House's Planning Group [see Timeline 1st September 1917] ... ASIDE: Auchincloss was part of the descended extended family of 19th Century industrialist Oliver Burr Jennings [Wikipedia biography], one of the founding stockholders in John D. Rockefeller's [see the entry for Rockefeller Family] Standard Oil Company (10% of the equity, no less, plus a directorship). The Auchincloss name appears when Jennings' daughter Emma Brewster Jennings [no convenient biography but several genealogy entries] married Hugh Dudley Auchincloss, Sr. [ditto] (whose son, Hugh Dudley Auchincloss, Jr. [Wikipedia biography] will later "give away" Jacqueline Bouvier - his step-daughter - in her 1953 marriage to JFK). Gordon Auchincloss was born 1886 into the Edgar Stirling Auchincloss [no convenient biography but several genealogy entries] branch of the family.

... (b) for similar early involvement in the American secretariat which organised the Versailles Peace Conference [see Timeline 13th December 1918, and then as directed], although there was clearly some behind-the-scenes wrangling going on ...

CAMEO- THE HOTEL CRILLON AFFAIR: Both Auchincloss and law practise partner David Hunter Miller [Wikipedia biography] were recruited in November 1918 to see to the arrangements for the American delegation to Paris. Here is one commentary concerning what happened next ...

"House, having pushed through the Armistice, moved to begin preparations for a peace settlement. He set up headquarters for the Commission to Negotiate Peace [Wikipedia briefing] at the Hotel Crillon [Wikipedia briefing SMART!], transferred [Walter] Lippmann [see own entry; also see Timeline 25th October 1918, and as then directed] and Willard Straight [see own entry] to the commission staff, and prepared to add his son-in-law, Gordon Auchincloss, as secretary-general and Frank Cobb [Wikipedia biography] as chief of the press bureau. But Wilson had other plans. Not wanting to share the glory of his triumph, not fully trusting House or anyone else to bring about the just peace he so desired, Wilson decided to head the peace delegation himself, using Lansing as a deputy. The secretary of state, eager to bring his department back into the negotiations, named his own men to the American delegation, appointing Joseph Grew [Wikipedia biography] to head the staff and George Creel [see own entry] to direct the press bureau. The little band in Paris was shocked when they heard the news. House, instead of running the show, would be only an adviser" (Steel, 1980, p150).
... (c) for being one of those who took a relatively sympathetic stance regarding the treatment of German-speaking minorities in newly independent states such as Czechoslovakia and Poland, for fear that they would otherwise be a cause of instability in the future [which is, of course, precisely what transpired - Ed.], (d) for becoming intimately involved in negotiations both with and about the Russians in early 1919, but for then (allegedly maliciously) leaking news of the Bullitt Proposal [see the entry for William C. Bullitt for context, and then Timeline 25th March 1919] to British deep state journalist Henry Wickham Steed (Wikipedia biography), who promptly brought the power of Lord Northcliffe's [see Timeline 24th July 1918] propaganda Streitkraft down against it (Andelman, 2008, pp187-188 [we detail this lapse of impartiality in the abovementioned Timeline entry for 25th March 1919]), (f) for then turning his dubious skillset to the problem of skimming [Wikipedia briefing] Russian humanitarian aid, being party, along with the said David Miller, in bending the Nansen Proposal [see Timeline 3rd April 1919] to Herbert Hoover's [see Timeline 1st January 1919] and Allen Dulles' [see Timeline 11th January 1919] eventual satisfaction [note carefully their respectively different requirements of the aid system - Ed.], (g) for losing his place on the team when Woodrow Wilson side-lined Colonel House in mid-1919, and (h) for featuring large in Bullitt's testimony to Congress shortly thereafter [see Timeline 12th September 1919]. He died in 1943, aged 56.

Austin, Ian: British politician and sometime Labour Party Member of Parliament Ian Austin [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) as a member [subscription date unknown - Ed.] of Labour Friends of Israel (LFI) [see own entry], the pro-Zionist faction within the fatally-split-over-Zionism Labour Party ...

SITREP [AS AT 13TH MARCH 2020]: Following the Labour Party's defeat in the 2019 General Election, Party Leader Jeremy Corbyn initiated a party-internal leadership election, continuing as caretaker Leader of H. M. Opposition (LOTO) until formally relieved. All four candidates to replace him are "Blairites", that is to say, the neoliberal ideologues who - to save you looking it up - came to power in 1997 thanks to the support of Zionist funding sources, and then rubber-stamped Britain's participation in the 2003 Iraq War, thereby relieving the Iraqi threat to Israel's Eastern Front. The Labour Party will therefore cease to speak for the working people of Britain on the day Corbyn finally stands down [early April 2020, unless the Coronavirus emergency intervenes - Ed.].

(b) for remorselessly heckling Corbyn (sometimes literally, sometimes figuratively) 2015-2019 over the latter's (and socialism's in general) sympathy with the plight of the people of Palestine. (c) for finally (and loudly) flouncing the Party Whip 22nd February 2019, to sit instead as an independent, (d) for not standing in the 2019 General Election, and (e) for then being wheeled out of retirement to repeat his heckling IN SOMEBODY ELSE'S COUNTRY against Bernie Sanders as part of AIPAC's intervention in the U.S. 2020 presidential primaries [see Timeline 3rd March 2020].

Aydelotte, Carol: California-based right-wing "den mother" Carol Aydelotte [no convenient biography but much to reward the determined browser] is noteworthy in the present context for being the sole interviewee in the 16th February 1968 Turner Memorandum and one of only four interviewees in the 19th March 1968 Boxley Memorandum, those being two of the most important documents - albeit possibly vexatious - in the Garrison Investigation's case against Edgar Eugene Bradley.

CAMEO - AYDELOTTE IN THE TURNER MEMORANDUM: Here, as a taster, is one of the things Aydelotte had to tell us about Bradley ...

"Mrs. Aydelotte knew Bradley very well. She said that she had run into him through right-wing activity, she herself having been a member of the John Birch Society approximately 1961 or 1962; that her acquaintance with Bradley covered the span of the assassination, and that he was constantly harping on the fact that someone should kill Kennedy" (Turner Memorandum, 1968 [full text online], p1).

Her comments on the following people may be found in their respective entries: Edgar Eugene Bradley, Wesley Brice, Loran Eugene Hall, Dennis Mower, and Clinton Wheat.

CAMEO - AYDELOTTE IN THE BOXLEY MEMORANDUM: Here is another allegation, this time from the Boxley Memorandum ...
"Mrs. Aydelotte [sic] stated that Bradley, upon her telling him that her husband Arthur possessed a .375 Magnum rifle, attempted to recruit her to persuade her husband to use the weapon for an assassination attempt upon President John F. Kennedy" (Boxley Memorandum, 1968 [full text online], p1).

Again her comments on the following people may be found in their respective entries: Edgar Eugene Bradley, Wesley Brice, Dennis Mower, and Wilhelm True.

Here is how [redacted source] further contextualises her in a 1999 FOIA’d FBI dossier on the Southern California Freedom Councils - read it here ...

"On October 1, 1964, [redacted] furnished the following information: Carol Aydelotte and her husband, Art Aydelotte, [address given] pose as 'top patriots' and are 'high up' in the John Birch Society; however, he [=the informant] feels they are a divisive influence in the Society and, in his opinion, are dangerous individuals because of their attitude and their possession of firearms in their home. [...] During his visit to the Aydelotte residence, [redacted] observed two pictures of Robert Welch of the John Birch Society and one portrait of Adolf Hitler on the wall of their den. [...] He said that although the Aydelottes pose as members of the 'extreme right', [redacted] feels [...] that by discrediting legitimate authority they are accomplishing communist ends" (pp30-31 of online text).

FURTHER READING: Aydelotte's role in Jim Garrison's case against Bradley, and less directly in the Deep State's targeted professional and personal humiliation of witness Roger Craig, is explained in Chapter 16 of Joan Mellen's (2005) book "A Farewell to Justice" [Amazon] (albeit her final judgement on the matter differs from ours).

Ayers, Lieutenant (U.S.M.C.) Alexander G.: As recorded in the La Fontaines' 1996 book "Oswald Talked", Lieutenant A. G. Ayers [no convenient biography] was the officer who signed LHO's DD Form 1173, the Buff ID Card found in his wallet at the time of his arrest. Browse the Oswald's Wallet Thread to accumulate all the fragments of this story.

Ayers, Bradley Earl: Careerist U.S. Army officer Bradley Ayers [Spartacuses Educational biography] is noteworthy in the present context for (a) for being selected in early 1963 for a "sensitive undercover assignment" with the CIA against Fidel Castro, (b) for being briefed as to requirements by General Victor Krulak [see own entry], a personal friend of JFK and an advisor to the Joint Chiefs of Staff, (c) for duly settling in at JM/WAVE, Miami, and working with Johnny Roselli and groups like Alpha 66, (d) for planning a sabotage raid against Cuba's main oil refinery in September 1963, only for the operation to be cancelled in favour of the less physically destructive AM/WORLD operation, and (e) for going public 30 years later with the names of nine then-still-surviving people who had "intimate operational knowledge of the circumstances surrounding the assassination", namely [all have their own entries] Gordon Campbell, Thomas Clines, Grayston Lynch, David Morales, Rip Robertson, Felix Rodriguez, Edward Roderick, Tony Sforza, and Ted Shackley.

Ayneshworth, Hugh Grant: West Virginian high flying journalist Hugh Ayneshworth [Wikipedia hagiography] was in the offices of the Dallas Morning News at around 1130hr on 22nd December 1963 (even seeing Jack Ruby there placing his weekly advertisement). He was then Ultra-conveniently (for a reporter, that is) at Elm and Houston - within 100 yards of perhaps half a dozen assorted assassins - when the shooting took place (although awkwardly not - it has recently been judged - visible in any of the photographic or cinematographic evidence). He then gathered reports from bystanders outside TSBD, while at the same time eavesdropping a DPD motorcycle radio. He thus heard of the murder of Patrolman J. D. Tippit at the same time as the DPD patrols did themselves, allowing him to get a WFAA-TV vehicle to the site of that incident just as further news came in that a suspect for this latter shooting had been sighted in the Texas Theater. A second mad dash saw him hyper-conveniently in at the arrest of LHO a few minutes later. Ayneshworth is also central to the Blood or Cola Thread, having himself visited the top of the John Neely Bryan Pergola steps along with Jerry Coley around midday on Monday 25th November, only to find that the area had been scrubbed clean of the blood Coley had seen on 22nd.
ASIDE: Aynesworth has since consistently dismissed the liquid as "it was soda pop", but since nothing at all was there on 25th November he must either have seen the real stain prior to the cleaning, or seen the Hood photograph after its confiscation, or be simply passing on the hearsay of others as direct testimony.

Aynesworth has recently appeared in a 2013 retrospective with fellow witness Buell Frazier [YouTube it now]. On a visit to Cuba six weeks before the shooting (10th October) he was asked to do a favour of some sort for the CIA, but nothing came of it and he received no payment. Aynesworth's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED]; HSCA [NOT CALLED]; Much to browse online.

Ayres, Joseph: Chief Steward on Air Force One Joseph Ayres [no convenient biography] might have been able to throw light on the Medical Cover Up Thread, but died in a convenient hunting accident in August 1977. His death is one of 115 more or less suspicious assassination-related deaths listed in Roberts and Armstrong's (1995) book "The Dead Witnesses".

Babushka Lady: Known only from other photographs and films the still-unidentified [January 2018] eyewitness known semi-officially as the Babushka Lady [Wikipedia briefing] was filming the event from the median lawn of Dealey Plaza just south of Elm Street, level with the John Neely Bryan Pergola. After the shooting she seems to have calmly finished her film, before disappearing unhurriedly into the crowd. One Beverly Oliver claimed she was the person in question, and that her film had been confiscated by law officers on the day, but this story has not been fully corroborated. We shall therefore leave both person and - far more importantly - her film on the Unsolved Riddles Thread.

Backyard Photographs: These things ...

The Backyard Photographs are some of the most hotly debated pieces of evidence in the entire assassination story. According to the official narrative they were taken in the backyard of 214 West Nealy Street, Dallas, on 31st March 1963, confessedly by Marina Oswald using her husband's Imperial Reflex camera, and two prints (CE-133-A and CE-133-B) and one negative (CE-749) were discovered in the garage at the Paine House on 23rd November by Officers Gus Rose and Richard Stovall. Alternative theories began perhaps an hour later at DPDHQ when LHO was shown the photographs, only to reply that they were his head superimposed onto somebody else's body. The debate has swung back and forth between the two extremes of opinion ever since, supported by a test-tubes-at-20-paces battle of photoforensic experts. YouTube here for some of the doubts. In 1978, the School of Photographic Arts and Sciences gave three of their experts the task of briefing the HSCA as to the validity of the exhibits [full text online]. The report testified, amongst many other things, as follows ...

(1) Fine markings on CE-749 matched those on fresh negatives exposed in LHO's camera, and CE-749 produced CE-133-B when printed.

(2) None of the scratchmarks were abruptly discontinuous as they would be if photocomposited.

(3) No evidence of head substitution was seen.

Then, in 1975 a third slightly variant positive came to light, CE-133-C, previously in the possession of Geneva White [by then Dees]. Again, on 1st April 1977 a signed copy of CE-133-A was found after his suicide in the effects of George de Mohrenschildt. And finally, in 1992, a photographic
matte came out of the woodwork, prepared on or about 29th November 1963 by DPD crime scene photographer Bobby Brown, in which any properly posed figure might be inserted into a positive of the rest of CE-133-C; an artifice found in every major fairground and theme-park on earth. The black clothing was ever found amongst LHO's personal possessions (Roe, 2016).

Badgeman: A uniformed shooter revealed on the western end of the John Neely Bryan Pergola during the 1980s in the Mary Moorman #5 photograph by optical enlargement and more recently by digital enhancement by researchers such as Gary Mack and Jack White [Wikipedia entry], and since tentatively identified as either Roscoe White or Charles Rogers depending on whose theory you follow.

Bailey, [Sir]1911 Abraham [1st Baronet]1919: South African diamond miner and politician Sir Abe Bailey [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been "one of the chief plotters in the Jameson Raid [see 29th December 1895]" (Quigley, 1949, p46), (b) for having been "one of the chief, if not the chief, financial supporters of the Milner Group in the period up to 1925" (Quigley, 1949, p46) ...

ASIDE: He is reported as having funded both the Round Table Movement [see own entry] and Chatham House [see own entry].

(c) for being a business associate of Herbert Hoover, another member of the Anglo-American Secret Elite (Quigley, 1949), (d) for having supported the Union of South Africa from its establishment in 1920 [see 31st May 1910], (e) for losing his seat in the Union Parliament in 1924 and thereafter dividing his time between South Africa and the highly secretive world of Milner's London operation. By the 1930s he was recognised as one of the world's richest men.

***** THE JFK CONSPIRACIES SUDDENLY MAKE SENSE *****

Baker, Judyth Anne Vary: Indiana-born laboratory scientist Judyth Vary Baker [Spartacus Educational biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) as a high school biomedical sciences prodigy who was rewarded just after her 18th birthday with a short internship at Roswell Park Cancer Institute, BuffaloNY, followed in February 1962 by a scholarship to the University of Florida, (b) for then being headhunted 15th April 1963 by government medical research contractor Alton Ochsner [cue "Jaws" music], Director of the New Orleans Ochsner Clinic, who offered her a "summer internship" at his clinic, working (on what would later turn out to be one of the United States' many biological warfare projects) with one of his senior researchers, Mary Sherman, (c) for persuading her fiancé Robert Alston Baker, III, [see own entry] to follow on as soon as he can make the necessary arrangements, (d) for duly arriving in New Orleans 20th April, finding temporary accommodation at the YWCA and taking a waitressing job at the Royal Castle Diner on Airline Drive [map], (e) for a happenstance encounter 26th April with LHO in the queue at the local post office, quickly striking up a friendship ...

ASIDE: LHO had arrived by bus from Fort Worth in the early hours of 25th April, and during that day had popped in to visit firstly his Aunt, Lillian Murrett, and then later his friend David Ferrie, whom he knew from way back [see Timeline 27th July 1955].

(f) for hanging out with LHO 27th April, organising new accommodation at Webber's Boarding House, and for later being introduced to Ferrie, who - surprise, surprise - turned out to be already working for Dr. Sherman himself ...

ASIDE: Unsurprisingly, many commentators have observed that the happenstance encounter at the post office might not have been happenstance at all. They suspect instead that LHO was already under cover, and had an intelligence agenda - to check out Ochsner's newbie! Baker herself confesses to becoming suspicious on 9th May 1963 (Baker, 2010, K5305).

(g) for spending Sunday 28th April with LHO (including their first kiss), and for later attending a get-together at Ferrie's 3330 Louisiana Avenue Parkway apartment [map], there being introduced to Jack
Martin, David Lewis, and Dr. Sherman (although she was too involved with other guests on this occasion to do much more than shake hands) ...

LEST IT BE OVERLOOKED: Jack Martin, it will be recalled, will in due course be the man who got Jim Garrison interested in the JFK assassination by informing him of the association between LHO and Ferrie at events such as this one. He was played by actor Jack Lemmon in Oliver Stone's (1991) movie "JFK" [Amazon].

(h) for being introduced to Guy Banister 29th April, who confirmed to her that all the people she had been meeting with so far were in truth working ultimately for the American government, even though they had to feign disloyalty from time to time, depending on who else happened to be listening, (i) for breakfasting with LHO 30th April and for then accompanying him on a bus ride into town, (j) for meeting up with fiancé Bobby Baker 2nd May 1963 in Mobile\textsuperscript{AI}, and there getting married ...

ASIDE: They stayed their wedding night at the Webber place. The next day her husband needed to leave for a three-week work away, and so there was no immediate formal honeymoon.

(k) for being turfed out of the Webber place at 0100hr 4th May 1963 following a police raid [Webber was running it as a bawdy house, it seems - Ed.], thereby being forced to relocate to more genteel rooms at 1032 Marenco Street [map]; also for learning from LHO that same day that he would shortly have to stop play-acting right-wing activist and become instead visibly pro-Castro, thus ...

ESSENTIAL PREPARATION: Readers not yet familiar with the FBI's 1956 Cointelpro initiative for proactively detecting left-wing sympathisers by creating seemingly left-wing entrapment organisations should check out the entry for the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC) before proceeding.

"Lee explained that he needed to be able to enter Cuba; therefore later in the summer he needed to appear to be pro-Castro. Banister was running him as an anti-Castro/anti-Communist conservative. How would he change his image 180 degrees? [...] He and Banister were making plans to lure pro-Castroites to places where their names could be recorded and photos made: they planned to hand out pro-Castro pamphlets in highly public places, making sure photos would be taken by the TV media, which would be pre-warned. 'If I can create a pro-Castro "incident" with TV cameras there,' Lee said, 'I'll make a good impression'" (Baker, 2010, K4135).

(l) for being briefed by Ferrie 5th May as to the animal handling requirements of the Sherman Project, thus ...

***** THIS IS IMPORTANT *****

"Before long, Lee arrived and escorted me to David Ferrie's apartment [...] to go over the 'Project', as he called it. Dave explained that the makeshift lab in his apartment was actually part of a sophisticated network of laboratories strung across uptown New Orleans, each with different equipment and performing a different function, but all united by a common goal: to develop a cancer weapon and kill Fidel Castro. [...] The virus we were most concerned with was SV40, the infamous carcinogenic virus that had contaminated the polio vaccines of the 1950s. [...] What mattered was whether a particular strain produced cancer quickly. For our project, these cancer-causing viruses had been transferred to mice because they were more economical than [larger animals. The research] loop included a large colony of thousands of mice kept in a house near Dave Ferrie's apartment [address and map below - Ed.]. I called it 'the Mouse House'.

ASIDE - THE "MOUSE HOUSE": Sherman's "Mouse House" was at 3225 Louisiana Avenue Parkway [map], some 100 yards south of Ferrie's apartment at 3330 same. People connected to the Project handled the daily care and feeding of the mice [...]. Several times each week, fifty or so live mice would be selected based upon the apparent size of their tumours [...]. Once in Dave's kitchen, we would kill the mice with ether and harvest their tumours [by] cutting their bodies open and excising the largest tumours. [...] The largest of the harvested tumours - the most aggressive cancers - had a destiny. [...] Bits of the 'best' tumours were selected for individual treatment: each specimen was macerated, strained, mixed with [tissue culture medium, and then] placed in Dave's table centrifuge and spun. Most cancer cells went to the bottom. The liquid on top was [collected]. These were the beginnings of tissue cultures, to be grown elsewhere. The test tubes were then placed in a rack in a warm, insulated box. The rest of the tumours [...] were poured into Dave's [kitchen blender]. The result was a 'soup' you'd never want for dinner. Filtering the 'soup' created a 'cell-free' filtrate [...]. The liquid, full of cancer-causing viruses, was placed into a cooler with ice.
The tissue cultures and the cell-free filtrate were now ready for the next lab. We called this 'The Product' (Baker, 2010, K4198-4232).

**STORY CONTINUES:** To learn what happens next, see the entries for Mary Sherman and the Ochsner Bioweapon.

(m) for being at Ferrie's apartment during the afternoon of 6th May 1963, when he was visited by a group of four men, namely "Sparky Rubenstein" (a.k.a. Jack Ruby), Cuban exile Sergio Arcacha Smith, CIA researcher-propagandist William Gaudet [see own entry], and a "heavyset Latino"; for dining with them as a six-some that evening ...

**LEST IT GO UNNOTICED:** In other words in less than a fortnight Baker had met most of the villains who would - three decades later - be featured in Oliver Stone's (1991) movie "JFK"! She was, in short, already in it up to her pretty neck.

(n) for meeting up with Ochsner 8th May 1963, being briefed as to his expectations of her, and told to seek a cover job alongside LHO at the William Reilly Coffee Company; for later bumping into Kerry Thornley. (o) for being interviewed at Reily's 10th May 1963 ...

**ASIDE:** It will later emerge that their jobs were arranged and approved in advance by William Monaghan [see own entry], retired FBI Special Agent and presently Vice-President in charge of Security at Reily's. They both started work 17th May 1963, she as one of Monaghan's secretaries, he as odd-job-man.

(p) for finally getting a proper induction meeting 11th May 1963 with Dr. Sherman, who explained in technical detail how she was expected to contribute to her Project, (q) for spending the rest of the summer of '63 close to LHO, raising cancer-infected mice and submitting recovered cancer tissues to the main lab; that and falling in love with him into the bargain ...

**CAMEO - MARINA COMES AND GOES:** On 24th April 1963, with her husband just departed for New Orleans by bus, Marina Oswald had moved in with Ruth Paine in Irving. Just under three weeks later, on or about 13th May 1963, Paine ferried Marina and her daughter to New Orleans by car (a one-way journey of more than 500 miles). Before setting off on the return leg 14th May 1963 she put Marina in touch with fellow support worker Ruth Kloepfer [see own entry]. She then came back to collect Marina 20th September 1963, staying over for three days before returning to Irving.

**CAMEO - LHO AS PRO-CASRO ACTIVIST:** Between 16th June 1963 and 21st August 1963 LHO was being trained up for the delivery of the Ochsner Bioweapon material into Cuba, and therefore had to cultivate the necessary pro-Castro persona by distributing leaflets on behalf of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC). For the fuller story see Timeline on and between these dates.

**CAMEO - MURINE VIRUS 1111FN:** [This cameo condensed from Baker (2014, pp224-226, 245.)] Baker (2014) recalls processing a particularly large batch of mice 12th July 1963 followed by the final batch 17th July 1963. She also mentions that Sherman was by now using larger animals such as marmosets, which had to be barrier handled because the latest strains of the virus were not just quickly lethal, but also potentially capable of interspecies contagion (p226). She also recalls that in the last days of July she saw a vial labelled "Murine 1111FN" in the refrigerator at the Mouse House, believing to to be ready for deep-freezing as long-term stock.

**CAMEO - THE JACKSON "VOLUNTEER" AND THE CLINTON TRIP:** [This cameo condensed from Baker (2010, Chapter 22) and Baker (2014, Chapter 13)] By the beginning of August 1963 the latest Ochsner-Sherman "Product" was judged lethal enough for operational testing. Ochsner therefore (1) started to decommission the Mouse House, and (2) arranged for a suitably disposable human volunteer. This act of - bluntly - cold-blooded murder took place under cover of the long-standing research collaboration between the universities and hospitals in New Orleans and prisons and mental hospitals elsewhere in Louisiana. Inmates of these institutions were routinely paid for their time, and not all of them suffered permanent injury.

**ASIDE:** For a personal memoir of just such an adventure see the entry for Rose Cheramie. Other eyewitness accounts are given in Baker (2014, pp273-275).

On 29th August 1963 a convict-volunteer was bussed across from the State Penitentiary at Angola to the East Louisiana State Mental Hospital at JacksonLA [map] for treatment. The bus was met seven miles further east at ClintonLA [map] by David Ferrie, Clay Shaw, LHO, and an orderly from the hospital. While they were waiting, Ferrie's party was observed by a number of blacks queueing up outside the local courthouse to register to vote. The volunteer - a convicted murderer "with terminal cancer already" - was then conveyed to the research lab
at Jackson, where Ferrie administered the injection. LHO closely observed the process because he would have to pass on the details to the eventual assassin in due course.

(r) for being informed by David Ferrie the following day that the volunteer had in fact been healthy, and for being so appalled by the blatant immorality of testing deadly concoctions on subjects unable to give informed consent that she immediately formally protested to Ochsner by letter, (s) for being summarily dismissed from the Project, and told to prepare instead for a position at PenChem’s laboratories at Gainesville FL, (t) for returning to Jackson with LHO 31st August to carry out some additional blood tests, before relocating to Florida 5th September, leaving LHO to await news of the prisoner’s fate ...

**CAMEO - LHO’S MEXICO CITY TRIP:** The volunteer died 23rd September 1963, meaning that the bioweapon was effective, and the Mexico City handover could go ahead. Between 24th September 1963 and 2nd October 1963 LHO was in transit to, residing in, or returning from Mexico City. Baker has consistently asserted that his true mission was to deliver a refrigerated bioweapon culture to a Cuban courier who would smuggle it back into Cuba for use against Fidel Castro. His cover mission was to be seen trying to get a transit visa from the Cuban Embassy so that he might return via Havana to the Soviet Union. For the fuller story see the Timeline 24th September 1963, and follow the sub-thread provided there.

(t) for starting at PenChem 9th October 1963, (u) for enjoying one final fateful 90-minute telephone conversation with LHO 20th November, in the course of which he explained that the assassination attempt was still going ahead and that he was now a member of the “abort team” doing its best to prevent it, (v) in the same conversation for explicitly naming the traitor as his CIA handler, David Atlee Phillips, (w) for then having to watch the whole tragic opus acted out on TV and radio over the weekend 22nd-24th November 1963, (x) for somehow avoiding the spate of "accidents" and "suicides" which disposed of most of the conspirators already mentioned, and for keeping her story very much to herself until 1999 ...

**ASIDE:** Baker explains (Me and Lee, 2010, K2992) that before the Church Committee in 1975 nobody would have believed her anyway, whereas after it "they" would certainly have silenced her along with the many others.

and (y) [STOP PRESS] for posting 10th October 2019 the very convincing story of civil service lawyer Mike Horan’s 2014 witnessed statement that LHO had indeed been a government agent, as the majority of us have taken as the fifth Jeffersonian self-evident truth all along. **FURTHER READING:** Baker's first book, "Me and Lee" [Amazon - HIGHLY RECOMMENDED FOR NEWBIES WANTING A FLYING START], came out in 2010. She has appeared also on numerous YouTube interviews and presentations - YouTube an example. Her most recent books are "Ferrie" (2014) [Amazon], a no-holds-barred biography of David Ferrie, and (with Ed Schwartz) "Kennedy and Oswald: The Big Picture" (2017) [Amazon]. At the time of writing [October 2019] she soldiers on, more or less single-handedly, in her pursuit not only of the truth of the Assassination, but also of a society which actually values such truths. A second edition of "Me and Lee" is expected in 2020.

***** Two Bobby Bakers follow - do not mix them up *****

**Baker, Robert Alston, III:** [Background not known - Ed.] Bobby Baker [no convenient biography] was the Florida University student who married Judith Vary, thereafter Judith Vary Baker, 2nd May 1963 in Mobile, AL, and who then rather conveniently worked away two or three weeks at a time while his new wife fell for, and then conducted a double extramarital affair with LHO.

**Baker, Robert Gene:** Washington aide Bobby Baker [Wikipedia biography] had been closely associated with LBJ since the latter’s election to the Senate in 1948, and had common business interests with him until 1960. Baker resigned as Secretary to the House Majority Leader on 7th October 1963, during an investigation for bribery, and he was eventually sentenced to 18 months in prison for tax evasion.
**Baker, Russell Warren:** Investigative journalist Russ Baker [Wikipedia biography] joined our story with his 2008 book "Family of Secrets", the first work to make a detailed case that George H. W. Bush had been an active CIA officer at the time of the JFK assassination and the Watergate Conspiracy. For this impudence he has been largely disowned by the mainstream media, although his WHO-WHAT-WHY social media presence is still holding out under fire [check it out].

**Balfour Declaration:** See Arthur Balfour [own entry and 2nd February 1917].

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**POSSIBLE DEEP STATE CONSPIRATOR JULY 1914**

**Balfour, Arthur James [1st Earl of Balfour]**1922: British politician, reported sado-masochist, confessed believer in the paranormal, and described by Winston Churchill as "wicked and moral", Arthur Balfour [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having fast-tracked as a young M.P. 1874-1886 thanks to the patronage of his uncle, Lord Salisbury [see own entry], (b) for becoming Chief Secretary for Ireland in 1887, for opposing Irish Home Rule [see 8th June 1886], and for strengthening the Irish Unionists [see 2nd December 1904], (c) for serving as Prime Minister 1902-1905, during which time he created the Committee of Imperial Defence [Wikipedia briefing] and strongly supported moves to improve relations with France [see 8th April 1904], (d) for remaining Leader of the Conservative Party after their defeat in the 1905 General Election and until 1911, (e) for becoming Foreign Secretary 1916-1919 in Lloyd George's administration, during which time he pushed for American entry into the war, issued the Balfour Declaration [see 2nd February 1917], and oversaw the Versailles Peace Conference [see 18th January 1919]. Balfour features large in Docherty and MacGregor's (2012) Secret Elite Conspiracy [see the entry for Cecil Rhodes], where he is described as having been one of those "seduced" by Britain's Zionist lobby over the preceding two decades.

**Ballin, Albert:** German shipping magnate Albert Ballin [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having inherited the Hamburg-America Line (HAPAG) [see 22nd January 1891] in 1874, and (b) for turning it into the world's largest shipping company by cornering the market for European emigrants to the Americas.

**Banfield, Bill:** NPIC [=National Photographic Interpretation Center] employee. Features in the entry for Dino Brugioni. Browse the Zappruder Film Thread to accumulate all the fragments of this story.

**Banister, William Guy:** One-time FBI agent, retired Assistant Superintendent of the New Orleans Police Department, and "first-class prick" (Mac Kenzie (and Hooke), Chap 2) Guy Banister [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for serving in the FBI between 1934 and 1955, during which time he did a lot of work against the American Communist Party (ACP), and ended up SAIC in Chicago, (b) for serving as Assistant Superintendent of the New Orleans Police Department (NOPD) 1955-1957, during which time he fought Civil Rights and Communist activism by running networks of informers in the student bodies at Tulane University and Louisiana State University, (c) for retiring in 1957 to become a private investigator, (d) for taking offices in the Newman Building[531 Lafayette/544 Camp], (e) for becoming one of the leading lights in New Orleans' right-wing activist community, with links to Permindex, Clay Shaw, David Ferrie, Carlos Marcello and Sergio Arcacha Smith, (f) for being one of Robert DePugh's Minutemen and a member of Ed Butler's American Institute for Freedom, (g) for getting involved with New Orleans' Cuban exile population in the months following Castro's revolution [see Timeline 1st January 1960], (h) for running arms to the exile paramilitary up to at least the Bay of Pigs Invasion [see Timeline 15th April 1961], liaising with - amongst others - gunrunner and mob bagman Jack Ruby and contract pilot David Ferrie, (i) for reportedly travelling to Washington to see Attorney General RFK in the run-up to the 22nd August 1961 "theft-with-keys" from the Houma LA [map] premises of oil exploration giant Schlumberger Corporation, and for being given a Letter of Marque authorising repossession without fear of prosecution of contraband itself illegally owned (Russo, 1998, K3544), (j) executing the Houma Heist [see own entry] accordingly, (k) for reportedly using associate Maurice Gatlin [see own entry] to courier
$200,000 to the French right-wing terrorist organisation, the OAS [see own entry], (l) for acting for Ferrie in the latter's various disciplinary and criminal hearings [see Timeline 6th February 1962], (m) for working with Ferrie again assisting Carlos Marcello's lawyers fight his immigration dispute, (n) for being one of the three villains named in Eugene Dinkin's [see own entry] 2nd November 1963 intercepted telegram (the other two being William Harvey [see own entry] and Jean Soustre [see own entry]), (o) for the since-well-publicised pistol-whipping of employee Jack Martin [see own entry], and (p) for keeping a stock of blank FPCC leaflets at this office, where his widow would find them after his death. Banister would in due course be named in Richard Sprague's 1985 book "The Taking of America" as one of the dozen or so inner sanctum conspirators in the JFK assassination.

Bank of Credit and Commerce International (BCCI): [Not to be confused with International Credit Bank of Geneva] The Luxembourg registered bank BCCI [Wikipedia briefing] was forced into liquidation in 1991 and placed under investigation for money laundering, the funding of covert operations (including terrorism), and fraud. Links with the CIA have also been mentioned in a number of mainstream academic histories of the collapse. Here, for example, is how Peter Dale Scott's [q.v.] 2015 book "Dallas '63" explained how the U.S. deep state circumvented moves to curtail its operations in the mid-1970s ...

"... a number of the CIA's allied intelligence services, in France, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Iran, and Morocco, had allied in the so-called Safari Club to serve as an alternative source of funding and financing of covert operations. In this they used the resources and networks of the drug-laundering Bank of Credit and Commerce International (BCCI). CIA assets like Adnan Kashoggi and David Rappaport, assisted by officially retired CIA personnel like Miles Copeland [q.v.] and Jerry Townsend, were part of this global BCCI network" ($6205). [This extract continues without break in the entry for Safari Club.]

Bank of North America: Approved by Congress on 26th May 1781 to a specification by Superintendent of Finance Robert Morris [see own entry], and with pump-priming funding from the French, the Bank of North America [Wikipedia briefing] was the United States' first post-Revolutionary bank. Its first President was Morris' long-term business partner Thomas Willing [see own entry].

Banned Books: Books have been controlled ever since Warlord X discovered that a good way to belittle Warlords Y and Z was to deface their statues, grind their icons into the dust, and (literally or figuratively) urinate in their temples. The Catholic Church maintained the Index Librorum Prohibitorum until as recently as 1966, the Nazis banned as "degenerate" anything remotely avant garde, the Soviets anything bourgeois, the Maoists anything imperialist, and ISIS anything western. Ideas, in other words, are universally recognised as offensive weapons. Note, however, that in his 2014e Series Introduction to Open Road Media's Forbidden Bookshelf, Professor of Media Studies Mark Crispin Miller [Wikipedia biography] stresses that an administration can ban books covertly every bit as easily as overtly: they simply get their friends in the publishing business to damn targeted works with anything between faint praise and deathly silence.

Bannerman, Robert L.: CIA officer since 1947 and experienced Cold War warrior Robert Bannerman [no convenient biography] was presently the CIA's Director of Security.


Barber, Rob ["The Bullet"]: Competition motorcyclist turned IT consultant Rob ["The Bullet" Barber [Homepage] is noteworthy in the present context as the audience participant in the BBC Question Time political discussion program 21st November 2019 who challenged Labour Party panellist Richard Burgon on income tax thresholds in such a practised fashion that leftists in the Twittersphere immediately suspected him of being a planted and pre-briefed right-wing shill. After a couple of hours of research it turned out that he was exactly that, and by the following day the Dorset Eye had a summative piece out about the incident - read it here. However, it is (as will be explained below) almost impossible to determine without a full public inquiry whether Barber was being deliberately deceptive or was simply himself a victim of the media circus, and we wish him well.
Barclay, Michael James: Dallas lawyer Mike Barclay [no convenient biography] was at the corner of Main Street and Houston when the motorcade passed by, and personally heard the shooting from the direction of the TSBD. Later that weekend, after LHO had himself been shot, and with Jack Ruby in custody, he had a chance meeting with Ruby's flatshare George Senator, whom he reassured that he should expect no public reprisals against the shared residence.

Barcroft, Joseph: See the entry for Porton Down.

Baring, Evelyn [1st Earl of Cromer][1901]: British diplomat and colonial administrator Evelyn Baring [Lord Cromer][1901] [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for being mentioned in Chapter 12 of Jim Macgregor [see own entry] and Gerry Docherty's [see own entry] 2017 book "Prolonging the Agony" [see own entry]. In this particular chapter the authors are questioning the true motives for the Anglo-French move against the Dardanelles in Spring 1915 [see entire thread from 1st January 1915], suspecting that the whole thing was a deliberately engineered piece of political theatre designed to keep the Russians in the war by promising them Constantinople. Lord Cromer, they note, was brought in to oversee the subsequent whitewash, being Chairman of the Dardanelles Commission [see own entry] from its creation in July 1916 to his death in January 1917 (when he was replaced by Sir William Pickford [see own entry]).

Baring Family (Bankers and " Merchants of War") [check it out] at a Glance: The Baring family dynasty began when 20-year-old German wool merchant Johann Baring [Wikipedia biography] settled in Britain in 1717 and married into a large dowry. His first and third sons John Baring [Wikipedia biography] and Francis Baring [Wikipedia biography] set up in business in 1762 as John and Francis Baring and Company (although John seems to have been mostly a silent partner). Then came a merger with Hope and Company [Wikipedia briefing], a Scottish-run bank in Amsterdam with family connections in the Americas. During the 1790s, Francis Baring recruited his five sons, one after the other as they came of useful age, as associates-in-training. The second son, Alexander Baring [1st Baron Ashburton][1835] [Wikipedia biography] was sent firstly to Amsterdam in 1792 to work with Hope and Company as "principal assistant in Mr. Hope's counting house". That same year Francis Baring became Chairman of the East India Company. In January 1795 the Hope Company, complete with Alexander Baring, fled Amsterdam cause de guerre and re-settled in London. That September, Alexander was sent across to Boston on his first adult assignment, and in the ensuing eight years made himself the liaison man of choice for British-American capital loans, and married William Bingham's [see own entry] daughter Ann Louisa Bingham into the bargain. The merged Barings and Hope Bank, and Alexander Baring in particular, then made a name for themselves by financing Napoleon Bonaparte's 1803 Louisiana Sale [Wikipedia briefing] for (reportedly) what would today be in the order of $600 billion (much of which Napoleon then expended in fighting Britain). In 1804, Barings and Hope became Baring Brothers and Company, with Alexander as senior partner. The company continued to trade in like vein, sometimes losing deals to rival N. M. Rothschild and Sons [check them out], and sometimes collaborating with them. In 1835 Alexander Baring, for services to the British Establishment, becomes Baron Ashburton and a member of the British Establishment.

ASIDE: Taking the grand view, Tearle (2017) makes much of this ennobling. Not only is it the first time a mere merchant (rather than a warlord-landowner) has become British aristocracy, but the later Lords and Ladies Ashburton will go on to diffuse British high society, including, via the Spencer line, the present [October 2018] heir to the throne.

Then in 1856 young Edward ["Ned"] Baring [1st Baron Revelstoke][1885] [Wikipedia biography] became a partner, and international high finance started to take on its modern swashbuckling spirit. One of Master Edward's favourite investments was the bankrolling of railway construction via the corporate bond market, which he did for the Canadian Pacific and Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe railways, amongst others. He was rewarded by being made a director of the Bank of England in 1879, a peer in 1885, and chairman of Lloyd's of London in 1887. However his brokering of South American debt
in the late 1880s was nigh on disastrous and the entire bank nearly failed in the Panic of 1890. After 1890 Lord Ned retired in comfortable disgrace and the company was piloted toward WW1 and its reputation restored by John Baring [2nd Baron Revelstoke]. The new Lord Revelstoke became a director of the Bank of England in 1898, in which capacity he accompanied Lord Milner on the 1917 Milner Mission to Russia. His uncle Evelyn Baring [Lord Cromer] was a diplomat not a banker, and has accordingly been given a separate entry. In 1995, of course, Barings went down for good when a derivatives trader named Nick Leeson exposed the money market for the unregulated casino that it was. They took the dreams of a lot of innocent people with them.

Barker, Bernard Leon: Havana born Cuban-American, WW2 (USAF) veteran, one-time member of Fulgencio Batista's secret police, sometime FBI undercover agent, sometime CIA operative, and participant in the Bay of Pigs Invasion. Bernard Barker is now widely suspected as having been on the assassination team representing Team Santos Trafficante, as a fake SS agent at the top of the Grassy Knoll, whose job it was to turn away genuine law officers while the actual shooters made their get-away [as happened, for example, to Mo Mabra]. His story only started to emerge after he was convicted 1st January 1975 for taking part in the 1972 Watergate Affair.

Barnes, Tracy: Following the King Memorandum to the National Security Council and the consequent authorisation of Operation 40, WW2 veteran OSS agent and long-time CIA luminary Tracy Barnes was made Chief of the CIA’s Cuban Task Force. On 18th June 1960 he reportedly met with E. Howard Hunt, David Atlee Phillips, and others to plan specific anti-Castro operations, not least the Bay of Pigs Invasion. Oilmen George H. W. Bush and Jack Crichton would provide funding.

EXTENDED, MAY 2019: Judyth Vary Baker and Edward Schwartz's recent book "Kennedy & Oswald" explains that by mid-1963 Barnes was working out of the Domestic Operations Base (DOB) at Alexandria, VA. They cite testimony by one time DOB operative Donald Deneselya to the effect that Barnes' duties included assassinations authorised at Directorate level (specifically, by Richard Helms and/or Allen Dulles). William "Rip" Robertson seems to have been "involved" at point of delivery.

Barnes, Sergeant W. E.: Having been despatched to the J. D. Tippit Officer-Down call in Oak Cliff. Sergeant W. E. Barnes was the DPD officer who then processed the murder scene, finding the discarded jacket in the nearby parking lot. He then attended the arrest site at the Texas Theater.

Barrett, Robert M.: FBI agent Bob Barrett was the FBI's first responder at the J. D. Tippit crime scene, and witnessed LHO's wallet - having been picked up by Officer Kenneth Croy moments earlier - being checked out by Captain Bill Westbrook. Barrett's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED]. Browse the Oswald’s Wallet Thread to accumulate the various fragments of this story.

Barrington-Ward, Robert McGowan: British journalist and distinguished WW1 veteran Robert Barrington-Ward is noteworthy in the present context for having been Assistant Editor of The Times between 1927 and 1941 and then Editor of same between 1941 and 1948.

Baruch, Bernard Mannes: American stockbroker, commodity speculator, and financier Bernard Baruch is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being retained by President Wilson in 1916 as defence industry adviser ...
... (b) for continuing after the Armistice as a member of the American delegation to the Versailles Peace Conference [see Timeline 18th January 1919], and (c) for repeating the adviserships with President Franklin D. Roosevelt and President Truman in the 1940s. He died in 1965, aged 94.


Batista, Fulgencio: Cuban politician Fulgencio Batista [Wikipedia biography] was U.S.-backed President of Cuba until - after a decade in bed with American mobsters such as Meyer Lansky and Lucky Luciano - that backing was switched to the not-yet-Communist Castro Revolution, as a result of which Batista was deposed 1st January 1959.

Bauer, Max Hermann: WW1 veteran Max Bauer [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having commanded the German siege artillery in the 1914 invasion of Belgium [see 5th August 1914], and (b) for having headed up the 1927-1938 German Military Mission [see ??th November 1927] to Chiang Kai-Shek. Somewhat ironically, Bauer, one of whose areas of WW1 expertise was chemical warfare, died unexpectedly 6th May 1929, possibly/probably of a deliberately inflicted smallpox infection.

Bazant, Zdenek Pavel: See the Timeline entries for (his 9/11 hypothesis) 1st October 2008 and (its refutation) 14th January 2009.

Beer, George Louis: American historian and politico-economic theorist George Beer [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been the first non-Briton to join the Round Table Movement [see own entry] in 1910, acting thereafter as the New York correspondent of the Round Table Journal and generally speaking out in favour of an early American entry into WW1, (b) for suggesting 1st January 1918 that any future League of Nations should operate a mandate system by which the administration of war-gained territories should be farmed out to individual nations, (c) for thereby being invited into the American delegation to the 1919 Versailles Peace Conference, advising on colonial questions, (d) for duly being installed by the Milner Group as head of the Mandate Department when it was formed in 1919, and (e) for helping to found Chatham House and (its American sister) the Council on Foreign Relations [see own entry] prior to his career being prematurely cut short by illness 15th March 1920.

Beers, Ira Jefferson ["Jack"], Jr.: Dallas Morning News photographer Jack Beers [no convenient biography] was in his lab developing footage taken earlier in the day at Love Field. About 20 minutes after the shooting his editor sent him to the TSBD where he filmed both external and internal scenes (including on TSBD6). On 23rd November he covered City Hall, and on 24th he was in the basement at the time of the Jack Ruby shooting. Beers died 1975 of a heart attack, aged 51 years. His evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now].

Begin, Menachem: Menachem Begin [Wikipedia biography] joined and helped expand the Zionist militant group Irgun [Wikipedia briefing] in 1944 to engage in armed rebellion against the British Mandate forces in what was then Palestine.

Behn, Gerald A.: Although Jerry Behn [no convenient biography] was SAIC [=Special Agent in Charge] of the SS White House Detail, whose job it was to ride the President’s coat tails at all times, he was being deputised for on 22nd November 1963 by Roy Kellerman.
**Beit, Alfred:** German-born, Amsterdam-trained, South African-flourished, and Britain-retired Alfred Beit [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for knowing a good retail diamond when he saw one (thanks to his Amsterdam experience), for (b) recognising good diamond workings when he saw them, (c) for forming a business alliance with Cecil Rhodes in the mid-1880s, and (d) for then introducing Rhodes to Nathaniel Rothschild [see own entry] in July 1887, who duly offered him a £1 million loan with which to buy out competitors in the Kimberley diamond fields [which is why Quigley (1949) later assessed him as having had "most to do with making the Rhodes fortune" (p46) - Ed.], (e) for being one of the original Rhodes Trustees [see own entry] in 1902, and (f) for bequeathing £1.2 million to the Beit Railway Trust [Homepage] to bring about improvements to the transportation system in Africa, including a Cape-to-Cairo Railway.

**Bell, David W.:** Washington born lawyer David Belin [Wikipedia biography] was Assistant Counsel for the Warren Commission, and conducted many of the questionings referenced in the present resource. He subscribed so strongly to the official lone-nut narrative that his family reportedly read conspiracy works to him during his terminal coma in January 1999 as a test of his consciousness level ☐ ☐ ☐. He defended the official view in a very informative 10th September 1981 televised head-to-head with G. Robert Blakey - YouTube it now.

**Bell, Audrey D.:** Nurse Audrey Bell [no convenient biography] was a senior nurse attending firstly JFK and subsequently John Connally during their emergency treatment at Parkland Hospital. She is noteworthy in the present context for the part she played in the chain of custody arguments over the Magic Bullet - YouTube her now, and then browse the Magic Bullet Thread to accumulate all the fragments of this story.

**Bell, Gertrude Margaret Lowthian:** British travel writer turned "Queen of the Desert" archaeologist cum intelligence officer Gertrude Bell [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) (as the daughter of an industrialist Baronet and the niece of the Ambassador to Persia in Tehran) for getting to travel Persia and the Middle East 1892-1904, (b) for then developing an interest in the archaeological sites of Syria and Mesopotamia 1907-1913 ... LEAST IT BE OVERLOOKED: Travel writers, historians, journalists, scientists on foreign placement, field archaeologists, and (above all) religious missionaries were - and probably still are - all routinely asked by their respective intelligence services to "keep an eye out, old chap" for matters of international sensitivity. See, for examples, the entries for (in floruit order): Benjamin Franklin [see Timeline 1772], August Schluga von Rastenfeld [see Timeline 1886], Arthur John Evans [see own entry and see Timeline 7th June 1871], W. Somerset Maugham [see own entry], Arthur Ransome [see own entry], Joseph Needham [see Companion Resources], John Betjeman (rumoured to have reported on Ireland in WW2), John M. Birch [see own entry], and Albert Alexander Osborne [see own entry]. See also the generic CIA Front Organisations [own entry] and its recommended readings. For more on the industrial scale use of religious missions as covers for intelligence operations, see Matthew Sutton's (2019) book "Double Crossed: The Missionaries Who Spied for the United States During the Second World War" [Amazon].

... (c) for thereby getting herself headhunted in November 1915 by Britain's Cairo-based Arab Bureau as an intelligence officer, (d) for being posted to Basra March 1916 following its capture [see Timeline 8th March 1916] to help plan the subsequent advance up the Tigris to Baghdad, working some of the time with masterspy St. John ['"Jack"'] Philby [Kim Philby's father - see both their entries], (e) for being reassigned upriver to Baghdad after its capture [see Timeline 8th March 1917], where she started to define a post-Ottoman Mesopotamia - the lands which will in due course become Iraq, (f) for liaising at this time with T. E. Lawrence ['"of Arabia"'] [see Timeline 30th September 1918] over the tribal personalities who might make suitably pro-British rulers of that >>>>>>oil-rich<<<<<< region, and for strongly supporting Prince Faisal bin Hussein [see Timeline 3rd January 1919] for that role ...

**ASIDE:** Bell had met Lawrence back in 1911 at the "behind enemy lines" Carcemish Excavations [Wikipedia briefing], and it was quite probably he who first recruited her into intelligence work.
... (g) for accompanying Lawrence as part of the British delegation to the Versailles Peace Conference [see Timeline 19th January 1919], (h) for working 1919-1920 to support the resulting British Mandates in Palestine and Iraq, producing technical reports such as "Self-Determination in Mesopotamia" [full text not found online, but much secondary discussion], (i) for taking over the liaison duty at the court of Prince Faisal in October 1920, thereby earning for herself the sobriquet "Uncrowned Queen of Iraq", (j) for helping argue Faisal's case at the 1921 Cairo Conference [see Timeline 12th March 1921], following which he duly became King Faisal I of Iraq, and (k) for continuing in her liaison role until 1925 whereupon ill health required her to return to Britain. She died the following year, aged 57.

**Bell, Mark:** Dealey Plaza spectator Mark Bell [no convenient biography] took home movie footage of the motorcade from the west sidewalk of Houston just after the turn off Main. The film began with a tracking shot along Houston, complete with a sweep of the onlookers on the east sidewalk outside the Criminal Courts and County Records Building. There was then a break at the moment of the shooting (out of sight on Elm) while Bell made his way round the southern end of the water feature onto the grassed median. The film then showed with the limos accelerating away under the triple Underpass, before panning back to show the quite impressive crowd converging on the Grassy Knoll. **YouTube it all now - GREAT STUFF** [the final quarter of this clip is taken from several floors up and includes an uncropped frontal shot of the TSBD, showing which windows were open - we have not yet established the new camera location for this, nor the time shift involved].

**Belloc, Hilaire:** Anglo-French author-poet and politician Hilaire Belloc [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been a high-flying Oxford undergraduate in 1895, becoming president of the Oxford Union that Spring, (b) for having been during that time a close friend of future master-propagandist John Buchan, (c) for entering parliament as member for Salford South in 1906, a seat he would hold until 1910, (d) for having been "among Cliveden's most frequent visitors, and for a time a close friend of Nancy's [see the entries for Nancy Astor and the Cliveden Set]" (Rose, 2000, p39) ...

**ASIDE:** Rose describes Belloc as follows ...

"A zealous Catholic, moved by a deep vein of hysterical anti-Semitism, he allowed his bigotry conspicuous, and continuous, display" (op. cit., p39).

and (e) for being one of the many great minds recruited in September 1914 to contribute positive writings to Charles Masterman's War Propaganda Bureau [see own entry]. [THREAD = CALLERS OF INNOCENTS TO WAR]

**Belmont, August:** German-born banker-diplomat-politician August Belmont [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been a Rothschild man (Frankfurt chapter) [check them out], and (b) for having helped position the modern Democratic Party in the centre-right of American politics in the 1860s. He began his working life in the late 1820s as an errand boy for the Frankfurt-am-Main branch of the burgeoning Rothschild banking empire, working his way up to peripatetic confidential clerk - one of the famed Rothschild couriers. In 1837, aged only 24 years, he relocated to New York City to represent Rothschild interests there, and founded August Belmont and Company. After 20 years in a number of diplomatic posts and having regularly supported Democratic Party campaigns he was made Chairman of the Democratic National Committee (DNC) in 1860, and stayed in that post until 1872.

**Benavides, Domingo:** 26-year-old Dallas motor mechanic Domingo Benavides [Spartacus Educational biography] was walking the zig-zag back alleys between his place of employment at Patton and Jefferson, and a motor factors at 10th and Marsalis to buy spare parts for the job he was on. He was on 10th Avenue heading west when he saw Patrolman J. D. Tippit's patrol car ahead of him. <He then provides a close-hand account of Tippit's shooting as per his Warren Commission testimony below, which see>. The shooter then made off southward along Patton, reloading his gun as he went and throwing down the spent shells [indicating that it was a revolver not an automatic - Ed.]. Benavides and another
passer-by then used the patrol car's radio to alert DPD, after which he went and successfully recovered two spent shells into an empty cigarette packet, noting that they were chromed. Over the coming weeks Benavides was to receive a number of threatening phone calls, but in the event it was his brother Eddy Benavides who got killed. Domingo Benavides' evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now - RECOMMENDED]; Interview to camera, CBS documentary [YouTube it now].

Benavides, Edward H.: 27-year-old Eddy Benavides [no convenient biography] was brother to Tipit witness Domingo Benavides. He was killed bystanding a bar fight in February 1965. Eddy Benavides accordingly has no evidential profile.

Ben-Gurion, David: Poland-born WW1 veteran (both sides) and long-term (1900-1948) Zionist lobbyist and party leader David Ben-Gurion [Wikipedia biography] became the first Prime Minister of the newly declared State of Israel on 17th May 1948.

Benn, Hilary: British anti-Brexit Labour Party politician Hilary Benn [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for voting with Tony Blair in 2003 to approve the Iraq War, (b) for serving as Shadow Foreign Secretary under newly elected Leader of the Labour Party Jeremy Corbyn in autumn 2015, (c) for splitting with Corbyn 2nd December 2015 and voting, with many Shadow Cabinet colleagues to bomb Syria, thus in effect lighting the touch-paper on the nine-month campaign of internecine bickering which followed [see Timeline 24th September 2016], and (d) for being the sponsor of the 2019 Benn Act [Wikipedia briefing], which prevented the Boris Johnson Administration from delivering Brexit in October 2019.

Bennett, Glen A.: [Read firstly the entry for the Attwood Mission.] Special Agent (SS) Glen Bennett [no convenient biography] seems to have been assigned to the White House Detail to carry out "protective research/technical security" - the advance sweep for eavesdropping devices. He was seated rear-right in limo #2, the SS follow-up car, at the moment of the shooting, and presents as more than averagely alert in the photographic record. He heard the first shot as a "firecracker", saw the second hit home "four inches down from the right shoulder", and then the third strike "right rear high" on the head. In his 2006/2010e book "Someone Would Have Talked" Larry Hancock suggests firstly that "[JFK] had apparently become concerned that he might be under technical/electronic surveillance of some sort" (p192), and then - although far harder to confirm - that it was the CIA themselves, perhaps trying to learn more about the Attwood Mission and keen to continue shaping international affairs, who were regarded as the likely culprits. Bennett's evidential profile is as follows: Handwritten notes, 22nd November 1963 [read it now]; Report, 23rd November 1963 [read it now].


Bentley, Paul: DPD detective Paul Bentley [no convenient biography] was Code 3'd to the scene of the J. D. Tippit shooting. He then moved on to the Texas Theater, where, following time in the balcony, he was right alongside Maurice McDonald in the final tussle for LHO's pistol (during which he sprained his ankle).

***** YouTube Paul Bentley, back at the station, describing the arrest *****

Having safely negotiated LHO through the crowds outside the cinema, Bentley then sat left-alongside the suspect in the rear of the patrol car on the return to DPDHQ, with Charles Walker right-alongside. Officers Bob Carroll (driving), Gerald Hill, and Kenneth Lyons were left-to-right in the front seat. During the drive, watched by detective Gerald Hill from the front seat, he removed Oswald's Wallet [q.v.] from LHO's hip pocket.

***** YouTube Paul Bentley, on WFAA-TV the following day *****
Only very recently (2014) will it emerge that in at least one FBI agent's opinion the Hill-Bentley wallet story was "hogwash". Bentley's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED]. Browse the Oswald's Wallet Thread to accumulate the various fragments of this story.

**** THE WW1 BLOCKADE AMATEURISH AT BEST ****

Beresford, Charles William de la Poer, 1st Baron Beresford: British aristocrat, naval commander, and politician Lord Charles Beresford [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been Junior Naval Lord between 1886 and 1888 and then Commander of the Channel Fleet on and off between 1903 and 1909, and (b) for being mentioned in Chapter 5 of Jim Macgregor [see own entry] and Gerry Docherty's [see own entry] 2017 book "Prolonging the Agony" [see own entry]. In this particular chapter the authors are questioning the effectiveness of the Royal Navy's blockade of Germany, especially when it came to shipments of cotton. Lord Beresford, they note, had raised the iniquities of the blockade in a House of Lords drains-up debate 22nd February 1916. We have checked the debate transcript (link below) and here is the nub of Beresford's complaint [the entire debate is fascinating if you have the time - Ed.]

"LORD BERESFORD My Lords, Lord Sydenham has made a most interesting speech and brought to the notice of your Lordships the vast amount of commodities which are entering Germany and enabling her to carry on the war. If your Lordships will allow me I will venture to make some suggestions as to how to prevent those commodities getting into Germany to the extent that they are doing at the present time. The one absorbing thought in the public mind is how we are to win this war. The Government wish to win the war just as everybody else in the country does, but there are some doubts as to whether the Government are going the right way to achieve that end. It is with regard to this that I shall venture to make some criticisms, not at all to embarrass or to harass the Government, but to do my level best to help them to do what everybody wants—namely, to win the war. I am firmly convinced that if we had had an effective blockade and had made enemy goods absolute contraband at first, the war would now have been over—that is to say, had we asserted our legal maritime rights by International Law and effectually used the Fleet. Now we have only a "sort of blockade" carried out by Proclamations, Orders in Council, Agreements, and Committees, and it is not clear who controls that blockade. Is it controlled by the Foreign Office, the Board of Trade, or the Contraband Committee? It would be very interesting to know who is in control" (Hansard, 21, CC72-128).

Bergere, Leon F.: Shipping magnate Leon Bergere [no convenient biography] was a contact in Jack Ruby's address book.

***** The Perils of Neutrality *****

Bernadotte, Count Folke: Swedish diplomat Count Folke Bernadotte [Wikipedia biography] was the U.N. peace-keeping mediator in Israel during the Arab-Israeli War of 1948 [q.v.]. He was assassinated on 17th September 1948 in Jerusalem by militant Zionists for - in short - being too neutral.

***** "THE FATHER OF SPIN" *****

***** MASTER OF EMOTIONALISED PERSUASION *****

Bernays, Edward: Austrian-born American publicist turned Propagandameister Edward Bernays [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been nephew of the neuropsychologist Sigmund Freud [check him out], (b) for pre-WW1 work as a press agent and promoter of rapidly growing reputation ...

ASIDE: One of the reasons Bernays is now regularly acclaimed as the class-defining public relations man is that he made particularly good use of such emotive gimmicks as sad orphans and other charity causes (nowadays a $multi-billion leech-extraction industry, both on-line and off-line), and high-impact imagery.

(c) for his "psychological warfare" [his term - Ed.] Work between 1917 and 1918 with the U.S. Bureau of Latin-American Affairs generally "selling" the war to the unconverted, (d) for his post-war work with the Committee on Public Information (CPI) [see own entry] Spinning the United States' coverage of the 1919 Versailles Peace Conference [see 18th January 1919], (e) for his work between 1919 and his retirement
in 1963 more or less single-handedly perfecting the art of aggressive advertising - anything from bars
of soap to presidential candidates, (f) for having turned his commercial skills into a fully-fledged
psychological science with his 1923 book "Crystallising Public Opinion" and its 1928 follow-up
"Propaganda", (g) for thereby indirectly tutoring the Nazi Propaganda Minister, Josef Goebbels, (h)
for contracting with the CIA to edit news releases during the [1954 Guatemala Coup [see 18th June 1954],
and (i) for a perhaps only tangential contact with New Orleans' International Trade Mart's Clay
Shaw at that time (Carpenter, 2014).

Bertram, Clay: Sometime alias of Clay Shaw.

Bethesda: [a.k.a. Bethesda Hospital; in full (1963) National Naval Medical Center; in full (2018) Walter
Reed National Military Medical Center] In the present context, "Bethesda" is the colloquial name for
what is nowadays [January 2018] the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center [Wikipedia
briefing]. It is where, between its arrival on 22nd November 1963 and its interment on 25th, JFK's body
was subject to medical examination and mortuary preparation. Browse the Medical Cover Up
Thread to accumulate all the fragments of this story.

Bethune, Philip Higley: [Read firstly the entry for Charles Willoughby.] Long-standing U.S. Army
staff officer, WW2 veteran (Tenth Army, esp. Okinawa surrender), Korean War (Eighth Army G-2
intelligence officer), and Cold War intelligence officer in Mexico, General Philip Bethune [West Point
AOG obituary] had been head-hunted to the Board of the Dallas Council on World Affairs (DCWA)
in 1961, and - drawing upon his wide network of contacts as speakers - was presently embarked upon a
program of intellectually stimulating (and of course politically highly correct) luncheon-lecture
events. These would continue every couple of months for the duration of his 1961-1968 tenure. Here
are some specific events to indicate topic areas and audience ...

On 7th January 1962 he personally gave a talk on "Mexico in the Cold War" to the Shearith Israel Young Adult
League (Texas Jewish Post, 4th January 1962, p6).

On 8th November 1962 Chief of Intelligence at the State Department Roger Hilsman gave a talk on relations
between China and the Soviet Union (University of North Texas Libraries online).

On 20th November 1963 the Austrian Ambassador to the U.S. Winfried Plätzer gave a talk on the need for
European countries to pay more toward their own defence (ibid.).

On 20th October 1964 "an old army buddy", U.S. Ambassador to South Vietnam Henry Cabot Lodge, gave
a talk on Vietnam and the then-recent Chinese nuclear test (ibid.).

Bewick, Moreing and Company (BMC): London-based but with provincial and foreign offices
Bewick, Moreing and Company [Grace's Guide briefing] traded from the 1890s as "consulting mining
engineers and managers of mines". The founding partner, Thomas John Bewick died in 1898, and
the most active partners then became C. Algernon Moreing [see own entry], T. Burrell Bewick, the
founder's son, and one Edward Hooper (their managing agent in Western Australia). This
partnership was dissolved 18th October 1901 (London Gazette, 25th October 1901, p6941), and then re-incorporated with Moreing, Herbert Hoover [see own entry], Anthony S. Rowe [no convenient biography], and Thomas Wellsted as partners.

ASIDE: According to Liggett (1932) Hooper resigned because he regarded Rowe as a crook. If indeed he did,
then he would be proved right - see 20th January 1902.

Hoover worked hard for the partnership on a series of projects, but his constant profitable networking
led to so many tangential directorships that in 1908 he could afford to go it alone.

BICOM: See the entries for Ruth Smeeth and Chaim Zabludowicz.
Billings, Frank G.: University of Chicago physician Frank G. Billings [no convenient biography but much to reward the determined browser] is noteworthy in the present context for being put in nominal charge of the 21-strong mixed bag of scientists, medical specialists, presidential envoys with secret instructions, and - frankly - businessmen looking for a quick buck, who made up the 1917 American Red Cross Mission [see own entry] to Petrograd. Along with most of the other medics on the team, Billings returned home "after barely a month", reportedly "completely disgusted" with what the non-medics in the mission had been getting up to (Spence, 2017, k4118).

Billings, Richard N.: Long time Life Magazine staffer, CIA operative in 1963 during Operation Tilt, and on the House Select Committee on Assassinations as Editorial Director, Dick Billings [Spartacus Educational biography] was on the Life team in Dallas which negotiated the purchase of the Zapruder Film. After his HSCA experience he was co-author with G. Robert Blakey of the 1981 book "Fatal Hour", thereby helping to establish the part played by organised crime in the assassination conspiracy [there is, of course, still five years to go before the Iran-Contra Affair [Wikipedia briefing] demonstrated that the CIA were themselves part of organised crime - Ed.]. Browse the Zapruder Film Thread to accumulate all the fragments of this story.

Bingham, William: Philadelphia-born merchant, diplomat, banker, international deal-maker, and politician Senator[1795-1801] William Bingham [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been a long-term associate/brother-in-law of loan-arranger supreme Francis Baring [see own entry] in the run up to the American War of Independence. The Secret Committee of the Second Continental Congress (2CC) put Messrs. Willing, Morris and Company in charge of commissioning supplies for the planned uprising, and on 3rd June 1776 they established 24-year-old Bingham on the handiest French possession, namely Martinique [Google Earth]. From here he sold on outbound shipments of American civil merchandise, and used the income to place orders for inbound shipments of munitions for the Continental Army. Ten thousand "good musquets" were top of his initial shopping list. He also ran a network of intelligence agents and directed a small squadron of privateers against the British. During 1777 his privateers captured some 200 British ships and $10 million of cargo, which he brokered to third parties in Martinique in exchange for further war materiel. If cargoes could not be delivered direct to the East Coast they were offloaded into smaller swifter blockade runners in Martinique, and then smuggled past the Royal Navy pickets. In the meantime, the 2CC had sent Benjamin Franklin [check him out] to Paris to smooth the flow of French monies into the Martinique operation from that end. Bingham returned to Philadelphia on 30th April 1780, a very rich man (albeit a large proportion of his riches was in Congressional IOUs). He was disturbed to find morale as low as the Congressional coffers, and arranged for Philadelphia's rich and powerful to club together to found the Bank of Pennsylvania [Wikipedia briefing], with a pledged capital of $300,000. The new bank opened for business 17th July 1780, and war supplies started flowing again. After the war Bingham acquired a liking for real estate speculation and between 1783 and 1786 spent time networking in Europe. While in London he was introduced to banker Francis Baring [see own entry]. Upon his return to the United States he was asked to advise Secretary of the Treasury Alexander Hamilton [see own entry] on how best to approach the nation's "financing and debts". In 1792 he bought provisional rights to two county-sized tracts of land in Maine, hoping to sell these on in packets. In 1795 Barings and Hope Bank [see own entry] installed Francis Baring's second son, Alexander Baring, [see own entry], as their agent in Boston. Alexander Baring and Bingham conducted a brief survey of the Maine lands in 1796, and a mutually profitable financing deal was duly arranged. The deal was further sweetened by Alexander Baring marrying Bingham's daughter Ann Louisa 23rd October 1798; and by them naming their first son William Bingham Baring the following year. The stage was now set for one of the greatest financial deals of all time.

BACKGROUND - "LOUISIANA" IN THE 18TH CENTURY: In the 18th Century "Louisiana" was note the modern State, but rather a territory, and at 800,000 square miles a large one at that, consisting in fact of roughly the middle third of the entire modern continental United States ...
Largely undeveloped the territory was French until 1762, when it was exchanged with Spain for possessions in Italy. Napoleon Bonaparte then approached the Spanish in 1800 and negotiated its return, to be effective 30th November 1803.

William Bingham arrived in France in 1802 just as Napoleon was realising that he had over-extended his physical empire as well as his financial one. He had land campaigns to fight much closer to home and would be happy to pass the land on to the young United States in order to stop the British getting it. Alexander Baring arrived as financial agent of the United States Government and the deal was duly done for a sale price of $15 million, or roughly 3 cents per acre (for details of the separate bonds raised, their coupons, and their redemption dates see Tearle, 2017, p175). Barings and Hope took the lion's share of the bonds, paid Napoleon the proceeds in mixed treasure, and Bingham and team took the "deeds" back to Congress (presently camping out in a half-completed Capitol complex in Washington). The researcher David Tearle minutely chronicles Bingham's highly picaresque career in "Merchants of War", his 2017 history of "revolutionary bankers" [Amazon - RECOMMENDED READING (but be ready to complete the index yourself)].

"... a person who knew it all, and very immature" *(Lautz, 2016, p53) 
"... always an angry young man" *(a classmate)

Birch, John Morrison: [Read firstly the entries for Religious Right and Evangelism and Evangelistic Preaching.] American witchfinder-student turned Baptist missionary turned undercover OSS operative turned posthumous far-right centrefold John M. Birch [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for attending the Georgia Baptists' house-affiliated Mercer University (specialist provider of armed forces chaplains since the Civil War) 1938-1939, where he combined his "unbending personality" with a refusal to admit wrongdoing (Schoenwald, 2001, p67), (b) for moving up to "America's first megachurch" (that is to say, J. Frank Norris' [see own entry] Fundamental Baptist Bible Institute [Wikipedia briefing], Fort Worth[TX]) 1939-1940, where the self-appointed mission was to save civilisation from not seeing the world as they did, (c) for being selected by said institute for a missionary fellowship to China, where there were tithes to be had ...

***** NOTE THAT THE U.S. IS NOT YET AT WAR WITH JAPAN *****
HOWEVER ...
***** CHINA IS FIGHTING THE 1931-1945 WAR AGAINST JAPAN *****
AND IS ALSO SPLIT BY ...
***** THE 1927-ONGOING CIVIL WAR BETWEEN NATIONALIST AND COMMUNIST *****

... (d) for making his way to Japanese-occupied Shanghai in July 1940, preaching there for three months before moving on to nearby Hangzhou/Hangchow [Wikipedia briefing and map] ...

"Birch set up his first mission in the fall of 1940 in Hangzhou, one of China's largest and most impressive cities. He preached, worked with local communities, and supported existing Christian missionaries. [But when] the Japanese launched a new offensive in the area in the fall of 1941, the missionary had no choice but to abandon the work. [...] Church leaders shared the stories of missionaries like Birch with supporters back home [...]. Norris dramatised Birch's Hangzhou saga for his tens of thousands of followers, and he hyperbolically called the missionary's successful flight another 'act of the apostles'. [...] Norris printed Birch's 'thrilling' account of his escape in The Fundamentalist, read it over his radio broadcasts, and made sure that it circulated throughout his network" (Sutton, 2019, p82; note the running commentary nature of the church newsletter).

Readers unfamiliar with the exploits of Claire Chennault and the Flying Tigers of his American Volunteer Group (AVG) should brief themselves from the separate entries before proceeding.


CAMEO - HANGZHOU IN THOSE YEARS: The city and treaty port of Hangzhou is 110 miles to the south-west of Shanghai, at the point where the Qiantang River begins to open out into its estuary. It is also the northern terminal of the railway south to Canton province and Hong Kong. The city and the surrounding Zhejiang province had been occupied by the Japanese in the opening weeks of the 1937 invasion, whereafter it served to secure the southern flank of a heavier Japanese thrust westward out of Shanghai along the Yangtze
River toward Nanjing/Nanking [Wikipedia briefing and map] in support of forces moving southward out of Manchuria. Beijing had already fallen to said northern offensive, and Nanjing had taken over as seat of "Free Chinese" government. Chiang Kai-Shek's small Nazi-trained Nationalist Army defended that city strongly for two months with technical support from the embryonic American Military Mission to China (AMM or telegraphic AMMISCA) [see own entry].

CAMEO - THE CENTRAL AVIATION SCHOOL AND THE PROVINCIAL AIRSTRIPS: Some of Hangzhou's strategic value came from its having been home to the Nationalists' Central Air Training School [variously Academy, etc.], just out of town at Jianqiao/Chien Chiao [variously Schien Chiao, etc.; Wikipedia briefing and map]. Dating back into the 1920s, Jianqiao had been developed as a base for U.S. advisers during the 1932-1935 Jouett Mission. Indeed the first American aviator-adviser casualty of the Sino-Japanese War had been one Robert Short, killed 22nd February 1932 in an against-the-odds dogfight against fighters from HIJMS Kaga [Wikipedia shipography] almost a full decade before that same carrier took part in the attack on Pearl Harbour (van Patten, 1999). Salesmen went in alongside the instructors, hustling for contracts, and one of the best of these was a certain James Doolittle [Wikipedia biography], representing the Curtiss Aeroplane Company. More on him shortly. The establishment was promptly abandoned to the Japanese in summer 1937, in favour of more remote bases at Nanchang [Wikipedia briefing and map], Hankou/Hankow [ditto], and Kunming [ditto].

***** REMEMBER - THE U.S. IS NOT YET AT WAR WITH JAPAN *****
***** (BUT IT HAS ALREADY TAKEN SIDES) *****

CAMEO - THE FLYING TIGERS: Here is a newsreel showing the Chinese Nationalists in full German get up - YouTube it now [ignore the soundtrack - not original]. Future Tiger Claire Chennault was organising Chinese air defences in Nanjing a full month before the Japanese invasion - see Timeline 3rd June 1937. The Timeline for 19th September 1931 [use same link] illustrates how the Japanese liked to advance along railways where possible. As a result, China's most effective defence lay in how few railways it had. This Wikipedia map shows how the Japanese reliance on railways, rivers, and major ports determined which parts of China they managed to subdue, and therefore where the (3000-mile long!) patrol line ran (few patrols went out more than a few miles from a supply artery or secure base). Chennault's Chinese cadets fought out of airstrips behind this rather fluid front line, and from his command centre in Kunming [Wikipedia briefing and map] he maintained an observer corps of intelligence officers and local spotters whose job it was to report approaching Japanese aircraft and recover friendly aircrew if shot down.

Just like the Free French Resistance would soon be doing for Allied bombing raids against Germany!

At the end of September 1937 the Japanese finally took Nanjing and famously put that city to the torch [see Rape of Nanjing in Timeline 23rd September 1937]. Chiang withdrew his "Free Chinese" capital a second time, further inland to Chongqing/Chungking [Wikipedia briefing and map], from where he endeavoured to keep China in the war (and his family's business interests ticking over). He was supported internationally with supplies and munitions from the British in Hong Kong (far to the south-east), the Soviet Union (very far to the north), and the Americans in Burma (to the far south-west). As a result, late by 1938 Chiang was strong enough to mount local offensives "culminating in Japanese tactical withdrawals" (Ness, 2016, p58), each Chinese victory provoking a slash and burn Japanese punitive expedition. The attacks continued through 1940, and it was this constant harrying which prompted the 1941 Japanese offensive already mentioned. By Spring 1938 all the early trainees and machines had been expended, leaving only a Soviet volunteer air wing operating from fields north-west of Nanjing. Later that year, however, American mercenaries started to drift into theatre, gathering to Chennault as the nucleus of the AVG. Chennault also recruited American missionaries as part of his resistance network. However the AVG was not routinely referred to as Flying Tigers until after Pearl Harbour [see 20th December 1941], once their propaganda value had been realised. For the full history of Chennault's air forces over the years, enter the History of the Flying Tigers. Chennault's air forces mounted an air offensive against the Japanese in support of forces moving southward out of Nanjing, etc.;[see own entry].

... (e) for moving his mission back to Shangrao [Wikipedia briefing and map] in September 1941, each of his adventures being duly replayed in The Fundamentalist at first opportunity …

***** PEARL HARBOR ATTACKS / FALL OF HONG KONG *****

… (f) for offering his services 13th April 1942 to the American Embassy at Chungking, specifically as an enlisted chaplain in the U.S. Army [the full text of his letter is given in Lautz, Chapter 5, if interested – Ed.], (g) for being instrumental six days later in scooping former demonstration pilot Colonel Doolittle [see above] and his crews out from under the noses of the Japanese patrols …

CAMEO – A CONVENIENT COINCIDENCE: On 18th April 1942 a force of sixteen B-25 Mitchell bombers was launched from the aircraft carrier USS Hornet [Wikipedia shipography] in the historically famous Doolittle Raid [Wikipedia briefing]. Destined for Tokyo, it would be America's first air attack on the Japanese
homeland, and thus a major boost to American morale. The planes did not return to the *Hornet* after the mission, however. Some went north and crash-landed in Soviet territory around Vladivostok, whilst others turned west-south-west and overflew Shanghai, aiming either to land at a Nationalist Chinese air base south of Hangzhou or at least to bail out over friendly territory. None of the southern group made it as far as they would have liked, with half a dozen aircraft coming down instead some 50 miles west of Hangzhou, in the foothills of Zhejiang's Tianmushan Mountains, in countryside buzzing with some now-very angry Japanese. Lieutenant-Colonel Doolittle's plane was one of this southern group and - as just another downed flyer - was scooped up by Chennault's Free Chinese Resistance and smuggled south to "Yandongguan" [no good match on the Internet, but may well be modern 源度 (mag)], where Birch - who "happened to be visiting small churches" in that area - got them sent on (presumably by air) to the OSS base at Kunming (Lautz, 2016).

**ASIDE:** The Doolittle rescue has since been featured in many movies [IMDB listing]. However, those movies never give proper credit to the Free Chinese civilians risking their lives running the escape routes (again, think French Resistance and Allied airmen; but with rice!).

... (h) for being duly enlisted into the U.S. Army as Captain-chaplain to Chennault's AVG, with additional duties as intelligence officer (Byrd, 1987) [Chennault and he developed a close father-son bond, explains Byrd - Ed.]; (i) for continuing said duties through until 1945 (with *The Fundamentalist* continuing to present him as hard-working preacher), being awarded the Legion of Merit in 1944 for "exceptional conduct and outstanding achievements" (*ibid.*) …

***** JAPANESE SURRENDER – NOW IT'S NATIONALISTS VS. COMMUNISTS *****

... (j) having survived the Japanese for four years, for falling foul of the new enemy – *Mao Zhedong*'s Communist PLA - a few days after the Hiroshima-Nagasaki attacks …

**CAMEO - BIRCH'S DEATH:** The Communist Party of China (CPC) had emerged in the late 1920s as a reaction against Chiang Kai-Shek's Nationalist movement. The Nationalists then turned it into a blood feud with the "Shanghai Massacre" of 12th April 1927 [see *Timeline 12th March 1925* and follow the first 23 entries for *The Chinese Civil War*]. As WW2 progressed, the CPC vied with the Nationalists, gradually winning popular support thanks to its strong moral stand against corruption and foreign interference, so that by the time of the Japanese surrender its People's Liberation Army (PLA) was far larger and better disciplined than its Nationalist rivals.

*It was thus a tense moment when, on 25th August 1945, an OSS team led by Birch came face-to-face with the advancing PLA.* Here is Lautz with the details (a ten-page narrative, heavily abridged) ...

"Instead of sending Birch home after Tokyo's surrender, the OSS gave him one last assignment [...] Captain Oliver Caldwell, the son of Methodist missionaries in Fuzhou and a graduate of Oberlin College, greeted Birch when he arrived at the airstrip in Xi'an where he had come to prepare for his last trip for the OSS. [...] They drove to the OSS base outside the city, a compound rented from American Seventh-day Adventists. [...] After a few days in Xi'an, he boarded a plane and 'flew east into the evening darkness' to Drill Field airstrip in the Anhui pocket 3,300 feet up in the mountains. 'None of us ever saw John again,' wrote Caldwell. Birch was ordered to lead an OSS team north and east to the city of Xuzhou [Wikipedia briefing and map], where one of the tasks was to collect enemy documents before they could be destroyed. They were to make a full report on the conditions of roads and railroads [...] and check on all airfields. Xuzhou was strategically situated at the junction of railways running north to south and east to west [...] and the site of] one of the decisive Communist victories of the Chinese civil war. [...] Birch set out from the town of Linquen on the morning of August 20 with a party of three Americans and several Chinese [including] a twenty-eight-year-old Nationalist Army intelligence officer from Qingdao who had been Birch's adjutant since March. [They were armed only with] pistols. [...] On the morning of August 24, the party [set off by train] toward Xuzhou on the Lunnghai railway. [Just past Danshan] there was a break in the tracks and they could go no further. [A Japanese repair crew] allowed the Birch party to use a railway handcar to transport their baggage to the next station [where] they spent the night in the barracks of local Japanese troops who were guarding a large supply train. A Japanese officer warned them that Communist troops were operating further to the east. The next morning, they requisitioned another handcar [heading east until] about three hundred soldiers [...] surrounded them] further along the tracks. Birch and Dong [...] went ahead to speak with their commanding officer [who allowed them to proceed to] Huangkou, the next railway station to the east [with Dong leading] the others to explain why the OSS team was in the area. [...] The Communists in Huangkou, who recently had been fighting Japanese and Chinese puppet troops in the area, were not in a good mood. [...] A Red Army major decided that Dong could return to his team, accompanied by a soldier. 'If anything happens,' the soldier was instructed, 'kill this man first and then kill the Americans'. When Birch and his companions arrived on the outskirts of Huangkou, they found themselves confronted by troops with rifles. [...] After a verbal confrontation,] Birch refused to turn over his sidearm, and several soldiers escorted him and Dong into the town to meet the Communist commander. [...] there is another
verbal confrontation, with Dong offering to get Birch to hand over his pistol ...] But as Dong reached for Birch's weapon, the officer pointed at him and [firing broke out, severely wounding Dong and killing Birch]. The funeral took place [back in Xuzhou] on Sunday morning, September 2, 1945. which coincidentally was the same day the Japanese officially surrendered to the Allied forces on the deck of the battleship USS Missouri in Tokyo harbour” (Lautz, 2016, pp144-153).

The official investigations of the incident have never been fully released, and the official statements admit to being unable to make all facts public, even to Birch's grieving parents. Here is what Birch's OSS base commander at Kunming, Major Gustav Krause [CIA online museum entry] - who reported directly to Far Eastern Command's theatre G-2 (and future head of OSS) John L. McGruder [see own entry] - had to say (conspiracy hunters will quickly be able to spot careful phrasing and omission) ...

"After the war the young captain led a mission to ascertain how far south in China the Communists had penetrated. He stumbled onto a Communist force and argued violently with the Chinese officer who tried to disarm him; he was seized, tied, and shot. The Communists bayonetted him repeatedly and then threw his body on a garbage heap. When asked about the incident, Krause said: 'My instructions were to act with diplomacy. Birch made the Communist lieutenant lose face before his own men. Militarily, John Birch brought about his own death.' Army records released in 1972 confirmed Krause's version of the sad demise of Captain Birch" (George and Wilcox, 1996, p188).

... (k) for his case finally being brought to the attention of Congress in 1950 in speeches by hawkish "Senator from Formosa" William F. Knowland [Wikipedia biography], who - with the United States now at war with China in Korea - pointed out that Birch had been "the first casualty of World War Three" five years earlier, only nobody had had the balls to do anything about it, and (l) in much the same political vein, for being resurrected (in name at least) in 1958 when ultra-conservative Robert W. Welch [see own entry] founded the John Birch Society (JBS), whose story we tell separately. We give the last word on the Birch the man to Lautz ...

"With the founding of the John Birch Society, [Birch's] memory became irrevocably intertwined with right-wing American politics. The anxieties of the Cold War masked and distorted the young man rather than revealing him. [...] Instead of being honoured for the dedication of his faith and service to his country, the real John Birch became a mirage, much like the American dream for China, shimmering in the distance, always just beyond reach” (p257).

FURTHER READING: Birch is one of four hybrid spies-cum-preachers covered in detail in Matthew Sutton's (2019) book "Double Crossed: The Missionaries Who Spied for the United States During the Second World War" [Amazon RECOMMENDED]. For an insight into the personality development of Birch the teenage zealot see the early chapters of Terry Lautz's (2016) "John Birch: A Life" [Amazon HIGHLY RECOMMENDED]. For students of military history wanting more on the 1941 Japanese offensive insofar as it impinged upon American missionaries and military advisers alike (sometimes one and the same person, it seems) see both Jack Samson's (2011) "The Flying Tiger" [Amazon] and Leland Ness' (2016) "Kangzhan" [Amazon]; for the air war specifically, see Hakan Gustavsson's (2016) "Sino-Japanese Air War, 1937-1945" [Amazon] and Martha Byrd's (1987) "Chennault" [Amazon]. For the remorseless corruption of the Chiang clan see Sterling Seagrave's (1986) "The Soong Dynasty" [Amazon] (the point being that the Secretaries General of the Chinese Air Ministry were (1937-1938) "Madame Chiang", Soong Mei-Ling [Wikipedia biography], from a very influential Shanghai Methodist family and educated in MaconGA, and (1938-1945) her brother (and Finance Minister) T. V. Soong [Wikipedia biography]). And lastly (but far from least), for the part played by the John Birch Society in whipping up anti-Kennedy hysteria in Dallas prior to the 1963 assassination see both Mae Brussell's (2014) "The Essential Mae Brussell" [Amazon], and the separate entries herein for Joseph P. Grinnan, Loran Hall, Lester L. Logue, Larrie Schmidt, Dan Smoot, Officer J. D. Tippit, General Edwin Walker, Bernard Weissman, and General Charles Willoughby.

***** NEVER LET A GOOD MARTYR GO TO WASTE *****
communism and limited government [think California F-Scale at maximum score, and then some - Ed.], (b) for being named after U.S. Army/OSS military intelligence officer **John M. Birch** [see indent below] (killed during a peacetime operation in China 25th August 1945), whom the founders regarded as the first American casualty of the 1945-ongoing Cold War in the Far East ...

**BIRCH, A QUICKIE BIO:** Using his Baptist missionary status as cover, Birch had been an OSS field operative "behind enemy lines" during WW2. However, the Japanese had surrendered 15th August 1945, and so the OSS suddenly found itself a player in the Chinese Civil War. As long-term supporters of **Chiang Kai-Shek**'s Nationalists, the Americans were therefore seriously concerned with rapid advances by the Chinese Communists into territory previously held by the Japanese, and sent a small team led by Birch into that power vacuum to assess Communist strength. It is therefore difficult to decide whether Birch was killed "in action" in the normal sense of the phrase, for he had been inserted into "bandit" country - into somebody else's war. Indeed he had himself used the very term "bandit" - the traditional Nationalist insult for their civil war opponents - during the confrontation with a Communist patrol which cost him his life. For the full story see his own entry.

... (c) for being pronounced "un-American" by **J. Edgar Hoover** in 1959, and closely monitored by the FBI as a result, (d) for being frequently mentioned in the JFK assassination literature as one of the cluster of right-wing organisations whose members - aflame with righteousness - might have taken it upon themselves to organise (or at least materially assist) the Dealey Plaza shooting, and (e) for still going strong in Magaland [see Modern Homepage], campaigning to "awaken sleeping patriots" and take the United States out of the United Nations for it being, in short, un-American [uhh??... Ed.]. **FURTHER READING:** Birch is one of four hybrid spies-cum-preachers covered in detail in Matthew Sutton's (2019) book "**Double Crossed: The Missionaries Who Spied for the United States During the Second World War**" [Amazon RECOMMENDED]. For more on Birch the man see **Terry Lautz**'s (2016) "**John Birch: A Life**" [Amazon HIGHLY RECOMMENDED]. And for the part played by the John Birch Society in whipping up anti-Kennedy hysteria in Dallas prior to the 1963 assassination see both **Mae Brussell**'s (2014) "**The Essential Mae Brussell**" [Amazon], and the separate entries herein for Joseph P. Grinnan, Loran Hall, Lester L. Logue, Larrie Schmidt, Dan Smoot, >>>>> Officer J. D. Tippit <<<<<, General Edwin Walker, Bernard Weissman, and **General Charles Willoughby.**

**Birt, John [Baron Birt]** 2000: [Read firstly the entries for National War Aims Committee (NWAC) and "Churnalism".] Careerist MSM executive **John [Baron]** 2000 **Birt** [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context primarily for being one of those named in Marcus Moore's [see own entry] (2018) article "**BBC's 'Churnalism'**" - read it now - as having helped transform the BBC from somewhat independently-minded state broadcaster to shameless government town cryer [our metaphor - Ed.]. His particular role was as Director-General of the BBC 1992-2000.

**Bissell, Richard Mervin, Jr.:** Senior CIA spymaster since 1954 and veteran of the U-2 program **Richard Bissell** [Wikipedia biography] was appointed CIA Director of Plans in 1958 by **Allen Dulles.** According to Douglas Horne's 2013 book "**JFK's War With The National Security Establishment**" the **Bay of Pigs Invasion** was thus essentially Bissell's project. After its catastrophic failure JFK explained that because he could not be fired Bissell was going to be and he duly left to become a defence consultant.

**Black Hundreds:** The **Black Hundreds** [Wikipedia briefing] were a vicious Tsarist rent-a-mob around the time of the 1905 Russian Revolution. Like the Klan, like Pinkerton's 2500-strong strikebreaking army, only not so good-natured, they were fictionalized "adopted" into the United States by novelist **Jack London** in his (1908) "**The Iron Heel**" [see 24th August 1908], thus (for "Iron Heel" read now "Deep State") ...

"The Black Hundreds are being organized in the United States,' he said. 'This is the beginning. There will be more of it. The Iron Heel is getting bold.' [...] We were to see much of the Black Hundreds as the days went by. Week by week more of the socialist papers were barred from the mails, and in a number of instances the Black Hundreds destroyed the socialist presses. Of course, the newspapers of the land lived up to the reactionary policy of the ruling class, and the destroyed socialist press was misrepresented and vilified, while
the Black Hundreds were represented as true patriots and saviours of society. So convincing was all this misrepresentation that even sincere ministers in the pulpit praised the Black Hundreds while regretting the necessity of violence" (Chapter 10).

**Black Op Radio:** Online broadcasting station fronted by Len Osanic as "the voice of political conspiracy research". The website maintains an archive of past broadcasts, and has posted several good JFK titles to YouTube, not least a 2011 interview with Blood or Cola Thread man Jerry Coley [YouTube it now - RECOMMENDED].

**Black Panther Party/Black Panthers:** See the entry for Fred Hampton, wherein both context and specific links are given.

**Blackwood, Basil:** Book illustrator and "adventurer of the first order" (Quigley, 1949, p59) Basil Blackwood [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been employed in the South African Judge Advocate's Department between 1900 and 1901, and for becoming thereby a member of Milner's Kindergarten [see own entry], (b) for following this with junior diplomatic posts between 1901 and 1910 and then a civil service position back in Britain between 1910 and 1914, (c) for being commissioned into the cavalry (aged then 43) and being seriously wounded at the Battle of Mons [see 22nd August 1914 and thread], and (d) for then returning to service in the Grenadier Guards in 1916, losing his life at Boesinghe 4th July 1917.

**Blahut, Regis:** CIA employee Regis Blahut [no convenient biography] was dismissed the Agency in 1978 for tampering with images and items from the high security medical evidence vault containing the evidence from JFK's autopsy.

**Blaine, James Gillespie:** Journalist turned politician, and prophet of Expansionism, James Blaine [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been Secretary of State under Presidents Garfield/Arthur in assassination year 1881 [check it out], and then again under Benjamin Harrison between 1889 and 1992, for it is in this decade that the Republican Party started to see political capital (as well as financial) in pushing foreign expansion. [THREAD = THE SHAPING OF THE MODERN WORLD]

***** ACTION AGAINST "THE SWARMS FROM THE SLUMS" *****

**Blakeney, Robert Byron Drury:** Royal Engineer (colonial service 1891-1902) turned railway administrator (Egypt 1902-1923) R. B. D. Blakeney [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for becoming, after returning to Britain, president of the British Fascisti [see own entry] in 1924; also editor of their house newsletter The Fascist Week [University of Birmingham briefing], (b) for spearheading half a decade of bitter anti-Communist protest, both verbal and physical, in sustained operations against "the swarms from the slums", (c) for actively campaigning against the 1926 General Strike [Wikipedia briefing], aligning himself and part of the membership with Sir Arthur Hardinge's [see own entry] mysterious Organisation for the Maintenance of Supplies (OMS) [see own entry], and (d) for service with the Home Guard during WW2. He died in 1952, aged 79.

**Blakey, G. Robert:** Lawyer, diligent servant of the House Select Committee on Assassinations, and academic G. Robert Blakey [Wikipedia biography] was co-author with Richard Billings of the 1981 book "Fatal Hour".

**Bledsoe, Mary E.:** One time LHO's rooming landlady and with significant right-wing associations Mary Bledsoe [no convenient biography] was on a bus travelling west along Elm Street when a person she knew "was Lee Oswald because he lived in my home from October 7, 1963 to October 14, 1963" got on, looking like "a maniac" and with a "distorted" face. Because of the congestion ahead in Dealey Plaza progress was very slow, and "after three or four blocks" LHO got off again. They did not speak, and the Warren Commission did not pursue why. Indeed, it has been suggested that her testimony was just too heavily supported by written notes and too tightly stage-managed by her lawyer Melody

Bledsoe, Porter: Son of key Warren Commission witness Mary Bledsoe and perhaps with past Civil Air Patrol associations Porter Bledsoe [no convenient biography but some Internet chatter] began to appear in conspiracy literature after being mentioned in Penn Jones' 1969 obituary for his mother. The poorly supported suspicion has since been that he was the conduit through which the FBI pre-scripted his mother's highly convenient testimony.


Bloomberg, Michael Rubens: American financial services mogul turned politician Mike Bloomberg [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for founding the Bloomberg branded empire in the early 1980s, famously focusing on the sort of market analytics still to be seen on his eponymous Bloomberg Channel - see typical content, (b) for serving as Mayor of NYC 2002-2013, and (c) for joining the race for the Democratic Party nomination (for the November 2020 Presidential Elections) in November 2019.

Bloomfield, Louis Mortimer: Canadian-born lawyer, SOE operative for the British, FBI Division Five operative for the Americans, and - in what remained of his time - legitimate businessman Louis Bloomfield [Wikipedia biography; Spartacus Educational biography] was a contact in Jack Ruby's address book. He is noteworthy in the present context for being a major shareholder in the CIA front company Permindex. He would in due course be named in Richard Sprague's 1985 book "The Taking of America" as one of the dozen or so inner sanctum conspirators in the JFK assassination.

***** PROTESTER AGAINST CONSPIRACY, WW1 *****

Blount, Bertram: British industrial chemist Bertram Blount [Grace's Guide biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been an early 20th Century consulting expert in such topics as cement manufacture, electric furnaces, and the testing of high-tensile steel, and (b) for being mentioned in Chapter 4 of Jim Macgregor [see own entry] and Gerry Docherty's [see own entry] 2017 book "Prolonging the Agony" [see own entry]. In this particular chapter the authors are questioning the effectiveness of the Royal Navy's blockade of Germany, especially when it came to shipments of cotton. Blount, they remind us, campaigned loudly during the war for cotton to be reclassified as war contraband. Of course cotton as harvested is nothing but a seed-protecting fibrous boll, and even when combed, degreased, twisted into yarn, and finished as underwear it is entirely innocent. When machined as webbing, however, it starts to acquire a distinct military value as strapping and machine gun belting. And when soaked in Nitric Acid its cellulose fibres become nitrocellulose, and nitrocellulose is the main ingredient of the explosive gun cotton and a 37% ingredient of the smokeless propellant cordite. Cotton - both as webbing and propellant - gives machine guns much of their murderous edge. It is therefore surprising that for the first 18 months of WW1 cotton was NOT regarded as blockade contraband. This permitted imports of cotton into neutral Holland and Scandinavia to increase from 60,000 bales in 1913 to 1.3 million bales in 1915, more than a 20-fold increase, all of the increase being destined for Germany and their war effort, at great profit to the American plantation owners and the middlemen - often British - who were involved. Cotton was hot property in wartime, in other words, and was not brought properly under blockade control until 1917.

Blumenthal, Max: See the entry for Grayzone, The.

BMC: See the entry for Bewick, Moreing and Company.
Boggs, Hale: Lawyer, politician, and WW2 veteran Hale Boggs [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for serving as Congressional Representative from Louisiana's 2nd District [New Orleans-Baton Rouge] between 1947 and his disappearance in a wilds-of-Alaska air crash in 1972, (b) for forming a long-standing politician-businessman relationship with Clay Shaw over at the International Trade Mart (Carpenter, 2014), (c) for helping local medical celebrity Alton Ochsner obtain generous Hill-Burton Act funding [Wikipedia briefing] in 1957 to develop his Ochsner Foundation Hospital ...

ASIDE: According to Haslam (2007/2014), the CIA worked out how to misuse the Hill-Burton scheme as a way of obtaining federal funding for unauthorised military medical research - compare the entry for Admiral Stansfield Turner. The Ochsner Hospital then had the dubious honour (in 1970) of being the first beneficiary of taxpayers' money to have to be taken to court for failing to meet its attendant community service obligation.

(d) for getting the same Alton Ochsner put in charge of JFK's May 1962 visit to New Orleans (Baker, 2010), (e) for warning JFK 20th November 1963 not to go to Dallas because it was a "hornets' nest" (Summers, 1980/2013, p3), (f) for being singled out (only hours after the JFK shooting) by INCA's Ed Butler [see own entry] as a way of ensuring that LHO's "I am a Marxist" WDSU audio tape [see Timeline 21st August 1963] did not go unnoticed in high places, (g) for being appointed 29th November 1963 to the Warren Commission, (h) for then gradually distancing himself from the conclusions of said Commission ...

ASIDE: J. Edgar Hoover, Boggs is reported to have said, "lied his eyes out" during the Warren investigation. More specifically, Boggs will in due course let slip that during a closed session of the hearings 22nd January 1964 "Oswald's FBI number and FBI wages had been examined" (Mellon, 2005, p2).

(i) for eventually discretely encouraging the Jim Garrison Investigation [see Timeline 17th February 1967] (Ibid.), (j) for successfully evading being deliberately run off the road 23rd July 1970 (Walczak, 2012 [full text online]) [see Timeline that day], (k) for beginning to criticise the entire military-industrial complex, as with the following extract from a speech before Congress 22nd April 1971 ...

"Over the post-war years, we have granted to the elite and secret police within our system vast new powers over the lives and liberties of the people. At the request of the trusted and respected heads of those forces, and their appeal to the necessities of national security, we have exempted those grants of power from due accounting and strict surveillance."

and (l) for being killed - perhaps murdered - in the 1972 NTSB AAC-73-01 Aircrash [see Timeline 16th October 1972].

Boland Amendment: See the entry for 21st December 1982.

Bolden, Abraham W.: Secret Service agent Abraham Bolden [Wikipedia biography] was appointed to JFK's Protection Division in 1961, but was not on front line duty in Dallas. He was charged in 1964 with accepting a bribe, convicted, and dismissed the Secret Service. While serving his sentence he got in touch with assassination researcher Mark Lane and told him of a plot to assassinate the President on a visit to Chicago planned for 2nd November 1963. The visit had duly been cancelled under a covering pretext at the last moment. The possibility has since quite strongly emerged that the source of the assassination plot warning in the first place had been LHO wearing his FBI informer's hat. For the fuller telling of this story see James Douglass' 2008 book "JFK and the Unspeakable".

EXTENDED, MAY 2019: Judyth Vary Baker and Edward Schwartz's recent book "Kennedy & Oswald" [Amazon] further informs us that Bolden's 1964 conviction was deliberately set up as punishment for whistleblowing, thus ...

"President Kennedy personally selected [Bolden] as the first black Secret Service Agent to be assigned to the Kennedy Detail [...] but Bolden, who took his assignment proudly as a sacred duty, soon became disillusioned.
He eventually registered complaints of racial discrimination and the fact that the agents on the Kennedy Detail, which has to travel a lot, were ‘womanising’ and drinking too much. [...] These complaints got him fired from the Detail. He was shuffled off to the Chicago Office, where he ‘... first blew the whistle in October 1963’ on the Detail’s ‘poor security’ [...] For his trouble, Bolden was arrested, went through two trials, and in 1964 ‘was convicted on trumped up charges [...] and spent six years in jail’. We have compelling evidence that Bolden was framed [...] but to this day, Bolden has not received a Presidential Pardon’ (Baker and Schwartz, 2017, pp42-43).

The clear implication, of course, is that the frame-up was instigated not by an embarrassed Secret Service, but rather by people defending the establishment line that LHO was a rogue leftie; for they could not afford to have the public wondering why an assassin in November might have been warning of an assassination a month beforehand!!

Bollyn, Christopher: Investigative journalist Christopher Bollyn [website] became noteworthy in the present context on 25th August 2010 when he published his first full article on the 9/11 False Flag Attacks [q.v.]. Since then he has published further exposés about 9/11 and other False Flags [q.v.], while at the same time doing his best to evade the threats to life which traditionally attend such bold journalism. YouTube a typical piece here.

***** PALESTINE SIGNED OVER TO THE POLITICIANS *****

Bols, [Sir] Louis Jean: Careerist British soldier turned colonial administrator [Sir] Louis Bols [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being General Allenby’s Chief of Staff during the 1917-1918 Middle East Campaign [see 26th March 1917], (b) for serving as Chief Administrator of the Ottoman territories thereby captured [Wikipedia briefing], and (c) for then handing over "one Palestine, complete" to High Commissioner designate Herbert Samuel’s [see own entry] replacement civilian administration [see 30th June 1920].

Bolton, John Robert: [Read firstly the entry for Religious Right.] American lawyer-politician John Bolton [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been appointed National Security Advisor (NSA) in April 2018. As a Trump loyalist he played an important part in early 2019 in promoting the Guaidó/CIA Coup [see 10th January 2019, et seq.] in Venezuela. He is a member of the [ALT] Troika of Tyranny [see own entry], and supports the Religious Right political lobbyists, the Gatestone Institute. With the benefit of hindsight, he is particularly noteworthy for sacking Rear-Admiral R. Timothy Ziener and disbanding the National Security Council’s biodefence preparedness team [see Timeline 10th May 2018 and the COVID-19 Pandemic curves for March 2020].

Bookhout, James Willingham: FBI Special Agent Jim Bookhout [no convenient biography, but several 2009 online obituaries] had not been on duty on 22nd November 1963, but proceeded to DPDHQ when he heard of the shooting, arriving there before both Will Fritz and the newly-arrested LHO. He then witnessed LHO's arrival, but was not invited into Fritz’s initial interrogation of him. He then called his boss, Dallas FBI Chief, Gordon Shanklin, who told him that he and fellow Agent James Hosty were to sit in as soon as possible. This was arranged at 1515hr, no more than "five to ten" minutes after the interrogation had begun. Bookhout contributed questions now and then, and took notes (although by the date of his Warren Commission testimony he had destroyed them). In all he was second only to Fritz in time spent interrogating LHO. When the interrogation continued on 23rd November the observers included two Secret Service men. Bookhout's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now].

Boone, Eugene: Dallas County Sheriff's Deputy Eugene Boone [Abilene Reporter-News obituary, 2017] was the law officer who, having spent some minutes searching the Railway Area, entered the TSBD found the Mannlicher-Carcano C2766 behind some boxes on the west side of TSBD6. Boone's evidential profile is as follows: Sheriff's Office Notes #1, 22nd September 1963 [?]; Sheriff's Office Notes #2, 22nd September 1963 [?]; Warren Commission testimony [read it now]; Dramatised Mock Trial testimony, 1992 [YouTube it now]; Interview to camera, 2014 [YouTube it now].
Boone, Ron: Dallas County Sheriff's Deputy Ron Boone [no convenient biography] was in the general gathering of deputies outside the Sheriff's Office as the motorcade went by. When the shooting started he headed across Elm Street, and up the Grassy Knoll to the Railway Area, where several people had been pointing. Boone's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED].

Booth, [General (of the Salvation Army)]1865 William: Archetypal British do-gooder [General]1865 William Booth [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been identified by Quigley (1949) as one of the high-level Circle of Initiates in Cecil Rhodes' 1891 Society of the Elect [see own entry], that is to say, Britain's late-19th-Century deep state. According to Quigley (1949), he was selected in absentia at that Society's February 1891 inauguration, but was too involved with his social missionary work to take the offer up.

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Booz Allen Hamilton Inc.: Established in 1914 as the archetypal management consultancy, "government services" contractor Booz Allen [Wikipedia briefing] has gone on to become the high security clearance consultancy of choice for the U.S. government. Indeed, in his 2015 book "Dallas '63" Peter Dale Scott [q.v.] estimated that some 70% of the intelligence budget was outsourced to Booz Allen. Since 2015 the firm has been closely associated with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) in developing new protections against cyber attacks.

Bosch, Orlando: 37-year-old physician turned CIA field operative Orlando Bosch [Wikipedia biography]. He would later be convincingly identified as a member of the CIA's Operation 40 team and 73-death aerial terrorist, and has recently been tentatively identified by researcher Larry Rivera as the Hispanic radio man - Dark Compeletced Man - sat on the kerb of Elm Street a mere 10 feet from the JFK kill zone - YouTube him? in Dealey Plaza now.

Boswell, Commander (U.S.N.) J. Thornton, MD: Military pathologist Commander Thornton Boswell [Spartacus Educational biography] was one of the three military medics who contributed to the JFK autopsy at the Bethesda Hospital on 2000hr on 23rd September 1963 and <date unrecorded>. Browse the Medical Cover Up Thread to accumulate all the fragments of this story. Boswell's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now]; Assassination Records Review Board testimony [read it now].

Bowers, Cyril Yarling: [Read firstly the entry for "Dr. Bowers"]: Physician Cyril Bowers [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for qualifying as M.D. at the University of Oregon Medical School just after WW2, (b) for serving in the Medical Corps of the U.S. Navy Reserve between 1950 and 1952, (c) for obtaining a research fellowship at New Orleans' Tulane Medical School in 1953, becoming an active researcher both there and, by mid-decade, at the Alton Ochsner Medical Foundation, where he co-authored half a dozen papers with Albert Segaloff [see own entry]. A PubMed analysis of Bowers' publications indicates a specialisation in thyroid gland and hypothalamic function, and he received repeated grants and professional awards in these areas. There is a strong case to be made that he is the loosely specified "Dr Bowers" mentioned in Judyth Vary Baker's 2014 book "Ferrie" as having on 10th July 1963 passed on a message to her from Alton Ochsner.

Bowers, John Zimmerman: [Read firstly the entry for "Dr. Bowers"]: Physician John Z. Bowers [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for qualifying as M.D. in 1936, (b) for serving in the U.S.
Navy Medical Corps during WW2, (c) for undergoing post-graduate training in pathology before taking a position with the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) between 1947 and 1950, witnessing nuclear weapons testing in the Pacific and studying Japanese survivors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, (d) for leveraging his unique experience with acute radiation syndrome and thyroid disorders from radioactive iodine by returning to the United States in 1950 to direct the University of Maryland's Radioactive Isotope Lab, (e) for obtaining a number of visiting research fellowships during the 1950s, dividing his time between Berkeley, Johns Hopkins, Utah, Wisconsin, and New Orleans' Tulane Medical School, (f) for rounding off a highly productive career by joining the Rockefeller Foundation in 1964 and the Josiah Macy Jr. Foundation in 1965. Despite his track record in x-irradiation studies in mice and monkeys [see his PubMed profile], he is NOT the loosely specified "Dr Bowers" mentioned in Judyth Vary Baker's 2014 book "Ferrie" as having been an Ochsner Foundation researcher in 1963.

Bowers, Lee Edward: 38-year-old Union Terminal Company railyard controller Lee Bowers [Wikipedia biography] was in the railyard's North Tower at the time of the shooting. At 1155hr he noted "a dirty [later specified as "red sandy"] 1959 Oldsmobile Station Wagon" enter the parking area, cruise around, and then leave again. Twenty minutes later "a 1957 Ford, Black, 2 door" entered and left. Its driver seemed to be speaking on a radio of some sort. Five minutes later still a "1961 Chevrolet, Impala, 4 door", dirty up to its windows and with the same out of state plates as the Oldsmobile, did the same.

ASIDE: Sample and Collom (1995) remark that the Oldsmobile might have been the vehicle Ruth Martinez had used to collect Loy Factor from his home in Oklahoma two days previously, its dirt streaking being compatible with the rough dirt tracks in that vicinity.

There were also two men standing "within 10 or 15 feet of each other" against the picket fence, and two policemen and a number of railway workers on the tracks over the underpass. At the moment of the shooting he noted a "commotion", a "flash of light or smoke or something", "something out of the ordinary, a sort of milling around, [...] which attracted my eye for some reason, which I could not identify" in the area of the picket fence. Bowers then proceeded to play a largely unrecognised part in the police sweep of the railyard, by deliberately red-lighting at least one outbound freight so that it might be searched, and generally liaising closely with DPD despatchers. Bowers died 9th August 1966 from injuries sustained when his car either left or was forced off the road. Later second-hand evidence from (friend) Walter Rischel and (researcher) Al Navis will insist that Bowers, fearing for his life, withheld the pivotally important testimony (a) that the two figures had both fired rifles, and (b) that both wore DPD uniforms. Bowers evidential profile is as follows: Affidavit, undated [read it now]; Warren Commission testimony [read it now]; Interview to camera, Mark Lane, 31st March 1966 [YouTube it now].

***** PROTESTER AGAINST CONSPIRACY, WW1 *****

Bowles, George Frederic Stuart: British lawyer-M.P. George Bowles [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for being mentioned in Chapter 4 of Jim Macgregor [see own entry] and Gerry Docherty's [see own entry] 2017 book "Prolonging the Agony" [see own entry]. In this particular chapter the authors are questioning the effectiveness of the Royal Navy's blockade of Germany, especially when it came to shipments of cotton. Bowles, they remind us, complained after the war that his recommendations as Admiralty lawyer that intercepted maritime cargoes be confiscated were routinely countermanded by the Admiralty. [THREAD = WW1 INSIDER TRADING AND PROFITEERING]

Bowley, Temple Ford: Oak Cliff resident Temple Bowley [no convenient biography] was a witness to the shooting of Patrolman J. D. Tippit at 10th and Patton, and used the patrol car radio to alert DPDHQ. Bowley's evidential profile is as follows: DPD Despatch audio, 22nd November 1963 [YouTube it now]; Affidavit 2nd December 1963 [read it now].

Boxing Day Memo: See the entry for Sir Maurice Hankey.
Bracken, Brendan Rendall [1st Viscount Bracken]1952: Born in then-British Ireland, businessman-politician Brendan Bracken [Lord Bracken]1952 [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for an early career as financial journalist and publisher ...

**ASIDE:** Readers are reminded that financial journalists need to be continuously on their guard against being fed false information and generally being "used" by villains to influence the markets for criminal purposes. [THREAD = INSIDER TRADING AND STOCK-MARKET FRAUD]

(b) for becoming wealthy enough to enter Parliament in 1929 as member for Paddington North, a seat he would hold until 1945, (c) for being a supporter of Winston Churchill during his 1929-1939 "wilderness years" out of political office, (d) for setting up the 1938 emergency funding from Sir Henry Strakosch [see own entry] which allowed Churchill not to have to sell his Chequers home, (e) for lobbying for Churchill rather than Lord Halifax to replace Neville Chamberlain in May 1940, (f) for being appointed Churchill's parliamentary private secretary by way of reward, and (g) for being promoted to Minister of Information in 1941, a post he would hold until 1945, thereby controlling the narrative set by the Political Warfare Executive [see own entry].

Brainwar: This is the term proposed by New Orleans political propagandist Ed Butler [see own entry] in his 1960 paper "The Forgotten War" to describe cold wars and peacetime confrontations. Content-wise, brainwar is little different to the lies told in wartime - see, for example, the entry for Edward Bernays. Structurally, however, it is shaped by peacetime shortage of funding, and typically involves a number of local non-profit initiatives (rather than one large central one), relying on donations from like-minded sympathisers. For specific examples of brainwarfare initiatives see the Ed Butler entry.

**** DO NOT CONFUSE THE NEXT TWO ENTRIES *****

**Brading, Eugene Hale ["Jim"]: [a.k.a James Lee and Jim Braden]** California-based mobster Jim Brading [Spartacus Educational biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being placed by Rod Mac Kenzie (and Hooke)'s 2016 analysis of the assassination in the County Records Office, acting as spotter for CIA-man George H. W. Bush's shooter Chuck Nicoletti, and (b) for having definitely been arrested in that very location for "acting suspiciously", but soon released after explaining he was looking for a public telephone ...

**ASIDE:** Brading is one of the six potential conspirators photographically placed in Dealey Plaza by Eaglesham and Schullhorn (2000 [full text online - STRONGLY RECOMMENDED]). We find their photographic evidence pretty compelling, but please check for yourself.

Brading would in due course be named in Richard Sprague's 1985 book "The Taking of America" as one of the dozen or so outer sanctum conspirators in the JFK assassination. Brading is also suspected of having played a part in the RFK assassination in 1968. Brading's evidential profile is as follows: Deposition, 22nd November 1963 explaining his arrest [read it now].

**** Candidate JFK Conspiracy CIA Squad Leader ****

[Recruited and led Religious Right footsoldiers; possible executioner]

"One slippery customer" (Body, 2015 online)

**Bradley, Edgar Eugene:** WW2 and early Cold War veteran (dare we hazard OSS?) turned Los Angeles-based right-wing operative Gene Bradley [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for getting early exposure to the world of black ops ...

"[Wesley Brice] said that Bradley had been in South America during World War II and was in intelligence work there in Hawaii and in Guam during and immediately after the war. After Guam Bradley supposedly went to Brazil. During this time he held a rank equivalent to Lieutenant, Brice said, and his duties according to Bradley consisted of investigating plane wrecks” (Boxley Memorandum, 1968 [full text online], p4).
(b) for becoming "the California representative, at a salary of about $500 a month, of a right-wing preacher, the Reverend Carl McIntire" (Mellen, 2013), and for allegedly being involved in militant right operations against such liberal initiatives as the civil rights movement and left of centre politicians, (c) as such, for developing an armed and active direct action cell in and around the Van Nuys/North Hollywood area of Los Angeles [map], in full flourish in the early 1960s [and perhaps with several terminations to his personal credit - Ed.], (d) for allegedly offering one Dennis Mower $10,000 to take a shot at then-Senator JFK at the 11th-15th July 1960 Democratic Convention ...

**ASIDE - BIRTH OF THE JFK STORM DRAIN THEORY:** Bradley is occasionally reported as having looked into the use of storm drains nearby the convention venue as snipers' nests, which tactic, of course, is often suggested for Dealey Plaza also, where Bradley was present also! Students need, however, to factor in the distinct possibility that some of what we think we know about Bradley derives from a government disinformation exercise; in short, that it is part of a carefully constructed Bradley "Legend".

(e) for being placed by one Garrison Investigation witness - court clerk Max Gonzales [nothing known] - at Lakefront Airport, New Orleans, in "June or July of 1963" in the company of David Ferrie (Noyes, 2010), (f) for being placed by some theorists in Dealey Plaza 22nd November 1963, (g) for then being singled out by Jim Garrison (whose sources reported that Bradley was "constantly harping on the fact that someone should kill Kennedy"), and for being charged 20th December 1967 with "criminal conspiracy to commit murder", **thereby becoming one of only two people ever to be charged in respect of the JFK assassination** (the other being Clay Shaw) ...

**ASIDE:** In the event, Garrison's attempt to extradite Bradley from California was blocked 8th November 1968 by Governor Ronald Reagan, so only the Shaw case went to trial. Brussell (2014) summarises these events thus ...

"Before the [1960 presidential] election, a group within the Christian Right plotted to kill [JFK] in Van Nuys, California, while he was still a candidate. This group was a meld of anti-Castro Cubans, Minutemen, and homegrown Nazis. Some were sought by Jim Garrison following the arrest of Clay Shaw [...]. The Christian Defense League (CDL), the most influential of these groups, was led by the Reverend William Potter Gale [... who had been] recruiting veterans for his racial 'identity' group, financed by a wealthy Los Angeles man" (Brussell, 2014, p32).

(h) for being identified with some initial certainty by Deputy Sheriff Roger Craig 22nd December 1967 as the "secret service officer" who had blanked his initial report of a getaway vehicle and suspect at the foot of the Grassy Knoll ...

**ASIDE:** Craig saw the news of Bradley's arraignment two days beforehand on the television, and recognised him at once. For the details, see Craig's own entry.

(i) for possibly/probably being rescued from justice by some highly effective government-sponsored obstruction ...

**CAMEO #1 - THE THORNHILL LETTER:** Part of Jim Garrison's filing system during his investigation was a "crank file" containing dubious pending leads from members of the public. One of these was an April 1967 letter from Thomas Thornhill [nothing known], alleging that Bradley was part of a California-based fascist cabal, and naming (Thornhill's lover) Carol Aydelotte [READ HER ENTRY BEFORE GOING ANY FURTHER] as the keeper of one of that cabal's safe houses. The Thornhill Letter was extracted from the crank file and reclassified as viable by William Turner [see own entry], one of Garrison's volunteer investigators, who then paired up on the legwork with Garrison's resident CIA man William Wood/"Bill Boxley" [see own entry]. Thanks to interviews with Aydelotte, Thornhill, Mower, and Brice, Bradley duly became the central person of interest in both the 16th February 1968 Turner Memorandum (Aydelotte's input, three pages' worth) and the 19th March 1968 Boxley Memorandum (input from Aydelotte, Thornhill, Mower, and Brice, roughly one page each) ...

**CAMEO #2 - BRADLEY IN THE TURNER MEMORANDUM:** Here are some tasters of what the (possibly vexatious) Carol Aydelotte had to say about Bradley in the Turner Memorandum ...

"Mrs. Aydelotte said the Rev. Wesley Brice [...] would have personal knowledge of a telephone call placed by [Bradley] from Dallas shortly after the assassination. Brice reportedly was in the Bradley
residence in North Hollywood at that time and would know of comments made by Mrs. Bradley to the effect that 'Oh that was Gene. Guess where he is. He's in Dallas” (Turner Memorandum, 1968 [full text online], p1).

CAMEO #3 - BRADLEY IN THE BOXLEY MEMORANDUM: And here are some tasters of what the (possibly vexatious) Aydelotte and the three other witnesses named above had to say about Bradley in the Boxley Memorandum ...

"Mrs. Aydelotte [sic] stated that Bradley, upon her telling him that her husband Arthur possessed a .375 Magnum rifle, attempted to recruit her to persuade her husband to use the weapon for an assassination attempt upon President John F. Kennedy. [...] She said that Bradley seemed preoccupied with the subject of assassination and on occasion had shown her husband, Arthur Aydelotte, various assassination devices, including poisons, ground glass, and booby traps, in a garage at his residence [...]. Thornhill generally substantiated Mrs. Aydelotte's commentaries about Bradley. [...] Thornhill says that he heard Bradley boast of a heart attack drug with which he (Bradley) is familiar. [...] MUCH OF INTEREST IN THE ORIGINAL AT THIS POINT] Mower confirmed that Bradley had attempted to recruit him to assassinate President Kennedy [...]. [Brice] said that Bradley told him he was in Dallas on the day of the assassination” (Boxley Memorandum, 1968 [full text online], p4).

CAMEO #4 - TO PROSECUTE OR NOT?: The welter of hearsay evidence from witnesses with possible axes to grind left little chance of success in court against expensive lawyers with privileged inside information. Many on Garrison's team therefore advised him not to go for an extradition, but he persisted with an unconvincing case ...

(j) as a result, for being refused after extradition from California to Texas 1st November 1968, (k) for being mentioned in 1970 (as "E. E. Bradley") in the accurate-in-parts Torbitt Document, as being part of the "second layer of participants" in the assassination - check it out, (l) for being formally exonerated 30th March 1974 in a candid written apology from Garrison, and (m) for finally meeting Garrison in person in 1991, being described by the latter as "a fine American",

RESEARCH ISSUE: Stated briefly, Bradley was EITHER (1) a baddie, whose guilt was successfully covered up by a CIA-managed campaign of evidence tampering (see item (n) in the entry for DCI Richard Helms), OR (2) a goodie all along, the victim (2.1) of malicious allegations by the coterie of villains listed above, and (2.2) of Garrison having possibly conflated him with gangster Eugene Hale Brading (Twyman, 1997). Note carefully how Deputy Craig's position in the Garrison version of the narrative changes as the months went by, becoming baddie himself as Bradley became goodie.

OUR VERDICT: For the reasons set out at the end of the entry for Roger Craig (in whom this author still trusts), we go - on balance of probabilities - for Option (1) above. It follows that we therefore also regard Garrison's quite fulsome apology to Bradley as entirely forced.

Brand, Ed.: Dallas insurance salesman Ed. Brand [no convenient biography], who had offices across from LHO's rooming house at 1026 North Beckley Avenue, reported after the assassination that LHO had been in for a car insurance quotation in early November 1963. He had seen a driving licence in the name "O. H. Lee", and been told to expect a cash sale in the not too distant future.

Brand, Robert Henry [1st Baron Brand]1946: Well-born British civil servant turned banker-diplomat Bob Brand [Lord Brand]1946 [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having worked in the South African civil service during the 1900s and for thereby becoming a member of Milner's Kindergarten [see own entry], (b) for promoting the idea of a South African union between 1906 and 1908, being duly rewarded by ... (c) for joining bankers Lazard Brothers [Grace's Guide briefing] in 1909; also for being made a director of Lloyds Bank and The Times, (d) for returning to Britain in 1910 to help found the Round Table Movement [see own entry], (e) for being drawn into Lady Nancy Astor's social circle in 1912, being introduced to her sister Phyllis Née Langhorne, (f) for helping to set up the Imperial Munitions Board of Canada [see own entry] in 1915, (g) for deputy-heading the 1917-1918 British Mission to Washington [see own entry], and for marrying the aforementioned Phyllis Langhorne while he was out there, (h) for being part of the British delegation to the 1919 Versailles Peace Conference [see own entry], as advisor on financial matters to Lord Cecil [see own entry] [he was generally a moderate on the issue of German reparations on the grounds that they would prove historically disastrous; 15 years later, the Cliveden Set got a bad name for being "appeasers" for saying much the same thing - Ed.], (i) for helping to found Chatham House in 1920, (j) for
helping the Milner Group acquire The Times in 1922, (k) for buying Eydon Hall, Northamptonshire, in 1929, (l) for being based in Berlin for much of the 1930s wearing his Lazard Brothers hat, "as part of an international effort to save the German banking system" (Livingstone, 2015, p461), (m) for being part of the 1941-1944 British Food Mission to Washington [see own entry], as well as of the follow-on 1944-1946 Treasury Mission to Washington [see own entry], and (n) for heading the Milner Group between 1940 and his death in 1963 (Quigley, 1949). [THREAD = WW1 INSIDER TRADING AND PROFITEERING]

Brehm, Charles ["Chuck"]: D-Day and Korean War veteran Chuck Brehm [Wikipedia biography] was spectating with his five-year-old son from the median lawn of Dealey Plaza just south of Elm Street, level with the John Neely Bryan Pergola, and close to Babushka Lady. He saw the effects of the headshot and then fell to the ground to protect his son from any firefight, should one break out. Brehm's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED]; Interview to camera, 1993 [YouTube it now].

Bremer, Lewis Paul, III: A foreign service diplomat since 1966 and counterterrorism advisor since 1986 Paul Bremer [Wikipedia biography] was appointed in 1999 to head the House's National Commission on Terrorism [q.v.], presenting that commission's recommendations on 8th June 2000. He was then appointed CEO of Marsh Crisis Consulting, one of the Marsh and McLennan Companies [q.v.] spread across 15 floors in both the north and south WTC towers. He was therefore well qualified to be called into the WRC-TV news studio at 1246hr on 11th September 2001 to comment on that morning's WTC attacks - YouTube that interview now, showing remarkable composure given that Marsh and McLennan's forensic accountancy suite on WTC1/93-100 had just been wiped out by a direct hit from "American Airlines Flight 11" [q.v.].

ASIDE: Marsh and McLennan lost 295 staff on 9/11, that is to say, roughly one in ten of the total body count. For details we recommend Thomas (2004 [full text online]).

Bremer's confident opinion to camera was that the very complexity of the WTC attacks meant that only three or four groups/countries could possibly have organised them, and that Iran and Iraq had to be top of the "candidates" list. Twenty months later (Iraq having drawn the short straw for the beating) he was rewarded by being appointed head of the provisional government there, despite knowing neither the country nor the Middle East, and speaking no Arabic (Rosen, 2007 [full text online]). Such measures as he introduced have been harshly appraised by critics, and he was sacked in 2004.

Brennan, Howard Leslie: 45-year-old steam fitter Howard Brennan [Wikipedia biography] was spectating during his lunch break at Houston and Elm, and his account of activity on TSBD6 will lead to his being described by Michael Kurtz in his 1982/1993 book "Crime of the Century" as the "most important" of the eyewitnesses (p27). Most notably he reported having a full facial view of the shooter in the Sniper's Nest, and contributed much of the description of the suspect subsequently BOLA'd. However not all researchers have been as impressed as Kurtz over the years, so avoid over-reliance. Brennan died in 1983, and his memoirs appeared posthumously in 1987 under the title "Eyewitness to History". Brennan's evidential profile is as follows: Affidavit, 22nd November 1963 [read it now]; Affidavit, 7th May 1964 [read it now]; Warren Commission testimony [Part #1; Part #2].

***** TOP TEAM CONSPIRATOR, SOCIETY OF THE ELECT, 1891 *****

Brett, Reginald Baliol [2nd Viscount Esher]1899: British aristocrat-politician-diplomat Reginald Brett [Lord Esher]1899 [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for attending a meeting 15th February 1891 at Lord Rothschild's mansion - Tring Park House [Wikipedia briefing] - along with Cecil Rhodes, Arthur Balfour (later to be the signing author of the famous Balfour Declaration), Sir William Harcourt [Wikipedia biography], Albert Grey [see own entry], and Alfred Lyttleton [see own entry], at which they gave the nod - in Brett's own words - to Rhodes' "vast ideas" and "imperial notions" (Brett, 1938, p150 [full text online]), (b) for then being one of the three men (not counting Rhodes himself) who at further meetings that Spring founded Rhodes' famous secret society, specifically as
the three second-tier cabalists of the pyramidally organised **Society of the Elect** [see own entry] (the other two being **William T. Stead** and **Lord Milner**) ...

**ASIDE:** Balfour and Grey became members of the next conspiratorial tier down, namely the "Circle of Initiates". Rothschild and the others seem to have remained on the side-lines, or died before the substantive business of the Society really got under way.

(c) for accordingly being later described as "one of the most influential and one of the least known men in British politics" (Quigley, 1949, p41), thanks in large part to his contacts with Buckingham Palace ...

**ASIDE:** "Esher was probably the most important adviser on political matters to **Queen Victoria**, **King Edward VII**, and **King George V**. This position arose originally from his personal friendship with Victoria, established in the period 1885-1887, and was solidified later when [...] he was in charge of [...] all the royal residences. [...] In this way Esher reached a point where he was the chief unofficial representative of the King" (Quigley, 1949, p42).

(d) for serving on the **Committee of Imperial Defence** [see own entry] between 1905 and 1930, (e) for acting as a high class intelligence operative during WW1 (his son **Maurice Brett** is reputed to have built up the MI6 operation in Paris), and (f) for promoting the career of **Maurice Hankey** for a decade after WW1.

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**Brewer, Johnny Calvin:** Dallas shop assistant **Johnny Brewer** [no convenient biography] was at work in Hardy's Shoe Store, 213 West Jefferson (just down the block from the **Texas Theater**), when he saw a man - presumably **LHO** - behaving suspiciously outside. He followed the man to the Texas Theater and watched him go in. He and the cinema staff then rang the sighting in and waited until the police showed up to make the eventual arrest. Brewer's evidential profile is as follows: Affidavit 6th December 1963 [read it now]; Warren Commission testimony [read it now]; Interview to camera, 196? [YouTube it now]. Browse the **Texas Theater Thread** to accumulate all the fragments of this story.

**Brice, Wesley:** Californian right-wing preacher **Wesley Brice** [Internet hagiography] is noteworthy in the present context for giving evidence to the **Clay Shaw Trial** to the effect that **Edgar Eugene Bradley** had confidentially confirmed to him that he had been in Dallas 22nd November 1963 (Mellon, 2005). In fact, Brice was one of the four interviewees in the 19th March 1968 **Boxley Memorandum**, one of the most important documents in the collapse of the **Garrison Investigation**'s case against Bradley ...

**CAMEO - BRICE IN THE BOXLEY MEMORANDUM:** Here is what Brice and his wife had to say, according to the Boxley Memorandum (in law, of course, it was nothing but hearsay) ...

"On December 20, 1967, I met with Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Brice at their home, 6451 Gaynor in Van Nuys, California. Bradley told him he had to 'take a swing through the South'. He said that Bradley had been to a meeting with Dr. **Carl McIntire** in Collingwood, New Jersey, prior to going on the southern swing. He said that Bradley told him he was in Dallas on the day of the assassination" (Boxley Memorandum, 1968 [full text online], p1; there are two further extracts from the Brices' statements in Bradley's own entry).

**Bridges, Henry Styles:** Right-wing politician **Henry Bridges** [Wikipedia biography] was Senator from New Hampshire between 1937 and 1961. He is noteworthy in the present context for taking the Director of the CIA **Henry Hillenkoetter** to task for allowing the North Korean "surprise attack" on 25th June 1950.

**Brigade 2506:** Recruited mainly from the anti-Castro Cuban exile community in the Miami area Assault **Brigade 2506** [Wikipedia briefing] was in effect the CIA's private army for the **Bay of Pigs Invasion**. It lost heavily on the invasion beaches, and among its survivors were many who held **JFK** responsible for
the loss of friends and homeland. JFK did his best to settle the resentment by addressing the survivors in the Orange Bowl Stadium, Miami, on 29th December 1962, and by promising that their battle flag would one day be returned to a "free Havana"; he clearly failed to convince everyone present.

Brinegar, John: Dallas gun-dealer Johnny Brinegar [no convenient biography] was one of only two arms dealers in the Dallas-Irving area which stocked the rather obscure 6.5mm ammunition (the other being John Masen). He was mentioned by Dick Russell in his 2008 book "On the Trail of the JFK Assassins", as having sold about ten boxes of 6.5mm Mannlicher-Carcano ammunition to Masen in early 1963.

Bringuier, Carlos Jose: 29-year-old Cuban lawyer Carlos Bringuier [Wikipedia biography] fled Cuba after the Castro Revolution and opened a clothing store named Casa Roca at 107 Decatur Street. He soon became the New Orleans organiser for the DRE. On 5th August 1963 LHO visited Casa Roca to offer Bringuier help in his fight against Castro; only to appear further along the street handing out pro-Castro leaflets on behalf of the FPCC on 9th August. On 21st August he took part in a radio debate with LHO chaired by CIA associate Bill Stuckey. Along with Jose Lanuza in Miami, Bringuier helped disseminate LHO's PRO-Castro credentials to the mainstream media in the late afternoon of 22nd November 1963, hitting the national headlines the following morning. This places him firmly on the LHO Patsification Thread.

"Three old ladies and a couple of office boys" (Oswald Mosley)

British Fascist [British Fascists]1924: [Read firstly the entry for Nesta Webster.] Founded in 1923 by right-wing activist Rotha Lintorn-Orman [see own entry], and with Leopold Canning, Lord Garvagh [Wikipedia biography SHORT BUT WELL WORTH A LOOK] as inaugural president, the British Fascist [Wikipedia briefing] are noteworthy in the present context (a) for providing a populist recruiting focus for hard-right sentiment in Britain in the mid/late-1920s, (b) for attracting a coterie of like-minded Britain-firsters, including the railwayman-philosopher R. B. D. Blakeney [see own entry] (who took over as president at the time of the change of name in 1924); also for working closely with Britain's (and Unionist Ireland's) very secretive special intelligence community through both their retained propagandist Nesta Webster [see own entry] and their arch-operative General Sir Ormonde Winter [see own entry], (c) for spearheading half a decade of bitter anti-Communist protest, both verbal and physical, in sustained operations against "the swarms from the slums", (d) for actively campaigning alongside Sir Arthur Hardinge's [see own entry] rather tenebrous Organisation for the Maintenance of Supplies (OMS) [see own entry] against the 1926 General Strike [Wikipedia briefing], (e) for becoming more vocally antisemitic in the early 1930s in order to keep up with the newly formed British Union of Fascists (BUF) [see own entry], and (f) for finally formally being taken over by them in 1934.

British Israelism Movement: See the entry for Christian Identity.

British Polling Council: Established in 2004 the British Polling Council [Website] is noteworthy in the present context as the industry coordinating body for Britain's opinion pollsters. Its present president is Sir John Curtice [see own entry].

British Red Cross: The British Red Cross [Wikipedia briefing] is the London-based British branch of the overarching Geneva-based International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) [Wikipedia briefing]. It was founded in 1870 to providecharitably funded humanitarian aid to wounded soldiers and displaced civilians during the Franco-Prussian War, and is noteworthy in the present context (a) for doing likewise in every British conflict ever since (nicely summarised in the Wiki for <Red Cross Parcels>, if interested), and (b) for being surreptitiously taken advantage of by the military and intelligence services from time to time...
CAMEO - CONTRARY TO THE RULES OF WAR: Hard evidence is predictably difficult to come by but it was reported that Red Cross ambulances in WW1 used to take ammunition "up the line" every time they were sent to collect the wounded - see the entry for Jerome K. Jerome, volunteer ambulance driver, who confesses to doing exactly that. Similarly with W. Somerset Maugham [see own entry], who spent time as a Red Cross ambulance driver on the Western Front before transferring to Petrograd as a very senior intelligence operative. Humanitarian/state propagandist Hugh Walpole [Wikipedia biography] was another Red Cross volunteer with a covert brief.

In fact, the WW1 volunteers had to be vetted by (lately Chairman of the organisation, but brought out of retirement to administer a small War Office team) Sir[1901-1902] Frederick Treves [see own entry]. The organisation also gets a mention in William C. Bullitt's (1919/2019) 1919 testimony before the U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, later published as "The Bullitt Mission to Russia" [Amazon], as follows ...

"The British Government had a man in [Petrograd]. He was travelling as a Red Cross representative, but in reality he was there for the Foreign Office, a Maj. A. R. Parker [here's a hot candidate], I believe" (p45).

British Security Coordination (BSC): See the entry for Sir William Stephenson.

British Union of Fascists (BUF): Founded 1st October 1932 by [Sir][1928] as baronet Oswaldo Mosley [see own entry], and visually memorable thanks to their distinctive black shirts, the British Union of Fascists [The "Blackshirts"] (BUF) [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context as the quintessentially British attempt at Nazism. It was in fact Mosley's second attempt at securing an electoral mandate for British right wing extremism, having experimented unsuccessfully with the New Party [see own entry] the previous year [see Timeline 1st March 1931]. The movement received much praise in Harold Harmsworth/Lord Rothermere's [Wikipedia biography] The Daily Mail, and the Blackshirts reached their peak membership (perhaps just shy of 50,000) in early 1934. By then, however, its street-confrontational methods were growing too extremist for middle class tastes. At the Olympia Rally in summer 1934 [see Timeline 7th June 1934] there were well-publicised violent clashes between Blackshirt footsoldiers and leftist activists on a mission to disrupt, and The Daily Mail - now effectively controlled by Rothermere's son, Esmond Cecil Harmsworth/Lord Rothermere [Wikipedia biography] - starts to backpedal on its support. By the time of the Earl's Court Rally in summer 1939 [see Timeline 16th July 1939], the Nazis had become a likely enemy rather than an alluring political paradigm. Surprisingly, there was no mass exodus of members until war was actually declared 3rd September, and even then "a steady stream of new members joined" to make up for losses (Pugh, op. cit. inf., p289). In the end, however, the security risks were recognised and on 23rd May 1940 Mosley was arrested and interned and the BUF declared a proscribed organisation. FURTHER READING: For more of the details see Martin Pugh's (2005) "Hurrah for the Blackshirts" [Amazon].


Bronson, Charles: 45-year-old Dallas engineer Charles Bronson [no convenient biography] took 8mm footage at around 1223hr on Houston Street, of a by-stander suffering a seizure. This footage occasionally includes the upper stories of the TSBD [YouTube it now] and might well be showing a number of unclear figures on the 6th Floor. Bronson's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED].

Brookhart, William G.: Special Agent (FBI) William G. Brookhart [no convenient biography] would, on 24th November, conduct the search of the apartment LHO had rented earlier in the year at 214 West Neely Street [q.v.] locating one of the two American Bakeries Pay Stubs in the name of former tenant James Jackson. They are evidentially important because, taken together, these pay stubs [TO THE
EXTENT THAT THEY HAD NOT BEEN PLANTED] incontrovertibly link LHO to the premises where the Backyard Photographs [TO THE EXTENT THAT THEY HAD NOT BEEN FAKE] had been found. On 8th January 1964 Brookhart interviewed Jackson, who could only surmise that he had lost it during his tenancy there. Brookhart's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED].

Brown, Earle Vincent: DPD Officer Earle Brown [no convenient biography] was securing the railway tracks area on top of the Triple Overpass, that is to say, he had no vantage over the three roadway tunnels or the two flanking pedestrian walkthroughs which passed under said overpass. He was positioned, with his patrol partner James Lomax close at hand, and Joe Murphy a little further off, as follows (from his Warren Commission testimony) [Aerial back-up needed?]

"Mr. BALL. On November , 1964, were you assigned to a certain post on duty? Mr. BROWN. Yes, sir. Mr. BALL. Where? Mr. BROWN. That would be the railroad overpass over Stemmons Expressway service road. Mr. BROWN. Is that the one that leads of Elm? Mr. BROWN. You mean that crosses Elm? Mr. BALL. That crosses Elm, yes; the overpass across Elm. Mr. BROWN. No, sir. Mr. BALL. What does it cross? Mr. BROWN. It's over Stemmons Expressway; in other words, they make that turn of Elm and go up. Mr. BALL. You know where Elm, the corner of Elm and Houston is? Mr. BROWN. Yes, sir. Mr. BALL. Then there Is a road, the highway continues on to the west, a little south, is that what you call the Stemmons Expressway? Mr. BROWN. There's one there, too, but that overpass is actually a road. Where I was was the railroad overpass. Mr. BROWN. The railroad overpass Itself? Mr. BROWN. Yes, sir. Mr. BALL. How far were you from the place where the continuation of Elm goes under the overpass? Mr. BROWN. Oh, approximately 100 yards. Mr. BALL. Let me see if we can get something In the record that will be your position. You were appointed to this particular spot? Mr. BROWN. Yes, sir. Mr. BALL. Was there another patrolman on the overpass also? Mr. BROWN. Yes, sir; James Lomax. Mr. BALL. Now, this Is the place where the railroad yards run over the highway? Mr. BROWN. Yes. Mr. BALL. And you are on the Stemmons Freeway end of It? Mr. BROWN. That's right; In other words, Stemmons Freeway and the service road both go under the underpass.

... Mr. BROWN. From where I was standing they would be about half way between - no, they would be up more toward that other overpass, whet they call the triple underpass. Mr. BALL. The triple underpass? Mr. BROWN. Yea. Mr. BALL. You were about 100 yards from the triple underpass? Mr. BROWN. Approximately; yes. Mr. BALL. Was there anybody standing on the triple underpass? Mr. BROWN. On the triple underpass? Mr. BROWN. Yes, Mr. BROWN. Yes, sir; they had at least two officers. Mr. BALL. Anybody but police officers? Mr. BROWN. Not that I know of. I didn't recall anyone.

... Mr. BROWN. I have had a map made here which I would like to have you inspect here. The railroad overpass is shown - that runs in a north and south direction? Mr. BROWN. Yes. Mr. BALL. And Stemmons Freeway overpass is shown - that runs north and south, doesn't it? Mr. BROWN. Right. Mr. BALL. Were you on either one of those overpasses? Mr. BROWN. Either one of those two there? Mr. BALL. Yes. Mr. BROWN. No, sir. Mr. BALL. Where were you? Mr. BROWN. On this overpass here - this TP Railroad overpass. Mr. BALL. The overpass that runs in an east and west direction? [THERE IS NO EAST-WEST OVERPASS, SO WE PRESUME AN EAST-WEST SIGNAL GANTRY ACROSS SOME NORTH-SOUTH TRACKS] Mr. BROWN. Right - yes, sir. Mr. BALL. Now, will you take this pen and draw on there your position on the overpass? Mr. BROWN. Well, you see, on this overpass, of course, there are the tracks and then there is a railing and then there is a catwalk on each side and we walked the catwalk, and we would come around on each end and we would walk the tracks and come around there. Mr. BALL. Where were you when you saw the President's car turn on Houston and Elm Street? Mr. BROWN. I was on the catwalk."

Now that that is established, we note that Brown personally saw smoke from the Grassy Knoll and smelled gunpowder a few moments later. That particular piece of testimony has been hotly debated ever since ...

ASIDE: The wind at 1230hr 22nd November 1963 was from the WSW, and brisk enough (officially 15 to 20mph) to flare out spectators' coats on the median south of Elm. How then, did Brown smell smoke from downwind!
DOUBLE ASIDE: Because wind can often be locally antidromic in the vicinity of man-made obstacles due to the eddy effect, we have to allow that the fumes from a Picket Fence [or South Knoll!] shooter might have come to Brown in a circular fashion. TSBD6, on the other hand, was more than twice as far away, and much higher in the wind, and may therefore - we feel - be safely discounted. We must also allow that fumes from an accidental George Hickey [q.v.] shot from on board limo #2 would have been released upwind of Brown once that vehicle had passed under the overpass!

One of the reasons that Brown's story remains controversial is that the Warren Commission - either willfully or out of sheer incompetence [as in the extract above] - failed to ask either of his two fellow officers about either the smoke or the smell. They also did not pursue eight of the nine railway men present and told the ninth - Skinny Holland - what he saw rather than asking him (McLaren, 2013)! Officer Murphy, by contrast, gives a much clearer statement and is worth a quick divert.

When formally questioned Brown asserted that apart from two policemen there was nobody on the overpass. This is demonstrably inaccurate because a dozen or so figures can clearly been seen at the overpass parapet in many movies and still photographs. We guess that these are - mainly or exclusively - Skinny Holland's crew of railamen. Brown's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now].

Brown, Irving: WW2 veteran (U.S. Army intelligence) Irving Brown [Wikipedia biography] was used as a "one-man OSS" field coordinator [see the entry for Arthur Goldberg] in operations to destabilise the Nazi slave labour force in Occupied Europe during WW2. He was then kept on station throughout the Cold War as part of a CIA strategy to prevent Europe's trade unions (not least those in France, Italy, Greece, and Finland) straying too far to the left.

Brown, Madeleine Duncan: LBJ's mistress between 1948 and 1969 Madeleine Brown [Wikipedia biography] entered the spotlight of publicity in 1988 when she began releasing provocative interviews. Perhaps her most significant allegation was that a meeting of senior conspirators had taken place on the evening of 21st November 1963 at the home of Clint Murchison, Sr. Amongst those who had attended were, she said, J. Edgar Hoover, Richard M. Nixon, H. L. Hunt, George Brown, and John McCloy. Brown's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED]; Assertions in "The Men on the Sixth Floor" (1995); 80-minute interview to camera, Robert Gaylon Ross, Sr, [YouTube it now].

Brown, Robert G.: DPD Crime Search Division detective Bobby Brown [no convenient biography] had in April 1963 been one of the investigating officers in the attempted murder of General Edwin Walker [q.v.] on 10th April 1963, being responsible for the photographs taken of the scene. These darkroom skills would subsequently earn Brown an interview with researcher Alex Cox in 1993, during which it emerged that he had on or about 29th November 1963 created a photofakery "matte" [Wikipedia technical briefing] of one of perhaps the single most visually memorable public consciousness pieces of evidence in the entire case, namely the famous Backyard Photographs [q.v.]. This, in turn, got him several pages' discussion in the La Fontaines' 1996 book "Oswald Talked", who were far from impressed by the explanation Brown offered. Brown's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED].

Brown, Robert K.: Vietnam War veteran (U.S. Army Green Berets) turned journalist Robert K. Brown [Wikipedia biography] was the founder in 1975 of Soldier of Fortune magazine [Wikipedia briefing], featuring tales of counter-insurgency and mercenary operations, and targeting a corresponding readership. He was then the co-author with Miguel Acoca [no convenient biography] of a February 1976 article entitled "The Bayo-Pawley Affair", an exposé of Operation Tilt, the June 1963 commando raid into Cuba designed to obtain evidence that the Soviets had retained a covert missile presence on the island in the wake of the October 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis. In her (2014) book "The Essential Mae Brussell" [Amazon], forensic historian Mae Brussell has Brown as a known "contact" of William Potter Gale [see own entry] and his Christian Defense League (CDL).
Brown, Walt: Assassination researcher **Walt Brown** ([Spartacus Educational biography](https://www.spartacus.schoolnets.com/hlstwaltb.htm)) is a leading second generation JFK researcher, whose books include "The People vs Lee Harvey Oswald" (1992) and the cleverly titled "The Warren Omission" (1996). He recently promoted his work in a 2015 radio interview with **Len Osanic** ([YouTube it now](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q82Q45tHrjM)).

**Browne, John [Baron Browne of Madingley]**[2001]: [Read firstly the entries for National War Aims Committee (NWAC) and “Churnalism”.] British business tycoon **Lord Browne of Madingley** ([Wikipedia biography](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Browne_%28businessman%29)) is noteworthy in the present context primarily for being one of those named in **Marcus Moore's** ([see own entry](https://www.spartacus.schoolnets.com/hlstmoor.htm)) (2018) article "BBC's 'Churnalism'" - **read it now** - as having spear-headed the transformation of the BBC from somewhat independently-minded state broadcaster to shameless government town cryer (our metaphor - Ed.). He was selected in June 2010 by British Prime Minister **David Cameron** to fill the newly created post of <Lead Non-Executive Director>.

**Brownrigg, Douglas Egremont Robert [4th Baronet]**[1918]: British naval officer [**Sir**][1918] **Douglas Brownrigg** ([Dreadnought Project biography](https://www.filteringwar.com/author/douglas-brownrigg-4th-baronet)) is noteworthy in the present context for having been taken out of retirement in 1914 to act as Chief Censor of Naval Wireless Telegraphy for the duration of WW1. He (or at least his clerks) therefore knew the movements of shipping worldwide, friendly, enemy, and neutral.

**Brugioni, Dino Antonio:** WW2 veteran (U.S.A.F.) and long-standing expert in U-2 and conventional photoreconnaissance interpretation at "Lundahl's Palace" (the CIA's NPIC Lab in Washington, DC), **Dino Brugioni** ([Wikipedia biography](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dino_Antonio_Brugioni)) would later contribute to the mainstream literature on photofakery in his 1999 book "Photofakery: The History and Techniques of Photographic Deception and Manipulation". This work includes a 10-page discussion of the validity of the Oswald-with-Rifle photographs, the final judgement on which is that "the three photos of him were true and not tampered with" (p91). He was then interviewed in 2009 by researcher **Peter Janney** concerning his department's involvement with the **Zapruder film** on the weekend of 23rd-24th November 1963. He was called mid-afternoon on Saturday 23rd by his boss **Art Lundahl**, and asked to get a team into the lab in short order because SS couriers were bringing a rush job in. He duly rounded up **Bill Banfield** and **Ralph Pearce**, and the three men went in to work. At about 2200hr they were delivered an 8mm "slit" positive of the Zapruder film [presumably one of the four "true" copies known to have been developed at the Kodak Lab in Dallas].

**TECHNICAL ASIDE:** The then popular "Super 8" range of home movie cameras actually contained a 25-foot spool of 16mm film, only one 8mm track of which was exposed at a time. The spool was then turned over at end, and the return 8mm track exposed. The development process was thus (a) to fix a 16mm negative, (b) to produce a 16mm positive, (c) to split the 16mm into two 8mm longitudinal halves, and (d) to splice those two halves together end-to-end giving a 50-foot spool of 8mm film for projection.

Unfortunately NPIC had no 8mm projector and so Banfield had to ring round Washington's photographic shops until he found one. The team were therefore unable to start work in earnest until around midnight. They viewed the film together, being duly shocked by the contents. The SS agents then helped them select which frames to blow up and the team spent the next three or four hours producing enough unmounted prints to send the SS men away, and then continuing with producing two identical Briefing Boards. These last were collected at around dawn by **Lundahl**, who then had a different team produce a further set of boards from a different master later that day - see the entry for **Homer McMahon** for the continuation of this story. Brugioni would not learn of the second set of boards and the different master reel until interviewed in 2009 ...

**ASIDE:** It is reasonable to conclude from all this that the later master had been tinkered with at **Hawkeye**. And of course it is one of this later set of boards which today graces the National Archives, for Brugioni has neither seen nor heard of either of his sets of boards since handing them over.
Sadly, nobody seems to have asked Brugioni in 2009 whether the system's ability to fool even its closest and most trusted servants was going to change his 1999 views as to the genuineness of the Oswald stills. Brugioni's evidential profile is as follows: Interview to camera, Peter Janney, 2009 [YouTube it now (the Brugioni footage starts 38mins in) - ESSENTIAL VIEWING]. Browse the Zapruder Film Thread to accumulate all the fragments of this story.

**Brussell, Mae:** Beverly Hills housewife Mae Brussell [Wikipedia biography] entered the assassination histories thanks to her near-obcessive collection of newspaper clippings from the period 1963-1971, by the end of which she knew more about the geopolitical milieu of Dallas politics than the intelligence services themselves (who invariably work in assignment-defined compartments). Her knowledge, and the stories it supported, earned her a KLRB-Radio talk show in 1971, in which profession she would remain until, like Jack Ruby, she succumbed to a conveniently aggressive cancer in 1988. The most lurid stories have recently been assembled in Alex Constantine's 2014 book "Investigations of Fascism in America". [Our FWIW verdict - largely smokescreen, with the gems hiding in plain sight and thus effectively concealed.]

**Bruton, Admiral Henry Chester:** WW2 submariner, Korean War battleship captain, and Director of Naval Communications until his retirement in 1960 Henry C. Bruton [Wikipedia biography] was vice-president of Collins Radio's Dallas factory. Browse the Collins Radio Thread to accumulate all the fragments of this story.

**Brychak, Bruce Patrick:** Bit part player in the JFK saga Bruce Brychak [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been best friends with #1 Candidate JFK assassin [head shot, with a frangible bullet from the Grassy Knoll - Ed.] James Files, and (b) for having in 2007 helped to break the story that Gary Marlow - then only recently deceased - had been the true killer of DPD patrolman J. D. Tippit. He speaks on camera in Wim Dankbaar's [see own entry] (2007/2020 re-released) documentary movie "The Grassy Knoll" [see firstly the separate entry, and then view on Amazon Prime STRONGLY RECOMMENDED].

**Buchan, John [1st Baron Tweedsmuir]1935:** Lawyer turned author turned propagandist turned diplomat John Buchan [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been a high-flying Oxford undergraduate between 1895 and 1898, speaking at the Oxford Union in February 1898 on "The Russian Menace", and becoming president thereof that November ...

**ASIDE:** Quigley (1949) lists Buchan's close acquaintances as follows [each has its own, often interesting, entry]: Hilaire Belloc, F. E. Smith [later Lord Birkenhead], John Simon [later Lord Simon], Leo Amery, Thomas A. Nelson, Arthur Salter [later Lord Salter], Auberon Herbert [later Lord Lucas], Edward Wood [later Lord Halifax], and (son of the future Prime Minister) Raymond Asquith.

(b) for his 1900 anti-Russian novel "The Half-Hearted" [Wikipedia synopsis], (c) for qualifying as a lawyer in 1901, (d) for serving as private secretary to Lord Milner in South Africa between 1901 and 1903, and for thereby coming "to know well" [Rose, 2000, p83] the members of Milner's Kindergarten [see own entry] (although, Rose judges, "never counted among their number" [Bud]), (e) for spending the remainder of that decade developing ever deeper contacts with the British political intelligence fraternity, culminating in (f) for taking a vacation touring the Aegean by yacht in 1910 ...

**ASIDE:** Then as now, when there is an academic in a region at a time of tectonic political unrest [check out the Balkans in 1910], readers must suspect that s/he had been asked to combine her/his legitimate research activities with some political note taking - a.k.a, spying - on the side. It does not always work out as well as it did for Buchan.

(g) for breakfasting with Sir Edward Grey a few days before war broke out, (h) for being recruited by The Times in early 1915 to become one of the five correspondents attached to the British Army on the Western Front, (i) later that year for publishing the novel "The Thirty-Nine Steps" [Wikipedia synopsis], the tale of a wicked German spy ring, (j) for coming thereby to the attention of GHQ, who put him to
work on their publicity releases, (k) for publishing the 1916 novel "Greenmantle" [Wikipedia synopsis], a tale of German geopolitical intrigue against British India, (l) for being thereby commissioned 26th June 1916 as Lieutenant in the Intelligence Corps, (m) for thereby being selected as one of Lloyd George's 1917 New Broom Initiatives [see own entry] to become Director of Information, being put to work in February 1917 organising a carefully targeted propaganda campaign against the Ottomans (Fromkin, 1989) ...

**ASIDE:** Britain's wartime propaganda machine began life as a "jumble" of civil service departments complementing the War Office's foreign and domestic press release service, M.I.7(b), thus ....

"Before [Lloyd George's] accession, propaganda was organised by the Foreign Office, and domestic propaganda (once the Parliamentary Recruiting Committee's [see own entry] role ended with the introduction of conscription) was carried out only by unofficial organisations - like the Central Committee for National Patriotic Organisations (CCNPO - supposedly confined to propaganda in the empire) [three further exemplars are then listed] whose principal merit, in the opinion of official foreign propagandists like Charles Masterman [see own entry], was in distributing their literature, thus enabling them to keep a low profile. Masterman, a writer and Liberal MP heavily involved with publicising the government's national insurance scheme since 1911, had been instructed by [Asquith] to develop propaganda for Dominion and neutral audiences in 1914. He thus established the War Propaganda Bureau [see own entry] at Wellington House [and] a conference in September 1914 [see 2nd September 1914] secured the assistance of many prominent literary figures [...] Despite its foreign propaganda remit, Wellington House also generated some material for home consumption, in part disseminated through bodies like the CCNPO" (Monger, 2012, pp24-25).

(n) for joining Maurice Baring [see own entry] in The Russia Company [see own entry] in March 1917 and for generally liaising closely with pro-war White Russians throughout the 1917 Russian Revolution, (o) for helping to set up the Publicity Department of the new National War Aims Committee (NWAC) [see own entry] in August 1917, (p) for moving in early 1919 to manage publications relating to the League of Nations [see own entry], (q) for then settling back to write a further 16 novels between 1919 and 1934, and (r) for being made Governor General of Canada in 1935, a post he would hold until his death in 1940. [Read next the entry for Buchan, John; Anti-Semitism of] [THREAD = WW1 ESPIONAGE AND INTELLIGENCE] [THREAD = CALLERS OF INNOCENTS TO WAR]

**Buchan, John; Anti-Semitism of:** There are a number of phrases in Buchan's novels which at first glance might easily be taken as evidence of anti-Semitism on his part. Here are three of those most frequently extracted ...

"The whole gang of Jew speculators and vulgarians who would corrupt a great country" (The Half-Hearted, Chapter 4; discussed by Lownie, 2013, p57).

"All the places with names like spells - Bokhara, Samarkand - run by seedy little gangs of communist Jews" (The Three Hostages, Chapter 1; discussed by Lownie, 2013, p230).

"The Jew is everywhere, but you have to go far down the backstairs to find him. [...] And if you're on the biggest kind of job and are bound to get to the real boss, ten to one you are brought up against a little white-faced Jew in a bath-chair with an eye like a rattlesnake" (The Thirty-Nine Steps, Chapter 1; discussed by Lownie, 2013, p247).

Nevertheless, the biographer Andrew Lownie notes that Buchan is merely characterising fictional anti-Semites for dramatic purposes, and concludes: "It is difficult to find any evidence of anti-Semitism in Buchan's own personal views [...] Indeed,] his activities in the House of Commons show him to have been a committed Zionist" (Lownie, 2013, p230). [THREAD = ANTI-SEMITISM]


***** MAJOR CONSPIRATOR, WW1 *****

**Buchanan, Sir George William:** British diplomat Sir George Buchanan [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been Ambassador to Russia between 1910 and 1918, and (b) for being mentioned in Chapter 8 of Jim Macgregor [see own entry] and Gerry Docherty's [see own entry] 2017
book "Prolonging the Agony" [see own entry]. In this particular chapter the authors are questioning the true motives for the Anglo-French move against the Dardanelles in Spring 1915 [see entire thread from 1st January 1915], suspecting that the whole thing was a deliberately engineered piece of political theatre designed to keep the Russians in the war by promising them Constantinople. It was Buchanan, they note, who had since the beginning of the war been monitoring Russia's ability and will to remain in the field against Germany, and it was he who helped promote the notion of a new Anglo-French front in the Dardanelles as a suitable incentive. Buchanan also stands accused in Russian sources of secretively taking sides amongst the power factions in St. Petersburg, to the extent that if the Czar were ever to lose "his stomach for war" (op. cit., p450) Buchanan knew the people most able to replace him. Buchanan gives the usual sanitised account of his experiences as Ambassador in his three-volume 1923 memoir entitled "My Mission to Russia" (Buchanan, 1923 [full text online]).

Buck, Pearl Sydenstricker: American-born author and (Confucian)†sinophile Pearl S. Buck [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been resident in Nanking during the 1927 troubles, and (b) for winning the 1938 Nobel Prize for Literature with her Chinese novels, most notably "The House of Earth" trilogy, 1931-1935. However, Bertrand Roehner's (2014 [full text online]) dissertation entitled "Relations between U.S. Forces and the Population of China" cautions that these works seem deliberately to play down the extent of United States involvement in the region.

1ASIDE - "CONFUCIAN" Vs. MODERN CHINA: The term "Confucian" refers literally to the China of the 500BCE philosopher Confucius [Wikipedia biography], that is to say, to the two and a half millennia of imperial China which died out at the turn of the 20th Century with the "Last Emperor", Pu Yi [see 29th December 1911]. Confucian China is the China of Mandarins and peasants, of silks and parchment art, of flute and lute, of ancestor worship, of triads and tongs and temples, of isolationism and dislike of foreign devils. But to be "Confucian" in the 1920s was simply to hark back in blind hope to better times, and therefore - rightly or wrongly - Confucianism was deliberately vilified by the Chinese Communists. Confucianism was all well and good, the CPC pointed out, but it was the cause of most of the Chinese people's woes, not the cure. Hence the word nowadays usually, as here, has the pejorative meaning of <counter-revolutionary>, and in describing Pearl S. Buck as a Confucian sinophile is to imply that she was pro-Chiang Kai-Shek and anti-Mao Zedong. Sadly the American psyche has taken Confucian China - which for many meant nothing more than the brothels just outside the anchorages - far too much to heart (much more on this shortly - in the meantime, lest you think we're making it all up, enjoy this YouTube trailer - and yes, it is James Cagney).

RESEARCH ISSUE - WESTERN CINEMA AND THE CONFUCIAN IDEAL: Just as the Coca Cola Company's advertising posters from the early 1930s [check them out] define the modern iconography of Christmas, so too has the Western understanding of China been coloured by wishful thinking, mawkish sentimentality, political bias, and no little racial stereotyping. No matter whether we are thinking of Confucian China (pre-1900), Early Civil War China (1900-1931), Late Civil War China (1932-1948), or Communist China (1948 to date), we know only comic book idealisations of that nation and its people.

ASIDE: Readers are reminded that the Chinese Civil War effectively began with the Boxer Rebellion [see 2nd November 1899]. It then brought about the fragmentation of the 2100-year-old Chinese Empire into warring regional factions (the core empire lasted until 1912), and a gradual political polarisation between left and right beginning in the 1920s [see 12th March 1925]. Readers are further reminded that the Red-versus-White Russian Civil War had been fought to-and-fro across Siberia between 1919 and 1922, and that despite substantial Western and Japanese military interference Stalin's Communists were left controlling all of Russia east of the Urals [Wikipedia briefing (esp. Section 3.5)]. By the mid-1920s, Western politicians, with some justification, therefore feared a hostile Stalinist expansion southward out of Siberia into China.

In an attempt to stabilise China against Stalinist influence, the United States recognised warlord-supreme Chiang Kai-Shek and his "Nationalist" Kuomintang (KMT/GMD) administration [see own entries] as the official Chinese government in late 1927 [see 1st October 1927] (albeit much of the ensuing financial assistance was immediately spent equipping the Kuomintang Army with German equipment rather than American [see 15th November 1927]). Given a new strength of purpose by this support for their enemies, the Chinese Communists grew strong enough to mount an experiment with soviet-style government beginning in 1931 [see link below]. To complicate matters even further, early 1932 saw the increasingly expansionist Japanese (who had been a Western ally in the aforementioned Siberian intervention) begin their invasion of China from the north-east [see 26th January 1932], thereby creating a three-way shooting war between (1) the Japanese invaders, (2) the U.S.-backed Chinese Nationalists, and (3) the Chinese Communists. This situation continued until the defeat of
Japan in 1945 and the Communist victory over the Nationalists in 1949 [see 1st October 1949]. Chiang Kai-Shek (until his death in 1975) and his successors have ever since carried on their anti-Communist hostility from a condition of exile on the island of Taiwan, and have survived thanks only to the protective screen provided by the U.S. Seventh Fleet [State Department briefing; see also the entry for William Pawley].

**ASIDE:** The recent USS Fitzgerald Incident [Wikipedia briefing] and the USS John S. McCain Incident [Wikipedia briefing] are part of the broader ongoing battle for control of/access to the South China Sea [Wikipedia briefing]. [THREAD = THE NEVER-ENDED CHINESE CIVIL WAR, 1900-ONGOING]

**Buckley, William Frank, Jr.:** Oil-millioned WW2 veteran, CIA veteran (Mexico), and Skull and Bones member William F. Buckley, Jr. [Spartacus Educational biography] had founded the Young Americans for Freedom (YAF) [q.v.] right-wing propaganda group on 11th September 1960, and was, at the time of the assassination, an established author/right-wing politician. Following lack of election success personally, his interests shifted in 1966 to hosting the TV current affairs discussion program *Firing Line* [Wikipedia briefing]. Running for some 30 years in an era which saw the Ramsay Clark Panel (1968), the Rockefeller Commission (1975), and the House Select Committee on Assassinations (1979), these shows could not help but touch occasionally (and that is all it was) upon the JFK assassination, wheeling out the official line in the persons of Allen Dulles in 1967, David Belin in 1975, and Cord Meyer in 1981. Only twice did alternative voices get a decent airing, the first occasion being when retiarius Mark Lane faced the CIA lion (1st December 1966) - [YouTube it now] [POSITIVELY GLADIATORIAL - ESSENTIAL VIEWING], and the second being when House Select Committee on Assassinations Chief Counsel Robert Blakey gave an update on the proceedings (10th September 1981) - [YouTube it now]. For the full series list, [click here].

***** CAUTION: MUCH IN THIS NEXT ENTRY *****
***** HAS YET TO BE CROSS-VALIDATED, SO IT'S *****
***** EITHER VERY TRUE OR VERY FALSE *****

**Bucknell, David ["Bucky Beaver"]:** [a.k.a. Dave Bennett] Marine David Bucknell [no convenient biography] was a Marine Air Control Squadron 9 (MACS-9) messmate of LHO upon his return from Atsugi (as was a third Marine named Kerry Thornley). When interviewed by Mark Lane in 1978 he told the tale of the Queen Bee Incident [see separate entry]. When interviewed by Jim Keith in 1997 he told the tale of "Mister B" [again see separate entry], explaining that he had been too frightened for his life to mention this earlier.

**Bugliosi, Vincent T., Jr.:** Renowned trial lawyer Vincent Bugliosi [Wikipedia biography] took the part of the prosecutor in the 1992 Dramatised Mock Trial - [see him at work here], for example.

***** NOT SURE WHAT TO MAKE OF THIS GUY *****

**Bullitt, William Christian, Jr.:** American diplomat William C. Bullitt, Jr. [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being a mid-seniority member of the State Department's posse at the Versailles Peace Conference [see Timeline 18th January 1919], serving as Chief of the Division of Current Intelligence Summaries, (b) for thereby having to liaise closely with presidential adviser Colonel House [see own entry] and one of Britain's deep state Éminences, Philip Kerr [Later Lord Lothian] [ditto] (Lloyd George's confidential secretary), during top-table negotiations on the Russian Intervention [see Timeline 16th January 1919, then as directed], (c) for thereby being selected by Secretary of State Robert Lansing [see own entry] to conduct some sort of fact-finding mission to America's principal European intelligence and special ops hub at the U.S. Embassy in Berne, Switzerland [see Timeline 1st February 1919] ...

**LEST IT BE OVERLOOKED:** The Berne embassy entered the narrative in April 1917 when Allen Dulles [see own entry] declined to open the place up for a quick chat with Lenin because it was a Sunday and he had a hot date [see Timeline 8th April 1917]. Dulles will eventually become head of station there up to and including WW2, and John L. Magruder [see own entry] will do a year there in 1925 before taking over an equivalent China station.
... (d) for being further selected to conduct face-to-face negotiations with Bolshevik leaders in Moscow [see Timeline 18th February 1919], returning with a draft American-Bolshevik Accord (which in the event will be discarded by said top table the following month [see (f) below]), (e) for reporting back to both the American delegation and - at a Secret Elite business breakfast shortly afterwards - to Lloyd George and Kerr, this time with Sir Maurice Hankey [see own entry IMPORTANT BACKGROUND] and General Jan Smuts [ditto] also in attendance ...

CAMEO - THE DAILY MAIL REJECTS PEACE: We particularly like the following anecdote [from the Bullitt Mission referenced below - Ed.], which perhaps explains why the proposed Accord was rejected and millions more people had to die ...

"Mr. Lloyd George, however, said that he did not know what he could do with British public opinion. He had a copy of The Daily Mail in his hand, and he said: 'As long as the British press is doing this kind of thing how can you expect me to be sensible about Russia?' The Daily Mail was roaring and screaming about the whole Russian situation. [...] He then urged me to make public my report. He said it was absolutely necessary to have publicity given to the actual conditions in Russia, which he recognised as presented" (Bullitt, op. cit. inf., p62).

It is also a cautionary plus ça change that the Mail continues to railroad British politicians with the same sort of poisonous drivel to this very day [one example, but several daily to choose from].

... (f) for resigning in anger in May, when it became clear that the Russian Intervention was not just continuing, but was - militarily - doomed to fail [see Timeline 15th May 1919] ...

ASIDE - THE RESIGNATION: What happened was that during April an offensive by Admiral Kolchak out of Siberia [see Timeline 11th April 1919] made any talk of strengthening the Bolsheviks with deals a bad idea. The Accord was duly rejected. Then - the deed done - Kolchak's offensive was thrown back in disarray, the Bolsheviks stayed in power, and the sweet moment had passed.

... (g) for being quizzed later in 1919 by the Senate Foreign Affairs Committee as to what had all wrong with the Russian Intervention [see Timeline 12th September 1919 ESSENTIAL READING]; the committee notes the Berne excursion, but does not inquire as to the nature of Bullitt's business there], (h) for warning Colonel House about the feasibility of maintaining the Archangelsk Front [ditto 30th September], (i) for having his Foreign Affairs testimony and many of the supporting documents published that same year as "The Bullitt Mission to Russia" [full Project Gutenberg text online COMPULSORY DETAILED STUDY], (j) for covering the Turkish War of Independence [Wikipedia briefing] from Istanbul 1923-1926, (k) for moving on to a position with Paramount Pictures commissioning storylines, (l) for co-authoring an academic paper 1930-1932 with the great Sigmund Freud himself - then in his mid-seventies - concerning the psychodynamic make-up of President Wilson; it was far from flattering ...

CAMEO - FREUD AND BULLITT'S "THOMAS WOODROW WILSON - A PSYCHOLOGICAL STUDY": Written 1930-1932 as an historical collaboration of historical eye-witness testimony and deep psychological theory, this study will not be published until 1967 It is NOT to be found in the Standard Edition of Freud's works, but is discussed in detail online and readily available in print [Amazon INTERESTING]. The general thrust of the paper can be seen in the following clip from a recent third party analysis ...

"Bullitt and Freud refer to Wilson’s “moral collapse” at Versailles. He had 'met the leaders of the Allies not with the weapons of masculinity but with the weapons of femininity: appeals, supplications, concessions, submissions'. His agreement to the transformation of the Fourteen Points into the Treaty was, they claimed, a 'flight from reality'. And 'because of the reaction formation against his passivity to his father it was impossible for him, by compromising with Lodge (who led opposition to the Treaty and the League), to obtain the ratification of the treaty which his passivity to his father demanded’’ (Roazen, 2005 [full text online AVOID UNLESS A FREUD FAN]).

... (m) for being appointed Ambassador to the Soviet Union 1933-1936 - YouTube his arrival ...

CAMEO - THE SPRING BALL: We love the story of the 24th April 1935 Ambassadorial "Spring Ball of the Full Moon", complete with a Russian bear drunk on champagne - see the Wikipedia bio.
... (n) for relocating to Paris in 1936 as Ambassador to France, (o) for falling out big time with President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1940, choosing to stay in Nazi-occupied Paris for some months, (p) for anti-Communist writings during the early Cold War, reserving an especially hard line for the Chinese in the early 1950s. He died in 1967, aged 76. **OUR VERDICT:** The Bullitt story makes just as much - if not more - sense if he was an intelligence operative in sheep's clothing all the way from Berne to the Cold War, including his hanging around in Paris in 1940 whence all but he had fled.

**Bundy, McGeorge:** WW2 veteran (U.S. Army Intelligence) McGeorge Bundy [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) as National Security Advisor (NSA) [Wikipedia biography] (b) for helping to draw up JFK's peace initiative statement 10th June 1963 [Wikipedia briefing], (c) for continuing in post as NSA under the Johnson administration, and for speaking generally in favour of escalating the Vietnam War, and (d) for being associated (somewhat mysteriously) in 1970 with Dutch "investigative journalist" Willem Oltmans (Adamson, 1996, K158).

**Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF):** The ATF [Wikipedia briefing] had been established in 1886 as the enforcement arm of the Department of the Treasury, and is part of the assassination story.
because it was part of an on-going crack-down on gun-runners like Jack Ruby. Browse the ATF Thread to accumulate the various fragments of this story.

**Burgess, Guy Francis de Money:** British diplomat but Cambridge-raised Soviet spy **Guy Burgess** [Wikipedia biography] began feeding secrets to the Russian intelligence service in 1935. He joined the Foreign Office in 1944 as confidential secretary, thus gaining insight into British foreign policy. He was sent to the British Embassy in Washington, DC, in 1950, and defected at the same time as Donald MacLean in 1951.

**Burke, Admiral Arleigh Albert, USN:** WW2 and Korean War veteran Admiral **Arleigh Burke** [Wikipedia biography] was Chief of Naval Operations at the time of the Bay of Pigs Invasion. He reportedly had a fierce confrontation with JFK on 18th April 1961 over whether the carrier USS Essex should be allowed to launch aircraft to support the failing beachhead, but was overruled. He subsequently supported the use of nuclear weapons in the defence of Laos.

**Burrley, Rear-Admiral George Gregory:** Admiral **George Burrley** [no convenient biography] was JFK's personal physician, and subsequently signed off the Death Certificate, stating the cause of death as "Gunshot wound, skull".

**Burris, Colonel Howard L., USAF:** LBJ's Vice Presidential military aide Colonel **Howard Burris** [Washington Post obituary] attended the 20th July 1961 meeting of the National Security Council and prepared what has become known as the "Burris Memorandum" as a briefing for his boss.

**Burris Memorandum, The:** On 20th July 1961 LBJ's military aide Colonel **Howard Burris** summarised the proceedings of the meeting of the National Security Council at which prominent ultra-right-wingers such as General **Lyman Lemnitzer** and Allen Dulles argued for the legitimacy, indeed wisdom, of plan for a full-scale pre-emptive nuclear strike against the Soviet Union "in late 1963". No doubt remembering the dubious military thinking which had brought about the Bay of Pigs fiasco, JFK upped and walked out. The document remained classified until 1993, and is now [click here] reproduced as part of Purcell and Galbraith's (1994) paper "Did the U.S. Military Plan a Nuclear First Strike for 1963?".

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT:** "First strike" had long been the recommendation of General **Curtis LeMay**. What JFK did next cost him his life, but saved the world. Indeed the 20th July 1961 is an historically pivotal moment in a truly apocalyptic sense, because no POTUS since that date has so much as lifted a finger to put the military-industrial complex in its place. They merely caper and prance and read their scripts. It has even been suggested that LeMay was behind the "You Yellow S.O.B.!” symbolism of Dealey Plaza's "Umbrella Man" **Louie Witt**; and the question then arises, of course, as to who instructed Witt to be where he was when he was, so that his umbrella would be one of the last things JFK would ever see.

**Burroughs, Warren ["Butch"]:** Cinema manager **Warren Burroughs** [Spartacus Educational biography] was on duty at the Texas Theater when at around 1315hr he served popcorn from his sales counter to a person he later identified as LHO (who had gone into the downstairs auditorium as much as 15 minutes earlier [and who therefore could not have shot J. D. Tippit a mile away at 1314hr - Ed.]). A short time later, **John Brewer** [therefore just after 1330hr] came in from the shoe shop down the block and informed him that the last person [whom we shall tag as LHO Look-Alike - Ed.] ...

**Pivotal Occurrence:** The scenario which has been suggested to explain Burrough's testimony is that the person reported by Brewer was play-acting suspicious and deliberately and ostentatiously heading to the Texas Theater as part of a pre-scripted patsification plot against LHO. It is then usually suggested that the intention was for the real LHO to be shot in the heat of the moment once the police turned up.

... who had entered the cinema had been behaving very suspiciously, and that the police ought to be told. Burroughs checked with pay kiosk clerk **Julia Postal**, who - possibly distracted by passing sirens - had not actually seen anyone go in without paying; but if they had not passed Burroughs either that
meant they must have gone upstairs to the balcony. Not wishing to risk a confrontation, Postal directed Burroughs and Brewer to watch the front and back exits while she rang the police [just before 1345hr]. DPD despatchers then log the all units call at 1345hr, and the cars start to arrive to front and rear of the premises a couple of minutes later. [For an account of the moments of the arrest, see the entry for Maurice McDonald.] After the arrest and removal of LHO from the lower auditorium, Burroughs then witnessed a second arrest, this time of the LHO Look Alike from the balcony, who was duly bundled out of the back of the theatre; and there, according to Bernard Haire, driven off in a police car. Burroughs' evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it here], YouTube it all now. Browse the Balcony Arrest Thread to accumulate the various fragments of this story (or if in a hurry go directly to the entry for T. F. White).

Butler, Edward Scannell: Graduate of the Army Management School at Fort Belvoir, Virginia [Wikipedia briefing], turned New Orleans-based propaganda theorist Ed Butler [Spartacus Educational biography] is
noteworthy in the present context (a) for publishing a 1st June 1960 paper entitled "The Forgotten War" [Public Relations Journal], in which he discussed how best to pursue "brainwar" against Fidel Castro, (b) for approaching Clay Shaw at the International Trade Mart on or about 5th January 1961 for help in launching the Free Voice of Latin America [not much out there], a short-lived attempt to get local businessmen to fund a Latin American clone of Radio Free Europe (Shinley, 1998), (c) for therefore being a prime candidate for the job when Alton Ochsner was looking for an Executive Director for the Clint Murchison-funded anti-Communist Information Council of the Americas (INCA) [see Timeline 9th May 1961], (d) for cultivating close intelligence relationships with industrialist Patrick J. Frawley [see own entry], DDCI Charles Cabell, and CIA coupster-extraordinary Edward Lansdale, (e) for reportedly setting up (again with Ochsner) "yet another New Orleans far right group" (Davy, 1999, p1808), the American Institute for Freedom [no convenient briefing], thus ...

"In the minutes of a September 5, 1961 meeting of the American Institute for Freedom Project [...] is Ochsner's name on the list of members in attendance. Next to [it] is that of former FBI agent, militant anti-Communist [...] Guy Banister" (Ibid.).

(f) for therefore being a natural choice when New Orleans radio show host Bill Stuckey [see own entry] was looking for panellists for a head-to-head radio debate with (apparently) pro-Castro pamphleteer LHO...

ASIDE: The interview was aired 21st August 1963, and allowed Butler to put direct questions such as "Are you a Marxist?" - YouTube it Now [second of two items @ 36 mins in].

(g) for therefore being one of the first to be interviewed in the wake of the Assassination, presenting a profile of LHO to Senator James Eastland's Senate Internal Security Subcommittee as early as 24th November, describing him and those who inspired him thus ....

"a rational and wholly indoctrinated procommunist individual who ... exhibited a tremendous capacity to repeat by rote communist propaganda [...] the fact that many of the materials that Oswald had available to him were originally sponsored by official Communist sources, placed the blame for Oswald's actions on the authors or the disseminators of that material" (FBI notes from 24th November 1963, quoted in Scott, 2013, p72).

(h) for transferring all of his and Ochsner's papers to safe storage in California, to prevent their being available to the Garrison Investigation, (i) for actively mounting a propaganda offensive against both Jim Garrison and investigator Mark Lane [whom he described as a "professional propagandist of the lunatic left" - Ed.] personally, and (j) for crowing about it all in his 1968 memoir "Revolution is my Profession" [Amazon]. Butler's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission - NOT CALLED.

Butler, Eric D.: Australian WW2 veteran (Pacific) turned ultra-right journalist and activist Eric Butler [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for reportedly being "a longtime associate of [Fred Schwarz] and his Christian Anti-Communist Crusade" (Bevilaqua, 2013), (b) for publishing the (1946) book "The International Jew" [unlisted on Amazon], reportedly an early Holocaust denial work, (c) for founding the ultra-right South Australian League of Rights [specimen publication (incl. corporate objectives)], heading its campaigns until his retirement in 1992, (d) for acting as the Far East correspondent for the American John Birch Society, (e) for visiting the United States and Canada in early 1964 on a lecture tour with Reverend Gerald Smith (ibid.), (f) for being mentioned in John Bevilaqua's (2013) book "JFK: The Final Solution" [Amazon], wherein he is suggested as being one of the two over-talkative accessories to the JFK assassination described in the entry for the Winnipeg Incident - see Timeline 13th February 1964 [for our part, we remain unconvinced - Ed.], and (g) for defending forensic historian David Irving in print against charges of Holocaust denial in 1995 (op. cit.), and for hosting his lecture tour of Australia in 1999.

***** Possible accessory to the Jack Ruby shooting *****
Butler, George E.: DPD Criminal Intelligence Lieutenant George Butler [Spartacus Educational biography] had first met Jack Ruby back in 1947 as part of his specialist anti-mob duties. Ironically, he was then in charge on Sunday 24th November of security for the LHO transfer from DPDHQ to the County Jail.

CONSPIRACY ALERT: In this latter respect researcher Anthony Summers (2013e) suspects that Butler had conspired with Ruby and two other basement cops, Patrick Dean and William Harrison, to get him into the basement! Harrison, Dean, and Butler were long-term frequenters of the Carousel Club. For our own part we are less than convinced.

Butler's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED].

"A HIGH CLASS MUSCLE MAN FOR BIG BUSINESS"

Butler, Smedley Darlington: Veteran of the Spanish-American War [see 25th April 1898], the Philippine-American War [see 4th February 1899], the Boxer Rebellion [see 14th June 1900], several of the Banana Wars interventions [see 13th February 1903ff], Veracruz (1914), Haiti (1915), WW1, the cleaning up of organised crime in Philadelphia (1924-1926), and the 1927 China Intervention [see 11th April 1927], Major General (U.S.M.C.) Smedley Butler [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been at the time of his death in 1940 the most decorated marine in the history of the Marine Corps, (b) having been involved at a senior command level with operations of the U.S. Navy's Asiatic Squadron during the 1927 troubles, and (c) for building up the Quantico USMC base facility at the end of the 1930s.

***** RETIRED, EXTREMELY DANGEROUS *****

Butler is also noteworthy for having - like Mark Twain - undergone a one-eighty degree Damascene Conversion some time around 1930, and thereafter supporting the peace movement. In one November 1935 article, for example, he lists the real beneficiaries of the USMC's expansionary deployments during his 33 years with them, and, amongst more important things, berates Al Capone for his lack of vision, thus [we particularly like the Al Capone joke - Ed.] …

"I spent 33 years and four months in active military service and during that period I spent most of my time as a high class muscle man for Big Business, for Wall Street and the bankers. In short, I was a racketeer; a gangster for capitalism. I helped make Mexico and especially Tampico safe for American oil interests in 1914. I helped make Haiti and Cuba a decent place for the National City Bank boys to collect revenues in. I helped in the raping of half a dozen Central American republics for the benefit of Wall Street. I helped purify Nicaragua for the International Banking House of Brown Brothers in 1902–1912. I brought light to the Dominican Republic for the American sugar interests in 1916. I helped make Honduras right for the American fruit companies in 1903. In China in 1927 I helped see to it that Standard Oil went on its way unmolested. Looking back on it, I might have given Al Capone a few hints. The best he could do was to operate his racket in three districts. I operated on three continents" (Butler, November 1935).

Less well-decorated pinkoes have been pushed out of high windows for less.

Byrd, David Harold ("Dry Hole"): David Harold Byrd [Wikipedia biography] was the Texas oilman who, amongst other things, co-founded the Civil Air Patrol on 1st December 1941, bought the Texas School Book Depository in 1939, and in 1961 helped set up the conglomerate aerospace firm Ling-Temco-Vought.

Cabell, General Charles Pearce: WW2 and Pentagon veteran General Charles Cabell [Wikipedia biography] was responsible for Project Blue Book in 1952 and Deputy Director of the CIA from 1953 until forced to resign 31st January 1962 in the wake of the Bay of Pigs disaster. He has since been regularly named in "rogue CIA" theories of the assassination. He was the brother of Dallas Mayor Earle Cabell.
Cabell, Earle: Dallas businessman Earle Cabell [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) as the younger brother of Kennedy-hating U.S.A.F. Lieutenant-General Charles Cabell, (b) for being Mayor of Dallas at the time of the assassination, (c) for therefore being generally involved in planning for the 22nd November 1963 presidential visit, and specifically for personally overseeing the entirely unnecessary Main-Houston-Elm dogleg in the motorcade route (by virtue of which he frequently features in conspiracy theories of the assassination), and (d) for resigning the mayorship in February 1964 and for serving instead as Congressional Representative for Texas 5th District 1965-1973.

Cabell, Elizabeth Holder: Traditionally referred to by the histories as "Mrs. Earle Cabell" and not by her given name Elizabeth Cabell [no convenient biography] was in the "third or fourth" (depending whether you count the pilot car) car of the Presidential motorcade. This car was turning left onto Elm at the time of the shooting, giving her direct sight of the windows of TSBD6, at which point she noted a rifle at "the first" of these. Her evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now].

Cahill, Thomas A.: University of California at Davis air-pollution expert Thomas Cahill [University homepage] became noteworthy in the present context when in October 2001 he led a team which conducted an assessment of how safe it was for the WTC site clearance workforce to be breathing the plume of blue smoke still issuing from the basement pits of Ground Zero. This work was subsequently published in the 2004 paper "Analysis of Aerosols from the World Trade Center Collapse Site, New York, October 2 to October 30, 2001" [full text online]. Having categorised the air in the vicinity at the time as dangerously toxic, a $750m worker compensation package was eventually forthcoming.


***** JFK Middle-Management Secondary Conspirator *****
[Knew (but did not select) the target; helped it all happen; took payment; there on the day; not a shooter]

Cain, Richard Scully: [A.k.a. Richard Scalzetti] U.S. Army veteran (electronic surveillance; possibly military intelligence) turned "notoriously corrupt" Chicago police officer", CIA informant, and close associate of mob boss Sam Giancana, Richard Cain [Spartacus Educational biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for a still-to-be-properly-explored early life in military intelligence ...

**CAVEAT:** Scott (2015, K1155) has recently located FBI archive files indicating that Cain was a Military Intelligence Officer, rather than just a field agent with a bit of wiretapping expertise. Since other sources have him as only serving between July 1947 and June 1950 (aged 16 through 19) this requires some sort of undeclared arrangement through well into the 1950s in order to achieve said seniority [did he go out in the cold, perhaps, like LHO!! - Ed.]. However Kaiser (2008, p65) warns that there is some confusion concerning Cain's year of birth, which might be 1924 or 1931. Our caveat therefore only applies if it was 1931.

(b) for falling in with ex-OSS operative John Buenz [no convenient biography] in the early 1950s, and being given undercover work in President Batista's Cuba, reportedly including arranging phone taps, (c) for joining the Chicago Police Department in May 1956, initially as a patrolman but later as a detective, thanks, it is believed, to some string-pulling by family friend Giancana, who needed a friendly "insider" on the force, (d) for resigning same in early 1960 under a cloud of suspicion of malpractice, and for becoming instead a CIA contractor and arranging phone taps for embittered (and wealthy) Cuban ex-President Carlos Prio, (e) around this time for associating with right-wing activist Jack Mabley [see own entry], president of the Christian Anti-Communist Crusade (CACC) [see own entry] (Scott, 2015, K3298), (f) for reportedly being involved in an October 1960 [abandoned December - Ed.] poison pill attempt (botulism toxin) on the life of Fidel Castro ...

***** JFK Middle-Management Secondary Conspirator *****
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**ASIDE:** Cain's is one of the 634 attempts on Castro's life itemised in Fabian Escalante's (2006) book "Executive Action" [Amazon], wherein the events of October 1960 are recorded somewhat differently, as follows [all highlighted names have their own entries] ...

"Colonel Sheffield Edwards, chief of the CIA Office of Security, coordinated with Mafia capo John Roselli to send to Havana professional killer Richard Cain [...]. In the Cuban capital Cain contacted counterrevolutionaries Eufemio Fernández and Herminio Díaz, former henchmen of the Mafia capo Santos Trafficante, who were to support him in the operation. The plan was to shoot him from a moving car. After an exhaustive study of possible locations at which to execute the action, they cancelled it on account of the security measures provided for the revolutionary leader" (p205).

(g) for moving on to Mexico City in summer 1961, helping the (U.S.-friendly) intelligence services there to upgrade their electronic surveillance systems (not least those directed at the Cuban and Soviet Embassies) (Scott, 2013, p117), (h) for returning to Chicago in September 1962 to become Chief Investigator for the Cook County Sheriff's Office with a staff of 40 reporting to him (Waldron, 2005/2006, p279) ...

**ASIDE:** Twyman (1997/2010, K7562) remarks that Patrolman J. D. Tippit had also once served here. We have to date [=October 2019] seen no confirmation of this.

(i) for rejoining the CIA in August 1963 and thereby somehow becoming involved at the Chicago end of Operation AM/WORLD, (j) for somehow ending up in Dealey Plaza 22nd November 1963, reportedly stationed in the DAL TEX Building (Dealey Plaza, north-east angle) (Mac Kenzie (and Hooke), 2016, K1358), (k) for perhaps using his privileged position at Cook County Sheriff's Office not just to plant false information about LHO as part of the post-Assassination cover-up, but also to arrange the framing of whistle-blowing Secret Service man Abraham W. Bolden (Waldron, 2005/2006, p280), (l) for finally coming under suspicion as a "bent cop", being dismissed the Sheriff's Office in December 1964, (m) for being arrested by the FBI in December 1967, (n) for being convicted 1968 for burglary, and for spending the next three years in prison (Kaiser, 2008, p403), (o) for being judged by the CIA in 1969 as "deeply involved in the President Kennedy assassination case" (Waldron, 2005/2006, p272), and (p) for being professionally whacked on 20th December 1973. **OUR VERDICT:** We are happy to go along initially with Waldron's (p279) suggestion that Cain had penetrated the secrecy surrounding AM/WORLD on behalf of Giancana and Trafficante, thus allowing the Mafia [and potentially parties as yet unknown - Ed.] to piggyback their own assassins onto the broader CIA operation against Castro. This, however, does not explain the presence of so many top-echelon CIA people in Dealey Plaza [Castro, it will be recalled, was in Havana, not Dallas - Ed.]. So we are still sympathetic to the notion that AM/WORLD was constructed around a CIA-staged propaganda value False Flag attack against its own President, using non-lethal pyrotechnics, intending to blame it on Castro and thereby engender a second invasion of Cuba. Those who penetrated this government project simply slipped in a couple of additional shooters and used full-on ammunition.

**Calderón Guardia, Rafael Ángel:** Costa Rican physician-politician President[1940-1944] Rafael Calderón [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having successfully balanced the commercial interests of coffee plantation owners against a relatively progressive program of legislation (e.g., minimum wage), (b) for taking Costa Rica into WW2 on the Allied side, even though this alienated the country's many ethnic German families, (c) for having handed over amicably to Teodoro Picado [see own entry] in the 1944 elections, and then (d) for having unsuccessfully run for a second term against Otilio Ulate [see own entry] in the bad-tempered 1948 elections, and for having then been exiled during the ensuing 18 months of civil war [see 2nd February 1948]. He died in 1970.

**Califano, Joseph Anthony, Jr:** New York born lawyer Joseph Califano [Wikipedia biography] had been made Special Assistant to the Secretary of the Army, Cyrus Vance, in July 1962, in which role he had deputised at meetings of the Interdepartmental Coordinating Committee on Cuban Affairs (ICCCA). His notes from these meetings would emerge in 1997 as the "Califano Papers", and clearly indicate that U.S. policy toward the Castro Regime after the failure of the Bay of Pigs Invasion was to rely on
dramatic, economic, and psychological attacks, using the Cuban exiles wherever possible, while at the same time recognising that a "contingency" might yet serve as the pretext for a second invasion attempt.

**California Rangers:** Founded in 1960 by white supremacist tub-thumper Colonel/Reverend William Potter Gale, the California Rangers [no convenient biography but see this History Commons resource] are noteworthy in the present context as one of a number of "apist" guerrilla bands formed in the United States at the height of the Cold War. The group was bankrolled by like-minded Californian businessmen such as Holmes Tuttle [Wikipedia biography], Earl R. Scheib [no convenient biography], and Henry Salvatori [Wikipedia biography], and was quickly copied by Robert DePugh's Minutemen. It was side-lined in 1964 in favour of the better marketed Christian Defense League (CDL). FURTHER READING: There is a lot of detail in the FBI's file on William Potter Gale - check it out. There are also some useful facts in a 1965 report from the California legislature entitled "Paramilitary organisations in California" - check it out.

**Callaway, Ted:** Dallas used car salesman Ted Callaway [no convenient biography] was standing outside his car lot in Oak Cliff at around 1315hr when he heard five shots from the direction of 10th Street one block north. He then saw a man with a pistol run on past him down Patton, and then turn right (westward) onto Jefferson. Heading for the site of the shooting he saw Patrolman J. D. Tippit lying dead and used the patrol car radio to report the incident to DPD control. He then stopped a passing cab and tried unsuccessfully to catch the fugitive. Later that day he identified LHO at a DPDHQ line-up. Callaway's evidential profile is as follows: Affidavit 22nd November 1963 [read it now]; Warren Commission testimony [read it now]; Interview to camera, CBS, 1964 [YouTube it now].

**Camp Detrick** [MD]: Established in 1931 as an airfield but then gradually expanded to host the U.S. Army Biological Warfare Laboratories (USBWL) [Wikipedia briefing], Camp Detrick [MD] [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been the centre of the United States' CBW(Biological) warfare effort since (official date) 1943 ...

**ASIDE - BY WAY OF INTRODUCTION:** America had already been the innocent victim of two of history's earliest deliberate biological warfare attacks, the first by the British using smallpox against the Pontiac Indians in 1763, and the second by the Germans using anthrax and glanders against neutral American livestock exporters in 1916, thus ...

**CAMEO - THE AMHERST BIO-ATTACK, 1763:** See the entry for 29th June 1763.

**CAMEO - THE DILGER BIO-ATTACK, 1916:** Now classified as "biological sabotage" rather than as a full bio-attack, this was an attempt by Germany to sabotage the trans-Atlantic trade in horses and cattle to the French and British Armies. At the direction of German sabotage chief Rudolph Nadolny [Wikipedia biography], the bugs were cultured by German-American agent Anton Casimir Dilger [Wikipedia biography] on his farm in Chevy Chase, and administered in sugar cubes or feedstuff to animals destined for Europe. No outbreaks seem to have been forthcoming, however, so it was not an auspicious start.

**ASIDE/RECOMMENDED READING:** Prior to 1943 the Pentagon's chief concern was with chemical attack, and this research effort had been centred since 1917 at the Edgewood Arsenal [see own entry]. The biological effort seems to have been spun off in the early-1930s following work in France under Auguste Trillat [see own entry] and in Japan under Shiro Ishii [see the entry for Unit 731]. Probably the best free introduction to the topic is Graham Templeton's (2017) documentary "The Red Line" - YouTube it now. Spiers (2010 [Amazon]) is richly detailed, but more expensive. Rosebury (1949 [Amazon]) is dated, but a classic by one of the first scientists to work at Detrick.

and (b) for generally following the same research priorities as the Japanese Army's CBW specialists mentioned above, namely firstly to isolate and study naturally occurring agents, secondly to defend against them, and thirdly to weaponise those with the greatest military promise (that is to say, deadly to them, but not to us). Since many natural agents have insects as disease vectors, this meant high
volume insect breeding at Detrick. In his 1968 book "Chemical and Biological Weapons" Seymour M. Hersh notes as follows ...

"The use of insects to convey disease [...] was thoroughly studied by the Japanese before and during World War II; it also received heavy study at Camp Detrick. One reporter wrote that the Detrick insect inventory in 1959 included 'mosquitoes infected with yellow fever, malaria, and dengue; fleas infected with plague; ticks with tularemia, relapsing fever, and Colorado fever; houseflies with cholera, anthrax, and dysentery’" (p86).

In the end, Detrick's research indicated that on balance the benefits of an insect attack did not outweigh the attendant practical difficulties. They also ruled out using bubonic plague because it would have been too difficult to restrict the effects to the enemy. They were, however, quite fond of "dry biologicals" such as weaponised anthrax and pneumonic plague ...


Research continued through into the Cold War, indeed Detrick was the site where ill-fated Frank R. Olson [see own entry] had worked - [YouTube his story here](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=). They have also been implicated by Judyth Vary Baker [see own entry] as the control centre for the Ochsner Clinic's [see own entry] research in the early 1960s into weaponised cancer sera. Camp Detrick is presently [March 2019] the largest employer in Frederick County, Maryland - [check out their website](https://www.campdettick.army.mil/). The Post Exchange is at 1405 Porter Street. Don't have the soup.

**Campaign Against Antisemitism (CAA):** Founded in 2015 as "a volunteer-led charity dedicated to exposing and countering antisemitism through education and zero-tolerance enforcement of the law", the CAA [Wikipedia briefing; registered charity 1163790 latest accounts](https://www.campaignagainstantisemitism.co.uk/) is noteworthy in the present context (a) for initiating a number of legal actions against persons likely in their judgement to have violated Britain's laws on hate speech, (b) for showcasing the research into radicalisation of academic Daniel Allington [see own entry], (c) for organising the August 2019 petition entitled "Jeremy Corbyn is an antisemite and must go" [polling website; 58,447 members as at 5th December 2019], and (d) for being mentioned in Joe Glasman's [see own entry] December 2019 post-election video posted to FaceBook by Momentum Barnet - see Timeline 27th December 2019.

**Campbell, Donald:** Some time before 0900hr on 22nd November *Dallas Morning News* advertising salesman Don Campbell [no convenient biography] was drinking coffee with regular Friday advertiser Jack Ruby in the company cafeteria. They were then joined at around 0900hr by Campbell's colleague Jerry Coley and the three spent some minutes chatting. [For what happened next in the Blood or Cola Thread, see the Jerry Coley entry.]

**Campbell, Gordon Sutherland:** Long-standing CIA officer and "maritime advisor" Gordon Campbell [Spartacus Educational biography] worked for JM/WAVE until his death in September 1962. He would be one of the nine persons identified by Bradley Ayers in 1994 as having "intimate operational knowledge" of how the assassination was put together.

**Campbell, Ochus Virgil:** TSBD Vice-President Ochus Campbell [no convenient biography] was spectating from the front entrance steps of the TSBD. Campbell's evidential profile is as follows: Statement to FBI, 24th November 1963 [read it now]; Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED].

**Campisi, Joseph:** Dallas restaurateur Joe Campisi [no convenient biography] testified to knowing Jack Ruby and his sister Eva Grant since 1947. His evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED]; House Select Committee on Assassinations [read it now].
Canfield, Michael: Assassination researcher Michael Canfield [no convenient biography] was co-author with Alan Weberman of the 1975 book "Coup d'État in America" [revised 1992 and now in multiple volumes].

Cantillo, Amado: Cuban exile Amado Cantillo [no convenient biography] pops up only infrequently in the histories, usually as a Grayston Lynch specialist frogman with Brigade 2506.

Caribbean Legion: The Caribbean Legion [Wikipedia briefing] was the private guerrilla army created by José Figueres [see own entry] and others in 1945, and used to help Figueres depose Teodoro Picado [see own entry] in the 1948 Costa Rican Civil War. A young Fidel Castro [see own entry] was a member in its early years.

Carlin, Karen ["Little Lynn"] Bennett: Self-profiled in 1964 as "a stripper", Karen ["Little Lynn"] Carlin [Warren Commission biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for signing up with nightclub owner Jack Ruby in about September 1963 [at which time she would have been about two months pregnant - Ed.], (b) for being telephoned by a fellow worker shortly after the Dealey Plaza shooting to tell her that Ruby would not be opening the Carousel Club that evening, (c) for telephoning Ruby late evening Saturday 23rd November 1963, asking for a payment on account of wages owed ...  

<ASIDE - LITTLE LYNN AND THE WESTERN UNION MONEY TRANSFER>: This is why Ruby famously wired her $25 from the Western Union office 20 minutes before making his way down into the basement of the adjacent DPDHQ to execute LHO - see Tom Meros retrace Ruby's steps.

(d) for being interviewed by the Secret Service on the evening of Sunday 24th November 1963, and by the FBI on 26th, by which time she was fearful for her life, and (e) for surviving in a witness protection program to die a natural death in 2010, taking her secrets with her (Shaw, in Marcades and Kirkpatrick, 2016, pp11-12). Carlin's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony - see link above; Interview to camera August 1964 - YouTube it now.

Carousel Club: See 1312½ Commerce Street.

Carroll, Robert K.: DPD detective Bob Carroll [no convenient biography] was on kerb duty on Main Street at the time of the shooting. He was then assigned to the TSBD at around 1300hr and helped search the basement. Along with Kenneth Lyons he then relocated in the direction of the scene of the J. D. Tippit shooting, only to be diverted to the Texas Theater at the last moment. At the cinema he searched the balcony and then assisted LHO's arrest. Carroll's evidential profile is as follows: Report, 24th November 1963 [read it now (courtesy of the Portal to Texas History website)]; Warren Commission testimony [read it now].

Carroll, Warren Hasty: CIA analyst turned right-wing copywriter turned author-historian Warren H. Carroll [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for being mentioned 13th June 1963 in Larrie Schmidt's correspondence with USA headquarters in Germany as an early Dallas recruit to that organisation. At the time he was employed as copywriter for H. L. Hunt's Lifeline, and was described by Schmidt as a 32-year-old "former CIA man" whom Hunt had already "checked out" (Russell, 1992, p204). He also became Vice-Chairman of the Young Americans for Freedom (YAF) [see own entry] (Warren Commission Report, Vol. XVIII; CE1044). Later in life he wrote the (1995) book "The Rise and Fall of the Communist Revolution" [Amazon].

Carter, Clifton Crawford: Veteran of OSS operations in Italy during WW2, peacetime political agent, and sometime U.S. Marshall Clifton Carter [Spartacus Educational biography] was a LBJ political aide during 1948 and from 1957. Several authors allege his involvement with JFK-assassin Mac Wallace in the commissioned silencing of Agricultural Adjustment Administration (AAA) investigator Henry Marshall, potentially as a favour for business associate Billy Sol Estes [q.v.].
ASIDE: The AAA had been set up in 1936 to set agricultural production quotas and distribute compensations and grants, and had its own investigation team. Estes appears to have been one of the Texan milkers of the system.

Rod Mac Kenzie (and Hooke)'s 2016 analysis of the assassination places him in a forward command post on TSBD2, along with Carlos Marcello and fellow-Texan George Reese, from where they maintained radio contact with Jack Grimm's hit team on the Grassy Knoll. [Our verdict - Carter was well placed to commission terminations, but unlikely to have been in the front line. Moreover we are far from convinced by the LBJ-dunnit theory.] More certainly, Carter it was who - from LBJ's side - managed assassination propaganda in the 48 hours following the assassination, with forceful "don't talk conspiracy" calls to District Attorney Henry Wade, DPD Chief of Police Jesse Curry, and Texas Attorney General Waggoner Carr (Hancock, 2006/2010e).

Carr, Richard Randolph: WW2 veteran construction worker Richard Carr [Spartacus Educational biography] witnessed the shooting from the 7th Floor of the then-under-construction New Courthouse Building at the junction of Houston and Commerce. He had a direct view across Dealey Plaza to the TSBD facade, and specifically noted a figure at Window #3, TSBD6, whom he initially judged to be "a Secret Agent man or an FBI man", who made off after the shooting "on Commerce [Street]". Carr described this man as wearing "a hat, a felt hat, a light hat, he had on heavy-rimmed glasses, dark, the glasses were heavy-rimmed, and heavy ear pieces on his glasses"; and this is nowadays thought to be senior assassin Mac Wallace. Equally specifically Carr testified to three rifle shots coming from "behind this picket fence".

ASIDE: In court in 1969 NOLA DA Jim Garrison carefully established Carr's bona fides as a WW2 combat rifleman and experienced peacetime rifle shooter, and described him as about as expert in rifle fire as anyone could be and still be standing. The court duly accepted his judgement on rifle fire as expert testimony.

Carr also explicitly noted a "Rambler Station Wagon" with "a rack on the back" parked next to the TSBD, pointing north, whereupon (in his own words) ...

"... immediately after the shooting there was three men that emerged from behind the School Book Depository, there was a Latin, I can't say whether he was Spanish, Cuban, but he was real dark-completed, stepped out and opened the door, there were two men entered that station wagon, and the Latin drove it north on Houston. The car was in motion before the rear door was closed, "

Commerce Street runs parallel to, but south of Main Street. A fourth escapee - the man in the "heavy-rimmed glasses" - walked toward the witness for two blocks along Houston, and then turned left to proceed eastward along Commerce. Carr tailed him at a distance, and saw him get into another (unlikely same??) Rambler station wagon waiting for him a block further east. Carr was instructed in the early days by his FBI interrogators to keep quiet about all this, and survived despite repeated murder attempts to die of natural causes in 1996. Carr's evidential profile is as follows: FBI Statement, 4th January 1964 [NOT AVAILABLE, but alluded to by the House Select Committee on Assassinations in March 1979 - read that later source - RECOMMENDED]; Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED]; Clay Shaw Trial testimony, 19th February 1969 [read it now - RECOMMENDED]. Note that along with other perfectly credible witnesses to multiple TSBD shooters - not least Carolyn Walther - Carr was, for whatever reason, not called by the Warren Commission.

Carr, Vincent Waggoner: Texan-born lawyer-politician and WW2 veteran Waggoner Carr [Wikipedia biography] was Texas Attorney General at the time of the shooting, and had breakfasted with the Presidential couple that morning in Fort Worth. He subsequently ensured that investigations within Texas properly dovetailed with those of the Warren Commission generally. His official papers are preserved as a major research archive at Texas Tech University, Lubbock - see the entry for Waggoner Carr Papers for details.
Carter, Amon Giles, Sr.: Newspaperman Amon G. Carter, Sr. [Wikipedia biography] was the founder in 1906 of the Fort Worth Star, and for the next two years vied with the rival Fort Worth Telegram for circulation. He then bought out his rival, and in 1909 began publishing as the Fort Worth Star-Telegram [Wikipedia briefing]. During the ensuing 40 years he used his influence to build up Fort Worth's commercial self-confidence, including, relevant to the present context, new production plants for Lockheed-Martin and Bell Helicopters and a new Strategic Air Command base at Carswell. Indeed, in his 2015 book "Dallas '63", Peter Dale Scott describes Carter as "one of the most powerful civilian backers of the U.S. Air Force (§2272).

Cartwright, Gary: Sportswriter for the Dallas Morning News Gary Cartwright [no convenient biography] became an assassination researcher on the side, and is noteworthy in the present context for his 1990 paper entitled "I Was Mandarin" [full text online] in which DPD Patrolman Roscoe White's wife Geneva White alleged that she had overheard her husband plotting the assassination with Jack Ruby.

Casas Saez, Miguel: [a.k.a. Angel Dominguez Martinez] Suspected Cuban intelligence agent and saboteur Miguel Casas Saez [no convenient biography] is placed in Dallas in some histories. Moreover, in his 1985 book "Reasonable Doubt", Henry C. Hurt, Jr. tells how the 1730hr flight from Mexico City to Havana on 22nd November 1963 was expressly delayed by five hours to allow Casas to catch it.

Casey, Norman L.: FBI agent Norman Casey [no convenient biography] was introduced in the La Fontaines' 1996 book "Oswald Talked" as one of two FBI men sent to Memphis to interview John Elrod, which see (the other agent being Francis Cole). Their report was substantively ignored by the Warren Commission.

Casey, William Joseph: WW2 veteran (OSS) turned lawyer-politician turned Reagan aide William Casey [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been Director of the CIA between 1981 and 1987, that is to say, squarely in the time of the Congressionally forbidden pro-Contra intervention in Nicaragua, and the equally Congressionally forbidden Iranian Arms-for-Hostages Affair [see own entry].

Cassel, [Sir] 1901 Ernest Joseph: German-born British-adopted banker Ernest Cassel [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been one of the investors in Banque d'Outremer, and therefore - had it come off - an unwitting beneficiary of the Kaiping Coal Field Fraud of 1898-1901 [see 20th March 1898ff]; also for moving in the same social influence circles as King Edward VII, Herbert Asquith, and Winston Churchill.

Castillo Armas, Carlos: Right-wing Guatemalan soldier-politician President 1954-1957 Carlos Castillo Armas [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been a CIA contact in Guatemala from 1950 onward, (b) for having then figure-headed the Honduras-based CIA-managed 1954 Guatemalan Coup [see 18th June 1954] which brought him to power in place of the democratically elected Jacobo Árbenz [see own entry], and (c) for having exited international politics feet first on 26th July 1957.

Castorr, Colonel L. Robert: Veteran of the WW2 Burma Campaign, Robert Castorr [Washington Post obituary, 2005] was allegedly involved in a 1962 attempt to have Robert Perrin run guns to anti-Castro forces in Cuba. With such right-wing military credentials one might reasonably expect him to be associated with General Edwin Walker.

Castro, Fidel Alejandro: Cuban politician Fidel Castro [Wikipedia biography] deposed U. S. backed President Fulgencio Batista on 1st January 1959, ushering a period of confrontation which saw the Bay of Pigs Invasion and the Cuban Missile Crisis, and which, according to Gary Wean's 1987 book "There's
a Fish in the Courthouse", culminated in the bungled CIA-false flag operation which allowed the assassination of JFK.

"Cause of World Unrest, The": See the entry for Nesta Webster.

CE-299: See the entry for Magic Bullet.

Cecil, Lord Robert: See under Gascoyne-Cecil.

Centro Mondiale Commerciale (CMC): This now defunct? corporation is part of the Permindey Thread. It is sometimes theorised as having owned Clay Shaw's International Trade Mart. The name translates as "World Trade Centre".

Chakrabarti, Shami [Baroness]2016: British civil liberties lawyer and Labour Party politician [Baroness]2016 Shami Chakrabarti [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being one of the panel members on the 2011-2012 Leveson Inquiry [see own entry] into MSM malpractice, and (b) for having headed the 2016 Chakrabarti Inquiry [see own entry] into antisemitism within the Labour Party.

Chamorro, Violeta: Nicaraguan centrist journalist-politician President[1990-1997] Violeta Chamorro [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being Nicaragua's first and so far only female president, (b) for supporting the rise of the Sandinistas [see own entry] in the 1978-1979 uprising against Anastasio Somoza [Jnr.] [see own entry], (c) for having then clashed quite fundamentally with Sandinista leader Daniel Ortega [see own entry], believing him to be too politically radical and campaigning against him in the run-up to the 1990 elections, and (d) for having then defeated Ortega in 1990, serving as president herself until 1997 and doing much to rebuild Nicaragua's war-ravaged economy (Ortega had attracted U.S. economic sanctions, Chamorro did not).

Chan, Sheng-Mai: [The received modern transliteration is Chen Xiangmei] See the entry for Anna Chennault.

Chaney, Patrolman James M.: DPD motorcycle outrider James Chaney [no convenient biography] was riding inside-right of the four DPD motorcycles attached to limo #1. Chaney's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED]; Interview to camera [YouTube it now].

Chang, Su-Yan ["Suzy"]: [a.k.a. Jackie Chang; Suzy Chu] Having been displaced by the Chinese Civil War in around 1954 Suzy Chang [Spartacus Educational biography] ended up in Birmingham, England, training as a nurse, while her parents settled in Delaware. She then abandoned her training and moved to London where she found work in West End clubs, soon falling in with society procurer Stephen Ward [q.v.]. Somehow this led to her visiting the U.S., possibly in company with Mariella Novotny [q.v.], where she fell in with society procurer Robert Gene Baker, who introduced her in turn to JFK, with whom she is reported to have had a brief affair.

Chariton, Wallace O.: Texas historian Wallace Chariton [no convenient biography] interviewed Dealey Plaza witness Jerry Coley, featuring it in his 1990 book "Unsolved Texas Mysteries". This was the origin of the Blood or Cola Thread.

Chatham House: Synecdoche for the Royal Institute of International Affairs, which see.

****** PROTESTER AGAINST CONSPIRACY, WW1 ******

Chatterton, Edward Keble: British magazine editor turned WW1 naval commander (Queenstown Command, Patrol Region XXI) E. Keble Chatterton [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for being mentioned in Chapter 4 of Jim Macgregor [see own entry] and Gerry Docherty’s [see own entry] 2017 book "Prolonging the Agony" [see own entry]. In this particular chapter the authors are
questioning the effectiveness of the Royal Navy's blockade of Germany, especially when it came to shipments of cotton, a raw material for explosives [for the relevant chemistry see the entry for Bertram Blount]. Macgregor and Docherty cite testimony by Chatterton in his 1932 book "The Big Blockade" that the blockading fleet - his flotilla included - had not been "left alone to do its persistent duties" (Chatterton, 1932, pp166-167) thanks to constant Whitehall interference. Had that not been the case, the Royal Navy, left to its own devices, could have strangled the trade more or less totally. Here is a brief extract ...

"The work done by the [10th Cruiser] squadron has never been accurately recorded. They worked under a cloak of secrecy ... the Germans knew more about the Squadron than did our own people" (Admiral Dudley de Chair, commander 10th Cruiser Squadron 1914-1916, quoted in Chatterton, 1932, K58).


Cheek, Bertha: Dallas businesswoman Bertha Cheek [no convenient biography] owned a number of rooming houses, as did her sister Earlene Roberts, often putting up suspicious transients. Cheek's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now].

Chen, Sheng-Mai: [The received modern transliteration is Chen Xiangmei] See the entry for Anna Chennault.

Chennault, Anna Chen: Beijing-born journalist turned American[naturalised in 1950] publicist turned Vietnam-era political mouthpiece for the hard right Anna Chennault [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for marrying Flying Tigers hero Claire Chennault [see own entry] in December 1947, (b) for helping him run Civil Air Transport (CAT) out of Taipei over the ensuing decade, (c) for remaining loyal to Chiang Kai-Shek's Nationalist administration after it had been run offshore by the Chinese Communists [see 1st October 1949], (d) for inheriting CAT upon the death of her husband in 1958, selling it on to the CIA, (e) for reportedly becoming romantically involved with her husband's former White House handler Thomas [the "Cork"] Corcoran [see own entry], and (f) for becoming involved with Republican Party politics, campaigning for Richard Nixon in his unsuccessful 1960 presidential bid, and then being rewarded by him after his successful 1968 campaign with an appointment as special advisor on Asian affairs. She died in 2018 aged 94.

Chennault, Claire ["Old Leatherface"] Lee: WW1 veteran and interwar pursuit pilot instructor Colonel (ROCAF) Claire Chennault [Wikipedia biography; ignore apparent Frenchness and pronounce as Chen+nought] had retired from the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1937 and taken employment as a combat mercenary advising Chiang Kai-Shek's [see own entry] regime in its losing struggle against both its Communist Party of China (CPC) rivals in the Chinese Civil War [see 12th March 1925ff] and the Japanese Invasion of China [see 7th July 1937]. He soon established the "international squadron" which, during 1939-1940, became - with U.S. funding - the fledgeling ROCAF, the Republic of China Air Force [still the official Taiwanese air force in the defence of the Pacific Run - Ed.]. After President Franklin D. Roosevelt's authorisation on 15th April 1941 of the Rangoon-headquartered American Volunteer Group ("The Flying Tigers") [see own entry], Chennault recruited some 300 American pilots and ground crew to fly into forward fields in the south of China, and from there to support ROCAF operations. For his efforts he made the front cover of Time Magazine on 6th December 1943. After the war he went into civilian aviation as Civil Air Transport (CAT) [see own entry], running supplies to Chiang's ever-shrinking front-line and supporting U.S.-Nationalist intelligence operations. He married Chinese journalist Chen Sheng-Mai [see own entry - RECOMMENDED] in December 1947. His organisation was then taken over [three days after the beginning of the Korean War - Ed.] as the air arm of all the CIA's South-East Asian black ops, and was active as such during the Korean War, and - renamed Air America - the Vietnam War. Chennault retired from active involvement in operations after the CIA take-over in June 1950, but stayed loosely in touch for a while thanks to his (and his wife's) intimate knowledge of the players in the China theatre.

RESEARCH ISSUE - CAT AND CBW?: At some time Chennault became friends with the decidedly murky New Orleans-based biological warfare pioneer Alton Ochsner [see own entry]. We are unclear as to precisely when, or in what context, this relationship started, but it was strong enough that when he was himself afflicted
Cherami, Rose: [Often seen - wrongly - as Cheramie; properly Melba Christine Youngblood Marcades (sic); occasionally Patsy Sue Allen] Sometime Carousel Club stripper, drug mule, and addict Rose Cherami [Spartacus Educational biography] was found by the roadside 20th November 1963 near EuniceLA, claiming to have been dumped in the middle of nowhere by two men on a mission for Jack Ruby. As her drug intoxication wore off she began to experience withdrawal symptoms, and so was relocated to the East Louisiana State Hospital at LafayetteLA. During the two hour drive she told her escorting officer Francis Frugé [see own entry] that Ruby was involved in a plot to kill JFK during his impending visit to Dallas. She also repeated this story to her attending psychiatrist Victor Weiss. Neither authority gave her story any credence, until after the news of the killing came through. Cherami was then professionally silenced in a carefully staged automobile accident 4th September 1965. Her death is one of 115 more or less suspicious assassination-related deaths listed in Roberts and Armstrong's (1995) book "The Dead Witnesses" [Amazon - SPECULATIVE BUT MUCH FOOD FOR THOUGHT], and in the Foreword to her son's (2016) book referenced below, researcher J. Gary Shaw explains why her murder would have been seen as necessary, thus ...

"Rose possessed prior knowledge of the murder, prior knowledge of the identities of possible assassins, knowledge of an association between [LHO] and [Jack Ruby], and first-hand knowledge of Ruby's ties to known members of organised crime. This kind of information will get a person killed" (Shaw, in Marcades and Kirkpatrick, 2016, p10).

Cherami's foreknowledge narrative subsequently featured vividly as one of the opening scenes in Oliver Stone's 1991 movie "JFK" [IMDB entry]. More recently, Cherami's son Michael Marcades' (2016) has published a biography of his mother under the title "Rose Cherami: Gathering Fallen Petals" [Amazon - RECOMMENDED; YouTube promotion - RECOMMENDED]. This work takes us back to the late 1930s and chronicles Cherami's early life as a teenage runaway from a dysfunctional family home. By 1941 she was working as a drugs mule out of San AntonioTX for a small-time dealer named Johnny Delano. Attempting to break free a second time, she was arrested for stealing Delano's car and possessing narcotics, and given a two-year stretch (1942-1944) in the Louisiana State Penitentiary, AngolaLA [Wikipedia briefing]. Here, thanks to her youth and good looks, she was able to join the prison's "Cordiality Crew", providing hospitality services, including overnight, to visiting bigwigs (p72). She then formed a close relationship with one of her Johns, a "Dr. B", who told her he was "on a special project for the government" (p79), and who ended up using her in LSD experiments being carried out at East Louisiana State Hospital, JacksonLA, thus ...

"The doctor also sent for her often to stay for several nights at a time in his room at the hospital, where she willingly submitted to his sexual commands. To justify her presence at the hospital, he also performed the same tests on her that he was doing on some of the hospital patients, and a few inmates from Angola as well. The Army and the CIA had a keen interest in the use of LSD as a path to mind control"(pp 81-82).

When Cherami was released from Angola 9th October 1944 she returned to the family home and attempted to rebuild her life, getting a job as a switchboard operator and finding herself a husband. Then the itchy feet came back and she ended up in the red light district of New Orleans ...
"During the 1950s, over fifty adult clubs were thriving on Bourbon Street. [...] Erotic striptease shows now had queues of exotic dancers in training, vying for the attention and benefits of making it to centre stage burlesque. Among those clubs was The Blue Angel. It was at the top of the list for having the sexiest, most gorgeous strippers on Bourbon Street; this exclusive list included Melba Christine Youngblood" (p95).

Cherami married one Eddie Marcades in 1952, and gave birth to Michael in 1953. However she soon fell victim to alcohol and heroin again and the child was eventually raised by grandparents. In the early 1960s she relocated to Dallas, where she fell in with, and did odd couriering jobs for, Jack Ruby. She was also witness to thecomings and goings and topics of discussion at his nightclub, and this was how - in the week before the assassination - she came to overhear two Hispanics talking between themselves about what was going to happen. FURTHER READING: The events of November 1963 are related in admirable detail by Marcades and Kirkpatrick (2016, Chapters 8-10). For more on the government's LSD experiments at the time see Lone Frank's (2018) book "The Pleasure Shock" [Amazon - RECOMMENDED]. Physician Robert Heath [see own entry] used LSD on human subjects at East Louisiana State Hospital and Angola Prison. See also Kate Marcello’s (2015) book "CONSPIRACY FACT: MKULTRA and Mind Control in the United States" [Amazon].

Cherryholmes, J. Edward: Pastor and journalist J. Edward Cherryholmes [no convenient biography but see 2013 obituary] was ghost-writer to assassination eyewitness Howard Brennan [q.v.] for his 1987 book "Eyewitness to History".

****** A PIVOTAL LACK OF CORROBORATION HERE ******

Chetta, Nicky, Jr.: [Read firstly the entry for (his father) Nicholas Chetta, Sr., and - paying very careful attention - the Timeline entry for 6th March 1969] Son of New Orleans Coroner Nicholas Chetta, Sr. and nowadays a marketing professional, Nicky Chetta, Jr. [no convenient biography but several online snippets available to the determined browser]is noteworthy in the present context for delivering (or not) the 6th March 1969 bombshell referred to in Edward Haslam’s 2007/2014 book "Dr. Mary’s Monkey". However as far as we have been able to ascertain, Chetta, Jr. - who must be heartily sick of researchers cross-checking with him - has so far signaly failed to endorse Haslam’s story. Readers should therefore exercise due caution and treat Haslam’s story as unconfirmed.

****** SILENCED WITNESS? ******

Chetta, Dr. Nicholas J., Sr.: NOLA Coroner and "fine public official" Nicholas Chetta, Sr. [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for overseeing the August 1962 autopsy on Robert Perrin [see own entry] (certifying the voluntary ingestion of arsenic), (b) for being Coroner at the time of Monroe S. Samuels’ 21st July 1964 autopsy on Mary Sherman (certifying murder by a single stab wound to the heart, and taking no substantive action regarding the fact that her entire right arm was somehow not at the scene!) (and she was certain that she had it with her when she left for work the previous evening) ... 

ASIDE: Sherman's must have been a particularly difficult case to autopsy, for in addition to the fatal stab wound and the AWOL right arm there were a number of post-mortem stab wounds, including one to the genitals - for the gory detail see Timeline 21st July 1964. Note also, for precision's sake, that the Coroner was not the hands-on performer of either the immediate autopsy or the follow up laboratory investigations, thus ...

"Dr. Nicholas J. Chetta was actually the Coroner at the time, but his name does not appear anywhere in the newspaper articles, in the police reports, or in the autopsy report. Nor do his signature or initials appear on any related document from the Coroner's office" (Haslam, 2007/2014, p233).

We learn from Edward Haslam's 2007/2014 book "Dr. Mary's Monkey" that Chetta might have talked rather too frankly about his work to his wife and family, because in school one day his 17-year-old son Nicky Chetta [see own entry - IMPORTANT BECAUSE CONTAINS CONTRARY ASSERTIONS] was able to narrate to his teacher and fellow pupils a detailed and spontaneous account of the broader Sherman case, including her out-stationed animal laboratory, monkey viruses, cancer injections, and the like - see Timeline 6th March 1969 for the fuller narrative.
(c) for overseeing the February 1967 autopsy on Sherman's out-stationed support technician David Ferrie (certifying natural causes - a burst blood vessel at the base of the brain - and ignoring the presence of three apparently valedictory letters at the scene, which might have indicated either a genuine suicide or a murder made up to look like a suicide) ....

**ASIDE:** In her 2014 book "Ferrie", Judyth Vary Baker gives the timings as follows ...

- 1150 Discovery of Ferrie's body
- 1205 NOPD first responders arrive
- 1210 District Attorney's Investigator Louis Ivon [see own entry] arrives
- 1230 Coroner's officers arrive
- 1245 Coroner Nicholas Chetta arrives
- 1300 Ferrie formally pronounced dead
- 1400 Body removed after scene of crime photographs and samples taken

The autopsy began at 1500 hr, and included the observation that "rigor mortis is just beginning in the distal aspects of the extremities" ...

**ASIDE - RIGOR MORTIS AND TIME OF DEATH:** Rigor mortis is a pronounced stiffening of the joints in the hours following death, resulting from metabolic close-down (which is why stiffs are called stiffs in the first place). For a peer-reviewed 10-page introduction to the subject, we recommend Kori's (2018 [full text online]) paper "Time Since Death From Rigor Mortis". Rigor is important data because it is one of the observations which helps place time of death when other factors fail to do so. It begins around three hours after death, and is complete around five hours after that. Given that the distal extremities are last to stiffen, then with an autopsy timed at 1500 hr the time of Ferrie's death would be around 0700 hr that morning.

In her 2005 book "A Farewell to Justice" Joan Mellen notes as follows ...

"Coroner Nicholas Chetta knelt down and sniffed the corpse. 'Poison! Poison!' he said. But Chetta ruled finally that Ferrie had died of natural causes, a ruptured blood vessel at the base of the brain, a 'beury aneurism'

**CORRECTION:** There is no such thing, so read instead as "berry aneurism" [Wikipedia briefing (scroll to <saccular aneurisms>)].

[... Dr. Chetta ruled that the time of death was before midnight, only for reporter Lardner to contend that he had been with Ferrie until just before four in the morning. Chetta then dutifully altered the time of death. [...] Jack Martin noted that Nicholas Chetta was famous for selling 'natural causes' verdicts, 'just like a prostitute'. So Chetta had ruled in other suspicious deaths [two instances given]" (Mellen, 2005, pp106-108).

(d) for overseeing the examination 27th February 1967 under sodium pentothal hypnosis of Perry Russo [see own entry and Timeline 27th February 1967] ...

**ASIDE:** At this juncture Mellen specifically notes that Chetta was "persuaded" by what he had seen and heard: "There is not a chance at all," he remarked, "that what this kid said is not true" (p115). This being so, then it marks sort of Damascene Conversion on Chetta's part, for he had been less than inquisitive concerning the inconsistencies in the Sherman and Ferrie cases. There is no way of knowing for certain, of course, but it would certainly explain (f) below!

(e) for speaking to (d) as an expert witness at Clay Shaw's preliminary hearing 16th March 1967 [link at end], and (f) for *very conveniently* dying of a heart attack on 25th May 1968, aged 50 years (this death being one of more convincing of the 115 more or less suspicious assassination-related deaths listed in Roberts and Armstrong's (1995) book "The Dead Witnesses"). Chetta, Sr.'s evidential profile is as follows: Clay Shaw Preliminary Hearing, March 1967 [read it now].

**Chiang, Kai-Shek:** [alternatively transliterated as Jiang Jieshi] Right-wing traditionalist politician-warlord Chiang Kai-Shek [Wikipedia biography] was by one title or another head of state of the Nationalist Chinese government from 10th October 1928 until his death at age 87 years on 5th April 1975. For the first 21 years of this rule (specifically, until 10th December 1949) he presided over an ever-dwindling foothold on mainland China, driven back inexorably by the Communist Party of China...
(CPC)'s *People's Liberation Army* commanded by **Mao Zedong** [see own entry]. For the remaining 25 years of his life he ruled the Nationalist rump from the island of Formosa [modern Taiwan], initially as a U.S.-backed loser in the **Chinese Civil War** [see 12th March 1925ff] but with effect from 27th June 1950 as a link in the U.S. strategic defence line around the Pacific Rim, under the express protection of the U.S. Seventh Fleet.

***** CAUTION *****

**POSSIBLE BRITISH DOUBLE AGENT, IRISH HOME RULE**

**POSSIBLE DEEP STATE CONSPIRATOR, JULY 1914**

POSSIBLE DEEP STATE CONSPIRATOR, IRISH INDEPENDENCE

**Childers, Robert Erskine:** Anglo-Irish lawyer, civil servant, Second Boer War veteran, anti-German spy novelist, pro-Irish activist (1908-1913), anti-British gun runner (1914), pro-British serviceman (1915-1918), Sinn Féin's chief propagandist (1919-1921), Irish Cabinet Minister (1921-1922), and finally Captain in the IRA (1922) **Erskine Childers** [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for joining the British civil service in 1894 as a House of Commons clerk, where he became good friends with fellow junior **Basil Williams** [see own entry] (soon to be recruited into **Milner's Kindergarten** [see own entry]), (b) for learning to sail during the long parliamentary recesses ...

**ASIDE #1:** His 1897 voyage to the Baltic via the Frisian Islands and the newly opened Kiel Canal would, five years later, form the basis of the novel "**The Riddle of the Sands**" - see below.

(c) for following Williams when war came in 1900 into the City of London Imperial Volunteers (CIV) [Wikipedia briefing], a volunteer force within the **Honourable Artillery Company** (HAC) [Wikipedia briefing], wherein he served as a horsed artillery driver, (c) for publishing the personal campaign memoir "In the Ranks of the Civ" [full text online] in 1900, thereby coming to the attention of the HAC's Commander-in-Chief **Lord Denbigh** [see own entry], (d) for thereby being commissioned as second author between 1903 and 1908 to Basil Williams in producing the HAC's broader memoir "With the HAC in South Africa" [full text online], (e) for working on a second project at the same time, namely his May 1903 novel "**The Riddle of the Sands**" [Wikipedia synopsis] ...

**ASIDE #2:** Childers' (1903) "**Riddle of the Sands**" was typical of the "invasion fantasy" genre of the pre-war years [see 16th March 1906], and was filmed starring Michael York in 1979. It was, Childers confessed, "a story with a purpose".

(f) for socialising/corresponding with **Sir George Clarke** [later Lord Sydenham] [see own entry], Secretary of the Committee of Imperial Defence [see own entry] on how best to reorganise Britain's armed forces to address deficiencies made apparent in South Africa, (g) for taking a motoring holiday through Ireland in September 1908, and for returning "finally and immutably a convert to home rule"[quoted in Ring, 1996, e2405] ...

**ASIDE #3:** Suspicious historians such as Macgregor and Docherty (2017) place Childers as a British intelligence asset as of this point in time, and see him as attempting to infiltrate the home rule community. Other authorities, such as Ring (1996), note his Anglo-Irish descent and judge him able to serve both Empire and Irish autonomy simultaneously. We find no problem with this, because similar calls for autonomy were afoot in Australia, Canada, and India. Most Irish, in fact, were not initially anti-Crown, just as most nationalist Americans had not initially been republicans in 1775. But they could be made revolutionaries once their passions had been deliberately rabble-roused. Our personal view is that Childers was - on balance of evidence - more likely than not such an *agent provocateur* (although we remain undecided on precisely who his handlers were). The case against Childers would be openly debated in the Dáil in 1922. More on all this shortly ...

(h) for publishing the technical monographs "**War and the Arme Blanche**" in 1910 and "The German Influence on British Cavalry" in 1911, jointly addressing the problem of how best to deploy cavalry against modern weapons, (i) for resigning his Westminster clerkship in October 1910, (j) for visiting Ireland again in 1911 to find up-to-date material for his 1911 book "The Framework of Home Rule", and for establishing with Basil Williams the 1912 **Home Rule League** [see own entry] to pamphlet and
lobby for same, (k) for undertaking another Baltic trip in high summer 1913 - this time in the yacht Asgard [the Norse heavenly kingdom wherein lies Valhalla - Ed.] - along with fellow home-ruler, pioneer military aviator, and serving British Army intelligence officer Lieutenant [later Brigadier-General] Gordon Shephard [see own entry] and the Americans Barthold Schlesinger [see below] and Samuel Pierce [nothing known] …

**ASIDE #4**: On this occasion Childers' fame had gone before him and he was under constant German surveillance. We are unclear whether Barthold Schlesinger is the same Barthold Schlesinger who had been CEO of armaments firm Vickers and Company's Boston operation until retiring in 1905. If the same, then he would have been too old to do much active crewing. A Sebastian Benson Schlesinger of about the same age and director of the same company had been German Consul in Boston for 17 years - perhaps Barthold's brother? Schlesinger seems to have been dropped off at Stockholm half way through the voyage.

(l) for immediately undertaking yet another fact-finding visit to Ireland in September 1913, during which visit he had talks with nationalist extremist Sir Roger Casement [see own entry] concerning the likelihood of an Ulster-versus-the Rest civil war ...

**ASIDE #5**: Ireland had been self-governing under the British Crown since 1782, but with a strong identity as a conquered and colonised nation in its own right. It had a non-indigenous British squireocracy superimposed upon an indigenous Irish population (less so in the six northern counties of Ulster, where many empire loyalists had been deliberately immigrated). It was thus easy for nationalistic fervour to be deliberately inflamed by Britain's enemies, as was attempted by France in 1791 [see 7th October 1791]. Britain and Ireland then passed back-to-back Acts of Union at the turn of the century [see 1st August 1800], and by 1870 nationalist tensions had been domesticated into a peaceful Home Rule political movement [see 19th May 1870, and onward thread]. By 1913, however, the confrontation had grown more visceral. Led by Sir Edward Carson, Ulster's empire loyalists had, in September 1912, just signed the Ulster Covenant [see 28th September 1912], swearing to do whatever it might take to prevent home rule. This was followed in January 1913 by the formation of the paramilitary Ulster Volunteer Force (UVF) [see own entry]. The Irish nationalists then responded by setting up the Irish Volunteers [see own entry]. The two forces paraded regularly against each other, but initially lacked the arms to do anything more serious. The UVF were then the first to become armed, thanks to the April 1914 gun-running at Larne [see 24th April 1914], and this set the stage not just for the Volunteers to be armed in their turn, but - should those arms be sourced in Germany - for this to be construed as an act of war on their part!

(m) for disagreeing so vehemently with Asquith's concessions to Carson that he withdrew from The Liberal Party's list of prospective parliamentary candidates, (n) for joining a possibly treasonous conclave, working with Mary Spring Rice [see own entry], his wife Molly, Casement, and others to obtain rifles for the Irish Volunteers, (o) for travelling to Hamburg to make the necessary purchase, (p) for setting off in Asgard 3rd July 1914, crewed by Shephard again (now a pilot in the newly created Royal Flying Corps) and a friend of his Colonel Robert Henry Pipon [nothing known; Ring (1996) is the only source] (who reportedly thought it all a "crackpot" scheme), (q) for making rendezvous 12th July 1914 at the Ruytingen Lightship, south of the Goodwin Sands, and successfully taking on the weapons, (r) for offloading same 26th July 1914 in Howth harbour, Dublin Bay, onto the shoulders of 800 waiting Volunteers, and then sailing blithely off back to England, (s) for then returning to Ireland a fortnight later for further meetings with the Volunteers, only to be interrupted during a 16th August 1914 meeting by the arrival of a telegram from the Director of Naval Intelligence summoning him to the Admiralty ...

**LEST IT GO UNNOTICED**: So only days after successfully evading Royal Navy patrols (they might have been deliberately looking the wrong way, remember) and arming a battalion of potential German allies, and at a planning meeting with the commanders of said battalion, who count him as a friend - nay, hero - to the cause, he received a telegram from Whitehall [think of it as James Bond getting a text from "M" half way through telling Dr. No that he had nothing to worry about - Ed.]. Not only do the Irish nationalists never totally trust him again, but it is one of the reasons why the Howth Gun-Running [see 26th July 1914] has been portrayed by Docherty and MacGregor (2012 [Amazon]) as nothing less than a deliberately staged Milner Group [see the entry for Cecil Rhodes] pretext for a pre-emptive British declaration of war against Germany, only rendered unnecessary at the last minute by the German invasion of Belgium!
(t) for returning immediately to London for talks with the Fourth Sea Lord, a commission as Lieutenant in the Royal Navy, and deployment aboard the seaplane tender **HMS Engadine** [Wikipedia shipography], to help ready it for a surprise attack on the German North Sea coast, (u) for taking part (as navigator-observer) in the resulting **Cuxhaven Raid** [see 25th December 1914] (the first Carrier Raid in history), (v) for transferring in January 1915 to the larger **HMS Ben-My-Chree** [Wikipedia shipography], arriving for service in the **Gallipoli Campaign** on 10th June 1915, there to conduct world-first experiments with air-launched torpedoes [see 12th August 1915] ...

**ASIDE #6:** One of the as-yet-unsolved mysteries of the war is why Childers had a consignment of "wool" addressed to him aboard the **Lusitania** on her fateful final voyage in May 1915. To line his squadron's flying boots, perhaps?

(w) for being transferred in June 1916 to an experimental fast torpedo boat squadron based at Harwich, now with the rank of Lieutenant-Commander, (x) for being seconded 27th July 1917 to the secretariat to the (in the event abortive) **1917-1918 Irish Convention** [Wikipedia briefing] then gathering in Dublin, (y) for moving on, now as RAF intelligence officer, to help plan a strategic bombing offensive against Germany (bad weather cancelled the first raid 10th November 1918, and the Armistice was announced the following day), (z) for being formally demobbed 10th March 1919, quickly drifting back into Irish politics (now bloodier than ever), (aa) for lobbying on behalf of Sinn Féin so well in April 1919 that he was chosen in May to attend the **Versailles Peace Conference** as part of their delegation, (ab) for taking a directorship in April 1919 with the **Irish National Land Bank**, (ac) for being appointed in July 1920 to the Standing Executive Committee of the **National White Cross** [see own entry] to administer the flow of donations coming in from the United States (much of it thanks to Childers' publicity offensive), (ad) for becoming increasingly aggressive with his writings in late 1920, as sectarian violence intensified, (ae) for thereby becoming Sinn Féin's Director of Propaganda in February 1921 (in part because he knew how to get through to the English audience), (af) for becoming T.D. [Irish Gaelic = Member of Parliament] for Kildare and Wicklow in the experimental Irish Parliament in April 1921, and then for being appointed Minister of Publicity, a Cabinet post, under **Éamon de Valera** and alongside **Michael Collins**, (ag) for serving as Secretary to the Irish delegation to talks in London between October and early December 1921, at which Britain offered Ireland Dominion status but the Irish held out for full independence as a republic, (ah) for eventually agreeing 6th December 1921 on a treaty of north-south partition, with the six counties of Ulster becoming part of the United Kingdom, and the sixteen southern counties becoming the **Irish Free State** [Wikipedia briefing], (ai) for taking part in the ensuing deliberations within a deeply divided **Dáil Éireann**, speaking out personally against the Treaty 18th December 1921 ...

**ASIDE #7:** The **Dáil** finally voted 7th January 1922 to accept the Treaty 64:57, and Collins symbolically accepted the keys to Dublin Castle nine days later.

(aj) For losing his parliamentary seat in the ratifying general election 16th June 1922, which returned 94 members supporting the Treaty and 34 opposing it, (ak) for being accused by some in the **Dáil** of being a British agent provocateur sent to foment anti-Treaty republicanism ...

**ASIDE #8:** The **Dáil** transcript for the 8th June 1922 Motion of Censure, in which Childers defends himself against the charge of being "some secret agent of England" makes interesting reading - [check it out].

(al) for becoming a Captain under de Valera in the Irish Republican Army (IRA) once the stand-off had descended into a shooting Civil War on 28th June 1922 ...

**ASIDE #9:** The Free State's armed forces were commanded by Chairman of the Provisional Government Collins, while the less-well-documented IRA were inspired politically by de Valera. Collins was killed in an IRA ambush 22nd August 1922, and replaced by **William T. Cosgrave** [Wikipedia biography]. It would be under this latter's jurisdiction that Childers would shortly meet his end.
and (am) for being arrested 10th November 1922 under emergency powers allowing armed terrorists to be executed, tried under same, and duly shot at dawn 24th November; the end, according to Winston Churchill, of a "mischievousuder murderous renegade". In his final hours he was visited by his 16-year-old son Erskine Hamilton Childers [Wikipedia biography], making the boy promise to shake the hand of all his political enemies as a gesture of national reconciliation. By all accounts Childers Jr did precisely that, and in the fullness of time became President of a republican Ireland in June 1973.

[THREAD = WW1 ESPIONAGE AND INTELLIGENCE]


Chinese Civil War: The Chinese Civil War, 1927-ongoing [Wikipedia briefing] was/still is the decisive event in the post-Dynastic rebirth of the Chinese nation. It began 1st August 1927 when the Communist Party of China (CPC) split away from the Chinese Nationalist Kuomintang [see own entry and 12th March 1925ff]. It then continued under the respective leaders Mao Zedong [see own entry] and Chiang Kai-Shek [see own entry] as one of the 20th Century's hottest and longest wars. Between 1931 and 1945 the situation was complicated firstly by the Japanese Invasion of Manchuria [see 19th September 1931] and then by the Japanese Invasion of China [see 7th July 1937], and in 1941 Chiang started to receive U.S. military assistance from Claire Chennault's American Volunteer Group ("The Flying Tigers") [see own entry]. The hot war ceased with the establishment on 1st October 1949 of the mainland People's Republic of China, and then continued through the Cold War thanks to U.S. insistence that Chiang's Taiwanese Republic of China was part of its Pacific Rim defence perimeter. As of March 2018, no peace treaty has yet been signed.

Christian Anti-Communist Crusade (CACC): [Read firstly the entry for Evangelism and Evangelistic Preaching.] Founded in 1953 by Fred Schwarz [see own entry], the Christian Anti-Communist Crusade (CACC) [no convenient briefing but much to reward the determined browser] is noteworthy in the present context as the public face of some pretty nasty back-room sponsors ...

"The Crusade was backed principally by [Patrick J. Frawley's Eversharp-Schick Safety Razor Company], one of whose directors was [...] former [Senate Internal Security Subcommittee (SISS)] counsel Robert Morris [see own entry] in Dallas. When eventually General Edwin Walker was fired for inculcating his troops in Germany with Birchite propaganda, he too joined forces with Robert Morris in Dallas. Other major funding for the CACC came from international oil companies, above all from the Pew Memorial Trust [Wikipedia briefing] and the Richfield Corporation [Wikipedia briefing]. It reported a gross income of $1.2 million in its peak year of 1961” (Scott, 2015, K3327).

CACC's 1960 rally was particularly controversial because it came in the closing months of the Eisenhower Administration, and famously accused the outgoing president of Communist sympathies. The 1961 rally was held in the Hollywood Bowl arena, and the speakers included Life magazine's Charles D. Jackson [see own entry], future president Ronald Reagan, Senator Thomas J. Dodd, and everyone's hero, Roy Rogers. Keynote speakers spoke scathingly about the half-hearted patriotism being displayed by the State Department under newly inaugurated President Kennedy.

Christian Broadcasting Network: See the entry for Pat Robertson.

Christian Defense League (CDL): Emerging in the late 1950s but not formally incorporated until 1964, the Christian Defense League (CDL) [no convenient briefing but much in the Boylan paper referenced below] is noteworthy in the present context as "one of the lesser known but more influential right-wing fringe organisations", helping "to meld anti-Communism, anti-Semitism, anti-Castro activities, and a hatred of the 'liberal' policies of the Kennedy Administration into a cohesive whole" (Boylan, 2014 [full text online]). Prominent amongst its officers were Klansman Wesley A. Swift and Colonel William Potter Gale, both of them Christian Identity "Israelites" by personal persuasion.

Christian Democratic Movement (MDC) [of Cuba]: [Movimiento Democratico Cristiano] Manifestoed in Cuba in March 1960 following some success with the concept elsewhere in South and Central America, the Christian Democratic Movement (MDC) [of Cuba] [CIA briefing, 1964, derestricted 2006] was an initiative by
the Roman Catholic church designed to appeal electorally to religiously-minded conservatives as a bastion against Fidel Castro's increasingly communist (and therefore atheist) revolution, thus ...

"The [MDC] of Cuba was founded in early 1960 or late 1959 by democratic-minded Cuban middle-class leaders who had been backing Fidel Castro, but who were becoming alarmed at Communist inroads. The original MDC leaders included some of the most capable business and professional people then in Cuba. In 1961 and 1962 the MDC retained some resistance forces inside Cuba, but these are no longer operational. The MDC as an organisation is one of the larger and more militant of the several hundred Cuban exile factions based in the Miami area" (CIA, 1964; Op. cit., p4; emphasis added).

**ASIDE:** We are uncertain as to precisely what this CIA analyst means by the term "resistance forces". One can only surmise that the MDC was one of the many similar organisations innocently used by the CIA as cover for clandestine guerrilla operations, just like those detailed in Chapter 8 of Hugh Wilford's (2008) book "The Mighty Wurlitzer: How the CIA Played America" [Amazon].

Law professor Jose Ignacio Rasco [Wikipedia biography] was head of the organisation, but his opposition to Castro got him exiled to Miami 22nd April 1960. Here Rasco allied the MDC to the Frente Revolucionario Democratico (FRD), and was soon recognised as "one of the five original exile Cuban leaders brought together by the U.S. Government to form the nucleus of a Cuban government-in-exile" (Fonzi and Palmer, 1978 [full text online], p1). The MDC featured in the JFK Assassination story as the fronting organisation for the Cuban rebel training facility at the "Lumberjack School", Lacombe [see own entry], where it seems to have operated with support from the Louisiana chapter of the John Birch Society. The camp melted away back to Miami after the 31st July 1963 Covington Bust [see Timeline that date].

***** THE "BORN TO RULE" MEME *****

**Christian Identity:** [Read firstly the entries for Religious Right and Evangelism and Evangelistic Preaching.] Founded in 1928 by religious zealot Howard Rand [Wikipedia biography] as a non-profit proselytising fringe-Christian church selling God-promised salvation to America's Religious Right, Christian Identity [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context for being a doctrinal offshoot of the Anglo-Saxon Federation of America [Wikipedia briefing], which was itself an offshoot of the late-19th-Century British Israelism Movement [Wikipedia briefing], which itself had roots back into the late-16th Century. **This is going to be mightily important, so we begin with a little history ...**

**CAMEO - THE ANGLO-SAXON "BIRTHRIGHT":** The founding tenet of British Israelism was and remains that during the Hebrew diasporas of the late 8th Century BCE [Wikipedia briefing] most of the original "twelve tribes of Israel" ended up scattered to the four winds across Europe and Asia, as the "ten lost tribes of Israel" [Wikipedia briefing]. They therefore carried all the ancient blessings and Godly promises - the "Covenant" - only they didn't know it. The Anglo-Saxons - and hence the British and Americans - were proposed as one of these lost tribes, and thus possessed a God-given birthright to rule the world.

**PERSONAL ASIDE:** The present author is an atheist, and thus (1) regards this argument as utter tosh (because no God, no promised land), and (2) regards recent attempts to stir up the modern Religious Right as an entirely cynical political exploitation of human ignorance. He was, nonetheless, regularly engaged in his youth by Garner Ted Armstrong's [see below] The Plain Truth radio broadcasts.

This birthright story is routinely stated online as having arisen in a (1590) book entitled "The Ten Lost Tribes" [unavailable to locate] by an obscure French cleric named Le Loyer [unavailable to confirm]. This was then followed by John Sadler's (1649) "Rights of the Kingdom" [Amazon (1682 edition)]. The work with the greatest popular impact - albeit not until 30 years after it had first been published - was the trumpeting (from a lunatic asylum, no less) of latter-day prophet Richard Brothers in his (1794) book "A Revealed Knowledge of the Prophecies and Times" [Amazon (Book 1 of a dozen or so)]. These arguments were then more widely disseminated in a 1830 follow-up by one John Finleyson entitled "The New Covenant Between God and His People" [text available at Google Books]. Later modifications have included E. P. Ingersol's (1886) "Lost Israel Found in the Anglo-Saxon Race" [Amazon], J. H. Allen's (1902) "Judah's Sceptre and Josep's Birthright" [Amazon] and David Baron's (1915) "The History of the Ten 'Lost' Tribes" [Gutenberg full text online]. Coming at the height of Britain's Imperial power, it made superficial sense to be repeatedly told that the English-speaking world had God-given greatness. By the 1920s, however, Britain had been bankrupted by WW1 and the United States was the empire to be reckoned with. It therefore took only a decade or so for the British Israelists to be overtaken by American Israelists such as Howard Rand, and, subsequently, by airwave evangelists such as Herbert W. Armstrong [Wikipedia biography] and his son Garner Ted Armstrong [Wikipedia biography]. YouTube...
one of the programs now. The tale of the diaspora is told between 44:30 and 48:30, in much the same phrasing as it was told by John Sadler back in 1649.) **FURTHER READING:** For more of the detail, see Zvi Benite's (2009) book "The Ten Lost Tribes" [Amazon].

As a focus for America's birthright conservatives, Christian Identity filled a political vacuum from the very beginning, but with the coming of the Cold War it became increasingly strident in its condemnation of Communism - for example with the work of Wesley A. Swift and William Gale Potter, which see.

**Chumachenko, Katherine [later Kateryna Yushchenko]:** [See firstly the entry for Yaroslav Stetsko.] Chicago-born to Ukrainian immigrant parents, political publicist Katherine Chumachenko [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for learning her trade as junior with the Ukrainian National Information Service [see own entry], being photographed with U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Jeane Kirkpatrick and Ukrainian Nazi Yaroslav Stetsko in 1983 - check it out, (b) for rising rapidly through the ranks of Washington cheerleaders, (c) for thereby marrying up-and-coming Ukrainian politician Viktor ["It Was Me Wot Drunk the Soup"] Yushchenko [Wikipedia biography] in 1998, (d) for thereby becoming First Lady to President Yushchenko upon his election 23rd January 2005, being photographed in a presidential foursome with President George W. Bush during a state visit later that year - check it out, and (e) for a lifetime of effort trying to airbrush out Ukraine's Nazi past in the eyes of Western audiences.

**Church Committee:** A Senate Select Committee set up in 1976 under Senator Frank Church to look into abuses of power by the CIA, the NSA, the FBI, and the IRS. Robert Maheu and Johnny Roselli testified as to the CIA's connections to the mob during the struggle against Fidel Castro 1960-1963, but they could not be joined by Sam Giancana, "on account of being rubbed out" (apologies to Billy Wilder).

**Church, Senator Frank Forrester, III:** Idaho Senator Frank Church [Wikipedia biography] chaired the Church Committee, 1975-1976.

"The employment of missionaries by intelligence agencies was nothing new" (Wilford, 2008, p186).

**Church World Service (CWS):** [Read firstly the entry for CIA Front Organisations.] Founded in 1946 as a global humanitarian agency and "cooperative ministry" of 37 separate Christian denominations, the Church World Service (CWS) [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for (on the one hand) more than 70 years' genuine refugee work, (b) for (on the other hand) being a cover organisation for intelligence service activity, anything from the routine profiling of the refugee stream to out-and-out black ops ...  

**CAMEO:** In his memoirs, Spas Raikin - the man who collected LHO and Marina Oswald from the New Jersey quayside as they arrived back from the Soviet Union 13th June 1962 - explains how things are not always as they seem. This from his own period as a Bulgarian refugee in Greece ...

"I want to mention here an incident which took place in Greece while I was a refugee there, Sometimes, in 1952 I believe, the Chief of the Church World Service, Mr. Christopher King [see own entry] asked me to accompany them to show me some monastery or something like that in Athens. There, a gentleman, armed with photocameras, asked me through King to give him permission to take pictures of me. I had no objection and he placed me against a wall and started with his cameras. [...] He was taking close shots, front and profile. Much later, when the affair of the notorious [Kim] Philby came out, I remembered that the man in the newspapers looked very much like the photographer in Athens. I learned that in those days he had been in Athens, 1951 or 1952, that he had been Chief British Intelligence Officer for the Balkans, that he was at the same time agent of KGB, and advisor of the CIA for the Balkans" (Raikin, 1991/2001, p12).

and (c) for still going strong [2019 website] (being, for example, heavily involved with the intelligence-riddled aid agencies in Syria).
"Churnalism": [Read firstly the entry for master propagandist Edward Bernays], noting especially his pioneering churnalism as an academic under contract to the CIA in sanitising the U.S.-sanctioned 1954 Guatemala Coup.] On 21st November 2019, the 22nd day of the 2019 British General Election Campaign (GE2019), a Twitter correspondent reminded leftists of a 2018 article by one Marcus Moore entitled "BBC's 'Churnalism'" - read it now. In this article, the author makes the claim that since around 2012 the BBC's reporting has not just been "simply structured along the lines of government announcements", but has also relied far too often on statistics fed to it by the Conservative Party, which were - not unpredictably - always a one-sided spun truth.

By way of explanation, Moore specifically complains that the corporation "has long had more than its fair share of Conservatives in prominent roles". Among the persons named were (in alphabetical order): John Birt (Director-General, 1992-2000), John Browne (Baron Maddingly), [Sir]2004 David Clementi (Chairman, 2017-in post), Andy Coulson (Downing Street liaison, 2007-2011), Rona Fairhead, Alison Fuller [responsible for the viciously on-message audience selection for BBC Question Time], Robbie Gibb (Downing Street liaison, 2017-in post), Tony Hall [Baron Hall of Birkenhead]2010 (Director-General, 2013-in post), James Harding, Guto Harri (London City Hall liaison, 2008-2012), Marmaduke Hussey (Chairman, 1986-1996), Laura Kuenssberg, [Sir]2016 Craig Oliver (Downing Street liaison, 2011-2016), Andrew Neil, Alison Fuller Pedley [see under Alison Fuller], Robert Peston (Business Editor, 2006-2014), Nick Robinson, Sarah Sands [editor for R4 Today], and Timothy Shipman.

The defining characteristic of the resulting "churnalism" is the mind-emptying repetition of stock on-message memes, suitably shaped each day to the actualities of the news.

**KEY CONCEPT - FROM "CHURNING" TO "CHURNALISM"**: The everyday English verb "to churn" means "to shake repetitively", as when turning milk into butter or when your stomach is "churning". The word began to lose its innocence a generation or so ago, when the investment world adopted it for their (entirely despicable) practice of unnecessary moving around assets in trust simply to generate commissions on the raised number of transactions. The 2018 mutation into "churnalism" harks back rather wittily to the time after time slurping of liquids in containers, only referring figuratively now to memes in minds.

This perversion of democracy has been made possible firstly by carefully imposing a Conservative-friendly management and editorial structure upon the BBC, and secondly by then spoon-feeding that structure with copy sent in by entirely biased external PR contacts and companies. The author dates the beginning of the rot to June 2010, when Prime Minister David Cameron appointed John Browne (Baron Maddingly) to the newly-created post of <Lead Non-Executive Director>. The new structures then came fully on stream coincident with the April 2017 appointment of Sir David Clementi as Chairman. So in short, the new BBC "has given the current Conservative government immense power [in that it] can not only dictate what information is made available to the public, but also the manner in which it is presented" (op. cit.). **LAST WORD**: When all is said and done, therefore, we find it hard to disagree with the conclusions of the anonymous "Mountain", who Tweeted 22nd November 2019 as follows: "People like [Peston] and [Kuenssberg], Fiona Bruce, Nick Robinson, etc., are directly responsible for the social breakdown, division, hatred, and anger that now dominate our society. They cynically exaggerate and exploit political debate, making it binary and confrontational." The present author seconds that judgement.
RESEARCH ISSUES - PROPAGANDA IN GENERAL: We have already drawn attention in the companion Timeline to a number of research issues concerning the theory and practice of propaganda in WW1. Here is a study guide to interested students ...

Begin at 13th March 1878 with the growth of Jingoism,

Move on to the rise of cinematic jingoism 25th April 1898 and 28th February 1900, and then work your way through the 98 entries flagged THREAD=THE BATTLE FOR HEARTS AND MINDS between 1895 and the outbreak of WW1 4th August 1914,

There are then 29 entries flagged THREAD=CENSORSHIP, PROPAGANDA, AND RECRUITMENT during the remainder of 1914.

There are 20 further entries flagged THREAD=CENSORSHIP, PROPAGANDA, AND RECRUITMENT during 1915.

And call it a day at 4th January 1916.

CIA Front Organisations: The U.S. government's use of superficially non-partisan citizen groups both at home and abroad as instruments of its foreign policy was chronicled in Hugh Wilford's (2008) book "The Mighty Wurlitzer. Here, following Wilford's chapter headings, are a selection of the most insidious exploitations ...

(1) Refugee Communities: In 1949 the CIA established the National Committee for a Free Europe (NCFE) [q.v.] to appeal to the war-displaced peoples of Europe. The following year it added Radio Free Europe [q.v.] to beam propaganda into the Warsaw Pact countries [think Arab Spring [q.v.], but without the smartphones], and the Free Europe University in Exile [q.v.], based in Strasbourg.

(2) Workers' Organisations: During WW2 Arthur J. Goldberg [q.v.] had acted as OSS's coordinator of workforce operations. This office had been disbanded in 1945, and the CIA thus had to rebuild it more or less from scratch in the late 1940s. They came up with the American Federation of Labor (AFL), directed by George Meany [q.v.], and Jay Lovestone's [q.v.] Free Trade Union Committee (FTUC), the latter significantly funded historically by David Dubinsky's [q.v.] International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union (ILGWU) [Wikipedia briefing]. These organisations operated internally, while one Irving Brown [q.v.] organised workers' events in Europe. The effort was assisted by the creation on 7th December 1949 by the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions [ICFTU] [Wikipedia briefing] as an avowedly non-communist Internationale to which the world's less militant national workers' rights assemblies (such as the U.K.'s Trades Union Congress (TUC)) could more comfortably align themselves. All in all, when the CIA's Frank Wisner [q.v.] took on the trade union special ops portfolio in December 1948, he inherited a healthy national and international activist network. Lovestone was the jewel in his crown, being known to (and presumably hated by) Joseph Stalin himself. The FTUC duly came on the CIA payroll in January 1949.

(3) Students: Under this heading Wilford mentions Harvard University's annual International Summer School (1951 onward) and the National Student Association (1950 onward).

(4) Women: The CIA's drive for women's support began in 1952, led by recently recruited Cord Meyer [q.v.], and the resulting front organisations included the Committee of Correspondence (1952-1967).

(5) Catholics: During the Cold War it became patriotic to be godly against the godless communists, and between 1940 and 1960 adherence to Catholicism doubled (op. cit.). The CIA duly backed carefully selected missionaries in Catholic countries, and conservative missionary societies such as the Family Rosary Crusade [Wikipedia briefing].


(6) African Americans: Under this heading Wilford mentions the American Society of African Culture (AMSAC) [Wikipedia briefing].

(7) Journalists: Under this heading Wilford points out that the CIA itself confessed to having "some three dozen" tame journalists doing their bidding in 1973, with adversarial estimates running as high as four hundred.
Citizens Against Government Waste: Founded in 1984 by investigative (where pointed) journalist Jack Anderson [see own entry] and long-term CIA asset J. Peter Grace [see own entry], Citizens Against Government Waste [Wikipedia briefing; 2019 website] is noteworthy in the present context as a right-wing 501 non-profit think tank cum watchdog cum pressure group against government waste.

Civil Air Patrol (CAP): The Civil Air Patrol (CAP) [Wikipedia briefing] was established on 1st December 1941 as a civilian cadet force feeder for the USAF and perhaps also Claire Chennault's [see own entry] Flying Tigers.

**RESEARCH ISSUE:** We should like to know how many CAP trainees ended up in the Flying Tigers, and, of those who did, how many went on to fly for its successor company Civil Air Transport (CAT) [see own entry].

CAP's New Orleans chapter was commanded in the early 1950s by David Ferrie, and Ferrie was most certainly still involved when 15-year-old LHO joined his squadron in 1955.

Civil Air Transport (CAT): [Read firstly the entry for Claire Chennault.] CAT [Wikipedia briefing] was the private freight and passenger airline created in South-East Asia by Chennault after the end of WW2, and then taken over by the CIA on 27th June 1950. It is noteworthy in the present context for its role in supporting U.S. black ops against communist regimes in the area generally, and then specifically for withdrawing elements of the shooting teams from Dallas in the hours following the JFK assassination - see the entry for Robert Vinson. 24 CAT pilots spearheaded the CIA's support for the French in their Vietnam War, 1950-1954, two of whom were killed at the Battle of Dien Bien Phu.

**EXTENDED, MAY 2019:** Judyth Vary Baker and Edward Schwartz's recent book "Kennedy & Oswald" [Amazon] describes CAT's operations as follows ...

"After WWII, Chennault founded the Civil Air Transport system, often used by the CIA in operations related to China. In 1950, the CIA bought Chennault's CAT fleet to use for covert purposes [... including] transporting heroin from Indochina to America during the early 1960s and beyond. The heroin was processed by the Corsican Mafia and distributed by the American Mafia. The Kennedy brothers were notorious opponents of the American Mafia and were on the verge of eliminating their organisation when President Kennedy was murdered" (Baker and Schwartz, 2017, p5)

Clark, Edward Aubrey: Texas born lawyer Edward Clark [Wikipedia biography] was in LBJ's circle of Texas oilmen throughout the 1950s. He features in Barr McClellan's 2003 book "Blood, Money, and Power" as co-conspirator in an LBJ-initiated conspiracy to assassinate JFK.

***** THE WW1 BRITISH BLOCKADE A "JOKE" *****

Clarke, [Sir]1893 George Sydenham [Baron Sydenham of Combe]1913: British soldier (Royal Engineers, 1868-1885) turned civil servant turned diplomat turned military expert witness [Sir]1893 George Clarke [Lord Sydenham]1913 [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for his technical analysis of the effects of the artillery bombardments at the 1877 Siege of Plevna [see 20th July 1877] and the 1882 Bombardment of Alexandria [see 11th July 1882], and for the resulting 1890 book "Fortification", (b) for serving as Secretary to the Colonial Defence Committee between 1885 and 1893, and then as departmental supervisor at Woolwich Arsenal through until 1901, (c) for holding down diplomatic posts in Australia and India between 1901 and 1913, and for heading the Secretariat of the Committee of Imperial Defence [see own entry] between 1904 and 1907, (d) for gracing the House of Lords with his military wisdom throughout WW1, and (e) for being mentioned in Chapter 5 of Jim Macgregor [see own entry] and Gerry Docherty's [see own entry] 2017 book "Prolonging the Agony" [see own entry]. In this particular chapter the authors are questioning the effectiveness of the Royal Navy's blockade of Germany, especially when it came to shipments of cotton. Lord Sydenham, they note,
contributed in detail to a House of Lords debate 20th December 1915 [full transcript online] on the wisdom of trading with neutral Denmark, for the blockade thus far, he said, had been a "joke" ...

"My Lords, the real question which is raised by this Danish Agreement is this, Are we using our splendid Navy in the best possible way to bring this war to an end? [...] We began this war under many disabilities, but with one enormous advantage. Relatively and absolutely our Fleet was far stronger than it had ever been at the commencement of any of the great naval wars of the past [...] What use did we make of it? That is a question which will have to be examined with care by the future historian of this war. Meanwhile we know what we did not do with it. A short conference with men who understand the question would have made clear the fact that cotton was a vital commodity in modern war, and that it had practically replaced sulphur and saltpetre which were vital in the wars of the past. [...] statistics given] If ever full investigation is made into this question, I am afraid that some scandals will be revealed. [...] My Lords, it is because of what has happened in the past that the country looks with natural suspicion upon this Danish Agreement. [...] There is no doubt whatever that Denmark has been doing an enormous trade with Germany and Austria during the last seventeen months, [nor] that Denmark has received far, far more of everything than was necessary for her own use. You have helped in this, and your new Agreement will help much more than ever for Germany to be fed, the war prolonged, and your blockade made a joke. This Agreement is very wrong and should be cancelled" (Lord Sydenham, Hansard, 20th December 1915).

Clark, Joshua Reuben, Jnr.: Lawyer-politician turned diplomat Reuben Clark [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been the author in 1928 of the "Clark Memorandum on the Monroe Doctrine" [Wikipedia briefing], a State Department analysis of the rights of the United States to intervene in the internal affairs of Latin American neighbour states. Its substantive point is that the Monroe Doctrine [see 2nd December 1823] was intended to deter European states from interfering in Latin America, whereas to Clark no third party needed to be at hand, merely a perceived risk to America's right of "self-preservation".

Clark, Max: Long-standing OSI/CIA asset Max Clark [no convenient biography] had taken part in CIA covert operations in the late 1950s, and at the time of the assassination was Director of Security at the Convair Works, Fort Worth.

Clark, Max E.: Indiana born Fort Worth lawyer Max Clark [no convenient biography] was an acquaintance of LHO by virtue of his Russian-speaking wife's position in the Fort Worth White Russian community. Clark's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now].

Clark Panel, The: See the entry for Ramsey Clark.

Clark, Randolph Lee, Jr.[1907-1994]: WW2 veteran (USAAF Medical Corps) R. Lee Clark, Jr. [no convenient biography but many online snippets available to the determined browser] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for his WW2 service with the USAAF Medical Corps, during which time he directed a major study into how best to manage aircrew injuries from flak splinters, (b) for completing a higher degree in surgery at Tulane Medical School in 1944, (c) for being head-hunted in 1946 into the new M. D. Anderson Hospital, HoustonTX, to head their Cancer Center, holding this post until 1978, (d) for personal research into "transplantable" cancers in 1948 [PubMed entry], (e) for more of the same through the 1950s and early 1960s, with publications on soft tissue tumours in 1957, "radiation biology" in 1958, and thyroid cancers in 1963, and (f) for editing together the 1965 book "Tumors of the Bone and Soft Tissue" (Haslam, 2007/2014).

Clark, Wesley Kanne, Snr.: Vietnam veteran General Wesley Clark [Wikipedia biography] joined the Executive Office of the President in 1975 as a fellow in budget management, and rose to become special assistant to Supreme Allied Commander Alexander Haig in 1978. He was then progressively promoted until becoming Supreme Allied Commander in Europe between 1997 and 2000. He published his memoirs in 2007 under the title "For Duty, Honor, and Country", from which the following is taken (he is speaking to "a senior general" in the run-up to the Iraq War) ...
"Here's the paper from the Office of the Secretary of Defense (=Donald Rumsfeld) outlining the strategy. We're going to take out seven countries in five years! And he named them, starting with Iraq and Syria and ending with Iran. It was straight out of Paul Wolfowitz's 1991 playbook, dressed up as the search for weapons of mass destruction and the global war on terror" (Clark, 2007, k3606).

ASIDE: "Paul Wolfowitz's 1991 playbook" is the Defense Planning Guidance Report, 1992 [see own entry], which proposed a totally world-pre-eminent America "eager to keep its allies weak" (Mann, 2004, §4393).

Clark, William Kemp: The Chief Neurosurgeon at Parkland Hospital, Dr. William Kemp Clark [no convenient biography, but see Watts' (2008 [full text online]) obituary] was one of two emergency surgeons (the other being Dr. Malcolm Perry) who spoke at a 1416hr Press Conference [read transcript now]. He was non-committal as to the nature of JFK's head wound as an entry wound or an exit wound. In fact, his subsequent testimony to the Warren Commission made much of a third possibility - that of a "tangential" wound, whereby the skull would behave much like a divot of turf on a golf course and where it would actually be far harder to tell the direction of the impact - because he had noted no associated second head wound. Dr. Clark's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now].

Clark, William Ramsey: Dallas born lawyer Ramsey Clark [Spartacus Educational biography] was Assistant Attorney General at the time of the assassination, and was promoted Attorney General in 1967 by LBJ. In this role he appointed a 1968 panel of four medical experts who re-examined the JFK autopsy files and confirmed the original conclusions. Browse the Medical Cover Up Thread to accumulate all the fragments of this story.

Clay, General Lucius D: Commander of the Berlin Zone during the Berlin Crisis of 1948 General Lucius Clay [Wikipedia biography] was advisor on international strategy to both President Eisenhower and JFK.

Clayton Knight Committee: The Clayton Knight Committee [Wikipedia briefing] was established in November 1940 in New York by Associated Press correspondent Clayton Knight [Wikipedia biography] to liaise with WW1's top fighter ace (now Canadian Air Marshall) William Avery ["Billy"] Bishop [no formal biography, but see Simonsen (1995-2018 [full text online]) in the recruitment of U.S. citizens into the Royal Canadian Air Force to fight against Nazi Germany. Over 10,000 U.S. nationals were recruited in this manner prior to the attack on Pearl Harbour.

Clementi, [Sir] 2004 David Cecil: [Read firstly the entries for National War Aims Committee (NWAC) and "Churnalism"]: Ubiquitous British executive David Clementi [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context primarily for being one of those named in Marcus Moore's [see own entry] (2018) article "BBC's 'Churnalism'" - read it now - as having helped transform the BBC from somewhat independently-minded state broadcaster to shameless government town cryer [our metaphor - Ed.]. His particular role has been as Chairman of the BBC since 2017.

Clements, Manning C.: FBI Special Agent Manning Clements [no convenient biography] arrived at DPDHQ to offer FBI assistance at about 1300hr on the day of the assassination. He began by listing the contents of LHO's wallet at 1915hr, having been passed same by Gus Rose. He then undertook one of LHO's interrogations, beginning at about 2200hr and lasting "30 or 35 minutes", but with two interruptions totalling "10 or 15 minutes" for identity parades. During questioning as to the false Selective Service Card LHO declined to comment. Clements' evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now]. Browse the Oswald's Wallet Thread to accumulate all the fragments of this story.

Clemons, Acquila: Oak Cliff housekeeper Acquila Clemons [Spartacus Educational biography] was on her porch on 10th Street, when she witnessed the murder of Patrolman J. D. Tippit. Two men were involved, namely a "kind of chunky" gunman and a tall, thin, accomplice. Since two gunmen did not fit with the developing official narrative her report was not followed up. Clemons' evidential profile is as
follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED]; Interview to camera, Mark Lane, 1966 [YouTube it now].

Clerk, [Sir] 1917 George Russell: British middle-ranking Foreign Office diplomat [Sir] 1917 George Clerk [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for accompanying Lord Milner on the 1917 Milner Mission to Russia [see own entry], (b) for being the first British diplomatic representative to the modern Czechoslovakia 1919-1926, and (c) for moving on to be Ambassador to Turkey 1926-1933, and France 1933-1937.

Cleveland, Grover: President [22nd, 1885-1889, and 24th, 1893-1897, Dem.] Grover Cleveland [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for (a) fighting an honourable but futile battle for the independence of the Hawaiian Islands during 1893 [check it out], only to become as Expansionist as the Republican Party when it came to the Venezuelan Dispute [check it out].

Clifton, Major General Chester ("Ted") Victor, Jr: White House Aide General Ted Clifton [Wikipedia biography] was one of several normally close Presidential attendants consigned on this occasion to well back in the Dallas Presidential motorcade.

Clines, Thomas Gregory: Long-standing CIA officer with significant experience in Frankfurt during the Cold War Thomas Clines [Spartacus Educational biography] was JM/WAVE's liaison man into the Nicaraguan Regime. He would be one of the nine persons identified by Bradley Ayers in 1994 as having "intimate operational knowledge" of how the assassination was put together.

Clinton, Hillary Diane Rodham: Previously senatorial and then presidential first lady Hillary Clinton [Wikipedia biography] became noteworthy in the present context when she entered politics in her own right in 2001 as Senator from New York. Two administrations later, having lost the presidential nomination race to Barack Obama in 2008, she was rewarded by being made Secretary of State in 2009. She then leveraged her brand to win the Democratic Party nomination in the run-up to the 2016 presidential election, only to lose to Donald Trump. The British political commentator Craig Murray shed no tears at her defeat, thus ...

"A multi-millionaire, neo-con warmonger with the warmth and empathy of a three week dead haddock and an eye for the interests of Wall Street, who regarded ordinary voters as “deplorables” (a term she used not just once, but frequently, at fund-raisers with the mega-wealthy), Hillary Clinton conspired with the machine that was supposed to be neutrally running the primaries, to fix the primaries against Bernie Sanders. The opinion polls regularly showed that Sanders would beat Trump, and that the only Democratic candidate who Trump could beat was Clinton. Egomania and a massive sense of entitlement nevertheless led her not just to persist to get the candidacy, but persist to rig the candidacy. She then proceeded to ignore major urban working class battleground states in her campaign against Trump and focus on more glamorous places” (Murray, 2018, full text online).

RESEARCH ISSUE: There are uncanny similarities between the ousting of Bernie Sanders and political events in the UK in late summer 2016, where Big Six MSM influencers did their very best to topple British Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn [q.v.] with a mind to resurrecting the by-then-well-decomposed corpse of Blairite "socialism”. In Britain, too, the plot backfired massively as three quarters of a million old-school Labour Party supporters - with no script to follow - said "over my dead body" and rallied to the Corbyn flag. The research issue at hand is this: it has yet to be established just how close the U.S. and British MSM offensives actually were, whose hands were pulling the strings, who did their dirty work, and - of course - where and when they will strike next.

Cliveden Set: This is the name given in late 1937 by investigative journalist Claud Cockburn [see own entry] to a 30-year-old friendship circle cum think tank cum political pressure group in pre- and post-WW2 British society headed by Nancy, Lady Astor [see own entry], and including (over the years) [all with their own entry] ...
The set is best regarded as having existed since the Astors’ marriage in 1906. Lady Astor was a popular society hostess with a reputation for attracting people of interest to her weekends and then leaving them to get on with whatever took their intellectual fancy. Rose (2000) notes as follows ...

"In this way, a kind of 'Set' emerged at Cliveden in the years leading up to the First World War. Unstructured and unplanned, it just happened. [...] The net was cast wide. It included expatriate American heiresses who had married impecunious English aristocrats [three couples identified]. Perhaps unconsciously, Nancy was making her first move in what later became an avowed aim: the strengthening of Anglo-American understanding. Royalty followed. [...] Leading politicians were also favoured. [...] Literary figures were encouraged ...” (p38).

It was therefore no great surprise that by the 1930s many Cliveden guests - given the natural antipathy of rich folk toward Stalinist Communism - admired Stalin's enemies, the Nazis, and this changed little until the 1937 Cockburn piece (above) and the general drive against Appeasement. For a short but highly informative introduction to the personalities and the issues we recommend Taylor's (1999 [full text online]) paper entitled "A Reevaluation of Cockburn's Cliveden Set". U.S. Ambassador Joseph Kennedy visited Cliveden several times in the period 1938-1940, on one occasion reportedly with the eligible young JFK in tow.


***** CONSPIRACY THEORIST, CLIVEDEN SET *****
"BELIEVE NOTHING UNTIL IT HAS BEEN OFFICIALLY DENIED" (ATTRIB)

Cockburn, Francis Claud: British left wing journalist Claud Cockburn [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having learned his craft as a young man as a foreign correspondent for The Times, (b) for having founded his own newsletter in 1933 under the title The Week, taking a generally pro-Communist stance, (c) for serving as war correspondent in the 1936 Spanish Civil War, (d) for continuing his Establishment baiting by coining the term Cliveden Set [see own entry] in his newsletter of 22nd December 1937, (e) for continuing in like vein all the way through to his column in Private Eye in the 1960s, by which he helped take the political scalp of John Profumo [see own entry].

"Coded Negative Imagery": See the RESEARCH ISSUE on this topic in the entry for "Churnalism".

Cody, Joe: Having been asked in 1960 by Jack Ruby to advise on his personal security as a carrier of cash takings, DPD officer Joe Cody [no convenient biography] took him in person (this being so Ruby could benefit from the police discount) to Ray's Hardware and Sporting Goods and bought him the .38 snub-nosed Colt Cobra revolver which he subsequently used to murder LHO.

Cognitive Infiltration: This is the term used in Sunstein and Vermeule's 2008 paper entitled "Conspiracy Theories: Causes and Cures" to describe the deployment of on-message agents-provocateurs to counter-inform off-message social media discussion groups.

Cohn, Roy Marcus: Lawyer Roy Cohn [Wikipedia biography] acquired something of a reputation as a prosecutor during a number of high profile espionage trials during the Senator Joseph McCarthy witch hunts of the early 1950s, thereby helping in his own small way to deepen the Cold War.

Colby, William Egan: WW2 OSS veteran Bill Colby [Wikipedia biography] had been CIA Chief of Station in Saigon, South Vietnam until 1962, and had recently returned to D.C. as Deputy (later Chief), Far East Division. He would become Director on 4th September 1973. Colby disappeared on a coastal
canoeing trip on 27th April 1996, and when his body turned up nine days later the medical examiner blamed a prior heart condition. He was about to appear before the Frank Olson enquiry [q.v.].

Cole, Francis B.: FBI agent Francis Cole [no convenient biography] was introduced in the La Fontaines' 1996 book "Oswald Talked" as one of two FBI men sent to Memphis to interview John Elrod, which see (the other agent being Norman Casey). Their report was substantively ignored by the Warren Commission.

***** VERY MUCH ONE OF THE GOOD GUYS *****
***** EXPERT ON SKYSCRAPER COLLAPSE DYNAMICS *****
***** EXPERT ON THERMITIC DEMOLITION SCIENCE *****

"Isn't it time we used physical science rather than political science to investigate 9/11?"

Cole, Jonathan H.: [Go firstly to the entry for Architects & Engineers for 9/11 Truth and work your way through the STUDENT EXERCISE - HOW TO DEMOLISH A SHOW TOWER ESSENTIAL PRIOR SKILL.] American civil engineer Jonathan H. Cole [no convenient biography but much to reward the determined browser] is noteworthy in the present context for his specialist contribution to the work of the international Truther movements Architects & Engineers for 9/11 Truth (AE911) [see own entry ESSENTIAL CONTEXT] and Scholars for 9/11 Truth & Justice [ditto]. His particular forté has been in devising vivid large-scale demonstrations of otherwise arcane physical and chemical processes, by far the two best known of which are ...

DEMONSTRATION #1 - THE SCIENCE OF FREE-FALL SKYSCRAPER COLLAPSE: The official inquiries into the three 9/11 skyscraper collapses have tended to rely on carefully choreographed software animations designed to prove an officially pre-announced explanation [English slang = lies, especially as part of a government cover-up]. This is wholly egregious science, both epistemologically and ethically. Cole's demonstrations, on the other hand, prefer to use physical models - twenty-foot-high towers of bricks, etc. - set up in his back yard. This makes for great YouTube circus, and even better science. Real science. Real structures behaving for all to see. Science which wants to inform and educate, rather than conceal. Here, from a 3rd December 2010 videotaped webinar entitled "The 9/11 Experiments: Collapse vs. Demolition", are some of the most vivid experimental demonstrations ...

YouTube "Collapse vs. Demolition" here

[The video begins by explaining the problem. The demonstrations come between 3:22 and 5:00; the sequence between 5:20 and 6:30 concerns the French Vérinage Demolition Technique [see own entry QUITE INTERESTING]; note also at 8:20 how "crush down" and "crush up" can - perhaps must - take place simultaneously.]

Cole's conclusion is that a frame-by-frame analysis of the 9/11 collapse videos can only match a frame-by-frame analysis of an experimental set-up IF THERE ARE NO JOLTS, and - as the above-mentioned Student Exercise will have explained - this can only happen if the steel cores have been uniformly pre-weakened - as though some Martian heat ray had - pace Jeff Wayne - melted its valiant heart.

CAMEO- THE FIVE IF-THEN'S OF 9/11 TRUTH: Toward the end of the 3rd December webinar, Cole sets out a very worrying five-stage example of inductive scientific reasoning. It all rests on the absence of "jolts" as noted above, and runs as follows ...

"IF there are no jolts, THEN it's not a natural gravity collapse

IF it's not a natural gravity collapse, THEN it's a man-made demolition

IF it's a man-made demolition, THEN it was planned before 9/11

IF it was planned before 9/11, THEN something is very very wrong"

[No Jolts, of course, means that 3000 people were "intentionally murdered" that day and many millions more killed in the wars wrongly initiated in the name of 9/11 justice ever since.]

"IF I am wrong, THEN prove it - by experiment"

DEMONSTRATION #2 - THE SCIENCE OF THERMITIC SKYSCRAPER DEMOLITION: Cole's second set of demonstrations is even more visually spectacular, as he uses backyard chemistry to attempt to
melt through the valiant heart, so to speak, of a heavy steel girder. Here, from a 4th December 2010 follow-up video "The 9/11 Experiments: "The Great Thermate Debate" is what he did ... YouTube "The Great Thermate Debate" here

[Note the progressively increasing cutting power as Thermite is enhanced to become Thermate, and Thermate is enhanced to become Nano-Thermite. Note also the gradual improvements in his technique, culminating in his successfully melting through his girder with a 1 kilogram charge of Thermate and a carefully focused burn!]

Clips of Cole's work have been incorporated into many later documentaries, including "9/11, An Architect's Guide", the 2021 three-parter which at time of writing [= May 2021] represents the latest word on the subject [see the entry for Richard Gage for details and links].

Coleman, Kay Helen: [a.k.a. Kathy Kay; later Kay Helen Olsen] London born divorcée and some time hostess at Jack Ruby's Carousel Club Kay Coleman [no convenient biography] attended the midnight meeting of "Johnny", Jack Ruby, and her fiancé Harry Olsen. Coleman's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony (as "Mrs. Kay Helen Olsen") [read it now].

Coley Jerry: [Read firstly the Don Campbell entry.] [Blood or Cola Thread] At around 0900hr Dallas Morning News advertising salesman Jerry Coley [no convenient biography] left colleague Don Campbell and customer Jack Ruby in the cafeteria and went out to do some unrelated sales calls. When he returned at "some time after" 1100hr he met Jack Ruby again in the office of another colleague, John Newnham. At around 1130hr he then left the building with one Charlie Mulkey and headed out into Dealey Plaza, looking for a good vantage point from which to watch the motorcade. They take up a position near the entrance of the old county jail on Houston Street, east side, a short distance from the TSBD. After the shooting, which Coley would later describe as "very echoey", and with "no definite gunshots", he went past the front of the TSBD along the Elm Street service road, heading for the open space behind the picket fence, disregarding (but presumably delayed by) a Sheriff's Deputy's instructions to stay away. Reaching the end of the rear walkway of the John Neely Bryan Pergola he turned to go down the steps, and noted a "huge puddle" of "what I thought was blood". He descended the steps and went back to the office to get assistance. As he entered he observed a weeping Jack Ruby on the telephone to someone. He then rounded up advertising photographer Jim Hood, told him to get his camera, and, at "a little after one", led him back to the steps. The blood was now "all crinkly like it had coagulated a little". Hood dipped a fingertip into it and tasted it, confirming "That's blood". He then took a photograph and went back to the office. When he got to work on Monday morning, 25th November, he found reporter Hugh Aynesworth quizzing Don Campbell about the Ruby conversation three days earlier, because he wanted to do a quick piece on the man. Coley duly contributed his Ruby recollections, and then, turning to the blood, led Aynesworth over to the steps only to find that the site had been very thoroughly cleaned. On Tuesday he learned that Aynesworth had submitted the Ruby piece, describing him as "Coley of the News". Half an hour later his wife rang him in no little distress saying that she had had threatening telephone calls (which could only have been from people who had just read Aynesworth's piece). And later again two FBI men came to interview "Coley of the News" for his Ruby recollections. He told them what he could, and again tagged on the matter of the pool of blood. Hood was called in to the meeting and showed the photograph he had taken, only to have the camera, the negatives, and the print taken from him. The FBI's parting instruction was crystal clear: "Boys," they said, "this conversation never took place, if you know what we mean". Coley dully kept his mouth shut until his story was eventually included in Wallace Chariton's 1990 book "Unsolved Texas Mysteries". The clearest telling of Coley's story is in a 2011 Black Op Radio interview by Len Osanic [YouTube it now - RECOMMENDED].

Collins, Arthur A.: Oklahoma born electronics whizz-kid Arthur A Collins [Wikipedia biography] had founded Collins Radio [Wikipedia briefing] at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in 1933, and had seen the company grow exponentially during WW2. Development continued after the war, helped in some areas, by Nazi expertise acquired under Operation Paperclip. Collins was also closely associated with General Curtis LeMay during the latter's Project Birdcall - the installation of a standardised communications system for Strategic Air Command. New production sites were added at Burbank, CA, and Richardson, Dallas, during the 1950s, and in 1962 the Callsign-Liberty base station at Cedar Rapids went live with 24/7 communications to Air Force One. Following financial problems the company would eventually be taken over by Rockwell International in 1973. Collins Radio is noteworthy in the present context (a) because, as a major employer in the area, a number of key figures chanced to be employees at the Richardson plant, (b) because of one clearly visible walkie-talkie user - Dark-Complemented Man - at work near ground zero in Dealey Plaza, and (c) because of the need for dedicated radiomen in professional sniper teams. As an example of (a) we have Collins employee Carl Mather associated with the scene of the J. D. Tippit murder, and as an example of (c) we have Ruth Ann Martinez. The company's covert involvement with the CIA were revealed on 1st November 1963 in the Rex Incident [q.v.]. Browse the Military-Industrial Complex Thread to accumulate all the fragments of this story.

Collins Radio: See the entry for Arthur Collins.

Collom, Mark: In 1971, while serving a short sentence for a drug offence in McAlester State Prison, OK, and having been taken ill with hepatitis, 21-year old Mark Collom [no convenient biography] found himself in the next infirmary bed to a fellow-prisoner named Loy Factor. Over the following days the older man gradually came to trust him, and told him that on 22nd November 1963 he had been part of a four-person TSBD6 shooting team. Four years later, after his release, he shared this tale with old friend Glen Sample, and together they tried unsuccessfully to get an investigative journalist interested in the case. And there things would have rested, had it not been for the renewal of interest in the JFK assassination brought about by Oliver Stone's 1991 movie "JFK". Collom duly got in touch with Larry Howard, one of the movie's technical advisors, and Director of the well-respected JFKAIC in Dallas. Howard was highly enthusiastic, and the two men got back in touch with now-hospitalised Loy Factor, the first of several interviews taking place on 11th February 1993. Factor's recollections were eventually published as "The Men on the Sixth Floor" (Sample and Collom, 1995), with a Foreword by Howard.

**** NO CONSPIRACY HERE, THEN ****

Comité des Forges: [French= "Foundry Committee"] Founded 15th February 1864 by the leading French ironmasters, and with Eugène Schneider [see own entry] himself as its inaugural President, the Comité des Forges [Wikipedia briefing] stands accused by Jim Macgregor [see own entry] and Gerry Docherty [see own entry] in Chapter 3 of their 2017 book "Prolonging the Agony" [see own entry] of caring more about profits than the lives of the Frenchmen actually doing the fighting. Specifically Macgregor and Docherty claim that the Comité applied behind-the-scenes pressure in 1914-1915 on the French political and military Establishment NOT to bomb their iron and steel works around Briey in the Lorraine Basin, now in occupied territory and in heavy use by the German[ one of the complainants was the future Prime Minister of France, Pierre-Étienne Flandin - see the separate entry]. Macgregor and Docherty reserve especial criticism for the cynical exploitation of international tensions over the decades by the De Wendel dynasty, ironmasters of Lorraine, and of the present President of the Comité, François de Wendel [Wikipedia biography], who, when eventually accused of profiteering in late 1915, was - wait for it - put in charge of his own investigation! [THREAD = WW1 INSIDER TRADING AND PROFITEERING] [THREAD = BEST KEEP THIS FROM THE COMMON MAN]

Comité Nationale de Secours et d'Alimentation (CNSA): See the entry for 10th October 1914.

Committee for the Relief of Belgium (CRB): See the entry 1st September 1914.
Committee of Imperial Defence (CID): Established by Arthur Balfour in 1902, the Committee of Imperial Defence (CID) [Wikipedia briefing] was an attempt to learn political and technical lessons from the poor British performance in the Second Boer War. The committee was little used during the Campbell-Bannerman administration of 1906-1908, but became more influential during the Asquith administration. Indeed it was a 1909 CID sub-committee which was responsible for the establishment of MI5 and MI6 to handle internal and overseas intelligence gathering, respectively.

The Royal Navy's seat was taken from 1908 by Lieutenant-Colonel of Marines Maurice Hankey [see own entry], and he did the job so well that in 1912 he was promoted to Secretary, a position he would hold until the committee was disbanded in 1938. Thus organised, the committee brought together experts from the armed forces, the Foreign Office, and the imperial dominions themselves, to recommend to Cabinet how best the Empire might be defended. It thus did for the British Empire what the National Security Council (NSC) [see own entry] does for the American.

***** THESE FOLK HELPED FASHION OUR PRESENT HELL ON EARTH *****

Committee on Public Information (CPI): [Often informally as the Creel Committee] Founded 14th April 1917 by President Wilson as his administration's domestic and foreign propaganda arm, the Committee on Public Information (CPI) [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being headed by journalist-turned-propagandist George Creel [see own entry ESSENTIAL CONTEXT] (b) for stamping its authority on the flow of war news into the mind of America through to its dissolution 21st August 1919, (c) for thereby successfully pulling off that greatest of all political deceptions, namely getting people to accept carefully phrased overstatements and half-truths as "the truth, and nothing but", thus ...

"The Creel Committee, as it soon was known, promoted the war with a barrage of newspaper ads, leaflets, newsreels, public speakers, and publicity stunts. Congress did its bit to legislate conformity by imposing espionage and sedition Acts so sweeping that people were prosecuted for obstructing the sale of government bonds, discouraging recruitment, or uttering abusive words about the government or military uniforms. Hundreds were sent to prison for questioning the war, including the 1916 Socialist candidate for President, Eugene V. Debs [see own entry]. There he languished until 1921, when Harding pardoned him. The government set up a nationwide spy system, infiltrated supposedly 'dangerous' organisations, incited them to illegal acts, raided their premises without warrants, and destroyed their property" (Steel, op. cit. inf., p124).

... (d) for operating in revolutionary Russia during Winter 1917-1918 in the person of Edgar Sisson [see own entry], (e) for making an absolute meal out of the Sisson Documents [see own entry] in early-to-mid-1918, despite knowing them to be faked ...

CAMEO - "THE GERMAN-BOLSHEVIK CONSPIRACY": Axelrod (op. cit. inf.) relates how the propagandists at the CPI republished the Sisson Documents as "The German-Bolshevik Conspiracy" [full text online (courtesy of the University of Colorado)]. The CPI milked this resource mercilessly as part of a publicity campaign promoting U.S. military intervention on the side of the White Russians in the Russian Civil War [see Timeline 27th February 1918, then as directed] (the Bolsheviks being no better than Germans, see).

... and (f) in many respects writing the textbooks for the incessant propaganda wars which have followed. It is no coincidence, therefore, that the post-war propaganda theorists Carl Byoir [Wikipedia biography] and Edward Bernays [see own entry] learned their craft while with the CPI (Bernays ran their Latin-American news service). FURTHER READING: For specific examples of the CPI at work see the following entries in the Companion Timeline: 7th May 1918. For an extended history of the CPI in general, as well as more on the 1917 Espionage Act as a complement to the propaganda offensive, see Alan Axelrod's (2009) "Selling the Great War: The Making of American Propaganda" [Amazon].

Comstock, The: The Comstock Lode [Wikipedia briefing] was a very productive silver ore mine discovered by prospector Henry Comstock in 1859 in the Virginia Mountains of Nevada. Its exploitation lasted twenty bonanza years, followed by a progressive decline in yields, and there has been only sporadic activity since the 1920s.
Condon, Richard Thomas: American author Richard Condon [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context as the author of the 1959 thriller "The Manchurian Candidate" [Amazon], in which the eponymous anti-hero has been brainwashed as a prisoner of the Chinese in Manchuria to kill to order upon receipt of a pre-arranged post-hypnotic trigger signal - in other words, as a personally unwitting "sleeper agent". It took only weeks for the term "Manchurian" to enter everyday language, since when the trope has been repeatedly re-used ...

ASIDE: The TV TROPES website lists dozens of dramas cribbing the Manchurian trope - check them out.

In 1962, the book was turned into a movie under the same name [IMDB entry], starring Laurence Harvey as the eponymous brainwashed assassin and Frank Sinatra as the man trying to get to him first (in the event, unsuccessfully).

***** CIA MASTER ASSASSIN IN DEALEY PLAZA *****

"Don't believe anything I tell you; I'm an expert liar" (himself, quoted in Boot, 2018, K4519)

Conein, Lucien ["Lou"]: [A.k.a. Black Luigi, The Thug] Parisian-born U.S.-raised WW2 veteran (French Army 1939-1940, then U.S. Army, then OSS/French Resistance and OSS/Indochina Campaign) and honorary member of the Corsican Mafia Lou Conein [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for acquiring Grade-A deep incursion experience and skill with plastic explosive with the French Resistance against the Nazis ["he liked blowing up things", said a friend - Ed.], (b) for being transferred eastward in early 1945 to help establish the post-Japanese government in Hanoi in 1945 (Prouty, 1992, p259), and then for maintaining it as a bastion against Communist agitation, (c) for transferring over to the CIA in the late 1940s, seeing covert action in Germany in 1951, (d) for serving with the Saigon Military Mission (SMM) under Edward Lansdale from early 1954 through until 1961, soon becoming the chief CIA operative in Vietnam (Ibid., xii), (e) for therefore being admirably qualified to be loaned back to the Western Hemisphere to act as handling officer for QJ/WIN during the ZR-RIFLE operation against Fidel Castro, (f) similarly for being the handling agent for General Tran Van Dong [see own entry] in planning the 1st November 1963 U.S.-requested coup against President Diem (Ibid., p272) [see Timeline this date] ...

ASIDE: "It was Conein who personally gave the green light to go ahead with the coup ..." (Twyman, 1997, K17819). HIGHLY RECOMMENDED VIEWING: Conein confesses same to camera in the second of two vignettes in Episode 3 of the 1997 PBS American Experience documentary "Vietnam: A Television History" - YouTube it now [Conein speaks at 40:20 and 44:20 - Ed.]. Made in the long-departed era of well-resourced and balanced telejournalism, this multi-part documentary is a fascinating and highly informative source not just on the tragedy of Vietnam but on the Cold War in general.

(g) for turning up in the crowds in Dealey Plaza 22nd November 1963 ...

ASIDE: Conein [pronounced co-neen] is one of the six potential conspirators photographically placed in Dealey Plaza by Eaglesham and Schallhorn (2000 [full text online - STRONGLY RECOMMENDED]). We find their photographic evidence pretty compelling, but please check for yourself.

(h) for continuing in special operations in Vietnam through to the early 1970s, (i) for being head hunted by E. Howard Hunt to direct the Special Operations Branch of President Nixon's new Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) 1st July 1973 (Hinckle and Turner, 1981/1992, p399) ...

ASIDE: Conein reputedly brought a number of his old ZR/RIFLE contacts out of retirement and started "enforcing" selected drug barons for good.

(j) for later being described as follows ...

"There was a hint of barely restrained violence about him that his alert, blue eyes under bushy eyebrows, as well as his abrupt, blustery manner and short temper, did nothing to belie" (Boot, 2018, K439).
LEST IT BE OVERLOOKED: We have remarked elsewhere that little is known about the deep psychology of zealots of the sort who take the law into their own hands with terrorist acts - see the entry for Personality, Authoritarian and Ethnocentric. For obvious reasons, research into the process(es) of Terrorist Radicalisation [Wikipedia briefing] is receiving a lot of attention nowadays.

Conforto, Janet ["Jada"] Adams: Recently resigned Carousel Club hostess Jada Conforto [no convenient biography] was involved in a road traffic accident in Dallas on the morning of the assassination. She explained that she was on her way to New Orleans and that her employer Jack Ruby would take care of everything. She was herself killed in a road traffic accident on 9th May 1980. Conspiracy theories exist, but we remain to be convinced that they warrant being recorded here.

Connally, John Bowden, Jr: [no close relationship to Senator Thomas Connally] Elected Governor of Texas on 15th January 1963 Governor John Connally [Wikipedia biography] was riding in limo #1, second row of seats, right side, in front of but set slightly lower than JFK. He was shot once through the chest at Z235, reportedly by Mac Wallace from TSBD6, 3rd window from west. One of his investment interests was apparently the Tryall Resort at Montego Bay, Jamaica. As SECNAV during 1961 he had been LHO's ultimate boss as a Marine, and - his retirement from that post having been overlooked - had received a letter from LHO in early 1962 appealing his "undesirable" discharge rating. He simply forwarded this latter to the new SECNAV and replied to that effect and no more.

Connally, Thomas Terry: [no close relationship to Governor John Connally] Senator from Texas Thomas Connally [Wikipedia biography] was Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in June 1950 at the time of the North Korean invasion, and was thus "the Democratic Party's foremost congressional spokesman on foreign policy" (Stone, 1952/2014e, §580). He went on record in a 3rd May 1950 interview for U.S. News and World Report as suspecting that both South Korea and Formosa would fall to the Communists (Soviets and Chinese, respectively), but was not overly concerned because the U.S. "chain of defence" ran from the Philippines through Okinawa to Japan. In this he disagreed markedly with Secretary of State Dean Acheson, who insisted the following day that U.S. Far Eastern strategy required that South Korea should be defended.

Conservatism USA (CUSA): Founded by right-wing activist Larrie Schmidt [q.v.] in Munich in 1961 as an armed-forces-oriented non-profit proselytising committee for right of centre political views, CUSA [no convenient briefing] sent a considerable number of members to Dallas in Autumn 1963.


Conservatives for Change: Founded in or around 2003 Conservatives for Change [no convenient briefing but a significant social media presence] is noteworthy in the present context as a right-wing propaganda group. It was chaired for a time by Conservative politician Francis Maude.

***** PROTESTER AGAINST CONSPIRACY, WW1 *****
Consett, Rear-Admiral Montagu William Warcop Peter: British naval attaché in Stockholm in the period 1912 to 1919 [then-]Captain Montagu Consett [Dreadnought Project biography] is noteworthy in the present context for being mentioned in Chapter 4 of Jim Macgregor [see own entry] and Gerry Docherty's [see own entry] 2017 book "Prolonging the Agony" [see own entry]. In this particular chapter the authors are questioning the effectiveness of the Royal Navy's blockade of Germany, especially when it came to shipments of cotton. They devote much space to Consett's wartime duties monitoring the flow of goods through neutral Scandinavia into Germany. and they recommend his 1923 memoir entitled "The Triumph of Unarmed Forces". We offer the following heavily abridged extract from this work as a fair indication of the nature and extent of the problem ...
"The oversea supplies that reached Germany came mainly through Scandinavia and Holland, passing through two stages in their journey: one by sea and one by land. [...] The war brought to Scandinavia a period of unprecedented prosperity. During 1915 and 1916 she received supplies in excess of all previous quantities [...] and] agreements by which neutrals engaged that Germany should not benefit by our trade were openly and continuously violated. [...] It was only when, from sheer necessity, really effective pressure was brought to bear [...] that the position of Germany - always desperate - became hopeless" (pp ix-xviii; emphasis added).

Macgregor and Docherty then introduce a conspiracy angle to Consett's allegations by pointing out that these shipments of suspected contraband did not just slip by in the fog. Rather they were intercepted by the Royal Navy the hard way and escorted into Prize Court ports (such as Kirkwall, Scotland) for detailed inspection. Then however - more often than not - they were allowed to continue on their way by specific instruction from the Admiralty in London. For a fuller picture of this legalised blockade-running see the separate allegations of Lord Charles Beresford, Bertram Blount, George Bowles, E. Keble Chatterton, George Clark Lord Sydenham, Henry Croft, Sir Henry Dalziel, and Sir Cecil Hurst. [THREAD = BEST KEEP THIS FROM THE COMMON MAN]


Conspiracy Cafe: Online Blogspot created in 2011 [website] and hosted by "factist" George Freund.

Continental Trailways Bus 5133: This is the bus which on 26th-27th September 1963 took LHO on his Mexican Tourist Card 824085 from the U.S.-Mexico border crossing at Laredo, TX, to Mexico City. It was a 24-hour, 700 mile, ride, and he whiled away the time making sure that plenty of witnesses knew he was a lefty trouble-maker - see the entries for Pamela Mumford and Patricia Winston, and Bryan and Meryl McFarland for the separate tales.

Contras: The Contras [Wikipedia briefing] were a loose association of U.S.-backed Nicaraguan terrorist groups set up in 1979 as a means of destabilising the six-year Junta of National Reconstruction by which the Sandinista party was trying to heal the excesses of President Somoza [Jnr.] [see own entry]. Drawing heavily from the ranks of the by-then-disgraced Nicaraguan National Guard, their terrorism reached a peak in the period 1982-1986, their favourite targets being provincial government officials and economic infrastructure. This Contra-Sandinista civil war was then largely decided by elections in 1984 which resulted in the election of democratic socialist President Ortega [check him out]. The Contras were both Congressionally and covertly funded by the United States throughout the Reagan Administration, and are, of course, best known nowadays for the part they played in the 1985-1987 Iran-Contra Affair (as covered elsewhere [see own entry] [see 20th August 1985]). They were disbanded in December 1989 after the withdrawal of United States funding by President George H. W. Bush [see own entry].

Controlled Demolition Explanations of the WTC Attacks: This is the theory/forensic accusation, first loudly proclaimed by Steven Jones [q.v.] at a Brigham Young University seminar on 22nd September 2005, that the three towers - WTC1, WTC2, and WTC7 - reduced to dust during the 9/11 False Flag Attacks [q.v.] were brought down by commercial and/or military demolition experts, and not (as officially claimed) by aircraft impact or fire. Among the devices alleged to have been used were an advanced form of the century-old welding agent Thermite [q.v.] known as Nanothermite [q.v.], duly militarised in the 1990s as shaped charges for use by trained combat engineers - see one of hundreds of typical U.S. Patents (1996). Repeated chemical analysis by impeccable laboratories of the dust from the collapses show microscopic nanothermite residues in proportions which extrapolate to several hundred tons across the "crime scene" [Ground Zero is not, of course, a crime scene in the conventional sense because the events were immediately declared an "act of war"; the civilians and first responders - not least FDNY's famous 343 - were not legally murdered, therefore, merely factually - Ed.]
Cook, Austin: Dallas restauranteur Austin Cook [no convenient biography] owned the Austin's Bar-B-Cue eatery at Illinois and Hampton, Oak Cliff, and was reputedly a good friend of Jack Ruby. Patrolman J. D. Tippit often moonlighted there as a bouncer when off duty. Cook's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED].

Cooper, Roy, Jr: KTVT-TV cinematographer Roy Cooper [no convenient biography] and Don Crook [no convenient biography] filmed in the wake of the Presidential motorcade, including several minutes at Love Field, outside TSBD, and at Parkland Hospital. The footage was not broadcast at the time, and so Cooper privately archived it. The footage was discovered in 1996 and is available to view, with commentary by photoforensic expert Richard Trask, online [YouTube it now]. Cooper's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED].

Coote, Sir 1962 Colin Reith: WW1 veteran turned peacetime politician turned journalist turned WW2 War Office propagandist Colin Coote [Wikipedia biography] was Editor of the Daily Telegraph between 1950 and 1962. According to Anthony Summers and Stephen Dorrij's (1989/2013e) book "The Secret Worlds of Stephen Ward", Coote was used as an intelligence asset in January 1961 to bring together procurer-to-the-rich-and-famous Stephen Ward [q.v.] and Russian Embassy naval attaché Yevgeny Ivanov [q.v.] as the first step in an MI5 honeytrap operation against the latter. In the event, however, the operation was a major fail, because the selected female lure - a certain Christine Keeler [q.v.] - ended up being bedded simultaneously by the British Secretary of State for War John Profumo [q.v.].

Copeland, David Goddard: [a.k.a.?? William Torbitt] Texas lawyer David Copeland [no convenient biography] has been suggested as the writer behind the non-de-plume William Torbitt [q.v.].

Copeland, Kenneth: [Read firstly the entry for Evangelism and Evangelistic Preaching - ESSENTIAL FOR TUTORIAL SUPPORT.] American tele-evangelist Kenneth Copeland [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context as yet another example of the religious right in the service of the political right during the 2020 presidential primaries. Check out his faith healing technique at work with civilisation collapsing before the Coronavirus onslaught - see Timeline 12th March 2020 [CONTENT WARNING].

***** Maker / Destroyer of Presidents *****

Copeland, Miles Axe, Jr.: Musician (Glenn Miller Orchestra, no less) turned CIA officer Miles Copeland, Jr. [Wikipedia biography] was recruited into the Counterintelligence Corps (CIC) in 1942 and stationed in London in the run-up to Operation Overlord. He then transferred to the nascent CIA and saw duty in the Middle East, where he helped put together the successful pro-U.S. coups in Syria (1949) and Iran (1953). Straight after the Iran coup he joined "government services" contractor Booz Allen Hamilton Inc. [q.v.] as a roving consultant [=field operative], and became close advisor to rising star Egyptian politician Gamal Abdel Nasser [q.v.], assisting him to power as the British withdrew from the newly established Egyptian Republic. Nasser duly became Egypt's second President in 1956. Copeland later also proved adept at dethroning presidents. In his 2015 book "Dallas, '63" Peter Dale Scott [q.v.] quotes an interview given by Copeland to journalist Robert Parry in which he confessed to having masterminded the "October Surprise" which cost President Jimmy Carter his re-election in 1980. Scott also profiles Copeland as "the conceptual father" of the Republican Party's cooperation with Israel (§5919) which took off at about that point in time.

Corbally, Thomas Joseph: Trained in the family's NYC detective agency Thomas Corbally [no formal biography, but see Javers (2017 [full text online])] tried to join the Royal Canadian Air Force through the Clayton Knight Committee [q.v.] in Autumn 1941 only to be discharged as a "deliberate failure" on 20th July 1943. 

ASIDE: This makes something of a lie of the common Internet claim that Corbally "flew Spitfires during the Battle of Britain", because that took place in 1940. Readers are also reminded that contrived service discharges are commonly used as part of the intelligence operation known as "sheep-dipping" (which was, of course,
Fletcher Prouty’s [q.v.] judgement on LHO’s discharge from the U.S.M.C. in 1959, just prior to his "defection" to the Soviet Union).

Corbally next turned up in Germany with the Army of Occupation after the war, claiming OSS field experience [so, yes, he had indeed been sheep-dipped in some way by the Clayton Knight Committee in 1943 - Ed.]. His later movements then figure in the 1987/2013e book ”The Secret Worlds of Stephen Ward” by Anthony Summers and Stephen Dorril. These authors place him in London in the early 1960s as a playboy with business interests in cinema advertising and contacts in the security services. In 1962 he chanced to get a knee injury and was recommended to society osteopath Stephen Ward [q.v.]. After a miracle cure, and impressed by Ward's retinue of pretty women, Corbally made sure the two kept in touch. Indeed Corbally stayed in close touch with both Ward and his London Embassy during the height of the Profumo Affair [q.v.].

STUDENT EXERCISE: [Three letter answer, 5 marks] Name the U.S. intelligence agency with OSS ancestry who might have kicked Corbally in the knee in order to get him in contact with a man who shortly afterward attended one of his social gatherings in company with a Russian Embassy naval attaché.

Corbett, James: "Independent critical analyst" James Corbett [no convenient biography] hosts the alternative news source The Corbett Report [Website About] and invariably speaks regularly about conspiracy theories. All followers of The Corbett Report are logged, of course, by intelligence monitoring services, and their interests cross-correlated.

Corbett Report, The: [Read firstly the entry for James Corbett.] The following editions of The Corbett Report may help explain the success with which the Mainstream Media (MSM) have been used to cover-up the JFK assassination conspiracy ...

"The Weaponisation of Social Media" (1st March 2018) - YouTube it now, carefully noting the role played by DARPA in keeping public surveillance technology at, or ahead of, need. Note also the concept of the "sock puppet" in spreading counterintelligence, the Zionist editing of Wikipedia, and Cass Sunstein's concept of "cognitive infiltration" in neutralising a target discussion group. Note finally (at 6:12) the shoulder insignia of U.S. Army Cyber Command.

Corbynism: The British political affiliation known as Corbynism [no dispassionate briefing] is noteworthy in the present context as that section of the Labour Party which aligns itself morally with the traditional socialism of Jeremy Corbyn.

ASIDE - "WELFARE CAPITALISM": Foreign readers should note that this traditional socialism is comparable with the Social Democratic movements [Wikipedia briefing] seen across Europe, not least in the economic powerhouse of Germany. It is sensible and left-of-centre, in other words, but without being "hard-left". Figuratively speaking, like the U.S. Marine Corps, Corbynism does not lightly abandon its wounded on the battlefield. Oo-rah.

Corbynism's central principle is the rejection of the neoliberal doctrine that creating billionaires in any way benefits the ordinary people of Britain. Adherents of Corbynism are known in polite circles as Corbymites or Corbynistas, and Corbyn himself - apologies Arnold Schwarzenegger - as "The Corbynator". Corbynite M.P.s within the Labour Party are easy to identify in the 28th June 2016 Vote of No Confidence as being the 40 in the 172:40 votes cast; that is to say a mere SIX PERCENT of the British Parliamentary establishment.

Core, Jesse: [As is our practice with all NGOs (and the people associated with them) we strongly recommend students to check out the entry for CIA Front Organisations before proceeding.] New Orleans public relations man Jesse Core [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) as "Clay Shaw's associate" at the International Trade Mart (Baker, 2010) and the Information Council of the Americas (INCA), and (b) for thereby being instrumental in a coordinated operation to portray LHO as a pro-Castro activist in the public record
Corn, David: Political journalist and assassination researcher David Corn [Wikipedia biography] was the author of the 1994 book "Blind Ghost: Ted Shackley and the CIA Crusades", a re-appraisal of CIA operations during the Cold War, and of the part played by Ted Shackley in aggressively pursuing them.

Cortelyou, George Bruce: Civil servant-politician George Cortelyou [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having held a number of cabinet posts under President Theodore Roosevelt [see own entry] in the early 1900s, including as Secretary of the Treasury during the Panic of 1907 [see 17th October 1907].

Couch, Malcolm O.: WFAA-TV cameraman Malcolm Couch [no convenient biography] was in the "fifth or sixth car back" in the Presidential motorcade, in the middle of three photographers perched up above the rear seat, and at the time of the shooting had just turned north on Houston. He exited the car when it had reached the triple underpass and ran back up toward TSBD, where he spent a moment filming the excitement there. Then, at the west of the building, he "saw blood on the sidewalk", in a pool eight to ten inches in diameter "about 10 to 15 feet from the corner of the Texas Depository Building".

ASIDE: This is NOT the same blood found by Jerry Coley and referenced in the Blood or Cola Thread.

Couch's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now].

Coulson, Andrew Edward: [Read firstly the entries for National War Aims Committee (NWAC) and "Churnalism".] British cub journalist turned public relations man turned right-wing proselytiser Andy Coulson [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context primarily for being one of those named in Marcus Moore's [see own entry] (2018) article "BBC's 'Churnalism'" - read it now - as having helped transform the BBC from somewhat independently-minded state broadcaster to shameless government town cryer [our metaphor - Ed.]. His particular role was a Director of Communications to Number 10 Downing Street 2010-2011. He presently advises the Telegraph group of newspapers.

Counterintelligence: Counterintelligence means knowing what the other fellow is up to in a relationship, and acting accordingly using any means appropriate to the assessed hostility level of the relationship (see the Wikipedia briefing for the types and structures recognised by academics, paying especial attention to false flag operations). Counterintelligence assets can be deployed against either friendly intelligence operations (to make sure they intend staying friendly) or hostile ones (to deny them physical, and/or financial, and/or political success). This latter category of intelligence operation includes most types of "conspiracy theory", making their adherents legitimate targets of a counterintelligence effort. Hager (2017) suggests that "... seizing the centre of gravity on a conspiracy is standard ops for counterintelligence" (p51). Counterintelligence assets can also be deployed against overt aggression, of course, as part of maximising tactical advantage.

County Sheriff's Office: Dallas' County Sheriff's Office was located at 509 Main Street, as one of the county functions sharing the Dallas County Records Building. Oriented north-south, this building occupies the full block between Elm and Main, but the Sheriff's Office had its own stepped entrance - embossed in foot-high lettering as DALLAS COUNTY CRIMINAL COURTS - onto Main, some 30 feet east of the junction with Houston. It was from these steps that many Sheriff's Deputies - including Roger Craig - spectated the motorcade. The west-facing facade, opposite the northernmost of the two water features at the top of Dealey Plaza, had no pedestrian entrances, but was divided by a deep drive in. The Sheriff's Office on the southern corner was then balanced to the north by the County Record Office on the junction with Elm.
Coupland, [Sir] Reginald: British historian and prolific author [Sir] Reginald Coupland [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having studied under Alfred Zimmern at Oxford in the mid-1900s, (b) for having thereby been appointed Beit Lecturer in Colonial History in 1913, and then Beit Professor of same in 1920, a position he would retain until stepping down in 1948, (c) for promoting the newly founded Round Table Movement [see own entry] during the 1910s and for then supporting its literary output during the early 1920s, particularly as relates to Britain's shift from Empire to Commonwealth, (d) for leveraging his growing reputation as a scholar-pundit to serve on the 1923 Lee Commission [Wikipedia briefing], studying the ethnic structure of the Indian civil service, (e) likewise for the 1936-1937 Peel Commission to Palestine [see own entry], and (f) likewise for the 1942 Cripps Mission to India, in which he served as chief adviser.

Coward, Sir Noël Peirce: Playwright, composer, actor, Establishment dandy, spy in plain sight, and highly patriotic criminal mastermind Noël Coward [Wikipedia biography] was recruited by British spymaster Robert Vansittart [q.v.] as a celebrity-asset in the late 1930s, and did the job so well that he reputedly ended up on the Gestapo's liquidation list had the Nazis won the war. Only in 1973 was he cleared to reveal that "he had been a spy for England, trained (with his friend Ian Fleming) in covert action" (Koch, 2008 [full text online]). He had "toured three continents singing, being amusing, acting as a courier, filing eyes-only reports on influential people, and probably meeting covert British contacts" (ibid.). He also acted as go-between in early 1940 for talks between President Roosevelt and Winston Churchill.

Coyle, Edward J.: As related in the La Fontaines' 1996 book "Oswald Talked", Dallas-based Intelligence Officer for the 112th Military Intelligence Group, Ed Coyle [no convenient biography] had been one of three agents who met at <venue unknown> on 21st November 1963, the others being FBI Agent James Hosty and DPD Lieutenant Jack Revill. The latter, Hosty would explain in 1996, "made a comment about not wanting to guard that son of a bitch Kennedy tomorrow" (p283). Coyle was also one of three agents who met at the ATF's office on Commerce on the morning of 22nd November 1963 (the others being Hosty again and ATF investigator Frank Ellsworth) to report progress with their common investigations of the Fort Hood Arms Thefts. This meeting broke up at around 1145hr. We surmise that Coyle - in his role as the army's liaison man to the SS security detail that day - then went and mingled with the crowd somewhere. Browse the ATF Thread to accumulate the various fragments of this story.

Cox, Alexander B. H.: Film director Alex Cox [Wikipedia biography] was author of the 2013 book "The President and the Provocateur", which is constructed around the wholly dismal [but increasingly blatant] core thesis that the U.S. Deep State, encouraged by getting away with their JFK cover-up, went on to play for even higher stakes.

Crafard, Curtis LaVerne ['Larry']: Michigan born sometime travelling circus hand and recently resident handyman at Jack Ruby's Carousel Club Larry Crafard [Spartacus Educational biography] met with Ruby and George Senator on 23rd November, and then immediately left town. He then gave copious [three days] evidence to the Warren Commission, helping to identify the various hostesses who came and went. Crafard also stated that one of his duties at the Carousel was to record who had called while Ruby was out, and one of these books - "a blue cover spiral notebook entitled, 'Penway Memo Notebook'" - was discussed in detail on his third day on the stand, in that it was one of only a few indications of who Jack Ruby knew and did business with. Crafard's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it here].

Craig, John R.: Private detective and assassination researcher John Craig [no convenient biography] interviewed Chauncey Holt on 19th October 1991 [read transcript now], and was co-author with Philip Rogers of the 1992 book "The Man on the Grassy Knoll", in which Charles Rogers is proposed not just as the Picket Fence shooter but also as one of the (second set of) Three Tramps.
Craig, Roger Dean: [Read firstly the entries for Edgar Eugene Bradley, Bill Decker, Mannlicher-Carcano C2766, and Arnold Rowland.]

At the time of the JFK shooting Dallas County Sheriff's Deputy Roger Craig [Spartacus Educational biography] was stationed outside the Sheriff's Office at 505 Main Street, Dallas, not far from the junction with Houston Street. Craig's evidential profile is as follows: FBI Report, 22nd November 1963 [have been unable to locate]; Sheriff's Office Report 23rd November 1963 [read it now]; Warren Commission Testimony [read it now - TINKERED WITH]; Trial of Clay Shaw Testimony [read it now]; Radio interview by Ted Ganfaldo [YouTube it now]; Interview to camera, Mark Lane [YouTube it now]. Here is how he told his story in his own words in 1971 [including his allegation that his Warren Commission testimony was in several crucial respects written for him - Ed.] …

"The time was 12:15 pm. I was standing in front of the court house at 505 Main Street. Deputy Jim Ramsey was standing behind me. […] I said to Jim Ramsey, 'He's late'. Jim's reply stunned me. He said, 'Maybe somebody will shoot the son of a bitch'. […] Something else was bothering me […] the lack of security in this area. […] Then there came a rifle shot! I bolted toward Houston Street. I was fifteen steps from the corner - before I reached it two more shots had been fired. […] I ran down the grass between Main and Elm. […] I saw a Dallas Police Officer run up the grassy knoll and go behind the picket fence near the railroad yards." (Craig, 1971, K92-115).

***** A QUICK ARREST BEHIND THE PICKET FENCE *****

"I followed and behind the fence was complete confusion and hysteria. I began to question people when I noticed a woman in her early thirties attempting to drive out of the parking lot. She was in a brown 1962 or 1963 Chevrolet. I stopped her, identified myself, and placed her under arrest. […] I turned her over to Deputy Sheriff C. L. (Lummy) Lewis […] who told me he would take her to Sheriff Decker and take care of her car. The parking lot behind the picket fence was of little importance to most of the investigators at the scene except that the shots were thought to have come from there. […] It was leased by Deputy Sheriff B. D. Gossett [who] in turn rented parking space by the month to the deputies who worked in the court house. […] An interesting point is that the lot had an iron bar across the only entrance and exit […] and the only people having access to it were deputies with keys. Point: how did the woman gain access and, what is more important, was she and why did she have to leave?" (ibid., K115-127).

***** WITNESS ARNOLD ROWLAND *****

"Several people indicated to me that they thought the shots came from the area of the grassy knoll or behind the picket fence. My next reliable witness came forward in the form of Mr. Arnold Rowland. Mr. Rowland and his wife were standing at the top of the grassy knoll on the north side of Elm Street. […] He said approximately fifteen minutes before President Kennedy arrived he was looking around and something caught his eye. It was a white man standing by the sixth floor window of the [TSBD] in the southeast corner, holding a rifle equipped with a telescopic sight and in the southwest corner of the sixth floor was a coloured male pacing back and forth. […] I asked Mr. Rowland why he had not reported this incident before and he told me that he thought they were secret service agents. […] I had started toward the Sheriff's Office with them when […] Officer Lewis offered to take the Rowlands off my hands and get their statements" (ibid., K136-144).

***** CRAIG SEES OSWALD LEAVING THE SCENE, BUT *****

***** IS THWARTED BY A FAKE SECRET SERVICE MAN *****

"The time was approximately 12:40 pm. when I ran into Buddy Walthers. […] As we were scanning the curb I heard a shrill whistle coming from the north side of Elm Street. I turned and saw a white male in his twenties running down the grassy knoll from the direction of the [TSBD]. A light green Rambler station wagon was coming slowly west on Elm Street. The driver of the station wagon was a husky looking Latin, with dark wavy hair, wearing a tan wind breaker type jacket. He was looking up at the man running toward him. […] I tried to cross Elm Street to stop them and find out who they were. The traffic was too heavy and I was unable to reach them. They drove away going west on Elm Street. […] The suspect […] was wearing faded blue trousers and a long-sleeved work shirt made of some type of grainy material. This will become very important to me later on. Point: Mrs. Ruth Payne, the woman Marina Oswald lived with in Irving, Texas, owned a Rambler station wagon at that time, of this same colour. […] I learned nothing of this 'Secret Service Agent's' identity until December 22, 1967 …" (ibid., K212-238).

ASIDE - THE SECRET SERVICE MAN WHO WASN'T: This person was not identified until 1967 - see details below.

"As I finished talking with the agent, [Sheriff Bill Decker, who had] been standing directly behind me and had overheard what I was saying […] called me aside and informed me that the suspect had already left the scene […] Decker then told me to help them (the police) search the Book Depository Building. […] I was joined by
Deputy Sheriffs Eugene Boone and Luke Mooney. We went up the stairs directly to the sixth floor. The room was very dark and a thick layer of dust seemed to cover everything. [...] Luke Mooney and I reached the southeast corner at the same time" (ibid., K251-259).

***** THE MYSTERY OF THE CARTRIDGE CASES *****

"We immediately found three rifle cartridges laying in such a way that they looked as though they had been carefully and deliberately placed there - in plain sight on the floor to the right of the southeast corner window. Mooney and I examined the cartridges very carefully and remarked how close together they were. The three of them were no more than one inch apart and all were facing the same direction [further forensic description given]. Laying on the floor to the left of the small window was a brown paper lunch bag containing some well cleaned chicken bones. I called across the room and summoned the Dallas Police I.D. [Intelligence Division] man, Lt. [Carl] Day. When he arrived with his camera Mooney and I left the window and started our search of the rest of the sixth floor" (ibid., K259-278).

***** THE MYSTERY OF THE DISAPPEARING MAUSER *****

"I was nearing the northwest corner of the sixth floor when Deputy Eugene Boone called out, 'here it is'. I was about eight feet from Boone, who was standing next to a stack of cardboard boxes. [...] Looking over the top and down the opening I saw a rifle with a telescopic sight laying on the floor with the bolt facing upward. At this time Boone and I were joined by Lt. Day of the Dallas Police Department and Dallas Homicide Captain, Will Fritz. The rifle was retrieved by Lt. Day, who activated the bolt, ejecting one live round of ammunition which fell to the floor. Lt. Day inspected the rifle briefly, then handed it to Capt. Fritz [...]. Seymour Weitzman, a deputy constable, was standing beside me at the time. Weitzman was an expert on weapons. [...] Capt. Fritz asked if anyone knew what kind of rifle it was. Weitzman asked to see it. After a close examination (much longer than Fritz or Day's examination) Weitzman declared that it was a 7.65 German Mauser. Fritz agreed with him" (ibid., K278-286).

***** OFFICER DOWN - PATROLMAN J. D. TIPPICT *****

"At that exact moment an unknown Dallas police officer came running up the stairs and advised Capt. Fritz that a Dallas policeman had been shot in the Oak Cliff area. I instinctively looked at my watch. The time was 1.06 p.m. A token force of uniformed officers was left to keep the sixth floor secure and Fritz, Day, Boone, Mooney, Weitzman, and I left the building. On my way back to the Sheriff's Office I was nearly run down several times by Dallas Police cars racing to the scene of the shooting of a fellow officer" (ibid., K286-296).

***** OSWALD ARRESTED ON SUSPICION OF COP-KILLING*****

"[Six pages of detail given]" (ibid., K296-330).

***** CRAIG MEETS OSWALD *****

"Later that afternoon I received word of the suspect's arrest and the fact that he was suspected of being involved in the President's death. I immediately thought of the man running down the grassy knoll. I made a telephone call to Capt. Will Fritz and gave him the description of the man I had seen and Fritz said, 'that sounds like the suspect we have. Can you come up and take a look at him?' I arrived at Capt. Fritz's office shortly after 4.30 p.m. I was met by Agent [James] Bookhout from the FBI, who took my name and place of employment. The door to Capt. Fritz' personal office was open and the blinds on the windows were closed. [...] I looked through the open door at the request of Capt. Fritz and identified the man who I saw running down the grassy knoll and enter the Rambler station wagon - and it WAS Lee Harvey Oswald. Fritz and I entered his private office together. He told Oswald, 'This man (pointing to me) saw you leave'. At which time the suspect replied, 'I told you people I did'. Fritz, apparently trying to console Oswald, said, 'Take it easy, son - we're just trying to find out what happened'. Fritz then said, 'What about the car?'. Oswald replied, leaning forward on Fritz' desk, 'That station wagon belongs to Mrs. Paine - don't try to drag her into this'. Sitting back in his chair, Oswald said very disgustedly and very low, 'Everybody will know who I am now'. At this time Capt. Fritz ushered me from his office, thanking me" (ibid., K339-348).

***** CRAIG'S WARREN COMMISSION TESTIMONY WRITTEN FOR HIM *****

"David Belin told me who he was as I entered the interrogation room (April 1964). He had me sit at the head of a long table. To my left was a female with a pencil and pen. Belin sat to my right. Between the girl and Belin was a tape recorder, which was turned off. Belin instructed the girl not to take notes until he (Belin) said to do so. [Details of Belin's initial instructions and general procedures given.] When Belin would get to certain questions he would turn off the recorder and stop the girl from writing. [...] I finally managed to get in at least most of what I had seen and heard by ignoring his advanced questions and giving a step-by-step picture, which further seemed to irritate him. At the end of our session Belin [...] went over the complete testimony again. He then asked, 'Do you want to follow or waive your signature or sign now?' Since there was nothing but a tape recording and a stenographer's note book, there was obviously nothing to sign. [...] I first saw my testimony in January of 1968 when I looked at the 26 volumes which belonged to Penn Jones. My alleged statement was included. The following are some of the changes in my testimony:
[Arnold Rowland - some discrepancies]
[Colour of Rambler changed from light green to white]
[Colour of driver's jacket changed from tan to white]
[Rambler licence plate NOT Texas colour, word NOT omitted]
[Driver: got a good look changed to did NOT get a good look]

[Major targeted insertions to the exchange with Oswald in Fritz' office, to imply that Oswald had proudly claimed that everybody would know who he was - a core part of the Commission's lone-nut legend - when in fact he seemed to be lamenting a blown cover.]

Shortly after [...] the Sheriff took me out of the field and assigned me to the Bond desk. This meant that I was sitting directly in line with [his] office door, where he could watch me. It made me feel a little like a goldfish in a bowl!" (ibid., K400-464).

***** CRAIG DISMISSED THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE *****

"In February of 1967 the lid blew off. District Attorney Jim Garrison announced publicly his probe into the John F. Kennedy assassination. It wasn't long - in fact, a matter of hours - until Decker walked up to me and asked, 'Have you been talking to Jim Garrison?' I told him that I had not, which was the truth. Decker then said 'Somebody sure as hell has'. That was the beginning of the end of my career as a law officer and my future in Dallas County. As more and more books critical of the Warren Commission began to hit the newsstands throughout the country and I received calls and visitors asking questions my future with the Sheriff's Office became very shaky. Finally, on July 4, 1967, Bill Decker called me into his office and told me to check out" (ibid., K512).

***** CRAIG MEETS GARRISON AND IDENTIFIES THE RAMBLER DRIVER *****

"I had several meetings with Jim Garrison. He showed me numerous pictures taken in Dealey Plaza on November 22, 1963. Among them was a picture of a Latin male. I recognised him as being the same man I had seen driving the Rambler station wagon in which I had seen Oswald leave the Book Depository area. I was surprised and I asked Jim who the man was. Jim did not know but he did say this man was arrested in Dealey Plaza immediately after the assassination but was released by Dallas Police because he could not speak English!" (ibid., K539).

***** THE MYSTERY OF THE .45 SLUG *****

"We [= Craig and Garrison] also discussed the .45 calibre slug found on the south side of Elm Street, in the grass, by E. R. (Buddy) Walthers. Buddy had indeed found such a slug. He and I discussed it the evening of November 22, 1963, Buddy also gave a statement to the Dallas Police confirming this find (found among bits of brain matter). However, he later denied finding it - after Decker had a long talk with him [...] Jim Garrison also had a picture of an unidentified man picking up this .45 slug and Buddy is also in that photograph" (ibid., K539-548).

***** THE MISSING ARREST DOCUMENTATION *****

"Jim also asked me about the arrests made in Dealey Plaza that day. I told him I knew of twelve arrests, one in particular made by [Roy] E. Vaughn of the Dallas Police Department. The man Vaughn arrested was coming from the Dal-Tex Building across from the [TSBD]. The only thing which Vaughn knew about him was that he was an independent oil operator from Houston, Texas. The prisoner was taken from Vaughn by Dallas Police detectives and that was the last that he saw or heard of the suspect. Incidentally, there are no records of any arrests, either by the [DPD] or the Sheriff's Office, made in Dealey Plaza on November 22, 1963. Very strange!" (ibid., K548-558).

***** THE BOUNTY HUNTERS START TO GATHER *****

[Much of the second half of the book records a number of attempts on Deputy Craig's life.]

***** GARRISON IDENTIFIES THE FAKE SECRET SERVICE MAN *****

"I learned nothing of this 'Secret Service Agent's' identity until December 22, 1967, while we were living in New Orleans. The television was on as I came home from work one night and there on the screen was a picture of this man. I did not know what it was all about until my wife told me that Jim Garrison had charged him with being a part of the assassination plot. I called Jim Garrison then and told him that this was the man I had seen in Dallas on November 22, 1963. Jim then sent me one of his investigators to see me with a better picture which I identified. I then learned that this man's name was Edgar Eugene Bradley" (ibid., K238-251).

ASIDE - THE SECRET SERVICE MAN WHO WASN'T: In this historically momentous instant, Craig had inadvertently allowed himself to be thrown off the scent by a conspiracy look-out man, and - unsurprisingly - nothing ever came of this. Bradley has since been identified as a CIA operative.
Having survived the several attempts on his life mentioned above, Craig was finally murdered in a **highly convenient** faked suicide on 15th May 1975. His death is one of 115 more or less suspicious assassination-related deaths listed in Roberts and Armstrong's (1995) book "The Dead Witnesses" [Amazon]. **FURTHER READING:** For more of the detail, see Craig's own (1971) book "When They Kill a President" [Amazon - COMPULSORY READING]. His televised interview makes particularly chilling viewing, now that we know what happened next - YouTube it now, **OUR VERDICT:** Craig is described in that video as "a real American hero", and yet in the entry for Edgar Eugene Bradley the case is made that Craig's evidence was unsafe. Further research is needed, but in the meantime we side - on balance of probabilities - with Craig.

**Craik, Sir George Lillie [2nd Baronet]^{1927}**: British lawyer turned law enforcer **Sir George Craik** [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been a founding member of the **Round Table Movement** [see own entry], and a long-standing friend of **Philip Kerr** [see entry] during his years in South Africa (Rose, 2000). He would go on to become Chief Constable of London's Metropolitan Police.

**** THIS MAN HELPED FASHION OUR PRESENT HELL ON EARTH ****

**Crane, Charles Richard:** [Read firstly the entry for Religious Right.] American playboy, political fixer, and noted "Arabist" [often construed as a euphemism for anti-Semite - Ed.] **Charles R. Crane** [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for coming to political prominence in his middle years when he helped instal **Woodrow Wilson** in the White House in 1912, thus ...

"... the man who organised the financing of Wilson's campaign was millionaire industrialist Charles R. Crane, someone who also will play a very important part in our story. American capitalists viewed themselves as a force above politics, and in large measure they were. They were used to getting their own way. If a politician or a government proved an impediment to business, they could be replaced" (Spence, op. cit. inf., p601).

**LEST IT BE OVERLOOKED:** When bankers "own" senior politicians in this way, it is a form of Insider Trading [Wikipedia briefing]. The practice is therefore widespread in Establishment circles, with neither the bankers nor the politicians much motivated to prevent it.

... (b) for playing a part in setting up the **Federal Reserve System** in late 1913 [see Timeline 20th November 1910 and 23rd December 1913] ...

**LEST IT BE OVERLOOKED:** The received modern critique of the 1913 Federal Reserve System is (1) that it is fundamentally deceptively named, being neither "Federal" nor a "Reserve" (it is privately owned, and it prints paper notes to government requisition, living off administration commissions and subsequent interest), and (2) that historically it has - thanks to the resulting endemic bribery and malpractice - caused far more problems than it has remedied. See FURTHER READINGS for the support material.

... (c) for heading the advance party of the **Root Commission** into Petrograd at a critical point in the **Russian Revolution** [see Timeline 16th April 1917], (d) for encouraging the folly of the **Kerensky Offensive** [see Timeline 1st July 1917], and thus inadvertently taking Russia out of the war rather than keeping it in, (e) for pulling strings in Washington to gain support for **Tomáš Masaryk's** Czech and Slovak nationalists [presently a province of the Austro-Hungarian Empire - Ed.; see Timeline 30th May 1918], (f) for becoming an advising member of the American delegation to the **Versailles Peace Conference** [see Timeline 18th January 1919], constantly reminding the negotiating teams of the secret deals already done [not least the deal with Masaryk - Ed.], (g) for doing much the same in 1919 at the subsequent **King-Crane Commission on Mandates** [see Timeline 10th June 1919], coming down strongly in favour of a British-mandated Jewish state in Palestine, (h) for buying into **The Washington Herald** that same year, (i) for serving in China 1920-1921, (j) for founding the **Institute of Current World Affairs** (ICWA) in 1925 ...

**CAMEO:** The ICWA [Wikipedia briefing; Homepage] is one of those think tank/lobby groups which has done so much to remove from ordinary citizens worldwide the need for critical and informed thinking in the execution of their democratic responsibilities. Its present officially stated mission is to advance "American
understanding of international cultures and affairs by sending outstanding young professionals abroad on two-year independent writing fellowships to study countries, regions and globally important issues” [the CIA could say much the same, of course - Ed.].

... (k) for leading a surge of Western investment into the oilfields of Saudi Arabia and Yemen in the early 1930s, and (l) for developing a reputation in the mid-1930s as a pro-Nazi ... 

**CAMEO - CRANE THE PRO-NAZI:** As we have already explained in the entry for the Cliveden Set [see the entry for Nancy Astor and as thereafter directed], Adolf Hitler was quite a favourite of the Anglo-American Establishment for most of the 1930s, only finally falling from favour in around 1938. Crane was therefore in very good company. Leclair (2016 [full text online (paywalled) FASCINATING]) has recently analysed the influence of the American Religious Right (and he includes Crane in this) upon American foreign policy during these years.


**Crawford, John:** Light aircraft pilot John Crawford [no convenient biography] seems to have worked for Jack Ruby on occasions. He was killed in a plane crash near Huntsville, TX, on 15th April 1969. His death is one of 115 more or less suspicious assassination-related deaths listed in Roberts and Armstrong's (1995) book "The Dead Witnesses". Conspiracy theories exist, but we remain to be convinced that they warrant being recorded here.

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"One to whom such delicate tasks should not be entrusted" (Steel, 1980)
"A reckless and incompetent person" (ibid.)
"Incapable of judging evidence" (ibid.)
"Determined to make a noise no matter what [truths] he violates" (ibid.)

**Creel, George Edward:** American newsman turned state propagandist George Creel [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for learning journalism from the bottom up 1896-1912, gradually gaining a reputation as a political pundit, (b) for supporting President Wilson's 1916 re-election campaign, (c) for thereby getting head-hunted 14th April 1917 to head up Wilson's new propaganda agency, the deceptively named Committee on Public Information (CPI) [see own entry], (d) for generally conducting what was at the time "the greatest public relations effort in history", (e) for getting particularly behind Czech-Slovak moves for independence ...

**ASIDE - CREEL, MASARYK, AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA:** We have remarked elsewhere that the fate of the ethnic Czechs and Slovaks of Bohemia and Moravia was decided in principle in the Tenth of President Wilson's Fourteen Points [see Timeline 7th January 1918], and then updated at the Czech League's Kiev Congress shortly afterward [ditto 30th January]. The true objective, however, seems to have been to shiver these two important northern provinces away from the Austro-Hungarian Empire [they had been vassal states of the ancestral Holy Roman Empire since the 9th Century! - Ed.] ...

**ASIDE - THE WEAPONISATION OF DISSENT:** In that it erodes motivation and morale, the systematic spreading of dissent in an enemy's ranks (figurative as well as literal) is an ancient and highly successful part of warfare. The effect on any one conflict is relatively easy to establish, but not so the longer-term effects. This is because propaganda of this sort goes so deep that it becomes part of the national psyche. Thus the pamphlets of a handful of pre-Revolutionary Bostonians, which told the New England Colonials that *they* were *too good for all this*, still sour international relations two-and-a-half centuries later. Likewise, the romanticising-demonising of Englishness-Scottishness, Jewishness-Arabness, Ukrainianness-Russianianness, and all the other -nesses which threaten any day to bring human life on Earth to an end.
Here is how historian David A. Andelman explained Creel’s involvement in creating (and to no little extent helping to deliver) this Czechoslovak dream in his 2008 book "A Shattered Peace: Versailles 1919 and the Price We Pay Today" [Amazon] ...

"... the Czechs were encouraged in their militant pursuit of territory by George Creel. This Wilson crony headed the U.S. propaganda effort in Europe during the war, and after the Armistice found himself in Prague. That’s when he told [Tomáš] Masaryk [see Timeline, 14th November 1915] that the Czechs were America's ‘favourite sons’, and they'd support Czech actions 'through thick and thin’" (p171).

(f) for wilfully ignoring advice in early 1918 from Secretary of War Newton D. Baker [Wikipedia biography] that "our only chance in Russia is to re-establish, as quickly as possible, confidence in our absolute honesty and disinterestedness" (Steel, op. cit. inf., p137), (g) for giving later propaganda theorists such as Edward Bernays [see own entry] their start in their trade, (h) for being part of the American delegation to the 1919 Versailles Peace Conference, where he helped others preach what he had practised, and (i) for setting down his experiences in his (1920) book "How We Advertised America" [Amazon].

FURTHER READING: For a detailed biography see Chapter 1 of Alan Axelrod's (2009) "Selling the Great War: The Making of American Propaganda" [Amazon]. For more on the exploitation of Czech-Slovak nationalism see Chapter 12 of Ronald Steel's (1980) "Walter Lippmann and the American Century" [Amazon].

Creel Committee: See the entry for the Committee on Public Information (CPI).

Crewe House: Nowadays London’s Saudi Arabian Embassy, but here used as synecdoche for the Department of Propaganda in Enemy Countries, an offshoot of the War Propaganda Bureau [see own entry] created under Lord Northcliffe in February 1918. Sir Campbell Stuart's 1921 memoir "Secrets of Crewe House: The Story of a Famous Campaign" [full text online] sets the general scene and identifies the main departmental officers.

[Crewe-]1895-Milnes, Robert Offley Ashburton [2nd Baron Houghton]1885 [Earl of Crewe]1895 [1st Marquess of Crewe]1911: British aristocrat-politician Robert Crewe-Milnes [Lord Crewe]1895 [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having lent his home to the government in February 1918 to house Lord Northcliffe's new Department of Propaganda in Enemy Countries, and (b) for being identified as "close to the inner circle" of the Milner Group (Macgregor and Docherty, 2017, p26).

***** JFK Senior Primary Conspirator *****

(remember that the actual killing was a secondary conspiracy)

Crichton, John ["Jack"] Alston: [Invariably Jack] WW2 veteran (OSS) turned Dallas oilman Colonel Jack Crichton [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having business ties with fellow oilmen Clint Murchison and George H. W. Bush [see own entry], defence contractor General Dynamics, and Cuban President Fulgencio Batista in the 1950s, and (b) for having been Founder-Commander of the 488th MID [see own entry] between 1956 and 1967. He was profiled by Peter Dale Scott in his 2015 book "Dallas '63" as having been responsible for the deliberate "conspiratorial manipulation of Marina Oswald's testimony in the first hours after the assassination, in order to create the [...] impression that the Soviet Union may have been involved" (§4132). The forethought required to do this with so little notice indicates that it has to have been pre-planned. In 1959 he and Bush reportedly helped raise funds for the CIA's Operation 40. It has also been estimated that at the time of the assassination about half of the 488ths 100-man complement were DPD officers.

Crisis Actors: [Read firstly the entry for Drills and Exercises.] This phrase grew popular in the mid-1990s to describe the (perfectly legitimate) use of hired "victims" - in full moulage [Wikipedia briefing] - in civil defence drills and exercises. The term then took on a more sinister connotation when analysis of news reporting from NYC in the hours following the 9/11 atrocity revealed the (not perfectly legitimate) practice of
TV news teams have a supply of actors at hand to play-act eye-witnesses to camera when needed [see YouTube CNN caught red-handed].

**ASIDE - THE ETYMOLOGY:** We like the etymological scholarship of Denver-based Dave Wilton's Wordorigins blog [homepage]. He cites an actors' agency advertisement in October 2012, which offered to supply emergency authorities such as Department of Homeland Security/FEMA with "crisis actors" who had been "trained in criminal and victim behaviour" and who were thus capable of delivering "intense realism to simulated mass casualty incidents". He then notes that the December 2012 Sandy Hook School Shooting [Wikipedia briefing] attracted a strange new breed of conspiracy theory, namely one in which the authorities were now so good at staging "simulated mass casualty incidents" that at least some participants hi-jacked the occasion to use live ammo. Specifically Wilton cites a report 16th January 2013 as being possibly the first in which the term "crisis actor" is used with this nasty pejorative edge.

Since Sandy Hook the term has sunk even further, and is presently used [March 2018] by conspiracy theorists to indicate that an atrocity at hand - the 2017 Las Vegas Massacre, say - has been staged using crisis actors. As a result, every new atrocity nowadays is greeted within seconds by a chorus of online cries of false flag! and crisis actor!

Crisman, Fred Lee: WW2 veteran (U.S.A.A.C.), long-term associate of Clay Shaw, and jobbing esoterist Fred Crisman [Wikipedia mark-ography] would defeat even Jim Garrison's investigations of him so completely that Garrison officially concluded that he must spend his time in "deep cover" (Garrison's actual term) on work of national security of some sort. So it is then not altogether surprising to find Crisman named in due course in Richard Sprague's 1985 book "The Taking of America" as one of the dozen or so outer sanctum conspirators in the JFK assassination.

*** PROTESTER AGAINST CONSPIRACY, WW1 ***

Croft, Henry Page: British businessman turned right-wing politician turned front-line commander in the Battle of the Somme re-turned political avenger of wasted lives Brigadier General Henry Croft [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for being mentioned in Chapter 5 of Jim Macgregor [see own entry] and Gerry Docherty's [see own entry] 2017 book "Prolonging the Agony" [see own entry]. In this particular chapter the authors are questioning the effectiveness of the Royal Navy's blockade of Germany.

**ASIDE:** Readers are reminded that there is an important cluster of conspiracy theories centred on the blockade running of contraband into Germany during WW1. For the backstory to this, start with the inset to the entry for Maurice Hankey. Croft is just one of those who tried to speak out against the practice.

Croft, they note, mourning no doubt the casualties suffered by his own unit, now spoke out forcefully in Parliament against the sort of profiteering which kept the war going unnecessarily. Here is an indicative extract from one of his speeches ...

"Only the Government in 1915 and 1916 did not grasp the vital necessity of preserving every pound of food we had in this country. No Minister was responsible during this time, and yet we find that millions of tons of produce and raw material left this country—ore for shells to blow our men to bits with in the trenches, cotton to provide explosives for those shells, and food to feed the Germans who fired those shells—and when we remember the way that not only the fighting men, the soldiers and sailors, have borne the burden of this War and of these continual perils, but the way in which the civil population of this country has gone through the discomforts of this War—when we remember all that, I say it is very difficult for us to remain silent while the poor of this country go short of tea and other commodities at the present time, and when we remember the vast exports that went on by the deliberate policy of Ministers in the years 1915 and 1916. Therefore I submit that I have the right to ask, and the country has the right to know, who was the man, or men, who betrayed their country by feeding the Germans in this manner" (Hansard, 21st March 1918; emphasis added).

**RECOMMENDED READING:** The full text of this speech is online - click here. It covers many other commodities, and makes truly sobering reading.

As usual, this debate, then and since, went totally over the heads of the ordinary British people. The man in the street simply does not routinely read Hansard, and the mainstream media declined to pass
it on because they were themselves in the pockets of the profiteers. As a result, the names of the guilty men were never clearly stated, and the men themselves never punished; indeed sometimes - as with Alfred Mond [see own entry] - they were even rewarded. [THREAD = BEST KEEP THIS FROM THE COMMON MAN]

Crook, Don: Mentioned in the Roy Cooper entry, which see.

Crookham, Perry Ellis: [See firstly the entry for the DOB.] Senior CIA officer Perry Crookham [no convenient biography] was C/DOD/DOB [=Chief, Domestic Operations Division, Domestic Operations Base] in the early 1960s. Here is how Judyth Vary Baker and Edward Schwartz's 2017 book "Kennedy & Oswald" [Amazon] summarises his sudden appearance in the JFK narrative (all names have their own entries) ... "Perry Crookham was the Chief of the DOB. He had come to the CIA from the U.S. Marines. Crookham remained in charge of the DOB until early to mid-1963, when he was replaced by Tracy Barnes. [...] His deputy at the DOB until Tracy Barnes took over, was William 'Rip' Robertson. [...] Perry Crookham's existence remained hidden from history, unknown outside the CIA, until Donald Deneselya revealed his name and who he was to the authors" (Baker and Schwartz, 2017, pp1-2).

Crowe, Eyre Alexander: British civil servant [Sir]1911 Eyre Crowe [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having used his (the relatively junior) position in the Foreign Office to foment the diplomatic and media onslaught against the Germans in the mid-1920s.

Crowe, Jerome K.: [Read firstly the entry for Roy B. Payne.] Los Angeles based FBI Special Agent Jerome K. Crowe [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context for following up what was evidently one of the major D-plus-one leads in the JFK investigation. Specifically, it was Crowe who quizzed private investigators Richard Hathcock and Roy B. Payne [see own entries] at 1030hr Saturday 23rd November 1963 - at a time when every law enforcement agency and agent **on the planet** was in Kennedy Meltdown - as to their involvement with INTERPEN commander Gerry Hemming's Johnson M1941 and Bushnell Hunting Scope [check them out], the sniper's combo which some researchers suspect was used in the JFK shooting, and recovered at the scene. Somehow, possibly from fingerprints on the gun, nobody really knows, the FBI needed to exclude Payne as a person of interest to their inquiries. In the event, it turned out that Payne had done no relevant wrong, and it remains a mystery to this day [January 2020] what had happened in Dallas (1500 miles away) to spark off the inquiry in the first place. To see SA Crowe's later-day report, click here.

Croy, Kenneth Hudson: Well-known to Jack Ruby, businessman, "professional cowboy" in rodeos, and DPD reservist Kenneth Croy [no convenient biography] had been on stand-by at Main and Griffin when the JFK shooting came over the radio. Hampered by traffic he offered assistance at Dealey Plaza some 20 minutes later but was not called upon. He then "proceeded on home" and was on Zangs when the J. D. Tippit call came through. He then duly proceeded to the 400 block of East Tenth Street to give assistance (making him the first uniformed officer on the scene, just as the ambulance crew were loading him into their vehicle). He then began questioning the witnesses until help arrived, being handed a wallet found on the scene by an unidentified bystander [HERE BEGINS A VERY FLAWED CHAIN OF CUSTODY]. Shortly afterward he passed the wallet to Lieutenant Calvin Owens, who had also brought Captain Bill Westbrook and Assistant District Attorney Bill Alexander. Croy was then officially on duty in the basement carpark of City Hall on the morning of 24th November 1963 when Jack Ruby gained unauthorised entry and shot the person named in the wallet to death. Croy's evidential profile is as follows: Statement, 26th November 1963; Affidavit, 1st December 1963;
Warren Commission testimony [read it now]. Browse the LHO Wallet Thread to accumulate the various fragments of this story.

**BLUE VEIN OF CORRUPTION:** By any theory of jurisprudence Croy is about as suspicious as you can get, having been (1) connected to a possible Mr. Big, (2) first on the scene, and (3) the point where perhaps the single most important piece of evidence - the wallet containing the Oswald-Hidell link - entered the story, and (4) ideally placed two days later to allow Mr. Big to get close enough to the person named in the wallet to silence him. Moreover, if Croy planted the wallet, then we must immediately also suspect the DPD officer to whom he passed it next, and who immediately ensured that it was clearly visible on newsreel, namely Captain Bill Westbrook. As to where this particular vein of corruption takes us next, see Westbrook’s separate entry.

**Cuban Missile Crisis:** The Cuban Missile Crisis was a DEFCON-2 military Cold War confrontation between the U.S. and the Soviet Union occasioned by the arrival of Soviet troops and missiles on Cuba in late summer 1962. The crisis famously lasted “Thirteen Days” from 16th to 28th, took the world to DEFCON-2 [Wikipedia briefing], and was resolved by diplomatic means, much to the chagrin of JFK’s Chiefs of Staff, who henceforth regarded him as an appeaser who had to go.

1**ASIDE:** You do not get any closer to a shooting war than DEFCON-2. As explained by Douglas Horne in his 2013 book “JFK’s War with the National Security Establishment”, the order to go to this alert level was taken neither by JFK nor by the Joint Chiefs of Staff through proper channels but by General Thomas Power, Head of Strategic Air Command, on his own authority.

**Cuban Revolutionary Committee:** [From the 1890s] See the entry for Calixto García.

**Cuban Revolutionary Council (CRC):** The CRC was a CIA commissioned anti-Castro recruiting and fundraising front set up by Sergio Arcacha Smith in winter 1961-1962 in 544 Camp Street, next door to Guy Banister’s detective agency at 531 Lafayette. He was asked to testify as to the relationship between the exile community and indigenous right-wingers by Jim Garrison in 1967, but thanks to clever legal work he avoided extradition. As related by the La Fontaines in their 1996 book “Oswald Talked”, the roving Newsweek reporter Hugh Aynesworth played an important part in this obstruction of justice. They quote firstly from the Rodgers Report of 3rd March 1967 ...

”‘Aynesworth reported that he has informants in the office of James Garrison and that he had a number of names of witnesses interviewed...’” (p344).

They then continue in their own words ...

”In the guise of a journalist Aynesworth covered the Garrison investigation for one of the premier print-news organisations in America. His uniformly vitriolic accounts appeared over a period of years, and there is little question they helped shape the national view of Garrison as a corrupt, out-of-control, public official. Behind the scenes, however, Aynesworth was interfering with the D.A.’s investigation - tampering with a witness [...]” (p345).

**Cuban Revolutionary Party:** [From the 1890s] See the entry for Calixto García.

**Cubela, Rolando:** See AM/LASH.

**Cuesta, Antonio:** Miami-based Cuban exile Tony Cuesta [Spartacus Educational biography] had been a CIA asset in a number of their anti-Castro operations. Following a period of imprisonment after a failed raid in 1966 he would confess to Castro’s spy-chief Fabian Escalante that he had been part of a three-man shooting team in Dallas, along with Herminio Diaz Garcia and Eladio del Valle. Escalante did not make this confession public until 1995, after Cuesta’s death.

**Cumings, Bruce:** Historian Bruce Cumings [Wikipedia biography] was the author of the 2014e Preface to the re-release of Isidor Stone’s 1952 book “The Hidden History of the Korean War”.
Cummings, John: Journalist John Cummings [no convenient biography] was the Miami Newsday reporter to whom John Martino gave his 1975 deathbed confession that his January 1964 article liking LHO to Fidel Castro had been a deliberately planted story.

Cummings, Raymond C.: Sometime DPD patrolman/wrestler/cab driver Ray Cummings [no convenient biography, but check out the video sources below] became an important witness to the JFK case when it emerged that as taxi driver serving the Carousel Club he had driven LHO and David Ferrie there in early 1963. This point was taken up by NOLA District Attorney Jim Garrison as indications that LHO had not been a "lone nut" gunman on 22nd November. Cummings' evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED]; Interview to camera, 1967 [YouTube it now].

Cuneo, Ernest L.: In 1951, lawyer, WW2 veteran (OSS), and mass propagandist Ernest Cuneo [Wikipedia biography] led a consortium of investors in acquiring the North American Newspaper Alliance (NANA), controlling some 50 regional newspapers. Given this background, we shall, for our present purposes, be taking it as pikestaff-plain that he was part of the Operation Mockingbird propaganda offensive and the aggressive use of intelligence operatives (or just plain muckrakers) in the guise of reporters. From the mid-1960s onwards Cuneo began contributing copy personally, becoming a major opinion former on current affairs. As profiled in his archive at the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum he was also a historian of merit on Propaganda Theory and OSS History. During his years with OSS he had been a personal friend of spy/spy-author Ian Fleming, who named a character after him in one of his books.

Cunningham, Cortlandt C.: FBI Special Agent Cortlandt Cunningham [no convenient biography] was one of the three-man FBI Lab ballistics team (the others being Robert Frazier and Charles Killion) who examined limo #1 after it had been flown back to DC.

Curry, Chief Jesse Edward: Chief of Police Jesse Curry [Wikipedia biography] was in the pilot car of the presidential motorcade at the time of the assassination. His evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [Part #1; Part #2; Part #3]; Affidavit 10th August 1964 [read it now].

Curtice, [Sir]2018 John Kevin: [Read firstly the entries for National War Aims Committee (NWAC) and “Churnalism”:] British academic and parapolitician [Sir]2018 John Curtice [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context primarily for being one of those named in Marcus Moore’s [see own entry] (2018) article "BBC's 'Churnalism'" - read it now - as having helped transform the BBC from somewhat independently-minded state broadcaster to shameless government town cryer [our metaphor - Ed.]. He is Professor of Politics at the University of Strathclyde, holds down a number of consultative positions in learned institutions, and has contributed voting forecasts and analyses to the BBC for the General Elections in 2005, 2010, 2015, and 2017, thus potentially influencing their outcomes. He is presently [=November 2019] President of the British Polling Council [see own entry].

***** ARCH-CONSPIRATOR, NEW WORLD ORDER *****

Curtis, Lionel George: British lawyer turned soldier (City Imperial Volunteers, 1899-1900) turned colonial administrator turned political theorist Lionel ["The Prophet"] Curtis [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been private secretary to the High Commissioner to the evolving South Africa, Lord Milner, during the early 1900s, during which time he helped consolidate the British administration in Johannesburg, (b) for thereby becoming a member of Milner's Kindergarten [see own entry] ...

ASIDE: Rose (2000) notes that 1909 was a turning point in Curtis' intellectual development; the moment when everything started to come together in a particular vision of where the British Empire ought to be heading, thus ...

"He hit upon a mission in life, one perfectly fashioned to suit his gifts. He became the foremost advocate of 'organic union', first of South Africa, then of the British Empire, and ultimately of the world" (p63).
(c) upon returning to Britain in June 1909, for helping to set up both the Round Table Movement [see own entry] and its flagship discussion quarterly *The Round Table* (to which he contributed many papers over the ensuing decades), (d) for thereby being drawn from about 1911 into Nancy Astor’s influential social clique at Cliveden House [in the fullness of time she would even find him a wife - Ed.], (e) for thereby being appointed in 1912 as Beit Lecturer at Oxford University, (f) for setting out his thoughts on a British Commonwealth in his 1916 book "The Commonwealth of Nations", (g) for being part of the British delegation to the 1919 Versailles Peace Conference [see own entry], (h) for giving vocal support to the resulting League of Nations [see own entry], seeing it as a major step in the direction of world government, (i) for helping to set up Chatham House [see own entry] in 1920, (j) for being appointed research fellow at Oxford University in 1921, (k) for continuing to coordinate activities of the Milner Group after his death in 1925, and (l) for staying closely in touch with his Cliveden contacts throughout the 1930s, even though his ideas were increasingly being dismissed as unworkably Utopian given the pace of German rearmament.

"I NEVER ATTENDED A FUNERAL CEREMONY AT WHICH THE CONGREGATION WAS SO DRY-EYED!"

Curzon, George Nathaniel [Baron Curzon of Kedleston]1899: High-born British politician-diplomat Lord Curzon [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been appointed private secretary to prime minister Lord Salisbury in 1885, (b) for having entered parliament in 1886 as member for Southport, a seat he would hold until 1898, (c) for travelling widely in the period 1888 to 1894, visiting such places as Persia, Central Asia, and Afghanistan, (d) for being appointed Viceroy of India in January 1899, a position he would hold until 1905, (e) for returning to Westminster politics as Lord Privy Seal in May 1915 in Asquith’s coalition government, (f) for chairing the (surprisingly interesting) Shipping Control Committee during the same period ...

**ASIDE:** The government’s Shipping Control Committee dealt, *inter alia*, with the problems of WW1 blockade running conspiracies, indeed sea-based commercial profiteering of any sort. See the separate entry for the details.  [THREAD = WW1 INSIDER TRADING AND PROFITEERING]

(g) for serving on Lloyd George’s War Cabinet from December 1916, generally promoting the cause of a Zionist Palestine in the 10 months run-up to the Balfour Declaration [see own entry], (h) for becoming Foreign Secretary in 1919, one of his first acts being to sign the Laisser Passer by which the SS Ruslan, loaded with 644 "Jewish refugees" wishing to return to Palestine from the Ukraine, was permitted to land at Jaffa [see 19th December 1919], (i) for continuing in said post until January 1924, and (j) after his passing 20th March 1925 for being so little mourned.

CUSA: See the entry for Conservatism USA (CUSA).

Cutler, Robert: Assassination researcher Robert Cutler [no convenient biography] worked with Richard Sprague in promulgating the famous Umbrella Dart Theory [q.v.], the in-opinion-preposterous notion that Umbrella Man’s umbrella was some sort of cross between a set of bagpipes and a poison-dart blowpipe.

Dale, Alan: Jazz musician, band leader, and assassination researcher-archivist Alan Dale [no convenient biography] maintains a useful online archive of podcasts [check it out now].

Dale, Robert Joseph: DPD motorcyclist Bobby Jo Dale [no convenient biography] was one of two "rear mid" motorcycles in the motorcade, and was too far back to take any great part in the searching of Dealey Plaza. He was friends with fellow officer Harry Olsen; indeed the latter was in fact lodging with him at the time. Researchers have recently implicated both men in the protection of an illegal gambling den at 425?? East 8th Street.
Dalitz, Morris ["Moe"] Barney: Forgetting his prewar associations with mobsters such as Meyer Lansky and Al Capone, Las Vegas Businessman Moe Dalitz [Wikipedia biography] trailblazed that city's development into an in-your-face casino resort during the 1950s.

Dallas Council on World Affairs (DCWA): Founded in about 1950 as a non-profit proselytising committee for right of centre political views, the DCWA [no convenient briefing] maintained a program of public lectures until reborn as the World Affairs Council of Dallas/Fort Worth in 2002 as a branch of the broader World Affairs Councils of America (WACA) [Homepage]. Between 1961 and 1968 the Council was headed by retired intelligence expert General Philip Bethune [q.v.], and regularly brought in A-list political speakers. In 1967 it was accused by Mac Brussell of being partly CIA-funded, and indeed, in the light of rigorous research by Wilford (2008) concerning "citizen groups" in the "state-private network" we recommend it be regarded as such, at least until the "rogue CIA cell" and "evil right-wingers" assassination theories are fully discounted.

Dallas Morning News: Founded in 1885 as an offshoot of Alfred Belo's Galveston News and managed from 1895 until his death in 1946 by Dealey Plaza's eponymous George Dealey, the Dallas Morning News [Wikipedia briefing] had been in its offices at 508 Young Street, three blocks south of Dealey Plaza, since 1949 [only moving out in 2017 - Ed.]. You entered beneath a forty-foot-high stele embossed with an exhortation by Dealey himself to his staff. It begins: "BUILD THE NEWS UPON THE ROCK OF TRUTH". It was here that Jack Ruby spent much of the morning of 22nd November 1963, and where, on 25th November Jerry Coley met Hugh Aynesworth.

Dal-Tex Building: Seven-storey office building at postal 501 Elm Street [Wikipedia briefing], occupying the NE corner half-block at Elm and Houston. Occupied at the time of the assassination by (4th Floor) Abraham Zapruder and (3rd Floor) H. L. Hunt's Dallas Uranium Company. The building, its external fire-escape, and the third floor windows will all eventually be mentioned in variously ominous tones - see the entries for George H. W. Bush, Larry Florer, Virgilio Gonzalez, and Eugenio Martinez.

Dalyell, [Sir]1972 Thomas [11th Baronet of the Binns]1972: [A.k.a. Bludy Tam] Edinburgh-born Labour Party politician Tam Dalyell [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being first elected to Parliament as the Labour Party member for what is now Linlithgow, (b) for establishing a parliamentary stage presence as a loveable, straight-talking, leftie, (c) for thus opposing every British military adventure between 1962 and his retirement in 2005, bitterly so in the case of Blair's Iraq War.

***** THE WW1 BRITISH BLOCKADE A "FARCE" *****

Dalziel, Sir1908 James Henry [1st Baron Dalziel of Kirkcaldy]1921: British newspaper proprietor and Liberal Party politician 1892-1921 Sir Henry Dalziel [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for being mentioned in Chapter 4 of Jim Macgregor [see own entry] and Gerry Docherty's [see own entry] 2017 book "Prolonging the Agony" [see own entry]. In this particular chapter the authors are questioning the effectiveness of the Royal Navy's blockade of Germany, especially when it came to shipments of cotton. Sir Henry, they note, summarised this and other iniquities in the House of Commons WAR MEASURES (BLOCKADE) debate 27th March 1917, in the following terms ...

"Sir HENRY DALZIEL [...] I think that the House will have observed this afternoon a most striking admission which I think the Noble Lord made in his speech. He said that when he took it over, about eighteen months after the War began, he found no unity with regard to the blockade and no adequate organisation. That is a very important statement, because it justifies practically all the criticisms which were offered during the first eighteen months of the War. We have only got to look at the statistics now to see that things are very much better than they were at that time. In fact there has been a gradual improvement, although I am very far from saying that matters are quite satisfactory as one would appear to imagine from all that has been said this afternoon. [...] but it is also the case that for the first eighteen months of the War the Admiralty were in a state of despair with regard to the actions of the Foreign Office. [...] They were bringing in day after day ships which were admittedly were carrying cargo to the benefit of the enemy. It is on record that

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day after day and week after week they brought in those ships. What happened? A telegram was sent to
London to the Foreign Office, and in reply, often in the course of a few hours, a telegram came informing
them that they ought to let that ship go through, for some explanation, or for some reasons which no
doubt were considered satisfactory by the Foreign Office, but which tended to make our sailors
absolutely depressed and in despair. It is the fact that for months at a time the officers themselves absolutely
refused to take ships into port. They used to send junior officers and midshipmen, who took the ships into the
harbour, and, treating the matter jocularly, told the Harbour Master to let the ships away in a few hours to
Germany. The whole thing was treated as a farce, though ship after ship, to the knowledge of the officers,
carried goods for Germany" (Hansard, 27th March 1917, CC275-276; emphasis ours).

Dankbaar, Wim: Dutch assassination researcher Wim Dankbaar [no convenient biography] hit the JFK
headlines in 1994 with his interview of self-confessed shooter James Files (incorporated into his 2008 book "Files on JFK"), and then again with a 1997 interview with Chauncey Holt. The fact that
he has recently been under heavy attack online, both professional and personal, simply increases the
noteworthiness of his research and earns him a place on the WW3 Online Now Thread.

Dardanelles Commission: Formally announced 18th July 1916, the Dardanelles Commission [Wikipedia
briefing] was a British government inquiry intended to defuse criticism of the failed Dardanelles and
Gallipoli Campaigns [see entire thread from 1st January 1915]. The panel was chaired by Evelyn Baring, Lord
Cromer [see own entry] until his death in January 1917, and thereafter by Sir William Pickford [see own
entry]. The Commission's Secretary was barrister Edward Mears [see own entry], a known safe pair of
hands in such potentially embarrassing issues. [THREAD = BEST KEEP THIS FROM THE COMMON MAN]

***** STILL UNIDENTIFIED HIT TEAM RADIO MAN *****
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"Dark-Complected Man (DCM)"*: This is the widely used nomen for a still-unidentified character
seen in the JFK kill zone in most of the important Dealey Plaza still and cine photographs, clearly
reporting fall of shot by hand signals and - moments later - by walkie-talkie. Dark-Complected Man
(DCM) [no convenient biography but many online snippets available to the determined browser] is noteworthy in the present context (a) because he is the radio man for a three-man assassination team, and (b) because it would be interesting to know for whom he was working. For our present purposes we need only to note what
he did and who he might be. Firstly, here is what he did ...

Dark-Complected Man in Dealey Plaza

As for who he might be, different authors have variously identified him as Orlando Bosch, Filipe
Vidal Santiago, OR [our choice too - Ed.] Oscar del Pinto.

Dark Journalist: "Independent investigative reporter" Dark Journalist [no biography until we learn his name]
fronts the Dark Journalist [Homepage] alternative current affairs station, and is committed to exploring
topics "the mainstream media refuses to touch".

Darnell, James: WBAP cinematographer Jimmy Darnell [no convenient biography or 2017 obituary] took film of
the motorcade as it rounded Houston and Elm, but then had that footage confiscated for evidence by
Newton Fisher. When it was finally released it had lost the moments of the shooting but clearly
shows crowds rushing to the picket fence and the subsequent search of the railyard beyond, possibly
also a bloodstain - YouTube it now. Darnell's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission
testimony [NOT CALLED].

DARPA: See the entry for Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA).

Da Silva, Peer: WW2 veteran (U.S. Army, security on Manhattan Project) turned Cold War military
police/CIA careerist Peer Da Silva [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for serving
as Head of Station at Vienna1956, Seoul1939, Hong Kong1962, Saigon1963, Bangkok1966, and
David, Christian: French mobster Christian David [no convenient biography] was the source in 1981 of the Corsican Hit Team Thread. In jail in Leavenworth, KS, for drugs offences he contacted journalist Stephen Rivele and offered to exchange information about the assassination for help in blocking an extradition request from France, where he was wanted for the murder of a policeman. The thrust of the resulting information was that Marseilles crime boss Antoine Guerini had been contracted in mid-1963 by the American Mafia to supply three good hitmen to help take out "the highest vegetable". David was offered one of these contracts, but declined. He then named the team as Lucien Sarti, Sauveur Pironti, and Roger Bocognani. The latter two of these, however, turned out to have alibis.

Davis, [Sir]1927 Edmund Gabriel: Australian-born, South African-based, mines and railroads entrepreneur [Sir]1927 Edmund Davis [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being a business associate of Cecil Rhodes [see own entry] in the period 1879-1898, becoming director of the British South African Company [see own entry], and (b) for retiring on the proceeds to Chilham Castle, Kent, from where, amongst other things, he made available Dane Court Farm as an emergency reception centre for Kindertransport children (Glasgow Herald obituary, 21st February 1939) - see picture.

Davis, Floyd Guy: 32-year-old rifle range superintendent Floyd Davis [no convenient biography] is noteworthy as a witness in that he ran the Sports Drome Rifle Range where, on 9th, 10th, and 17th November 1963 LHO or an LHO Look Alike had, according to two of his customers, made a nuisance of himself, mouthing off and shooting across lanes, and such. One of those customers, Garland Slack, would be at Dealey Plaza later in the month when the art of shooting out of lane came into its own. Davis' evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now].

Davis, Jack: 18-year-old cinema-goer Jack Davis [no convenient biography] was in the lower auditorium of the Texas Theater at shortly after 1300hr 22nd November 1963 when LHO came in and sat down next right to him. In a nearly empty afternoon screening Davis found this a distinctly discomforting experience; so he was relieved when LHO moved off to sit alongside another person, then go out for popcorn, then come back and sit alongside another, as if searching for a promised pick-up contact. It was then uneventful for some 20 minutes until the police arrived. Burroughs' evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED]. YouTube it all now. Browse the Balcony Arrest Thread to accumulate the various fragments of this story.

Davis, Joseph Harrison: Miami-based pathologist Joseph H. Davis [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for more or less informally teaching David Ferrie how to analyse Coroner's autopsy reports for their key points (Baker, 2014, p122), (b) for being called upon by the House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA) [see own entry] as an expert witness on the JFK, RFK, and MLK autopsies, (c) for being Miami's longest-serving medical examiner, being in post between 1957 and 1996 and conducting over 10,000 autopsies, and (d) for early professional experience as an intern to CBW researcher Mary Sherman, thus

"Dr. Joe had interned at the U.S. Public Health Service Hospital [Q.V.!] in New Orleans, where he eventually met Dr. Mary Sherman. Her expertise on bones intrigued him, and Dr. Joe spent time in her bone lab [...]. Dr. Joe was mentioned by Dr. Stanley Durlacher, who did autopsies for New Orleans Parish Coroner Dr. Nicholas Chetta. 'Durlacher and Joe saw so many strange deaths and murders,' Dave said, 'that they decided to do autopsies for a living.' Years later, I would learn that Dr. Joe said he started doing autopsies at $50 a head for Chetta, and got hooked. Around 1955 Dr. Chetta recommended Dr. Durlacher for the position of medical examiner in Miami. Durlacher brought his protégé, Joseph Harrison Davis, to assist him. Durlacher died shortly after and young Joseph took over" (Baker, 2014, pp287-289).
Davis, Rudolph Richard ["Ricardo"]. Jr.: [This entry relies heavily on Rohde (2017 [full text online]).] Cuban exile and small-time villain Richard Davis [best source] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being a close associate of Carlos Bringuier, Carlos Quiroga, and other members of the Directorio Revolucionario Estudiantil (DRE), (b) for being introduced to David Ferrie by Sergio Arcacha Smith, (c) for setting up the "Lumberjack School", LacombeLA [see own entry] as an outpost of the Christian Democratic Movement (MDC) [of Cuba], with support from Louisiana's John Birch Society ...

**ASIDE:** We use the phrase "lumberjack school" mindful of Gaeton Fonzi's 1978 Memorandum [full text online] explaining that Davis had used backers' money to train "a small group" of Cuban exiles in logging skills on an estate outside Lacombe, after which they were to have been set to cut mahogany in Guatemala. We use apostrophes because we doubt Fonzi believed a word of it.

(d) for being with Carlos Quiroga [see own entry] on his second visit to LHO at 4707 Magazine Street, on or just after 16th August 1963 ...

**CAUTION:** Some authors believe that the remainder of the entry applies to Thomas Davis [see own entry]. We find it a close call, and so have put this caution and the paragraph itself in both places, so that the reader may judge.

and (e) for being specifically mentioned by Jack Ruby in 1963 as someone whose testimony could make trouble for him, thus (to/by Ruby's early-choice defence lawyer Tom Howard [see own entry]) ...

"Ruby responded that there would be a problem if a man by the name of 'Davis' should come up. Ruby told his attorney that he '... had been involved with Davis, who was a gunrunner entangled in anti-Castro efforts’ (Rohde, 2017).

***** AN INTERESTING CHARACTER *****

Davis, Thomas Eli, III: [Read firstly the entry for Organisation Armée Secrète (OAS).] Born to a "respected family in Beaumont, Texas", deep sea diver, sometime CIA mercenary gun-runner, and convicted bank robber Thomas Davis [Spartacus Educational biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being sentenced June 1958 to five years of probation for a bungled attempt to rob a bank in Detroit, (b) for drifting into mercenary work for the anti-Castro Cuban exiles in the early 1960s, (c) for reportedly being accepted as a contract assassin in the ZR/RIFLE executive action program, making professional contacts with foreign paramilitary action groups such as the OAS (Morrow, 1992, p164), (d) for applying for a passport in New Orleans in January 1963, (e) for being recorded in Los Angeles in May 1963 recruiting mercenaries for an invasion of Haiti, (f) for possibly being back in New Orleans in the period 8th-10th August 1963 [coincidentally or not, LHO began his FPCC leafleting 9th August - Ed.], (g) for being en route to French North Africa via Britain and France between 6th and 28th November 1963, possibly "working on a deal to supply arms to the OAS" (Twyman, 1997, K10760) and possibly leaving a trail under the alias "Oswald" (Ibid., K10773) ...

**ASIDE - DAVIS AS AN LHO LOOK-ALIKE:** Author Henry Hurt mentions the possibility that Davis "may have been posing as Oswald" on a number of occasions, including as "Leon Oswald" in the Silvia Odio Incident [see Timeline 26th September 1963] (Hurt, 1985, pp402-403).

(h) for ending up - possibly deliberately - in jail in Algiers, Algeria, on arms-smuggling charges at the time of the Assassination, and - significantly - for subsequently being released thanks, reportedly, to the intervention of CIA asset QI/JWIN ...

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"Ruby responded that there would be a problem if a man by the name of 'Davis' should come up. Ruby told his attorney that he '... had been involved with Davis, who was a gunrunner entangled in anti-Castro efforts'" (Rohde, 2017).

(j) for dying a convenient death by "accidental" electrocution in September 1973. Davis' evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED]; House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA) testimony [NOT CALLED]; interview with Seth Kantor [unable to trace]; interview with George Carter [unable to trace]. His death is one of 115 more or less suspicious assassination-related deaths listed in Roberts and Armstrong's (1995) book "The Dead Witnesses".

Davison, Henry Pomeroy: Banker Henry Davison [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been a partner in both J. P. Morgan and Company [see own entry] and Bankers' Trust [Wikipedia briefing] during the 1900s, when he supported moves to create the Federal Reserve System [see Timeline 20th November 1910], (b) for deal-making 1914-1916 allowing the British and French Governments to convert (in all) some $2 billion non-dollar securities into dollars, to spend on American supply shipments, (c) for being appointed Chairman of the War Council of the American Red Cross (ARC) [see own entry] in 1917, (d) for falling out with the Switzerland-based International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and for setting up the rival League of Red Cross Societies [Wikipedia briefing] in 1919 the better to fit with the American vision of what humanitarian aid should be about, and (e) for setting out his experiences in his (1919) memoir "The American Red Cross in the Great War" [Amazon].

FURTHER READING: For an informative post-mortem tribute see Thomas W. Lamont's (1933) "Henry P. Davison: The Record of a Useful Life" [Amazon], which devotes nine chapters to Davison's pre-WW1 banking exploits, four more to deals done 1914-1918, and one specifically to his work with the ARC War Council.

***** MAJOR CONSPIRATOR, WW1 *****

****** ARCH-PROPAGANDIST FOR TWO WORLD WARS *****

Dawson, George Geoffrey: [Surname Robinson until 1917] British civil servant turned editor-for-hire relations man Geoffrey Dawson [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been assistant private secretary to Colonial Secretary Joseph Chamberlain in 1901, (b) for having been same to the High Commissioner to the emerging South Africa, Lord Milner, in the period 1901 to 1905, during which time he helped consolidate the British administration in Johannesburg, (c) for thereby becoming a member of Milner's Kindergarten [see own entry], (d) for having been recommended by Milner for the post of editor of the Johannesburg Star, (e) for having sufficiently impressed his political masters that in 1912 he was further recommended to Lord Northcliffe for the editorship of The Times in London, a position he retained in the first instance until 1919, (f) for thereby being co-opted into Milner's Ginger Group [see own entry] in 1915, to help that group tell the country what it ought to be thinking, (g) for rejoining The Times in 1923 following its acquisition by John Jacob Astor V [see own entry], this time staying in position until retiring in 1941, (h) for gravitating into the Cliveden Set [see own entry] during the 1930s and for maintaining a generally pro-Nazi editorial line until early in 1939. It is Dawson's first stint as editor of The Times which most concerns us here. He is mentioned, for example, in Chapters 12 and 26 of Jim Macgregor [see own entry] and Gerry Docherty's 2017 book "Prolonging the Agony" [see own entry]. In the first of these chapters the authors are questioning the true motives for the Anglo-French operation against the Dardanelles in Spring 1915 [see entire thread from 1st January 1915], suspecting that the whole thing was a deliberately engineered piece of political theatre designed to keep the Russians in the war by promising them Constantinople. Dawson, they note, had to have been involved in the recruiting of the relatively unknown Australian newshound Keith Murdoch [see own entry and clickthrough] to spicke up coverage of the Gallipoli Campaign. The resulting despatches [see 8th July 1915] were then shaped to his masters' desired narrative by Dawson as editor, and the ensuing public stir soon brought about the scapegoating of the theatre commander General Sir Ian Hamilton [see 16th October 1915] for the sins and misjudgements of others higher up the national chain of command. In the later chapter the authors are investigating the British Establishment's attempts to topple Asquith's administration for its bumbling war record. The conspiracy here was centred on the activities of Milner's Ginger Group [see (f) above and own entry], Who
"met regularly on Monday evenings to formulate [its] alternative plans for war management over dinner" (op. cit., p360), and also (since Dawson was one of their number) to agree how The Times could best help bring those alternative plans to fruition.

Day, Lt. John Carl Day: Head of the DPD's crime lab Lieutenant Carl Day [no convenient biography] arrived at the TSBD shortly after the shooting and, accompanied by Special Agent (FBI, Dallas) Bardwell Odum, gave crime lab support to the officers searching TSBD6. The two men then returned with the accumulated physical evidence to DPDHQ, and there, at 1816hr 22nd November 1963 in the Homicide Bureau's Room 317, he held the rifle high before a Press Conference and described it as "a six point five apparently made in Italy 1940", allowing each newsman to fill in the rest of the incriminating details from a pre-circulated statement - YouTube one of those newsreels now. Later, at around 2000hr, having dropped the wooden stock of the weapon, he recovered an "old" and "dry" palm print from the underside of the barrel. Day's evidential profile is as follows: Two 1964 affidavits [read them now - IMPORTANT]; Warren Commission testimony [read it now].

Day, William Rufus: Lawyer-politician William Day [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been Assistant Secretary of State in the run up to, and Secretary of State for the duration of, the Spanish-American War [check it out]. A few weeks after the war had finished he resigned the post and moved to Paris to oversee the peace negotiations.

***** ONE HECK OF A STORY, RARELY HEARD *****
***** STRONG SMELL OF OFFICIAL OBFUSCATION, SO *****
***** MUST BE SOME TRUTH IN THERE SOMEWHERE *****

Dean, Harold: [1927-still blogging 2019] [Read firstly the entry for the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC).] Canadian-born plasterer turned (apparently as a self-appointed "useful idiot") undercover agent turned compulsive writer of letters to important people (including one to JFK) turned late-20th Century conspiracy theorist turned 21st Century online blogger Harry Dean [Spartacus Educational biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for becoming what appears to be an over-zealous crank FBI informant when - for whatever reason - he affiliated with the vehemently pro-Castro July 26th Movement (J26M) during the height of Castro's revolution in 1958 (FBI files, December 1964, link at end) ...

ALTERNATIVE INTERPRETATION: On the other hand, this would be a very strange - not to say dangerous - assignment for a crank to give himself, so maybe the crankiness was just part of an intelligence service "legend".

(b) for forming a chapter of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC) in Chicago 22nd July 1960 ...

LEST IT BE OVERLOOKED - DEAN AND OSWALD COMPARED: Surprising though it may seem, the establishing of a superficially left-wing protest group marks a person out NOT as a caring left-wing idealist BUT RATHER as an undercover right-wing plant. This had been established FBI practice since 1956, when it had implemented the COINTELPRO initiative for proactively detecting left-wing sympathisers by creating seemingly left-wing entrapment organisations [Wikipedia briefing] (this, of course, being why undercover agent LHO had famously created an FPCC chapter of his own in New Orleans in May 1963). Dean was therefore - in the present author's judgement - highly likely to have been a paid FBI informant at this time, despite the later FBI protestations (discussed below).

(c) for renewing his contacts with the J26M 5th April 1961, (d) for relocating to CovinaCA, 20 miles east of Los Angeles, in July 1961, no longer on the hunt for Communists, it seems, but mixing now with the right-wingers of the local John Birch Society, (e) for thereby getting to hear the fund-raising talks given by itinerant anti-Castro mercenaries such as Lawrence Howard, Loran Hall, and Eladio del Valle, (f) for writing to J. Edgar Hoover a number of times 1962-1963, to warn him that John Rousselot and General Edwin Walker were planning an assassination, thus ...
"[In] 1975, a man named Harry Dean, who claimed to have been a former undercover agent for the FBI and CIA, reported that in 1963 he had covertly infiltrated the John Birch Society, where he learned that Rousselot, in partnership with fellow arch-conservative Army General Edwin Walker, had hired two assassins, Loran Hall and Eladio del Valle, to kill President Kennedy in Dallas" (Albarelli, 2013, K5754).

(g) for suddenly being taken very seriously in the days following the assassination, being interviewed in depth, (h) for perhaps being less circumspect than the FBI would have liked, becoming the subject of a 3rd December 1963 teletype from Hoover personally to SAC Los Angeles, instructing that office to tell Dean in no uncertain terms to STOP claiming he was an FBI informant when he was not, (i) for telling an investigating agent that he had heard Loran Hall boasting that a Communist would be framed for the murder, (j) for being interviewed at even greater length in May 1977 by the House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA) (which is when all the foregoing first went on public record), (k) for being named in Richard Sprague's (1985) book "The Taking of America" [Amazon] as one of the dozen or so outer sanctum conspirators in the JFK assassination, (l) for attempting in 1990 to self-publish his memoirs as "Crosstrails", but for not getting beyond the manuscript stage, and (m) for collaborating with Arizona historian Paul Trejo [Homepage] in 2013 to publish his memoirs in ebook format as "Harry Dean's Confessions" [not presently available]. FURTHER READING: Basically just start here, read the FBI bits, and you may well end up an instant fan of the man.

***** Possible accessory to the Jack Ruby shooting *****

Dean, Patrick Trevore: DPD Patrol Sergeant Patrick Dean [no convenient biography] was not on duty on 22nd or 23rd November 1963, but arrived shortly before 0700hr on 24th November and talked with Patrol Captain Cecil Talbert shortly before the regular "be careful out there" 0700hr patrolmen's briefing. The main topic of discussion was an earlier telephone threat on LHO's life during the transfer. Dean therefore organised a thorough search of the basement lot shortly after 0900hr, and then another after the press corps had been allowed in to set up. The main disruption to security in this time was actually the arrival of the armoured car due to make the transfer. He was then on station at the armoured car at the moment of the Jack Ruby shooting, whereupon he helped subdue him.

CONSPIRACY ALERT: In this latter respect researcher Anthony Summers (2013e) suspects that this was only after conspiring with Ruby and two other basement cops, William Harrison and George Butler, to get him into the basement in the first place! Harrison, Dean, and Butler were long-term frequenters of the Carousel Club. For our part we are less than convinced.

Dean's evidential profile is as follows: YouTube his Press Statement just after the shooting COMPULSORY VIEWING; Warren Commission testimony [Part #1; Part #2].

ASIDE: Dean's formal account is complex and difficult to interpret, however, because the first half concerns violent (in legal terms) disagreement over an earlier unrecorded exchange, which we shall go into on a future date. The primary statement of events is in Part #2, which see.

Dearlove, [Sir]2001 Richard: Career spook and proudly one of Britain's leading Neocons [Sir]2001 Richard Dearlove [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for joining MI6 in 1966, making head of station in Washington in 1991, and then head of service 1999-2004, (b) for continuing his good work with speaking and writing commissions, not least the subtly argued 8th June 2017 piece in The Daily Telegraph entitled "Jeremy Corbyn is a Danger to this Nation" [full text online], and (c) for weighing in again 23rd November 2019 (this time in The Daily Mail) during the General Election Campaign (GE2019). Continued in the entry for Dearlovegate.

De Bunsen, Sir Maurice: British diplomat Sir Maurice de Bunsen [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being Britain's Ambassador to Austria in 1914, and for duly feeding back to Foreign Secretary Sir Edward Grey 16th July 1914 the substance of a conversation he had had the previous day with the senior Viennese diplomat Graf Heinrich von Lützow [for what happened next see 13th July 1914], and (b) for acting as Lord Kitchener's personal representative on the April 1915 De
Bunsen Committee [see own entry], generally advising the Cabinet on Middle Eastern affairs and producing propaganda pamphlets intended to inflame the Arabs against their Ottoman rulers.

Decker, James Eric ["Bill"]: Hero of a much earlier ambush-assassination [TREF 23rd May 1934] Dallas County Sheriff Bill Decker [Spartacus Educational biography] was in the pilot car of the presidential motorcade at the time of the assassination, along with Chief Jesse Curry. The assassination literature has regularly associated him with Texas right-wing politics, and his story has been featured recently in Harrison Livingstone's 2006 book "The Radical Right and the Murder of John F. Kennedy". He also featured, along with movie star Audie Murphy, in Gary Wean's 1987 book "There's a Fish in the Courthouse", wherein the assassination is seen as a bungled CIA-false flag operation. Decker's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission Testimony [read it now].

Defenders of American Liberty: Founded in 1962 by McCarthyite dirt-digger Robert Morris [see own entry], the Defenders of American Liberty [no convenient briefing] is noteworthy in the present context for stepping immediately to the aid of General Edwin Walker following his arrest September 1962 for inciting racial unrest at the University of Mississippi, thus doing for the political right what the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) [Wikipedia briefing] had been doing for the left and centre since 1920.

Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA): U.S. Department of Defense agency DARPA [Wikipedia briefing] is charged with preventing the U.S. "avoid technological surprise" by formulating and executing R&D projects to expand the frontiers of technology and science, often beyond immediate military need.

Defense Industrial Security Command (DISC): This shadowy sub-department of (perhaps) the FBI's Division Five was first mentioned in lawyer William Torbitt's (1970) book "Nomenclature of an Assassination Cabal". Amongst those submitting their expenses sheets via DISC were Clay Shaw, Guy Banister, David Ferrie, LHO, and Jack Ruby. DISC also features in Rod Mac Kenzie (and Hooke), wherein Mac Kenzie claims to be DISC's false Id forger.

Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA): Operational from 1st October 1961 the DIA [Wikipedia briefing] was/is an intelligence gathering service answering directly to the Secretary of Defense. It operates alongside the CIA in feeding the National Security Agency (NSA) [q.v.], but with subtly different terms of reference.

Defense Planning Guidance Report, 1992: This was the defense spending review [full text online] produced in winter 1991-1992 by Undersecretary of Defense for Policy Paul Wolfowitz [q.v.], Zalmay Khalilzad [q.v.], and Scooter Libby [q.v.]. Subsequently described as the most important strategy paper for half a century, the report determined U.S. foreign policy in the wake (a) of the Gulf War of winter 1990-1991, and (b) of the breakup of the Soviet Union. Specifically, the report proposed a totally world-pre-eminent America "eager to keep its allies weak" (Mann, 2004, §4393), in which the United Nations and NATO were peripheralised, where likely opponents would be struck down before they acquired any great momentum, and where everybody else could like it or lump it because the U.S. would be acting with its toadies in "coalitions of the willing". A draft of the report was trailed in March 1992 and attracted no little adverse political and popular comment, and only a few cosmetic changes to the wording were made prior to be signed off for the 1994-1999 budgeting cycle. The principle of pre-eminence would be restated in 2000 in Joint Vision 2020 [q.v.], and is presently [April 2018] in its final implementation stages.

de Goicochea Sanchez, Fermin: [a.k.a. George Perrel] Dallas-based Cuban exile and veteran of the failed Bay of Pigs Invasion, Fermin de Goicochea Sanchez [no convenient biography] was equipment man for the DRE, and as such appears to have been under investigation by James Hosty throughout November 1963, suspected of receiving the large amounts of arms and explosives going missing from
the armoury at Fort Hood in readiness - so it has regularly been suggested - for a second invasion attempt.

Delaune, Henry M.: NOLA-based English teacher Henry Delaune [Times-Picayune obituary] was a colleague of the Ochsner Clinic's Mary Sherman and had a brother who worked for Coroner Nicholas Chetta. He was murdered 26th January 1969, and his death is one of 115 more or less suspicious assassination-related deaths listed in Roberts and Armstrong's (1995) book "The Dead Witnesses".

Delaune, Jules E.: Seems to be the brother of Henry M. Delaune. He was clerk to Coroner Nicholas Chetta, and himself died young in 1971.

Del Pinto, Oscar: Cuban exile Oscar Del Pinto [no convenient biography] pops up only infrequently in the histories, usually as a member of INTERPEN. Some recent theories identify him as the Hispanic radio man - Dark Compledcted Man - sat on the kerb of Elm Street a mere 10 feet from the JFK kill zone - YouTube him? in Dealey Plaza now.

***** Candidate JFK Conspiracy Dealey Plaza Footsoldier *****
***** Senior Anti-Castro Cuban Activist *****
DO NOT CONFUSE WITH
PEDRO DEL VALLE

Del Valle, Eladio "Yito" Ceferino: [Possibly known in underworld cant as Oscar; Yito seems to be the diminutive of Caballito, Eng. "little horse." ] Pre-Revolution Cuban congressman-cum-gangster [not an uncommon combination in that era, we suspect - Ed.] turned anti-Castro activist and contact of David Ferrie, Eladio del Valle [Spartacus Educational biography] would be one of the two colleagues identified by Tony Cuesta as having been a three-man shooting team in Dealey Plaza (the third man being Herminio Diaz Garcia).

EXTENDED JUNE 2019: Summers (1980/2013) is unconvinced of this, on the grounds that del Valle had no "track record as an assassin" (p592). However we are happy to disregard this caution (i) because the man was a known guerrilla irregular [same skill- and mindset - Ed.], (ii) because in the standard three-man hit squad only one of the three is required to pull the trigger! Further confirmation comes from Joan Mellen, who asserts that in the early 1960s del Valle was "a mob-connected Cuban exile" (2005, p33) involved in the paramilitary training of fellow exiles in the countryside north of New Orleans. Baker (2014) agrees that he was "a friend of David Ferrie" (p401), while Hinckle and Turner (1981/1992) add ...

"[Ferrie] flew fire bomb raids in 1959 in the pay of Cuban Congressman Eladio 'Yito' del Valle, who had piled up a small fortune smuggling cigarettes and contraband in partnership with Santos Trafficante, the well-known Mafia figure" (p233).

In his 1992 book "First Hand Knowledge", CIA-approved historian1 Robert Morrow [see own entry] devotes the whole of Chapter 4 to the Camaguey Mission [see own entry], a clandestine (and far from uneventful!) flight to Cuba 16th-17th April 1961, in which he personally shared the flying with Ferrie. The purpose of the flight was to meet up with del Valle [Morrow describes del Valle as one of Cuban resistance leader Mario Kohly's "principal lieutenants" (p45) - Ed.], who had been operating with a guerrilla group behind Cuban lines, conduct some urgent electronic surveillance, and extract him to Miami - for fuller details see Timeline 16th April 1961. Del Valle appears again "in late 1961 or early 1962" (Morrow, p145), in the context of the Montreal-Athens Arms Deal ...

ASIDE: To avoid repeating ourselves, see David Ferrie's entry for the details of this highly convoluted arms deal.

As for the JFK assassination itself, Morrow claims that at some time in early August 1963 he supplied del Valle with four high-specification Motorola walkie-talkies and three "Mannlicher" rifles which he - unaware of the proposed target - had sourced.
Again Ferrie was the delivery man. Morrow also claims that in a telephone conversation 11th November 1963 del Valle, who had only just found out himself, warned him that the target for said hardware was in fact JFK, during his upcoming visit to Dallas. And finally, Mellen passes on the story that in November 1966 del Valle warned Haitian President François Duvalier of rival Rolando Masferrer’s CIA-supported coup attempt, thereby allowing that coup to be successfully thwarted (Mellen, 2005, p108). Not short of enemies, therefore, it is not surprising that del Valle died by unknown hand 23rd February 1967 (a mere 24 hours after his associate David Ferrie had also been silenced), shot through the heart and with his skull split open like a macheted coconut.

1CAUTION: CIA-approved histories typically contain hundreds of hitherto unknown facts, carefully composed to support one or two much subtler counterintelligence propositions. Morrow’s book appears here to be using reveals about del Valle to incriminate Ferrie.

Democratic Revolutionary Front (FRD): The FRD [=Frente Revolucionario Democrático; Wikipedia briefing] was an umbrella organisation coordinating the activities of a number of lesser Cuban exile pressure and direct action groups. It was founded in May 1960 and its New Orleans chapter was headed by Sergio Arcacha Smith. Its military presence - Brigade 2506 - provided most of the muscle for the ill-fated Bay of Pigs Invasion in April 1961.

***** "A FEROCIOS ANTI-COMMUNIST"(George de Mohrenschildt) *****

de Mohrenschildt, Dimitri: [1902-2002; George's brother] [Usually Germanicised as von Mohrenschildt] White Russian émigré Dimitri von Mohrenschildt [no convenient biography but much to reward the determined browser] is noteworthy in the present context (a) as the older brother of international man of mystery and CIA asset George de Mohrenschildt, (b) for growing up very quickly during the Russian Revolution and the ensuing Russian Civil War, thus ...

CAMEO - YOUNG DIMITRI, 1916-1922: Here is what his brother George's biographer Nancy Weiford has to say about these years in her (2013) book "The Faux Baron" [Amazon] ...

"In the summer of 1916, Dimitri von Mohrenschildt had participated [aged 14 - Ed.] in operations of the Russian Imperial Black Sea Fleet as a midshipman [...]. With the abdication of the czarist regime in Russia, the Imperial Navy was dissolved. Dimitri was recalled and arrived in St. Petersburg amidst intense rioting to find hundreds begging for food. Many were fleeing the city, most heading for the Caucasus or the Crimea. [His father] Sergius von Mohrenschildt [see own entry] obtained a limited travel permit and was allowed to relocate to Minsk, a city 450 miles away still occupied by the Germans under the Belarusian People's Republic. [...] Initially, Minsk turned out to be a good choice as a destination. [...] Arriving in April 1918, the city seemed like a paradise in comparison to the one they had left. Food was plentiful and they found the German sense of law and order refreshing after the chaos of Petrograd. But with the end of World War I when Poland reestablished itself as a sovereign nation, the von Mohrenschildts' estate in Poliese became Polish territory. The short respite they had found was quickly disrupted with the German pull out from Minsk in January 1919. Within days, the Bolshevik Red Guard moved into the region to establish control. [...] The vast von Mohrenschildt estate was immediately confiscated by the peasants under the protection of the Bolsheviks. [...] Branded as a member of the former ruling class, Sergius von Mohrenschildt [...] secured a clerk position at the local railway station, quickly moving up to Assistant Station Master. The start of the Polish Soviet War [14th February 1919 - Ed.] saw many troop trains traveling through his station. In addition, as Russian prisoners were released [after 18th October 1920 - Ed.] Dimitri [aged 18 - Ed.] was in charge of providing relocation papers for their travel needs." ...

ASIDE: Later in this entry - in item (f) - we make the point that when now-American Dimitri was recruited into the OSS in 1943 he came with a 25-year pedigree, beginning, we suspect, around this time.

... "As the ideological battle lines were being drawn, the concept of the "white Russian" expanded to include any conservative, moderate, or monarchist individual, many of which were against the radical reforms being proffered by the Bolsheviks. The Von Mohrenschildts clearly fell into the category of the 'whites'. 'It was then that my counter-revolutionary activity began,' Dimitri recalled. [...] He began
to issue travel certificates that identified the former officers of the Czar's armies as minorities to enable them to safely journey to the south to join the White Army. For only a short period, Dimitri was successful in providing this secret assistance until an official in the local ruling Bolshevik committee [...] had both Dimitri and Sergius] arrested and literally dragged away. The pair were taken to the cell of the Orthodox Church in Minsk which housed local prisoners. [...] Throughout Dimitri's life, the impact of his imprisonment fostered an intense hatred for the concept of communism as illustrated by the Bolsheviks, and later the USSR. [...] During rough and threatening questioning, Dimitri was accused of belonging to the Polish Counter Intelligence or General Deniken's White Army. With the outbreak of the Russian Civil War [difficult to date - possibly General Pyotr Wrangel's Crimean Campaign of winter 1920-1921 [Wikipedia briefing] - Ed.], the Red and White Armies battled for control. [...] and] Poland was again able to recapture Minsk and the surrounding area. [...] Dimitri was tried and sentenced to Smolensk prison for six months. After a short stint in solitary confinement, [he] was placed in a cell with elderly Polish men being held as hostages. They were assisted by the Polish Red Cross who provided bread, sugar, and milk.” ...

**LEST IT BE OVERLOOKED:** The Red Cross was a major cover-story agency at this time for Western intelligence services - see, for example, Liggett (1932) and compare the extraction of fellow-White Paul Raigorodsky. See also Senate Foreign Relations Committee, evidence of William C. Bullitt, 1919.

... ["Luckily, thanks to] erratic recordkeeping at the Bolshevik prison, Dimitri von Mohrenschildt's status was changed from political prisoner to hostage [...] and] in early 1920 Dimitri was included in the hostage exchange with the Polish government and allowed to return to Minsk where he was repatriated with his family. [...] He] had not rejoined his family in Minsk more than three months before the Bolsheviks again overtook the city [...]. Turning down an opportunity to join the newly established Polish Navy, Dimitri left his [family] and joined the merchant marines. He travelled on various ships for two years, often working as a deck hand for passage. In Japan, he secured travel visas to emigrate to America [and] arrived in Vancouver, B.C., in July 1922 aboard the S.S. [possibly USNS - Ed.] Birmingham City" (Weiford, 2013, pp28-33).

(c) for settling in the United States in 1922, with sufficient backing from one Peter von Mohrenschildt, an uncle, to study at Yale and Columbia, (d) for putting himself about socially, becoming a correspondent for Bonesman Henry Luce's Time magazine, and eventually marrying Winifred ["Betty"] Cartwright Hooker in 1937 ...

**ASIDE:** Betty Hooker happened to be the mother by an earlier marriage of Edward Hooker [see own entry], one-time roommate of future president George H. W. Bush.

(e) for leveraging his anti-Communist credentials to obtain a position as professor at Dartmouth University, there founding The Russian Review [Wikipedia briefing] in 1941, (f) for serving with OSS from 1943, presumably as an expert in Eastern European operations ...

**ASIDE:** As noted earlier, we have taken it as read that von Mohrenschildt had already served U.S. Intelligence back in the Russian Civil War. The recruitment may well have taken place in October 1920 when his father Sergius got him a job selectively falsifying travel documentation in his Belarus homeland, and his services will very likely have continued during his years in the merchant marine 1920-1922.

(g) for being accepted as a CIA asset in 1950, with security clearance up to <Confidential> (Mellen, 2012, K269), (h) for working "closely with CIA's outlet journal, Reader's Digest" (ibid.), (i) for helping to found Radio Free Europe (RFE) in 1949 ...

**ASIDE:** RFE was an outstation of the NYC-based National Committee for a Free Europe (NCFE). It fomented anti-Communist dissent amongst émigrés from Soviet-occupied Eastern Europe - countries such as Poland, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria, and Albania - especially those who still had handy relatives and friends "behind enemy lines".

(j) for reportedly being "close" to DCI Allen Dulles from perhaps as early as 1940 through to the early 1960s (Mellen, 2012, K2814), and (k) for being fingered by journalist-plus?? Willem Oltmans as "possibly the second assassin” in Dealey Plaza (ibid.) [highly unlikely - Ed.]. **FURTHER READING:** For more of the early detail see the Nancy Weiford biography identified above [sadly this source is painful to
work with because its 800 pages are unindexed - Ed.]. For more of the later detail see Joan Mellen's (2012) book "Our Man in Haiti" [Amazon - RECOMMENDED].

de Mohrenschildt, Ferdinand: [1885-1919; George's uncle] Estonian-born WW1 Czarist diplomat Ferdinand de Mohrenschildt [no convenient biography but see findagrace entry] is noteworthy in the present context (a) as the uncle of Dimitri and George de Mohrenschildt, (b) for being sent in 1915 by Czar Nicholas II to appeal to President Woodrow Wilson for American entry into the war, establishing himself as Second Secretary at the Imperial Russian Embassy in Washington, (c) for marrying Wilson's step-granddaughter in 1917 (Baker, 2013 [full text online]), only to die suddenly of the Spanish Flu, 4th March 1919 [shortly after his daughter Fernanda was born - Ed.].

***** Senior CIA Field Assignment Forward Observer *****
[Massive network of contacts; long-standing black operator]

de Mohrenschildt, George Sergius: [1911-1977] [A.k.a. Philip Harbin; often abbreviated herein as GdeM] [Read firstly the entry for Count Constantine Maydell.]

Mazyr-born [in modern Belarus] White Russian émigré George de Mohrenschildt [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having served as Captain in the Polish Army intelligence service during the mid-1930s (Kaiser, 2008, p172), (b) for emigrating to the U.S. from Poland in May 1938, as "a German spy at some level or other" (Lateer, 2017, p57) ...

ASIDE - THE COLLAPSE OF THE BRITISH APPEASMENT MOVEMENT: As explained in the entries for Nancy Astor and the Cliveden Set, it was not until after 24th October 1937 that the British Establishment started to lose its enchantment with Adolf Hitler and Nazism One must assume that German diplomatic sources soon detected the hardening of Britain's editorial line and Joseph Goebbels' Propagandaministerium duly launched a charm counter-offensive designed to keep the United States on friendly terms. George de Mohrenschildt - who had not emigrated with his older brother in 1920 - was one of the assets now sent across the Atlantic, and, as we are about to learn, seems to have got on famously with America's hard right Establishment ...

(c) for becoming friends (often reportedly more) later that year with Janet Lee [Bouvier] [Wikipedia biography], mother of the future Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy, (d) for going to a historically significant movie show at NYC's swanky Ritz-Carlton Hotel some time in late 1940 ...

***** A MINOR MASTERPIECE OF FASCIST PROPAGANDA *****

CAMEO - MAYDELL AND "SPAIN IN ARMS", 1939: The movie in question was "Spain in Arms", as detailed in the cameo in the entry for Count Constantine Maydell, which see.

(e) for promptly approaching the Polish Consulate [now representing Hans Frank's Nazi-collaborating puppet Polish government - Ed.] and getting approval for a follow-up propaganda piece to sanitise the September 1939 Nazi invasion of Poland, (f) for working in NYC in early 1941 as a movie editor on said propaganda piece ...

CAMEO - DE MOHRENSCHILDT AND "POLAND FOREVER", 1941: The thrust of this unfinished work was that the Nazis were occupying western Poland to protect the Poles from the Communists moving in from the east. Mellen (2012) believes that the British blockade impounded some Nazi-derived filmstock sent across by George's father Sergius de Mohrenschildt, and the project had to be pulled. Nevertheless De Mohrenschildt had already done enough to remark not long before his murder that creatively the film was one of his true achievements in life.

***** PEARL HARBOUR BRINGS THE UNITED STATES INTO WW2 *****

(g) for being investigated by the FBI in 1942 as a possible Nazi agent, and spending some time in Mexico ...

CAMEO - DE MOHRENSCHILDT AT WORK (MEXICO, 1942): Lateer (2017) and HSCA (1979, Volume XII) jointly tell the story that in summer 1942 George de Mohrenschildt and "a woman named Lilia [Pardo] Larin", a Mexican citizen, travelled to Mexico City. He then found it difficult to get back out of the country, being arrested that fall at Corpus Christi for studying a U.S. Coastguard Station rather too closely, and
held on suspicion of being a German spy for some time before being sent back into Mexico. Nine months later he tried to get back into the U.S. at the Laredo border crossing, and was only allowed in after being interrogated by "Captain Mellick" of the U.S. Military Intelligence Division and after having been given specific authorisation from J. Edgar Hoover personally. His immigration records, to the present day, flag him as a Nazi sympathiser.

**RESEARCH ISSUE - NAZISM IN THE UNITED STATES:** Despite a considerable body of literature on Operation Paperclip’s Americanised Nazis in general, there has been little discussion of the potential role of Nazi sympathisers in the handling of LHO, both after his return to the United States and - even more interestingly - while still in Minsk. Mae Brussell's (2014) book "Investigations of Fascism in America" [Amazon] indicates very clearly what might be at stake. Having noted how fond the Nazis were of using apparently benign front organisations to conceal more sinister motives, she writes: "When Lee and Marina Oswald disembarked from the Soviet Union in June, 1962, they were befriended by some three dozen White Russians in the Dallas-Ft. Worth area. Many had identifiable Nazi ties ..." (p23). This is entirely consistent with the recently emerging view that the White-Red Russian Civil War did not actually end in 1922 just because the conventional history books tell us that it did. Instead, the Whites simply withdrew their command hub across the Atlantic. The clearest exponent of this view is James Latteer (2017), who judges that "the 'White Russians' were not the cure for Soviet Communism - they were the disease that caused Soviet Communism to come to power" (p430).

(h) for turning to the oil industry after the war, helping William F. Buckley, Sr. (Wikipedia biography) develop his Pantepec Oil Company assets in Venezuela (see first cameo below), (i) for finally being rewarded with U.S. citizenship in 1949, (j) for having been close friends around this time with senior CIA officer Mike Anikeeff [see own entry], (k) for having during the 1950s cultivated contacts with Texas oil barons and settling in Fort Worth, thus ...

"Among the baron's Houston associates were several close friends of Lyndon Johnson: oil millionaire John Mecom, and construction industry titans George and Herman Brown. Another de Mohrenschildt friend was Jean de Menil of [Schlumberger], who in 1961 permitted his New Orleans branch to be used as an ammunition conduit for the CIA" (Russell, 1992, p167).

(l) for joining the Dallas Council on World Affairs [see own entry], an organisation nowadays regarded as a "CIA redoubt" (Mellen, 2012, K678), (m) for repeatedly using oil industry consulting work (and even occasionally "collecting stamps") as a cover for CIA field assignments ...

"invariably, when he was passing through town, people got killed" (after Baker, 2013 [full text online]).

**CAMEO - VENEZUELA, 1945-1949:** GdeM was in the field with Pantepec in the run up to the 24th November 1948 coup, that is to say, the CIA-assisted ousting of Romulo Gallegos, "the first cleanly elected president in his country's history" (Wikipedia).

**CAMEO - MEXICO, 1955-1957:** Having lived there for most of 1942, GdeM was in the field in Mexico again between January 1955 and February 1957, and occasionally also in 1958. This coincides very precisely with the 1957 assassination of Guatemalan President Armas and the election in his place of Miguel Ydigoras - see Timeline 26th July 1957-2nd March 1958.

**CAMEO - YUGOSLAVIA, 1957-1958:** GdeM was in the field in Yugoslavia between February and November 1957, and again occasionally in 1958. This coincides with a CIA covert operation to neutralise President Tito's interference in affairs in Algeria.

**CAMEO - GHANA, 1958:** GdeM was in the field in Ghana in May-June 1958. This coincides with a CIA operation to curb President Nkrumah's Convention Peoples' Party (CPP) of some of its left-wing excesses. (Nkrumah himself would later be ousted in a coup in February 1962.)

**CAMEO - GUATEMALA, 1960-1961:** GdeM and his recently married wife Jeanne undertook a "hiking trip" through Mexico and Central America in late 1960, arriving in Guatemala in spring 1961, just as the Bay of Pigs Invasion armada was being prepared. In an attempt to oust Cuban president Fidel Castro.

**CAMEO - HAITI, 1947, 1956, 1961, 1963-4:** GdeM was in the field in Haiti on and off in the late 1940s, again in 1956 (acting for the Sinclair Oil Company), and then again in the early 1960s. Probably the most significant trip was in mid-1961 when he stopped off on his way home from Guatemala for talks concerning a "geological survey" with local banker and presidential "bagman" Clémard Charles [see own entry]. This encounter was followed 8th September 1961 by a formal invitation to tender from the Haitian government, in
association with the Banque Commerciale d'Haiti. He liaised at this time with the U.S. Embassy's military attaché (and CIA man on station) Robert Heil [see own entry] in organising a coup against President "Papa Doc" Duvalier (possibly intending to replace him with Monsieur Charles). He then stopped off in Washington 19th April 1963 for talks with Charles and one Thomas Devine [see own entry], part of "the extended petroleum-intelligence orbit in which the Bushes operated" (Baker, 1988/2011). He then returned to Haiti 2nd June 1963, where his contact was yet another CIA/Embassy officer, Charles Thomas [see own entry], and there he would remain, more or less continuously, until 1967. The forensic historian Dick Russell explains the operation, and GdeM's part in it, as follows ...

"As [HSCA] found out, de Mohrenschildt's primary business in Washington that spring was with [...] Clémard Charles. In mid-March, with the help of the U.S. State Department, a $285,000 contract for de Mohrenschilt to conduct a geological survey had been approved by the Haitian Congress. Ostensibly he and Charles were now discussing the de Mohrenschildts' upcoming move to the Caribbean island. But Clémard Charles was also of interest to Army Intelligence. Colonel Samuel Kafe [no convenient biography but many fragments online to reward the determined browser], who worked closely with Cuban exile groups in Miami, contacted [Assistant Director of the Office of Intelligence of the Army, Dorothe Matlack,] about meeting with the banker - 'because of Charles' relationship to President Duvalier of Haiti and Haiti's strategic position relative to Castro's Cuba'. [Matlack] told the House Assassinations Committee that her work included serving in a liaison capacity to the CIA. [...] At precisely the same time, Cuban exiles were fomenting plans to invade Haiti and overthrow [President Duvalier] - looking to use Haiti as a staging ground for a takeover of Cuba" (Russell, 1992, pp201-202).

The Haiti story then became even more convoluted with the arrival of Egyptian shipping and oil magnate (and possible CIA asset, Mellen, 2012) Mohamed Al-Fayed [see own entry] 12th June 1964, ostensibly for discussions with Duvalier concerning a proposed oil refinery on the island. Mellen points out (1) that Al-Fayed was also an arms dealer with close links to Adnan Khashoggi and (2) that he was concurrently on contract to Khashoggi's CIA-front company Al-Nasir. He and de Mohrenschilt then crossed paths a number of times over the coming weeks, coinciding with two small-scale attempted coups, both failed.

CAMEO - THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, MARCH / JUNE 1963, APRIL 1964: GdeM was in the field in the Dominican Republic on and off between March 1963 and April 1964. This coincides with a CIA operation to remove the country's first democratically elected president Juan Bosch [Wikipedia biography] and install instead a U.S.-friendly military junta.

(n) for entering the mainstream assassination story in late summer 1962 when, following clearance by Dallas-based CIA officer J. Walton Moore [see own entry] and accompanied by CIA operative Lawrence Orlov [see own entry], he appeared in the circle of White Russians who had befriended the Oswalds, staying in touch with them socially, guiding LHO with his job hunting, and helping Marina Oswald with her English ...

ASIDE: Moore had been the CIA's Domestic Contacts Division debriefing officer for de Mohrenschilt upon his return from the 1957 Yugoslavia trip, and "periodically" thereafter. Summers (1980/1989) is one of many sources to regard GdeM as "baby-sitting" Oswald for the CIA, describing him as the younger man's "gentle inquisitor" (p192).

(o) for suggesting to the Oswalds on 7th October 1962 that LHO would find job hunting easier if he moved from Fort Worth to Dallas, leaving Marina and their daughter to lodge with one of the émigré families in Fort Worth ...

ASIDE: Marina eventually moved in with Ruth Paine on or just after 24th April 1963 [see inset below]. Summers (op. cit.) regards these moves as suspiciously contrived, thus ...

"The day after the meeting at his apartment, Oswald followed de Mohrenschildt's advice to the latter. He walked out of his perfectly good job in Fort Worth, without notice or explanation, and travelled to Dallas. Apart from a few days at the city YMCA, it is not known where Oswald stayed for the best part of the next month. [...] Oswald's new employment was with a graphic-arts company called Jaggars-Chiles-Stovall. The firm handled contracts for the U.S. Army Map Service [...] often using] material obtained by the very U-2 planes Oswald had once watched in Japan" (pp200-201).

(p) for hosting a working dinner 27th October 1962 with business contact Dabney A. Austin [no convenient biography but identity confirmed by subsequent U.S. Department of Justice documentation - check it out], re a joint venture with the latter's Austex Oil Company ...
"While their business was being transacted, an unexpected visitor knocked at the door. It was Lee Harvey Oswald. Together the group watched de Mohrenschildt's home movie of his walking tour in Central America. Austin Dabney filed [a petition for fraud] against de Mohrenschildt in Dallas County District Court on March 6, 1963" (Mellen, 2012, K1668).

(q) for attending a party 28th December 1962 at the home of fellow geologist Declan P. Ford [Warren Commission testimony], along with the Oswalds, (r) for helping to organise the party 22nd February 1963 at the home of petrochemist Everett D. Glover [Warren Commission testimony] at which the Oswalds were introduced to Ruth Paine ...

**ASIDE:** The "friendship" between Marina Oswald and Ruth Paine slowly developed and Marina finally moved in to the Paine House on or just after 24th April 1963.

**CAMEO - THE FOURTH BACKYARD PHOTOGRAPH:** On 1st April 1977, two days after her husband's death, Jeanne de Mohrenschildt delivered to the FBI a hitherto unknown print in the Backyard Photograph Series. She explained that she had come across this back in 1967 concealed in a box of Marina Oswald's gramophone records they were keeping for her, but that she and her husband had seen no point in surrendering it at that time. The original photographs are conventionally dated to 31st March 1963, and the 1977 print proved to be a copy of CE-133-A.

(s) for the encounter 3rd April 1963 at the Oswalds' 215 Neely Street home, two days after the (possibly staged) attempt on the life of General Edwin Walker, when he famously chided LHO for missing the man [see Timeline that date], (t) for departing Dallas on or just before 19th April 1963 for the aforementioned talks with Clémard Charles in NYC and Washington; for then taking up his assignment in Haiti 2nd June 1963, (u) for reportedly remarking to a companion as the news of the assassination broke 22nd November 1963 that he would not be surprised if someone called Oswald had been involved ...

**ASIDE:** The news of the assassination hit the airwaves within moments of the shooting, but it would still be an hour or so before Oswald's arrest at the Texas Theater made his identity public. It is quite possible, however, that de Mohrenschildt's remark was deliberately planted with intent to incriminate, as had been the case with Carlos Bringuier.

(v) then, once LHO's name had been given out, for duly contacting the Embassy in Port-au-Prince, where preliminary statements were taken by the FBI, (w) for being more formally quizzed by FBI Special Agent W. James Wood 7th March 1964 (Mellen, 2012), (x) for testifying at length to the Warren Commission 21st-23rd April 1964 - [read that testimony here] ...

**ASIDE:** Many researchers have noted that in this and subsequent testimony de Mohrenschildt never mentioned any association with future DCI and President George H. W. Bush, despite having Bush's contact details in his address book (nor - conveniently - did his interrogators press him on that fact). Nevertheless (you'll like this) he later had the bare-faced cheek to describe Warren Commission Counsel Albert E. Jenner, Jr. as a "sneaky bastard".

(y) for crossing paths with fellow intelligence asset *cum* entrepreneur Mohamed Al-Fayed in June 1964, dining with him 20th June 1964 (Mellen, K2479)

**ASIDE:** Al-Fayed is better known nowadays as the owner of the Harrods store in London's Knightsbridge between 1984 and 2010, and as the father of the Dodi Fayed who dated Princess Diana in the mid-1990s.

(z) for being very thoroughly monitored 1964-1965 while in Haiti ...

**ASIDE:** De Mohrenschildt's investigation was directed personally by James Jesus Angleton, with WH/2 John Whitten doing much of the necessary field work (Mellen, 2012). Angleton wrote up his findings in April 1965 in a 29-page Memorandum [unable to date to locate in released documentation, so treat as unconfirmed], which apparently revealed "no smoking guns" (Mellen, 2012).
(aa) for granting a number of interviews over the years, most notably to academic-plus Edward Jay Epstein and ("the most interesting among them") spook-journalist Willem Oltmans in the late 1960s ...

**CAMEO - DE MOHRENSCHILDT AND OLMANS**: Oltmans first contacted GdeM by telephone 2nd April 1967, but the full interview did not take place until 15th October 1968, with both George and Jeanne talking to a CBS camera team. The two men went on to become personal friends.

(ab) for getting a job in 1969 teaching French at Bishop College, Dallas, coincidentally (or not) "a CIA-funded institution" (Gaeton Fonzi, 27th May 1976), (ac) for being divorced from wife Jeanne 3rd April 1973, (ad) for giving two interviews to forensic historian Dick Russell 1975-1976, (ae) for preparing the not-immediately-published manuscript "I Am A Patsy! I Am A Patsy!" [full text online - see inset for link] ...

**ASIDE**: In his "Patsy!" manuscript GdeM took a very sympathetic - almost apologetic - line toward LHO. He also devoted a whole chapter to some very odd exploits with Oltmans (but says not a word about Epstein, who would in due course be the last person to see him alive). Jeanne de Mohrenschildt surrendered the document to the HSCA on 1st April 1977, three days after her husband's death, and the text was incorporated as an Appendix into the definitive HSCA Report - [read it here](#) (RECOMMENDED).

#af) for giving two interviews to forensic historian Dick Russell 1975-1976, (ag) for having some sort of nervous breakdown around this time, (ah) for reportedly being contacted for advice by Bulgarian intelligence operative Dimitri Dimitrov [see own entry for more on this encounter] in 1976, (ai) for being signed into three months drug and electroshock therapy 9th November 1976 by his ex-wife Jeanne (Baker, 2009), (aj) for meeting up with Oltmans again 28th February 1977 in the library at Bishop College, during which encounter he was "close to tears", and for agreeing to go with Oltmans to Europe to discuss how he might profit from his memoirs without getting himself permanently silenced ...

**CAMEO - DE MOHRENSCHILDT AND OLMANS, 1976-1977**: Here is forensic historian Dick Russell on the backstory here ...

"My second, and last, visit with de Mohrenschildt took place [in] Dallas, in mid-July 1976. [...] I explained I had heard a rumour about twelve hours of taped interviews that George was supposed to have given to a Dutch journalist friend named Willem Oltmans. Were the de Mohrenschildts thinking about possibly releasing them? Jeanne was adamant that she didn't want them out. George wondered aloud how much money they might bring. 'I want to burn them,' his wife said, shaking her head. In my presence, they decided to write their journalist friend and tell him not to release the tapes under any circumstances. [...] Nine months later, de Mohrenschildt was dead. His final days, as reconstructed afterward in a magazine article by journalist Willem Oltmans, seemed a fittingly Byzantine finish to his strange life. Oltmans had first met de Mohrenschildt in 1967, when he did a series of tapes for a forty-five-minute Netherlands-TV film. [...] According to Oltmans, in 1975 the finished film would mysteriously disappear from the Dutch Broadcasting Corporation's archives. Then, in early December 1976, [...] Oltmans [...] found that de Mohrenschildt had been committed to the Parkland Hospital Medical Clinic for observation. He was receiving heavy drug treatments, and his memory was reportedly impaired. [...] After six weeks, de Mohrenschildt was released from the hospital and resumed teaching at Bishop College. Meeting in a quiet corner of the college library, Oltmans said the baron told him he 'felt responsible for Oswald's role' and wanted to talk about it. But he had been receiving death threats for some time and begged Oltmans to take him to Europe. So he did. On March 5, 1977, while a book contract was being drawn up with a Dutch publishing company, Oltmans said he and de Mohrenschildt took a flight to Europe [...] where de Mohrenschildt simply disappeared. Ten days later, Oltmans testified about what had transpired in Europe, in a closed session before the House Assassinations Committee in Washington. Then, on March 25, de Mohrenschildt suddenly surfaced at a villa near Palm Beach, Florida, where his daughter was also staying. According to Oltmans, de Mohrenschildt sent him a telephone message, thanking him for his efforts to protect him but saying he had been 'too scared to go through with his confession'” (Russell, 1992, pp171-173).

(ak) for writing up his experiences in Europe in an 11th March 1977 affidavit, in which he mentioned possibly being drugged (Adamson, 1996), (al) for meetings with Epstein 15th March 1977 in NYC
and 29th March 1977 in Palm Beach [the final interview ended at noon, a mere hour before GdeM's terminal brain-spattering - Ed.], (am) for very conveniently committing suicide on 29th March 1977, within hours of receiving a summons to appear before the House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA).

**ASIDE:** Two days later Jeanne de Mohrenschildt gave said Committee a previously unknown print of one of the Backyard Photographs, CE-133A, with two handwritten dedications on the reverse. JdeM also handed over the aforementioned "Patsy!" manuscript [it may or may not be relevant that she could not do the manuscript without the photograph, because the discovery and re-concealment of the one is described in detail in the other - Ed.].

De Mohrenschildt's death is one of 115 more or less suspicious assassination-related deaths listed in Roberts and Armstrong's (1995) book "The Dead Witnesses" [Amazon - SPECULATIVE BUT MUCH FOOD FOR THOUGHT]. De Mohrenschildt's evidentiary profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now]; Interview to camera 15th October 1968 (with wife) [YouTube it now]. **LAST WORDS:** Concerning GdeM the man, we repeat author Bruce Campbell Adamson's (1996) summative observation ("Oswald's Closest Friend", K234) that both de Mohrenschildt and LHO went to their graves denying Oswald's guilt. As for the broader history, here is Lateer (2017) again with further trenchant criticism of the part played by White Russians in deflecting United States foreign policy to their own ends (all names have their own entries) ...

"It was a huge mistake to admit White Russians like Alexandra Tolstoy, George de Mohrenschildt, Dimitri de Mohrenschildt, or Count Konstantin Maydell to the United States given their fanatical political beliefs. They had so little use for democracy that they formed a major part of the backbone of the plot to murder America's elected President. That was their thanks to the U.S. for giving them asylum. [...] To the day they died, their country was Russia. Maybe the JFK assassination can serve as a bad example - don't let people into the U.S. unless they sincerely believe in the Constitution ..." (p431).

**FURTHER READING:** For more concerning the Haiti stories see Mellen (2012), Elizabeth Abbott's (1988/2011) book "Haiti: A Shattered Nation" [Amazon], and de Mohrenschildt's (1976-1977) "Patsy!" manuscript [see above]. The story of Al-Fayed's business dealings in Haiti is in Mellen's Chapter 5. And for much more on the European visit just before his death see Adamson (1996).

**de Mohrenschildt, Jeanne:** One time (1953) business partner of dressmaker Abraham Zapruder, wife of White Russian émigré George de Mohrenschildt since 1959 Jeanne de Mohrenschildt [Spartacus Educational biography] was one of the few people to see the Mannlicher-Carcano before the assassination, placing her firmly on the Mannlicher-Carcano Thread. The sighting took place on 14th April 1963 when she and her husband dropped in on their apartment late one evening. While being shown around by Marina she saw a rifle in a closet, which she later more or less recognised as the alleged assassination weapon. Jeanne De Mohrenschildt's evidentiary profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now]; Interview to camera (with husband) [YouTube it now].

**de Mohrenschildt, Sergius Alexander:** [George's father] WW1 and Russian Civil War veteran (Imperial Russian Black Sea Fleet until 1917, then White Russian) turned refugee-activist in Lithuania Sergius de Mohrenschildt [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) as the father of Dimitri and George de Mohrenschildt, (b) for having prospered as a young vice-president of the Nobel Oil Corporation, acquiring land in, and becoming "Marshal of Nobility" in charge of, the Minsk prefecture ...

**ASIDE - THE POLIESIE:** George de Mohrenschildt would later refer to the family estate as being in the "Poliesie" - better known nowadays as Polesie or Polieski - a tract of remote marshes and woodland in the south-eastern corner of modern Belarus, north of Kiev.

(c) for being dispossessed that land by the 1917 Russian Revolution, (d) for accordingly falling out with the Bolsheviks during the Russian Civil War, reportedly getting exiled to Siberia in 1921 ...

**CAMEO - SERGIUS DE MOHRENSCHILDT AND ALLEN DULLES, 1920:** Poulgrain (2015) reports that de Mohrenschildt represented Nobel Oil in 1920-1921 negotiations with Standard Oil, in which the corporate lawyer for the American firm was none other than future DCI Allen Dulles.
(e) for finally resettling in Wilno - modern Vilnius, Lithuania - where he became teacher-director of the local gymnasium [=high school] …

**ASIDE - WILNO IN 1922:** Vilnius in Lithuania is 115 miles west-north-west of Minsk in Belarus (White Russia). Lithuania had been part of the extensive ancestral Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth until it was broken up in 1795, was then a generally unwilling annexed province of Czarist Russia until 1915 when it was occupied by the advancing Germans, was then occupied by Germany until 1918, was then squabbled over 1919-1939, was then occupied by the USSR in 1940, who lost it to the Nazis 1941-1944, whereupon it was re-occupied by the USSR until becoming an independent Baltic State in 1990. Our standard practice is to use the phrase "White Russian" to indicate NOT JUST Belarus [the strictly nominal "White Russia"] BUT ALSO those reluctant peoples from Estonia on the Baltic to the Ukraine on the Black Sea who sided against the Bolsheviks in the Russian Civil War.

(f) for becoming a Nazi-friendly White Russian in the 1930s, perhaps even reporting on Soviet defences prior to the 1941 Operation Barbarossa, and (g) for therefore being one of those spirited quickly out of Europe during Operation Paperclip in 1945 as a valuable anti-Communist intelligence asset.

**Department of Propaganda in Enemy Countries:** See the entry for Crewe House.

***** PIONEER "PREPPER"/PIONEER PROVINCIAL MILITIAMAN *****

DePugh, Robert Bolivar: [Read firstly the entry for Discarding Sabot] Serial loser Robert DePugh [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being dismissed the U.S. Army during WW2 for depression, (b) for trying university but dropping out, (c) for running an unsuccessful feedstuffs business 1953-1956, (d) for having better luck with a human dietary supplement business, discovering that a bunker chow named Minuteman Survival Tabs [YouTube a modern generic] sold rather well ...

**ASIDE - BUNKER CHOW, THEN AND NOW:** Bunker chow is nowadays big business. A typical Survivalist website offers both survival gear (knife, etc.) and survival supplies (food, water, etc.). Just browse <survival> and marvel!

(e) for establishing an anti-Communist preppers' group called the Minutemen [Wikipedia briefing] around the time of the Cuban Missile Crisis [personally, I remember just kissing my arse goodbye - Ed.], (f) for arming his disciples - amongst whom we find none less than Guy Banister - with a Survivalist's instruction book entitled "Blueprint for Victory" [Amazon], (g) for aligning the Minutemen with the fellow hypernoids of the John Birch Society ...

**CAMEO - RFK VERSUS THE REDNECKS:** RFK's battle against the hard right has its roots in the Reuther Memorandum [no convenient briefing but much to reward the determined browser], a letter of complaint from Victor G. Reuther [Wikipedia biography A FASCINATING STORY] and Walter P. Reuther [Wikipedia biography DITTO], officials in the highly respected United Auto Workers (UAW) [Wikipedia briefing], to the effect that they were having trouble with right-wing organisations stirring up non-progressive sentiments amongst their members, thus ...

"The 'Reuther Memorandum', as it became known, targeted groups and individuals much less extreme than the Minutemen, including Billy James Hargis, Fred Schwarz and his Christian Anti-Communist Crusade, the John Birch Society, and the 'Life Line' radio programmes of H. L. Hunt. In the second half of the memo, the Reuthers made several suggestions for action against the far right, including 'steps to end the Minutemen’” (George and Wilcox, 1996, p223)

RFK responded to the Reuthers' suggestions by setting up the Ideological Organisations Audit [no convenient briefing but much to reward the determined browser] within the IRS to look into such things as financial impropriety. Their investigations were hampered, however, by resistance from the mainstream political right on the grounds that targeting tax audits according to political persuasion was in itself unconstitutional.

(h) for having Illinois gun-runner Richard A. Lauchli, Jr. as one of his first disciples (until he branched out on his own in 1962 to found a rival group known as the Counter Insurgency Council), (i) for being indicted many times on firearms and explosives charges 1966-1970 (although convicted
only once), (j) for apparently undergoing some sort of Damascene conversion while in Leavenworth Penitentiary, observing, for example, that "ultra-right philosophy [...] is very easily accepted by the convict population", and becoming concerned with the best criminological practice for the rehabilitation of offenders ...

**RESEARCH ISSUE - DEPUGH AND THE REHABILITATION OF OFFENDERS:** DePugh's observation that the "convict population" was easy to convert to a right-wing ideology would nowadays be described as "radicalisation" and is presently being actively researched [Wikipedia briefing]. While in Leavenworth, DePugh wrote the (1974) book *Behind the Iron Mask* [Amazon], in which he discusses the psychological relationship between "liberal prison reform" and reoffending rates. Here is one of his (quite sensible) suggestions …

"The formation of a new sense of personal identity involves more than just the way the prisoner sees himself. A real and permanent change involves the formation of new social bonds. While he is still in prison, it may be desirable to help the prisoner's family move to another city entirely. Thus, on his release, the prisoner need not return to the same old friends and neighbourhood where all his social bonds involve a criminal's sense of personal identity" (DePugh, 1974. quoted in George and Wilcox, 1996, p230).

(k) after his release from Leavenworth in May 1973, for working closely with on-and-off ATF and FBI undercover agent **Roy Frankhauser** (see own entry), and finally (l) for increasingly falling out with "most of the extreme right" (*op. cit.*, p240), including **Willis Carto** (see own entry), and drifting off into unrelated business activities. It is also worth noting that a few days after JFK's assassination a friend of DePugh's sent him a used sabot said to have been found in Dealey Plaza. DePugh would later have this trophy impounded as evidence by the FBI, and never returned.

"Desmond, Lloyd K.": [CIA nom-de-guerre; true identity unknown] CIA senior officer "Lloyd K. Desmond" [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being the CIA's Head of Station in Athens, Greece, in the early years of the Cold War, (b) for being "directly involved" with the same **Spas Raikin** who would later collect LHO and Marina Oswald from the New Jersey quayside as they arrived back from the Soviet Union 13th June 1962 ...

**CAMEO - THE DESMOND MEMORANDUM:** "Desmond" was the author of an internal CIA memorandum 29th November 1951 (now in the public domain) entitled "Escape of Seven Bulgarian Refugees" [full text online - FASCINATING]. In it he describes how Raikin, along with six other Bulgarian men who had escaped to Greece, had been interrogated "to ascertain their future possible operational use", and then placed in safe houses to await suitable projects (Albarelli, 2013, K3840).

and (c) 12 years later for conducting some of the emergency post-Assassination investigations into LHO's Mexico City Trip (Albarelli, 2013, K3841).

de Torres, Bernardo: [a.k.a. *Leopoldo*] Cuba-born Miami-based anti-Castro militant and CIA operative **Bernardo de Torres** [Spartacus Educational biography] was **Brigade 2506**'s Chief of Intelligence for the **Bay of Pigs Invasion**. He was captured and held until ransomed by the U.S. government in late 1962, whereupon he became a member of **INTERPEN**. In his 2017 book "Killing Kennedy" **Steven Hager** placed him as a "photographer" in Dealey Plaza, although on precisely whose behalf was not stated. De Torres would later work with **Jim Garrison** during his 1967 conspiracy investigation, at a time that witnesses such as **David Ferrie** and **Eladio del Valle** were being silenced and fruitless dead-ends abounded [real cynics assert that he cooperated in order to work out whom to silence next, and then did the job himself - Ed.]. Garrison eventually concluded that de Torres was part of a CIA operation to disrupt the investigation.

**Deveraux, Johnny Mitchell:** An obscure player named **Johnny Deveraux** [no convenient biography] may have been involved in the patsification of LHO in Mexico City. He will also be named in due course in Richard Sprague's 1985 book "The Taking of America" as one of the dozen or so outer sanctum conspirators in the JFK assassination.
Devine, Thomas J.: CIA officer Thomas Devine [Spartacus Educational biography] had been involved with George H. W. Bush in 1953 during the setting up of Bush's Zapata Oil.

De Zayas, Alfred-Maurice: Cuban-born American-Swiss historian and human rights lawyer Alfred-Maurice de Zayas [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for his work as a research academic in the 1970s, which gained him such a reputation in international law that during the 1980s and 1990s he was increasingly involved with various human rights agencies of the United Nations. As a result of these experiences he has become increasingly vocal of late in campaigning against large-scale and systemic human rights abuses, ethnic cleansing, and war crimes. His ideas have been encapsulated in the U.N.'s assertion that there is, or at least should be, a Human Right to Peace [see own entry]. He seems to have been professionally ostracised since 2012 firstly for writings described by some as anti-Semitic, and, more recently, for judging that US sanctions on Venezuela were (and still are) illegal as they constituted economic warfare and "could amount to 'crimes against humanity' under international law" (Selby-Green, The Independent, 26th January 2019).

Diaz Garcia, Herminio: Bodyguard/assassin from the Santos Trafficante stable Herminio Diaz Garcia [Spartacus Educational biography] would be one of the two colleagues identified by Tony Cuesta as having been a three-man shooting team in Dallas (the third being Eladio del Valle). He was named again in 2007 by Reinaldo Martinez Gomez.

Díaz Recinos, Adolfo: Nicaraguan businessman-politician President[1911-1917, 1926-1929] Adolfo Díaz [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been the initial focus of Augusto Sandino's [see own entry] guerrilla campaign in the years 1927 to 1928.

Diem, Ngo Dinh: South Vietnamese politician Ngo Dinh Diem [Wikipedia biography] was U.S.-backed President of South Vietnam until assassinated during CIA-backed Duong Van Minh's coup d'état on 2nd November 1963. One of the CIA men close to the action (overseeing his first Presidential assassination that month, and himself protégé of the National Security Council's Walt Rostow) was Dealey Plaza's Edward Lansdale.


Dillard, Thomas C.: Photographer Tom Dillard [no convenient biography] Was in Camera #3, front seat, right. took two photographs at the time of the assassination, one of which, upon subsequent enhancement, appear to show a man's face at the west window of TSBD6. However in the commonly available online reproductions of this image this area of the facade has been cropped, so - since it has been suggested elsewhere that this is Loy Factor's window - there is still a lot of work to be done on this story. Dillard's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now].

*****A VERY DODGY TALE, BUT WORTH A LOOK NONETHELESS *****
"I know who killed President Kennedy, and I know why"

Dimitrov, Dimitre Andropov: [Cover name Lyle O. Kelly; a.k.a. Donald A. Donaldson] [Read firstly the entry for Projects Bluebird and Artichoke, the camer on Cold War Bulgaria in the entries for Kim Philly and Spass Raikin, and the entry for David Morales - IMPORTANT.] Bulgarian anti-Communist dissident and agitator "General" Dimitre Dimitrov [no convenient biography and difficult to browse because of name clashes] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being a resistance fighter in Soviet-occupied Bulgaria in the late 1940s, before escaping through the Iron Curtain to become a refugee in Cold War Greece, (b) for being the subject of Joseph Pritchett's [see own entry] 25th January 1952 briefing of Project Artichoke project manager Morse Allen [see own entry], and by that token also the subject of the resulting Morse Allen Memorandum ...
"Mr. Pritchett explained in substance the Kelly Case as follows: Kelly, (whose real name is Dimitre Dimitrov), is a 29-year-old Bulgarian and was the head of a small political party based in Greece and [ostensibly] working for Bulgarian independence. [Dimitrov] was described by Pritchett as being young, ambitious, bright [...], a sort of a "man-on-a-horse" type but a typical Bulgarian politician'. Pritchett further explained to Allen that several months earlier, CIA field operatives 'had discovered that the French intelligence service was attempting to bribe Dimitrov and make him a double agent, and Dimitrov was looking with favour upon the French offer'. As a result, continued the memorandum, 'a plot was rigged in which [Dimitrov] was told he was going to be assassinated and as a protective he was placed in custody of the Greek police.' Successfully duped, Dimitrov was then thrown into a Greek prison. (At this point in time, Dimitrov was given the pseudonym 'Lyle O. Kelly' by the CIA's Office of Security.) In prison he was subjected to intensive interrogation and torture. [...] Greek intelligence and law enforcement agencies were especially barbaric in their methods. [...] According to Allen's memo, after holding Dimitrov for six months Greek authorities decided he was no more than 'a nuisance' and they told the CIA 'to take him back' [...] whereupon they flew him to a secret military interrogation centre housed in an American military hospital in Panama [...] 'as a psychopathic patient'" (Albarelli, 2013, K2992-3010).

Albarelli goes on to explain how Dimitrov's transfer to Panama inadvertently caused more problems than it resolved ...

"The hospital and interrogation centre where Dimitre Dimitrov was placed were on the grounds of the U.S. Army's Fort Clayton in Panama. In the 1950s, Fort Clayton, along with nearby sister installations, Fort Amador and Fort Gulick, both in Panama, were the original sites of the Army's notorious School of the Americas which, among other activities, trained the world's most notorious foreign police units [...] in interrogation techniques and torture. [...] Indeed after leaving Panama, Dimitrov would say that while being held on the isthmus, he encountered several people who have emerged over the past fifty years as possible key players in the JFK murder. One of these people was David Sanchez Morales [...], a.k.a. 'El Indio' and 'Didi'. Dimitrov first encountered David Morales in early 1951 in Frankfurt, Germany, where Morales was stationed near the CIA holding facility where Dimitrov had been sent from Athens. Entirely coincidentally, Dimitrov encountered Morales again in Panama about eight months later. [...] Beginning in 1951, Fort Amador and Fort Gulick were used extensively by the Army and the CIA as secret experimental sites for developing 'behaviour modification' using a wide range of techniques, including 'truth drugs', mescaline, LSD, and heroin. Former CIA officials have also long claimed that in the 1950s and later, Fort Clayton and Fort Amador housed and trained a number of Army assassination teams" (op. cit., K3010-3034).

And this is where Projects Bluebird and Artichoke enter the narrative ...

"After months of confinement in Panama, Pritchett explained, Dimitrov had become a serious problem for the CIA and the military officials holding him in the hospital. Dimitrov had become increasingly angry and bitter about his treatment. [...] He was also of great concern to the CIA because he was witnessing a great deal of Project Artichoke activity at both the interrogation centre and hospital. [...] In 1951, just weeks before Bluebird was renamed Artichoke, officials within the CIA's Security Office - working in tandem with cleared scientists from Camp Detrick's Special Operations Division, who in turn worked with a select group of scientists from Edgewood Arsenal in Maryland - began a series of ultra-secret experiments with LSD, mescaline, peyote [etc.]. On occasion, while at Fort Clayton, Dimitre Dimitrov would engage military and CIA officials in unauthorised conversations concerning the Artichoke Project activities. Pritchett explained to Allen [that they were] 'considering an Artichoke approach to Dimitrov to see if it would be possible to reorient him favourably toward us'. Explained Pritchett, 'This [Artichoke] operation, which will necessarily involve the use of drugs, is being considered by OPC with a possibility that Dr. [Robert S.] Ecke [see own entry] and Mike Gladych [see own entry] will carry out the operation" (op. cit., K3068-3137).

(c) for being duly Artichoked in March 1952 ...

"In March 1952, [...] Dimitrov was 'successfully given the Artichoke treatment in Panama for a period of about five weeks'. While specific details [...] remain unavailable, subsequent statements made by Dimitrov himself make it clear that he was subjected to intense and repeated interrogation using an array of drugs, including LSD, heroin, and barbiturates, and 'near weekly hypnosis sessions' that also made use of an array of drugs.
Dimitrov further stated that he was subjected to electro-shock treatments, used in combination with LSD 'so as to jumble my thoughts and memories' and 'to try to create a total amnesia' in his mind of all events that occurred in Greece and Panama" (op. cit., K3171).

(d) for returning to Athens 1952-1956, no longer deemed a threat, (e) for finally being allowed entry into the United States, arriving in NYC 26th November 1956 together with his wife and daughter, (f) for reportedly soliciting film producers in and around 1958, trying to drum up interest in a film about his adventures to date, (g) for hawking his Panama story to magazines in and around 1961, not realising that the editors would quite properly check with the intelligence services before taking any decisions, (h) for being we know not where in assassination year 1963, (i) for being arrested 3rd April 1964 for a series of swindles going back to 1956 and often involving funding for movie-making projects ...

**CAUTION:** Items (f)(g)(i) clearly paint Dimitrov as someone to whom exaggeration and overstatement was a way of life, and the remainder of this entry should be studied with that in mind.

(j) for going dark until 1975, (k) for reappearing on the scene with a 15th September 1975 letter to Senator Frank Church, cheekily suggesting that his story might be relevant (it most certainly would have been - Ed.) to the ongoing Church Committee Inquiry into the probity of the intelligence services, (l) for reportedly contacting George de Mohrenschildt in 1976, who was at the time trying to monetise his own memoirs, and (m) (perhaps as a result of (l)) for engaging in a prolonged set-to in 1977 with Dutch spook-journalist Willem Oltmans, thus (as told to forensic historian Dick Russell in his (1992) book "The Man Who Knew Too Much" [Amazon]) ...

"While in Europe [Oltmans] was contacted by a Bulgarian who called himself 'Donald A. Donaldson'. His real name was Dimotor [sic] Dimitrov, and he said he was a titular American general. He informed Oltmans that de Mohrenschildt had 'contacted the wrong people in Brussels,' and, upon returning stateside, received instructions in Washington to 'go to Florida where he would be less exposed [...] and here he] was murdered by two men. They first offered him safe conduct to Mexico, and they also asked him to sign a false document drawn up by the CIA. George did so and was killed.' After all, these experts know only too well how to make it look like a suicide" (Oltmans on Dimitrov, as told to Russell, 1992, p174).

Two decades later Albarelli (2013) added the following detail ...

"Dimitrov and de Mohrenschildt spoke at least once on the telephone and Dimitrov later said:'[GdeM] told me I would serve myself well by going to the press [and] telling my story'. On March 29, 1977, Dimitre Dimitrov, after recovering from his shock at having learned that George de Mohrenschildt had allegedly killed himself that same day, telephoned [Oltmans and told him] that his name was 'Jim Adams' and that he was interested in Oltmans' assistance in producing a big budget Hollywood film about JFK's assassination. [...] Dimitrov and Oltmans agreed to meet on May 31, 1977, at the Amsterdam Marriott Hotel. [...] As time went on, however, Dimitrov found ample cause to distrust Oltmans and to fear his tendency toward grandstanding and blatant opportunism. [...] Within weeks of their first meeting, Oltmans was attempting to convince Dimitrov to provide him with exclusive information about who had killed Kennedy and why, so that he could broker a deal for Dimitrov with then- President Jimmy Carter" (Albarelli, 2013, K3275-3297).

Dimitrov died 2007 in Canada. He never did get to tell what he knew. **OUR VERDICT:** (1) It is likely that Dimitrov was indeed aggressively interrogated in 1952, because many refugees from behind the Iron Curtain were actually Soviet agents. (2) It is not established beyond reasonable doubt that the interrogation produced no permanent cognitive or personality defects. (3) there are long dark periods 1952-1956, 1963-1964, 1964-1975, and 1977 onward, when he could have been on active U.S. service, and (4) in his three-cornered relationship with George de Mohrenschildt and Willem Oltmans it is far from clear which of them was the biggest scoundrel. However (5), because it has since been established beyond doubt that the aforementioned David Morales was a Grade A serial hitman with claims to have been in Dealey Plaza 22nd November 1963, we suspect that this was the name Dimitrov was trying to sell, and if that were indeed the case then he was lucky to escape with his life.
Dinkin, Eugene B.: The story is commonly related that U.S. Army signals operator Eugene Dinkin had been on duty at Metz, France, on 22nd October and 2nd November 1963 when he intercepted and decoded two messages from a Rome-based CIA officer to a French Intelligence contact in Marseilles offering a contract for their ace hitman, referred to by the codename QJ/WIN [q.v.], and stating the target as JFK later in the month.

**CAUTION:** Sadly it ain't quite as easy as that, for the counter-narrative was in place before the narrative had run its course. Here are the competing stories ...

In the Conspiracists' version of the story the messages contained the names William Harvey, Jean Souetre, and Guy Banister, at least one of whom (Souetre) was in Dealey Plaza at the time of the Assassination. Dinkin duly reported the intercept to his superiors, and the next thing he knew was that they were taking steps to declare him mentally ill. He therefore went AWOL 4th November and made his way to Geneva, where on 6th or 7th November he told his story to a number of reporters in the Press Room, who apparently regarded him as a "crackpot". He then managed to get off a letter to Attorney General RFK warning him of the threat to his brother before being arrested on 13th November and transferred to Bethesda for highly aggressive brainwashing.

In the Establishment version of the story - now fully supported by recent document releases - Dinkin is characterised from the outset as a mentally unstable oddball. Yes he went AWOL 4th November, yes he engaged with reporters in Geneva, and yes he returned to his unit in Metz 11th November. But this was all part of a mental breakdown, and there never were any suspicious decrypts. Much is also now made of an incident 26th November at the Paris office of Time-Life, but this is just chaff. Click here for the Mary Ferrell Foundation's ruling on the issue, and note the nature of the supporting click-throughs - FASCINATING.

**Directorate of Military Intelligence (AMAN):** Created in 1950 this is the IDF's overarching military intelligence department [Wikipedia briefing].

**Directorate of Plans (CIA/DP):** Founded on 4th January 1951 by the merger of the Office of Policy Coordination (OPC) and the Office of Special Operations (OSO), the Directorate of Plans [Wikipedia briefing] was responsible for the "coordination, de-confliction, and evaluation of clandestine operations". The Deputy Director was Allen Dulles until 23rd August 1951. In 1973 it was renamed the Directorate of Operations.

**Directorio Revolucionario Estudiantil (DRE):** [Codename AMSPELL] Founded in Cuba in the mid-1950s the DRE [Wikipedia briefing] was moved to Miami, FL, after the Castro revolution and taken over by the CIA as an anti-Castro front organisation run by George Joannides. In the present context its allocated role was to publicise LHO's pro-Castro links as early as possible after the assassination, as explained in the entry for Carlos Bringuier. Browse the LHO Patsification Thread for the integrated story.

**DISC:** See Defense Industrial Security Command.

**Discarding Sabot:** [French word for "wooden clog", pronounced "sab-oh"] In the world of ballistics, a sabot is usually a cylindrical outer casing which allows an undersized projectile to be fired from a given gun barrel. See one here ...
The term is noteworthy in the present context because if you encased a spent 6.5mm bullet in a .30-06 sabot you could use a common-or-garden American rifle to fire one of the much rarer Mannlicher-Carcano bullets; and if that 6.5mm bullet had already been fired you would preserve its prior markings. Sabots, in short, are ideal for framing someone.

**ASIDE:** Sabots have been under discussion in the histories since the notion was first raised in Jim Marrs' 1987 book "Crossfire". Other names for this trick of firing undersized bullets are "husking" or "wildcatting".

**Disinfo:** "False information spread deliberately to deceive" (Wikipedia). Hager (2017) likens disinfo to anti-missile *chaff* [Wikipedia briefing], because it interferes with the figure-ground processing so vital to visual perception (that is to say, it stops a target emerging clearly from its background).

**Division Five:** Purportedly a clandestine division of the FBI responsible for "special assignments and assassinations", including counterespionage and intelligence gathering. Fronted by William Sullivan and with such as Major Louis Bloomfield on its payroll, it may or may not have officially included an assassinations function, but operations to that end would have been easy to arrange unofficially even if it had not. The work of Division Five is alluded to in many histories.

**Dobriansky, Lev E.**: NYC-born to Ukrainian parents, academic economist Lev Dobriansky [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for campaigning from the mid-1950s onward on behalf of the "captive nations" - the Soviet-occupied lands of Eastern Europe and White Russia, (b) for chairing the management board of the *Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA)* [see own entry] during the mid-1960s, (c) for serving 1982-1986 as U.S. Ambassador to the Bahamas, and (d) for helping to set up the * Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation* [Wikipedia briefing] in 1993. **RECOMMENDED READING:** There is much to be learned from this 23rd November 1966 CIA memorandum [full text online], in that it indicates that Dobriansky could on occasions be too right-wing even if it had not. The work of Division Five is alluded to in many histories.

**Docherty, Gerry:** Scottish schoolteacher turned forensic historian Gerry Docherty [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context as co-author (with Jim Macgregor [see own entry]) of two alternative histories of WW1. The first, published 2013, is entitled "Hidden Histories" [Amazon], in which the part played by a select and highly discrete coterie of American, British, French, and Russian bankers, industrialists, aristocrats, and royalty in railroading the world into WW1 during the famous 1914 *July Crisis* [see 28th June 1914]. The second, published 2017, is entitled "Prolonging the Agony" [Amazon] and describes the part played by bankers and industrialists [those whom we know today as "the military industrial complex" - Ed.] in deliberately prolonging that war once started.

"Dr. Bowers": In Judyth Vary Baker's (2014) book "Ferrie" a vaguely specified "Dr. Bowers" is mentioned [p.218, in the entry for 10th July 1963 - Ed.] as having once passed on a message to her from Alton Ochsner. Two Drs. Bowers were associated with Tulane Medical School and/or Ochsner Foundation Hospital research in New Orleans at that time, namely Cyril Yarling Bowers [see own entry] and John Zimmerman Bowers [see own entry]. Baker now believes (personal communication, 2019) that it was the former.

**Dr. Mary:** See the entry for Mary Sherman.
"Doctor Strangelove": [Read firstly the entry for Burris Memorandum] "Arguably the best political satire of the century", this movie [Wikipedia filmography] by Stanley Kubrick (Director/Screenplay) and Terry Southern (Screenplay) depicts a U.S. first strike nuclear attack on the Soviet Union "in late 1963" (the movie was to have gone on release 22nd November 1963, but this was put back to 29th January 1964 for obvious reasons following the assassination). Curtis LeMay has been critically identified in the movie as both Jack Ripper and Buck Turgidson. For further study see Schlosser's (2014 [FULL TEXT ONLINE]) fifty year retrospective entitled "Almost Everything in 'Dr. Strangelove' Was True", and then play yourself to sleep.

Dodd Hearings: We refer here to the Inquiry chaired by Senator Thomas J. Dodd, Sr, concerning the law on the interstate sales of firearms. The Inquiry began taking evidence on 29th January 1963 and a subset of its findings was implemented by the Gun Control Act, 1968 [Wikipedia briefing]. According to the La Fontaines in their 1996 book "Oswald Talked" [Amazon], the suppliers of LHO's revolver and rifle - Seaport Traders and Klein's Sporting Goods, Inc., respectively - both came under scrutiny during the investigations.


Dodge, Grenville Mellen: Civil War veteran, military spymaster, Chief Engineer to the Union Pacific Railroad, and occasional politician Grenville Dodge [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for heading President William McKinley's Presidential Commission into the performance of the War Department under Russell Alger during the Spanish-American War [see 15th February 1898].

**** NICE SENSIBLE CONSPIRACY THEORY ****


**** OR PERHAPS ... META CONSPIRACY THEORY****

It is almost as if he is deliberately presenting the very best conspiracy theory alongside some of the very daftest [viz. UFOs] with a specific view to the daft belittling the sensible. Which, were it true, would indicate a counterintelligence agency of the very cleverest kind at work. It sure comes to something when you start seeing conspiracies in the conspiracies!

Dole, Sanford Ballard: Hawaiian born of white Christian missionary stock lawyer-politician Sanford Dole [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for being one of the architects of the 1887 "Bayonet Constitution", and of the 1887 Missionary Rebellion which forced same on the Hawaiian monarchy [check it out]. He was also a prime mover in the more successful 1893 Hawaiian Coup [check it out], and was President of the temporary Hawaiian Republic before the islands became a United States territory in 1898, and Governor of said territory until 1903.

Domestic Operations Base (DOB): Originally approved 22nd January 1952 under CIA Project AE-ACRE [see own entry] as a "sterile headquarters" with attendant safe houses to support the training and operations of REDSOX agents for deployment behind enemy lines, the Domestic Operations Base (DOB) [browsers will find several CIA declassified documents, but no core briefing] was based at Alexandria VA. The installation was reorganised in 1962 as the headquarters department of the CIA's Domestic Operations Division (DOD). The new chief was Perry Crookham [see own entry], assisted by (in Dealey Plaza on the day) William "Rip" Robertson [see own entry]. Tracy Barnes [see own entry] took over as C/DOD/DOB in mid-1963. One of the DOB's continuing remits was to oversee the CIA's various
corporate operations - names below - ensuring that they retained their cover story veneer of respectability. Here is how Judyth Vary Baker and Edward Schwartz's 2017 book "Kennedy & Oswald" summarises testimony from one of the DOB's erstwhile foot-soldiers, Donald Deneselya (all names have their own entries) ...

"The DOB was a Covert Action Division, located in Alexandria, VA, approximately a one hour drive from the official CIA headquarters in Langley, VA. Another important, less secretive CIA component, the Domestic Operations Division (DOD), facetiously known as the 'Dirty Tricks Division', was founded in 1962 by Tracy Barnes. [...] The Chief of the DOB oversaw all of the CIA's corporate assets such as INTERARMCO, a global armaments distribution company. Air America, a global illegal drug distribution company, and Zapata Offshore, the oil company associated with George H. W. Bush" (Baker and Schwartz, 2017, p1).

1. REDSOX was the generic term for such agents.

**Domestic Propaganda:** That subset of a government's propaganda intended for home consumption, that is to say, by one's own citizens rather than one's enemy or neutrals. Monger (2012) regards much of Britain's domestic propaganda in the latter years of the war as being designed primarily to weaken the pacifist movement and discourage strikes in the armaments factories and shipyards.

**Domínguez Martínez, Angel:** See the entry for Miguel Casas Saez.

**Donald, William ["Number One White Boy"] Henry:** [Read firstly the sidenotes in the entry for John M. Birch.] Australian China-hand journalist William Donald [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context as favoured counsel to the Nationalist Chinese government in the early 1930s, and for having used his influence to point the embryonic Chinese Air Force in the direction of American manufacturers rather than British or Italian.

**Donnelly, Christopher Nigel:** Retired Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, lecturer Christopher Donnelly [no convenient biography but the occasional snippet to reward the determined browser] is noteworthy in the present context (a) as a long-term advisor to NATO and a succession of British Defence Secretaries, (b) as one of the founders of the Institute of Statecraft [see own entry], nowadays one of Britain's foremost purveyors of right-wing disinformation, and (c) for seeing signs of left-wing "disinformation and malign influence" just about everywhere. [YouTube him and his preachings here.]

**Donovan, William ["Wild Bill"] Joseph:** Decorated WW1 veteran and head of the OSS during WW2 William Donovan [Wikipedia biography] worked closely with Allen Dulles in the late 1940s and became Ambassador to Thailand in 1953. He retired a year later and died in 1959. He is noteworthy in the present context as a possible associate of Dr. Alton Ochsner during WW2, at which time Ochsner was setting up his Ochsner Clinic in New Orleans.

"An example of 'celebrity sainthood'" (Kinzer, 2013) "Consummate bullshit artist" (Boot, 2018)

**Dooley, Thomas Anthony, III:** American physician, CIA operative, and prolific state propagandist Thomas A. Dooley III [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for graduating in medicine from the Saint Louis School of Medicine in 1953, (b) for joining the Navy, seeing early service in Yokosuka, Japan, (c) for being transferred to South Vietnam in 1954, where he helped to screen the hundreds of thousands of post-partition refugees from the north, (d) for falling in with the propaganda side of General John W. O'Daniel's Military Advisory Assistance Group (MAAG) [Wikipedia briefing], unethically using his caseload as a source of lurid anti-Communist stories to keep the folks back home onside, (e) for thereby being recruited by Edward G. Lansdale, head of the Saigon CIA Station (the man destined, in 1963, to be Dealey Plaza's most reluctant photo opp), to develop this line of propaganda in the form of the (1956) "Deliver Us From Evil" [Amazon COMPULSORY READING] ...
**CAMEO - "DELIVER US FROM EVIL":** [To save duplication of effort, read firstly the 29 entries (for 1914 alone!!) in the sub-thread <Censorship, Propaganda, and Recruitment> in the Companion Resource; start at 8th August 1914, and follow the onward pointers ESSENTIAL READING.] This 1956 piece of intellectual garbage trots out the same atrocity lines as did the 1914 attempts to whip up hatred against "The Hun". Babies are bayonetted (mutatis mutandis) and religious persecutions abound. Dooley's mentor in all this was Navy publicity man William Lederer [Wikipedia biography], who then happily let the lies ride, only admitting 30 years later that they "never took place" [source]. By then, however, like Pandora's freed evils, the lies had been irremediably Reader's Digested into the right-wing American mindset.

... (f) for setting up a cover organisation in 1958 under the name Medical International Cooperation Organisation (MEDICO) [Wilford, op. cit. infra] to run intelligence posts disguised as humanitarian aid missions close to the Chinese border, and (g) (despite being outed for homosexuality) for continuing in that role until retiring with cancer in 1959. He died in 1961, aged 34. One eulogist proudly described him as "one of those rare Americans who is truly a citizen of the world" [sadly, as 2021 dawns, much of that world has begun to wish they were a lot rarer - Ed.]. **FURTHER READING:** Much of Chapter 8 of Hugh Wilford's (2008) book "The Mighty Wurlitzer: How the CIA Played America" [Amazon] is devoted to the story of Dooley and Lederer.

Dorman, Elsie: Employed in the Scott, Foresman Company area of TSBD4, Elsie Dorman [no convenient biography] was filming the Presidential motorcade from a window when the shooting took place, in the company of fellow-workers Sandra Styles, Elsie Dorman, and Victoria Adams. She took 24 seconds of film - the only film on the day taken from inside the TSBD - and then took it home and hid it in a cupboard. After her death her son donated it to the Sixth Floor Museum in 1995, but as it turned out she was no Cecil B. de Mille - [YouTube it now](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4bGKJHd4QF8) (it was her husband's camera and it was her first time at the eyepiece). Dormans' evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED];

***** **Candidate JFK Military-Industrial Complex Conspirator *****

[Old Hitler hand now Bell Helicopters Vice-President based in Fort Worth]

Dornberger, Walter Robert: German (later American) engineer Walter Dornberger [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been second only to Werner von Braun in developing the Nazi V-2 rocket, 1930-1945, (b) for being spirited off to the United States in 1945 as part of Operation Paperclip, and put to work on the American missile programme, (c) for joining the Bell Aircraft Corporation at Forth Worth\[TX\] in 1950, rising to Vice-President, (d) for being accused by L. Fletcher Prouty in 1992 of somewhat improperly putting profits before peace when, in October 1963, JFK had proposed reducing the U.S. presence in Indochina...

"Continuing the warfare in Vietnam [...] was of vital importance to these powerful financial and manufacturing groups. And helicopters, of course, were but one part of the $220 billion¹ cost of U.S. participation in that conflict. [...] The success of the deal between [various corporations named] and Bell hinged on the escalation of the war in Indochina. A key man in the plan was Walter Dornberger [...]. Kennedy had announced a reduced military budget, the end of American participation in Indochina, and a major change in the race to the moon. [...] On November 21 [1963], the President and his party spent the night in Fort Worth [because it] was scheduled to get the multi-billion-dollar Bell helicopter business" (Prouty, 1992, pp290-291).

¹Roberts (1994) puts the cost of the war at more than twice this figure.

**FURTHER READING:** For more on the withdrawal of the U.S. advisors and the cost of the rotary wing offensive in Vietnam, much of which went to the shareholders in Bell Aircraft, see the insets in the entry for the Gulf of Tonkin Incident.

Douglas, Daniel Wayne: According to the La Fontaines' 1996 book "Oswald Talked", car thief Daniel Douglas was coincidentally on his way onto DPDHQ to confess to a car theft. With more important things to worry about, DPD duly placed Douglas in a triplex holding cell, specifically F-1, where he would shortly be joined by John Elrod (Cell F-3) and LHO (Cell F-2). To save duplication, the conclusion of this story is told in the entry for Elrod.

Douglass, James W.: Assassination researcher James Douglass is noteworthy in the present context for his 2008 book "JFK and the Unspeakable" [Amazon], in which he argues that understanding WHY things happened as they did is just as important as HOW. This required him to re-shake the assassination evidence box, and this, in turn threw new emphasis on a number of hitherto overlooked incidents, such as the story of Abraham Bolden [see own entry]. The story is well trailed in an accompanying video promotion [YouTube it now].

Douthitt, Melody Jane: Lawyer Melody Douthitt represented Mary Bledsoe during her testimony to the Warren Commission, and is suspected by some of conveniently organising what her client had to say.

Dove, John: British journalist John Dove is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having worked in the South African civil service during the 1900s and for thereby becoming a member of Milner's Kindergarten [see own entry], (b) for serving in military intelligence in France during WW1, and (c) for becoming Editor of The Round Table between 1921 and 1934. In this latter role he naturally had to keep abreast of things, and his correspondence from 1923 indicates that he was particularly disturbed by Raymond Poincaré's [see own entry] Occupation of the Ruhr [Wikipedia briefing] in early 1923 in order to collect overdue German reparations in kind [i.e., coal], thus ...

"It seems to me that the most disastrous effect of Poincaré's policy would be the final collapse of democracy in Germany [...] and we shall find ourselves, willy-nilly, lined up again with France to avert a danger which French action has again called into being" (letter to Robert Brand, 4th October 1923, cited in Quigley, 1949, p147).

70 million deaths later (low-end estimate), few in 1945 even knew that such warnings had ever been given. Dove also warned - again to deaf ears - that Palestine had all the makings of a Grade A trouble-spot, thus ...

"Personally, I don't see the slightest harm in Jews coming to Palestine under reasonable conditions [...] for it will add to the strength of the larger unit which some day is going to include Palestine. But they must be content to be part of such a potential unit. They need have no fear of absorption, for they have everything to gain from an Arab Federation" (letter to Robert Brand, undated, cited in Quigley, 1949, p171; emphasis added).

There's many a slip, as they say.

Downey, William T.: Dallas resident Bill Downey was at the corner of Main Street and Houston when the motorcade passed by, and personally heard the shooting from the direction of the TSBD. Later that weekend, BEFORE LHO had himself been shot, he had a phone call from his friend, and Ruby's flatshare, George Senator, offering to cook breakfast. He declined the offer, but as soon as he heard the news of Jack Ruby's shooting tried to ring Senator back. Senator, however, was already on his way to DPDHQ.

Doyle, Harold: Bona fide innocent tramp Harold Doyle [YouTube denial] was one of the Three Tramps in the Mary la Fontaine documenting of the Three Tramps Thread.

Doyle, James: Apparently no more than an innocent 16-year-old tourist James Doyle conveniently chanced to take home movie footage 9th August 1963 of LHO distributing Fair Play
for Cuba flyers in New Orleans - YouTube it now (clip #540540_1_1) [not bad for a beginner!!], thus earning himself a place on the LHO Patsification Thread.

DPDHQ: Our abbreviation for Dallas Police Department Headquarters in 1963, namely the Municipal Building Annex, formally at 2014 Main Street, and about a mile east of Dealey Plaza. This 1956 Annex was/is next door to and connected internally with the rear of the older Municipal Building [colloquially, "City Hall"], formally at 106 South Harwood. The main facade of City Hall faces West onto a park. The Annex straddles the full block to its rear (east), and possesses near-identical 1950s facades facing north onto Main and south onto Commerce. The car park likewise straddles the full block to the rear (east) of that, and it is across this car park that Jack Ruby strolled at 1116hr 24th November 1963 from the Western Union office to the unguarded doorway into the Annex which allowed him unauthorised access to the garage basement where at 1121hr he murdered LHO - YouTube the Tom Meros reconstruction now.

Draper, Wickliffe P.: WW1 (B.E.F. until 1917, then A.E.F.) and WW2 veteran (British intelligence, India) turned ultra-right millionaire businessman "Colonel" Wickliffe P. Draper [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for undertaking a study visit to Nazi Germany in 1935 to observe, amongst other things, the controversial Nazi eugenics programs, (b) for founding the Pioneer Fund in 1937 to promote both theoretical and practical eugenics, (c) for funding Reverend Gerald Smith's Christian Identity movement and its associated monthly magazine, "The Cross and the Flag", 1942-1972, (d) for generally opposing the desegregation movement during the 1950s and 1960s, and for funding the publication of segregationist works which would otherwise have been unpublishable, (e) for funding Smith's 1964-1966 "Christ of the Ozarks" Project [Wikipedia briefing], and (f) for featuring in psychologist William H. Tucker's (2002) book "The Funding of Scientific Racism: Wickliffe Draper and the Pioneer Fund" [Amazon], where the argument is put forward that the Pioneer Fund's "scientific racism" might more accurately be described as politically inspired and academically flawed pseudoscience.

Dresser Industries: See the entry for Halliburton.

Drills and Exercises: Different countries work to different civil defence protocols, but the underlying logic always involves a continuum from (at the low end) simple familiarisation psycheducationaries such as fire drills, all the way up to full-scale simulated emergencies with boots on the ground (such as Operation Northern Vigilance [q.v.]) designed to test the ability of many agencies to work together in delivering an integrated response to an imaginary crisis. Having noted that there were five such exercises ongoing during the 9/11 attacks [Wikipedia briefing], and because they are known to skew Situational Awareness [q.v.], conspiracy theorists nowadays routinely check for drills and exercises at an early stage - YouTube one now.

Droby, Costine A.: According to researcher Bill Sloan in his 1993 book "Breaking the Silence", after the 24th November 1963 arrest of Jack Ruby a reporter for the Long Beach Press Telegram named Bill Hunter, together with another newsmen named Jim Koethe, visited Jack Ruby's flat along with Ruby's flatshare George Senator in the presence of three of Ruby's lawyers, Jim Martin, Tom Howard, and C. A. Droby [no convenient biography], ostensibly to find a photograph of Ruby which the newsmen could use. Senator had been at DPD all afternoon and was no doubt feeling under some strain, but it is not apparent that anything deeply sinister happened on that occasion. Nevertheless within two years the two reporters and one of the lawyers had either been murdered or else died very conveniently. We may safely presume that these three continued to probe just a little too deeply. Droby died of natural causes in 1991.

Dry River Incident: This was the surprise strafing attack of an entirely legal Soviet airbase in Soviet-occupied Manchuria on 8th October 1950 which created such a diplomatic row that President Harry Truman and half his war cabinet had to fly the 18,000-mile round trip to the Wake Island
Conference [q.v.] to explain to theatre commander General Douglas MacArthur which of the two of them was President.


Dudley M. Hughes Funeral Home: Crewed by Clayton Butler and Eddie Kinsley the ambulance which had Patrolman J. D. Tippit's body en route to Parkland Hospital before the first police arrived was provided by the nearby Dudley M. Hughes Funeral Home.

Dudman, Richard Beebe: Iowa born columnist for the St. Louis Post-Dispatch Richard Dudman [Wikipedia biography] was an early doubter of the official JFK narrative. In a 1st December 1963 article entitled "Confession of an Eyewitness" he reported personally seeing a bullet hole in the windshield of limo #1 while he was waiting outside Parkland Hospital. He also passed on convincing early hearsay reports that JFK's throat wound was an entry wound.

Duff Cooper, Alfred [1st Viscount Norwich]1952: British politician-diplomat Alfred Duff Cooper [Lord Norwich]1952 [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having joined the Foreign Office (at his third time of trying) in October 1913, working there until June 1917 as a cipher clerk in the contraband of war department ...

Dugan, Joseph P.: In Rod Mac Kenzie (and Hooke)'s 2016 analysis of the assassination Chicago-based wet-team clean-up specialist Joe Dugan [no convenient biography] was back-up man for Jack Grimm, and responsible for sanitising the Holland Road Safehouse.

Dugard, Martin: Journalist and author Martin Dugard [Wikipedia biography] was second author (to Bill O'Reilly) of the 2012 JFK best-seller "Killing Kennedy: The End of Camelot".

Dulles, Allen: OSS agent turned political aide Allen Dulles [Wikipedia biography] became the first civilian Director of the CIA on 26th February 1953. He then played a major role on the international stage throughout the 1950s, starting with the United Fruit Company (UFCO) coup in Guatemala [see 18th June 1954], and culminating in the failed Bay of Pigs invasion in April 1961. He then played his part in support of the military-industrial complex in the plots to kill Fidel Castro and the blundered operation against JFK - see the JFK False Flag Thread. He then had himself included on the Warren
Dulles, John Foster: Lawyer-diplomat-politician John Foster Dulles [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context under a number of distinct headings. Firstly he was a State Department special envoy to Central America during WW1, and junior diplomat during the 1919 Versailles Peace Conference. Secondly, he worked in international high finance during the 1920s. Thirdly he was Secretary of State in the Eisenhower administration during the 1953-1959 Golden Age of CIA-coups, not least those in Iran and Vietnam. And fourthly he had done corporate law for the United Fruit Company (UFCO), prime beneficiaries of the 1954 Guatemala coup. His younger brother was Allen Dulles [above].

Duncan, [Sir]1937 Patrick: Scottish (later South African) lawyer turned civil servant turned diplomat Patrick Duncan [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having worked in the South African civil service during the 1900s and for becoming thereby a member of Milner’s Kindergarten [see own entry], (b) for staying on to become a senior politician in the 1910 Union of South Africa [see 31st May 1910], allying himself closely to Jan Smuts [see own entry], and (c) eventually being appointed Governor General in 1937, a position he would hold until his death in 1943.

Duran, Alfredo Joaquin Gonzalez: 27-year-old fugitive from the Castro Revolution Alfredo Gonzalez Duran [Wikipedia biography] had been a Brigade 2506 member and had been captured in the failed Bay of Pigs Invasion. He would then be placed in Dealey Plaza at the time of the assassination - YouTube him?? in Dealey Plaza now. However since 1993 he has campaigned for a peaceful resolution to the Cuba issue.

Duran, Silvia: [See firstly the entry for the Mexico City Adventure.] 26-year-old receptionist at the Cuban Embassy, Mexico City, Silvia Duran [Spartacus Educational biography] entered the assassination narrative at 1100hr on 27th September 1963 when either LHO (in some accounts) or an LHO Look Alike (in other accounts) applied at her desk for a transit visa so that he could stay in Cuba for a short period and then fly out to the Soviet Union. This would only be possible, she told him, if the onward flight was itself guaranteed, which meant that the applicant would need a prior visa from the Soviet Embassy. So the applicant went to the Soviet Embassy, who explained that Soviet visas needed to be approved by their embassy in Washington, and that that could take months. The applicant went back to the Cuban Embassy and told Duran things would be sorted straight away. Duran rang the Soviet Embassy who told her the applicant was perfectly aware of the situation. Duran and the applicant then argued, and he left. All these comings and goings were, of course, photo-recorded, and all calls tapped, only for the tapes to disappear after the JFK shooting.

*EXTENDED MAY 2019:* The entry above was distilled from a number of sources, both conventional and online. It is one of several competing explanatory narratives, but the one least obviously tainted by intelligence service - American and/or Cuban and/or Russian - cover-up. Like the competing explanations, there are actually few undisputed facts to support it. More recently Judyth Vary Baker and Edward Schwartz’s 2017 book "Kennedy & Oswald" [Amazon] has complicated matters still further with its Ochsner Bioweapon Story [see own entry], the essence of which is as follows ...

"[LHO] was sent to Mexico City from New Orleans. He went via an extraordinary route, mostly secret, mostly conducted by plane, that first took him to Austin and Dallas before he landed on the tarmac in Houston, where he caught a bus to Laredo in a ride that ended in Mexico City. Lee's mission was to deliver a deadly cancer-causing biological weapon into the hands of a 'pro-Castro' medical Cuban contact, who was supposed to be fully trusted. Instead Lee would be left holding the bag. [...] When nobody appeared to take the bioweapon off his hands, Lee realised he had to make an attempt, himself, to enter Cuba to hand off the material, at the very least, to make him seem dedicated to the CIA's orders" (Baker and Schwartz, 2017, p203).
So on the one hand we now have greater certainty that the person in question was LHO and not an LHO Look Alike, but on the other hand we are less certain as to the ultimate motivation, because the bioweapon in question was never in our opinion a credible assassination option [see the separate entry for our detailed reasoning here - Ed.]. The confusion gets worse when one factors in the further revelation in Judyth Vary Baker's earlier (2010) book "Me and Lee" [Amazon] that Duran ended up inviting LHO to a party that evening, and that the two of them ended up spending the night together. This - from someone who was herself in an intimate relationship with him at the time - fits in with reports that in the days immediately after JFK had been shot the Americans had their friends in the Mexican authorities rough up Duran to establish exactly what she knew.

Duvalier, François ["Papa Doc"]: Haitian dynastic politician [President]1957-1971 Papa Doc Duvalier [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context as president of his country during the early 1960s, and of being variously involved with such soldiers of fortune and other miscreants as (all have their own entries) Mohamed Al-Fayed, Thomas Davis, Eladio del Valle, George de Mohrenschildt, Robert Heinl, Rolando Masferrer, Dorothe Matlack, and Charles Norberg.

Earl's Court Rally: See the entry for British Union of Fascists (BUF), clicking through to the Timeline and supporting video if interested.

Easterling, Robert Wilfred: Mississippi born lifelong criminal Robert Easterling [Spartacus Educational biography] was not in Dallas at the time of the assassination, but - if the later stories about him are to be believed - might well have been. After a further 12 years in and out of prison and mental institutions, and drifting here and there in the southern states and Central America, he contacted the FBI in 1975 because he said, he knew something about the JFK assassination. The FBI came and took note of what he had to say, but nothing came of it. Easterling then contacted Edward Epstein's researcher Henry C. Hurt, Jr. [q.v.], telling the following tale ...

THE EASTERLING CONFESSION: Easterling claimed that he was approached in February 1963 by one "Manuel Rivera", a sometimes anti- sometimes pro-Castro activist who was at that moment part of a broader Texas oil conspiracy being set up David Ferrie, Clay Shaw, and Jack Ruby to assassinate Castro. The man had claimed involvement in an early CIA bomb plot against Castro, only to warn him off at the last moment. He had also given Castro advance warning of the Bay of Pigs Invasion. "Rivera" then showed off "a magnificent Czech-made semi-automatic rifle" (Hurt, 1985, p356) and a Mannlicher–Carcano. They spent time the next afternoon shooting the latter weapon into water and harvesting the largely undamaged slugs. "Rivera" then practised three-shot riffs against a line of coconut "heads" using the semi-automatic, scoring three hits in "a little over five seconds". A few weeks later "Rivera" enlisted him into the assassination proper, showing him how the 7.00mm rounds for the semi-automatic rifle had been made frangible by having slits cut into their metal jacket [WOULD A PREMATURE FRAGMENTING HAVE SOUNDED LIKE THE OFT-REPORTED "FIRECRACKER"?]. "Rivera", using the semi-automatic, would be a/the shooter, he explained, but he needed a back-up person, and that was where he - Easterling - would come in. The conspiracy also needed a driver to get the proposed patsy - a certain LHO - out of Dallas after the event, so that he could be permanently silenced. See also the entry for ZH-29.

Ebbutt, Norman: British journalist Norman Ebbutt [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for acquiring fluent German prior to WW1 as an English tutor in Duisberg, Germany, (b) for journalistic assignments in Finland and Russia in 1913-1914, (c) for serving during WW1 with the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve ...

ASIDE: Readers are reminded that the ability to speak foreign languages - especially that of your enemy - is carefully noted during enlistment into the armed forces, and frequently gets you assigned to intelligence duties. There is little readily available material concerning Ebbutt's duties during WW1, nor, indeed, in the immediate post-war period, when hostilities in Russia continued apace.

(d) for having been appointed in 1925 as junior Berlin correspondent for The Times, based in their Unter den Linden office, where for a while he worked with a young Claud Cockburn [see own entry], (e) for being promoted to Chief Correspondent in 1927, a position he would hold until 16th August 1937
when he was expelled from Germany, and (f) for continuing to work from The Times' London offices until disabled by a stroke in 1943. For more on Ebbutt's time in Berlin, see McDonough (1992 [full text online upon subscription]).


**Echevarria, Homer S:** Homer Echevarria [no convenient biography] was the Cuban exile who claimed foreknowledge of an assassination during the Thomas Moseley [q.v.] sting operation.

**Edgewood Arsenal**[MD]: Founded in 1917 as a sub-command within the larger Aberdeen Proving Ground, the Edgewood Arsenal[MD] [Wikipedia briefing] began life as a production facility for the gas warfare agents phosgene and mustard gas, and, from a standing start, by 1918 was producing "nearly four times as much as Germany" (Hersh, 1968, p113). On 28th June 1918 it was brought under the umbrella of the Chemical Warfare Service (CWS) [Wikipedia briefing], at the time commanded by General William L. Sibert [Wikipedia biography].

**RECOMMENDED READING:** For a thorough introduction to the American experience with gas warfare in WW1, see the 1984 paper "Chemical Warfare in World War 1: The American Experience, 1917-1918" (Heller, 1984 [browse for full text online]).

***** A MAJOR CONSPIRACY EITHER WAY *****

*** Possible Contact <==> Jose Rivera *****

**Edisen, Adele Elvira Uskali:** Research physiologist Adele Edisen [Spartacus Educational biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for obtaining a doctorate in physiology in 1954 from the University of Chicago with a dissertation entitled "Excitation and Inhibition of Spinal Motoneurons"...

**ASIDE:** PubMed then records two journal publications in this same area, 1956 and 1957, which we presume are derived from her dissertation research. There is then a ten year gap to two further papers on the subject, 1967 and 1970, plus two further papers in the physiology of sweating, both in 1970. There might be many reasons for the ten year hiatus, both innocent (such as raising a family) and interesting (like working on a classified project).

(b) for being grant-funded in 1963 as a research fellow of the NIH's National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Blindness (NINDB), (c) for thereby encountering MKULTRA bigwig Jose A Rivera [see own entry - IMPORTANT] at a scientific conference in April 1963 ...

**HEARSAY BEGINS HERE**

(d) for being deeply distressed by some of things he said - detail in inset below, (e) for half reporting her concerns in July to Special Agent John Calvin Rice at the New Orleans office of the Secret Service [she telephoned to make an appointment, but later cried off - Ed.], (f) for getting back on the telephone pretty damn quick after the Assassination, attending Rice's office on Sunday afternoon 24th November (being told that LHO had been shot just as she arrived), (g) for there being interviewed by Rice and FBI Special Agent Orrin H. Bartlett, testifying as follows ...

**ASIDE - EDISEN'S SWORN ARRB, 1994 NARRATIVE:** Edisen, at the time aged 38, met 52-year-old Rivera at a medical research conference in Atlantic City[NJ] in April 1963, on which occasion he gave her his telephone number in Washington. When passing through Washington 22nd April 1963 she telephoned Rivera and dined with him. Conversation mentioned LHO and the Carousel Club. The following day Rivera gave her a tour of the city, and passed a number of strangely portentous remarks about JFK, his family, and his then-radical position on civil rights. Finally he asked her to do him two favours upon her return to New Orleans. Firstly he asked her to get one Winston DeMonsabert - a chemistry professor at Loyala University - to give him a call. Secondly he gave her a telephone number later remembered as 899-4244 and asked her to ring it when she got back to New Orleans, ask for "Lee Harvey Oswald", and tell him - as a joke, he explained - "to kill the chief". Edisen duly rang the number over the coming days, getting through to Oswald's office on Sunday afternoon 24th November (being told that LHO had been shot just as she arrived), (g) for there being interviewed by Rice and FBI Special Agent Orrin H. Bartlett, testifying as follows ...

**18th November 1994 ARRB testimony:**
and (h) for returning to her career 1964-1991, by which time she felt constrained to publish a memoir under the title "From April to November and Back Again".

**ASIDE:** The full text of this article is available online at the Mary Ferrell Foundation website - click here. After registering see the archives for *The Third Degree*, volume 8(1), pp1-5. She broke the story in 1991 under the pseudonym "K. S. Turner".

**THE PROBLEMS WITH THIS STORY:** Here are some of the difficulties with Edisen's narrative...

Since 1991 neither the Secret Service nor the FBI has admitted to being involved. LHO did not arrive in New Orleans until 26th April 1963, so how would Rivera have known the telephone number on 23rd?

Was it all a chat-up gone sour? Edisen herself specifically recalls NOT getting the feeling that Rivera was trying "to seduce" her, and women are well tuned to this sort of thing so we are happy to take her word for it. But if Rivera was not just mouthing off, then what WAS he doing?? Or was it all just invented, or dreamed (or even MKULTRA implanted)?

Edisen "came out" in 1991, and our standard caution to students is that 1992-1993 was a period of significant Establishment obfuscation and counter-conspiracy funding in the wake of the success of Oliver Stone's movie "JFK". Edisen could, in other words, very well be part of the problem, not part of the solution!

It all boils down to this: EITHER (1) we accept Edisen's story at face value and conclude that an incriminating evidence trail was being put in place by some very well-placed conspirators seven months before it would be needed (in other words, that LHO was already being Pat-sified), OR (2) we must suspect that the apparent victim was actually the villain, having been asked (also by some very well-placed conspirators) to play along with a clever fabrication in order to muddy the waters of the early 1990s even more than they already were. **OUR VERDICT?** The lady dunnit.

**Edwards, Sheffield:** WW2 veteran (U.S. Army, military intelligence) turned CIA careerist Sheffield Edwards ([Spartacus Educational biography](#)) is noteworthy in the present context (a) for routinely having to break the cover stories of captured enemy agents, (b) for being appointed CIA Head of the Office of Security, (c) for corresponding in late 1949 with Morse Allen [see own entry] concerning the latter's field experimentation with polygraph-assisted interrogation in Europe, agreeing to authorise a pilot project aimed at establishing the most effective packages of interrogation science (Albarelli, 2009, p210), soon to be known as *Project Bluebird* ...

"From its inception [...] the tightly compartmentalised project was Col. Sheffield Edwards' baby. Indeed, Edwards had selected the code-name 'Bluebird' [...]. Throughout its first year of operation, Edwards chaired all Bluebird project meetings [...]. A scant three dozen documents, merely outlining the Bluebird Project, have survived the many purges of CIA records over the past half-century. [...] A document dated May 4, 1951, poses the following challenge to Bluebird teams: ‘Can we make an unwilling subject talk; Can we prevent our own agents who fall into enemy hands from disclosing information vital to us; Can a man be made to commit acts useful to us under post-hypnotic suggestion; Can we condition our own people so they will not be subject to post-hypnotic suggestions’" (Albarelli, 2009, pp28-29).

(d) for working with Allen Dulles in 1953 to help raise the Agency's game against Soviet "brain-conditioning" techniques, (e) for stepping in quickly to help cover up the murder-suicide of Camp Detrick researcher Frank Olson 28th November 1953, thus (Doran was the security officer on that night) ...

"Earlier that morning, around 4.30 A.M., Doran had received a phone call from Dr. Sidney Gottlieb, chief of the CIA's Chemical Branch. Gottlieb told Duran that there had been 'an incident in a hotel in New York City, involving a death'. Gottlieb explained that Robert Lashbrook [see own entry], assistant chief of the Chemical Branch, had been in the hotel when the incident occurred [...]. Immediately after speaking with Gottlieb, Doran [...] telephoned his superior, Col. Sheffield Edwards, director of the CIA's Office of Security. OS, as the Security Office was called, had the responsibility to protect Agency personnel and facilities from
compromising situations and unauthorised penetration. [...] Its agents were widely regarded as experts in carrying out 'black bag' and 'clean up' jobs" (Albarelli, 2009, p26). [For more on the Olson story per se, see the Olson entry.]

and (f) in late summer 1960 for acting at the behest of CIA/DDP Richard Bissell to enlist the help of the Mafia in attempting the life of President Fidel Castro ...

CAMEO - THE CIA ASK A FAVOUR: There was certainly no love lost between Havana and the mob, because Castro had closed down all the highly profitable casinos on the island. They were therefore happy to take the contract. The people who actually did the face-to-face organising were CIA asset Robert Maheu and Mafia contracts manager Johnny Roselli. See their entries for how it all went horribly wrong.

Egerter, Ann: Long term CIA/Special Investigations Group (SIG) administrator Ann Egerter [no convenient biography] reported to James Angleton and confirmed to the 1976-1978 House Select Committee on Assassinations that she had personally opened a 201/SIG file on LHO on 9th December 1960, the purpose of which file could only be the monitoring of a CIA operative who had come under suspicion. Browse the LHO as CIA Man Thread to accumulate all the fragments of this story; see the entry for Birch O'Neal for an alternative interpretation of LHO's involvement.

Eisenberg, Lewis Michael: Banker Lewis Eisenberg [Wikipedia biography] was appointed Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey on 9th November 1995, and as such hosted the negotiations by which the WTC was leased to Larry Silverstein [q.v.] on 24th July 2001. 84 Port Authority employees were killed in the 9/11 False Flag Attacks [q.v.].

Eisenhower, President Dwight David: WW2 veteran Dwight D. Eisenhower [Wikipedia biography] was POTUS 1953-1961, and in March 1960 instructed the CIA to destroy Cuba's Castro Regime, in which enterprise they should feel free to buy in Mafia assets and/or use covert paramilitary intervention. He is noteworthy for his farewell address on 17th January 1961 in which he warned in the clearest of terms of having "an immense military establishment and a large arms industry" - a "military-industrial complex" - seeking "unwarranted influence". Well that military-industrial complex did for JFK, sure enough, and RFK after him, so we guess he was probably right.

Elkins, Harold E.: Dallas County Sheriff's Deputy Harold Elkins [no convenient biography] was with other officers outside the Main Street entrance to the Sheriff's Office when the shooting took place, and immediately made his way to the railway yard and parking lots beyond the Grassy Knoll. He helped secure the area, and took the descriptions of two recently departed suspicious vehicles from Lee Bowers in the Railyard Tower. He then helped manage the crowd of witnesses outside the TSBD, before, "a while later", helping to escort "three prisoners" [now known as the Three Tramps] to Captain Will Fritz. Elkins' evidential profile is as follows: Initial Report, 26th November 1963 [read it here]; Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED].

"The Elliotts were the backbone of empire" (Macintyre, p4) 

Elliott, John Nicholas Rede: Well-born British intelligence officer Nicholas Elliott [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context as Kim Philby's junior, later superior, officer within M16, and for being the spymaster who took the masterspy's final confession in Beirut, Lebanon, between 10th and 23rd January 1963 [see Timeline those dates]. In due course he revealed as much as he was permitted to reveal (not a lot, in fact) in the (1994) memoir "With My Little Eye" [Amazon].

Ellis, Sergeant Stavis ["Steve"]: DPD motorcycle outrider Stavis Ellis [Dallas Morning News obituary, 2005] was left-most of the vee of five "lead" motorcycles, in front of limo #1. He visually witnessed the first of three shots from his outrider position, seeing it strike the south kerb of Elm Street. He only heard the next two shots. Ellis' evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED].
Ellsworth, Frank: [Read firstly the entries for Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms and Fort Hood Arms Thefts.] ATF investigator Frank Ellsworth [no convenient biography] had just emerged from a meeting with Ed Coyle and James Hosty at around 1145hr on the morning of the assassination. He would eventually be cited in the La Fontaines' 1996 book "Oswald Talked" as having learned during the afternoon searches of the TSBD on 22nd November 1963 that the Mannlicher-Carcano had been found one or two floors below TSBD6, not on it.

"Elmer Gantry": Published in 1927 by Nobel Prize-winning (1930) satirist Sinclair Lewis [Wikipedia biography], "Elmer Gantry" [Wikipedia briefing] [Amazon] [full text online] is noteworthy in the present context as the class-defining critical exposé of the hypocrisy at the heart of Evangelism and Evangelistic Preaching [see own entry]. It is the story of a womanising, ruthlessly ambitious, drunkard who finds he can earn a good living from a Baptist congregation by inveighing from the preacher's pulpit against the evils of womanising, ruthless ambition, and alcohol. In the final chapter, with his transgressions exposed before his congregation, he simply brazen it out, as follows ...

"Oh, my friends! cried Elmer, 'do you believe in my innocence, in the fiendishness of my accusers? Reassure me with a hallelujah!' The church thundered with the triumphant hallelujah, and in a sacred silence Elmer prayed: 'O Lord, thou hast stooped from thy mighty throne and rescued thy servant from the assault of the mercenaries of Satan! Mostly we thank thee because thus we can go on doing thy work, and thine alone! Not less but more zealously shall we seek utter purity and the prayer-life, and rejoice in freedom from all temptations!' He turned to include the choir, and for the first time he saw that there was a new singer, a girl with charming ankles and lively eyes, with whom he would certainly have to become well acquainted."

The book was made into a film, starring Burt Lancaster, in 1960.

Elrod, John Franklin: [Sometimes "The Fourth Tramp"] As recorded by the La Fontaines in their 1996 book "Oswald Talked", John Elrod [no convenient biography] was a 30-year-old unemployed cook arrested during the immediate post-assassination sweep of the Dallas railyards, and then detained in the DPDHQ holding cells for some hours in the afternoon of Friday 22nd November 1963 along with LHO and Daniel Douglas. Douglas had cell #1 in the triplex, LHO had #2, and Elrod had #3. The three prisoners were free to talk to each other through the dividing bars. The most significant event was then the arrival of a man now known as Lawrence Miller, but then best identified by the serious facial injuries suffered in the Thunderbird Crash, who passed by in the corridor. LHO later confided to Elrod that he had seen the man before, in a motel room, where he had received cash from a certain Jack Ruby to drive a blue Ford Thunderbird loaded with stolen guns. And as the La Fontaines point out with no little gravity: "If Oswald knew Ruby [on the afternoon of 22nd November] a conspiracy [...] is a virtual certainty" (p. 397). Elrod kept LHO's confidence to himself for a year, but then on 11th August 1964, troubled by hostile feelings toward his estranged wife, he presented himself as a "domestic" case at the Shelby County Sheriff's Office, Memphis, for help. However, once talking he told his Dallas story as well, and when he got to the bit about Jack Ruby, whose ongoing trial was daily in the news, Shelby County were on to the FBI like a shot. To cut a long story short, neither the FBI nor the Warren Commission wanted to know, because an assassination conspiracy was not the theory of the day; DPDHQ even conveniently lost Elrod's arrest record. Unbelieved, but now fearing for his life, Elrod went dark until researchers caught up with him in 1996. This 1996 video finishes the story.

Elsbeth Apartment: The accommodation at 604 Elsbeth Street, Dallas, where LHO and Marina Oswald lived between 3rd November 1962 and 3rd March 1963. The building was demolished for redevelopment in January 2013 after failed attempts to have it declared a museum.

English, Joseph M.: Described in Marrs and Schuster's (2002. full text online) listing of possibly maliciously hastened demises as the "Former head of FBI Forensic Sciences Laboratory" Joseph English [Washington Post obituary], who had overseen the testing of the Sniper's Nest Mannlicher-Carcano and LHO's .38" Smith and Wesson revolver, died from a heart attack on 29th October 1977, aged 61.
Donald Jeffries, in his 2014 book "Hidden History" notes that this was shortly before he was to testify before the House Select Committee on Assassinations.

**Entheogens:** [Read firstly the entry for Altered States of Consciousness (ASC).] We refer here to that class of neuroactive chemicals [Wikipedia chemistry] which simultaneously also psychoactively produces the sort of Altered States of Consciousness (ASC) associated with mystical experiences. The story began when naturally occurring entheogens were accidentally ingested - as peyote, magic mushrooms, and the like - whereupon their effects soon found their way into shamanic ritual - see, for example, (for peyote/mescaline) the Huichol [Wikipedia briefing], and (for psilocybin) the Aztecs [Wikipedia briefing]. There is also the Soma [Wikipedia briefing] mentioned in the Rigveda, as well as the "acacia mixture" believed to have been used by Moses to enhance his prophetic visions (Shanon, 2008).

**CAMEO - MICHAEL HARNER'S AYAHUASCA TRIP:** In his (1980/1990/2011) book "The Way of the Shaman" [Amazon], anthropologist Michael Harner [Wikipedia biography] goes into microscopic detail of a 1961 drug trip he experienced while a guest of the Conibo Tribe of the Peruvian Amazon. The entheogen on this occasion was Ayahuasca [Wikipedia briefing], a tree vine extract. Here, showing how the mystico-religious elements of the experience emerge from the purely hallucinatory, is a taster ...

"They had me lie down on the bamboo platform under the great thatched roof of the communal house. [...] As I stared upward into the darkness, faint lines of light appeared. They grew sharper, more intricate, and burst into brilliant colours. Sound came from far away, a sound like a waterfall, which grew stronger and stronger until it filled my ears. [...] Overhead the faint lines became brighter, and gradually interlaced to form a canopy resembling a geometric mosaic of stained glass. The bright violet hues formed an ever-expanding roof above me. Within this celestial cavern, I heard the sound of water grow louder and I could see dim figures engaged in shadowy movements. As my eyes seemed to adjust to the gloom, the moving scene resolved itself into something resembling a huge fun house, a supernatural carnival of demons. In the centre, presiding over the activities, and looking directly at me, was a gigantic, grinning crocodilian head, from whose cavernous jaws gushed a torrential flow of water. Slowly the waters rose [...] and I began to see two strange boats wafting back and forth [...] They slowly combined to form a single vessel with a huge dragon-headed prow, not unlike that of a Viking ship. [...] I became conscious, too, of the most beautiful singing I have ever heard in my life, high-pitched and ethereal, emanating from myriad voices on board the galley. As I looked more closely at the deck, I could make out large numbers of people with the heads of blue jays and the bodies of humans, not unlike the bird-headed gods of ancient Egyptian tomb paintings. At the same time, some energy-essence began to float from my chest up into the boat. Although I believed myself to be an atheist, I was completely certain that I was dying and that the bird-headed people had come to take my soul away on the boat" (op. cit., pp2-3).

**RESEARCH ISSUE - THE LOCUS OF THE MYSTICAL:** Students are reminded at this juncture of Michael Gazzaniga's notion of the Dominant Hemisphere's Narrative Interpreter - see this Companion Resource, and scroll to <Consciousness, Gazzaniga's Theory of>. It is therefore perfectly possible for the "mystical" element of such a drug trip to be **secondary** to a more straightforward primary perceptual hallucination. Thus hallucinated sounds become interpreted as celestial as soon as the mind searches for a unifying explanatory drama

**CAMEO - PAHNKE'S (1962) "MARSH CHAPEL EXPERIMENT":** At Easter 1962, in what is now recognised as a ground-breaking study, Boston University theology researcher Walter N. Pahnke [Wikipedia biography] observed the effects of the mushroom-derived psychoactive Psilocybin [Wikipedia briefing] on a sample of ten randomly selected theology students about to participate in that university's Marsh Chapel Good Friday service. A control group of ten matched fellow students received the psychoactively neutral chemical Niacin [Wikipedia briefing]. The Experimental Group subsequently reported experiencing profoundly enhanced religious experiences, both immediately and upon 25-year follow-up interview.

We continue to develop this theme in the entries for Shamanism and Community Mysticism, Evangelism and Evangelistic Preaching, and Hate Speech and Radicalising Preachers, which see. **FURTHER READING:** Full details of the 1962 experiment are given in Pahnke's (1963) doctoral dissertation "Drugs and Mysticism" [full text online]. For something more recent, take a look at Thomas B. Roberts’ (2001) collection "Psychoactive Sacramentals" [Amazon].

***** Unknown Possible Accomplice *****
Epileptic Man: This is the name given to the unknown male bystander who, at around 1215-1220hr on 22nd November 1963 suffered a (possibly feigned) seizure of sorts on the Houston Street sidewalk between Main and Elm. He was scooped from under the noses of the approaching motorcade by ambulance, and taken to Parkland Hospital. Here, in the confusion some minutes later as JFK arrived, he disappeared into the crowds. The ambulance driver - one Aubrey Rike [see own entry] - would later report that in the days prior to the assassination his unit had been called to the pick-up location on a number of occasions - all of them false alarms - as though somebody was observing his average response time.

**Epstein, Edward Jay:** Early assassination researcher Edward J. Epstein [Spartacus Educational biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for a promising early career with the CIA's outlet journal *Reader's Digest*, (b) as the author of the (1966) book "*Inquest: The Warren Commission and the Establishment of Truth*" [Amazon], in which he is one of the first to suggest in print that more than one shooter was involved (although LHO was still asserted to be the main one), (c) for becoming a university lecturer in political science in 1972, (d) for being granted an extended four-day interview in late March 1977 with international man of mystery and CIA asset George de Mohrenschildt, only for the man to get his brains blown out after only the second session, (e) for using one Henry C. Hurt, Jr. as researcher, and (f) for his (1978) book "*Legend: The Secret World of Lee Harvey Oswald*" [Amazon] ...

**ASIDE:** In intelligence circles, a legend is "an operational plan for a cover, or a cover itself, depending on the mission" (James Jesus Angleton); in other words, a spy's falsified biography or cover story. Production of the book was "unstintingly" supported by *Reader's Digest*. The work is noteworthy for introducing a number of topics or lines of argument which have been regularly revisited by later authors. These include (1) the role of Yuri Nosenko, LHO's KGB case officer, (2) the role of the Queen Bee nightclub at Atsugi, (3) the part played by Gary Powers and the U-2 Incident, and (4) the LHO as the shooter in the April 1963 Edwin Walker shooting.

**Eretz Israel:** See the sidenote to the entry for Yinon Plan.

**Ernest, Barry:** Assassination researcher Barry Ernest [no convenient biography] re-interviewed Victoria Adams and other TSBD employees for his 2013 book "The Girl on the Stairs". His well-argued conclusion is that Adams' evidence was deliberately belittled by the FBI because it did not fit the official narrative. The story is well tailored in an accompanying radio promotion [YouTube it now].

**Ernst, ["Crooked John"] John:** In Rod MacKenzie and Hooke's 2016 analysis of the assassination El Paso-based some-time hitman John Ernst [no convenient biography, but some delightful background detail in Francis (2013)] was, with Clyde Foust and Charles Harrelson, part of a three-man shooting team paid for by H. L. Hunt and assigned to the western end of the John Neely Bryan Pergola. Reported to have left Dallas by Greyhound bus.

**Eroshkin, Nikolai Grigorievich:** GRU colonel and assistant military attaché at the Soviet Embassy in Tokyo in the late 1950s, Nikolai Eroshkin [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context for featuring in Richard Case Nagell's alleged encounter with LHO in Japan. The story first broke in the first edition of Dick Russell's (1992/2003) book "*The Man Who Knew Too Much*" [Amazon], thus ...

"Recent research into Oswald's period in Japan, based on the recollections of former Marine colleagues, has shown that Oswald often disappeared into Tokyo on two-day leaves, refusing to discuss his reasons even with his closest friends. [...] As Nagell told the story [...] one day [the Japanese National Police Agency] had observed a young American [...] dressed in civilian clothes outside of Tokyo's Soviet embassy. He was with a friend [...] and was eventually identified as a Marine private from Atsugi. [...] Nagell determined that [...] the young Marine had met with [...] Eroshkin. [...] While the Soviet KGB was equivalent to a combination of the American CIA and FBI, the GRU was part of the USSR's military intelligence side. [...] This book marks the first time that any known meeting between Oswald and Soviet intelligence in Japan has ever been alleged. [...] Nagell maintains that Oswald and the Russian colonel had more than one meeting [...] and adds that 'almost
since the day' Oswald first saw Eroshkin at the embassy, the Soviets suspected the Marine 'of being an agent of one of the U.S. intelligence services" (op. cit., pp71-72).

Author Jack Swike, who had corresponded with Nagell himself shortly before the latter's death, fills in some of the details in his (2008) book "The Missing Chapter: Lee Harvey Oswald in the Far East" [Amazon] ...

"My records show there was a Colonel Nikolai Eroshkin in the Soviet Embassy [in Tokyo] at that time [documentary proof is appendicised]. [...] Nagell said he was involved in trying to turn Eroshkin into a defector, but claims he had to stop because Japanese police were becoming curious. I doubt Nagell's account, because it seems highly unlikely that a Russian colonel in Military Intelligence would be a good candidate for defection. But it's quite possible that Oswald met Eroshkin to provide information or to discuss a trip to the Soviet Union. Oswald was ordered home on October 31, 1958" (op. cit., K949).

Escalante, Fabian: Fabian Escalante [Spartacus Educational biography] was head of Fidel Castro's G-2 Counterintelligence Service, and features in the entry for Antonio Cuesta.

Esquipulas Accords: See the entry for Óscar Arias.

***** "SICK GODFATHER OF HYPNOTIC MIND CONTROL" (Winter, op. cit. inf.) *****

Pre-Programmer of Manchurians

Estabrooks, George Hobern: Canadian-American WW1 veteran turned between-wars psychologist turned WW2/Cold War military consultant and mind control guru George H. Estabrooks [Wikipedia stub biography; see also Winter, op. cit. inf.] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having conducted research in the early 1920s into the practicalities of telepathy, thus ...

1927 "Experimental Telepathy" [Amazon]

(b) for having then helped to develop techniques whereby hypnotic states could be induced in unwilling subjects (intelligence agents, prisoners of war, etc.), selling consultancy during WW2 and the early Cold War to the FBI and the intelligence services; also for having set his early ideas in print in the following works ...

two scientific publications, 1946 and 1965, 16 pages in all

1941 "Man, the Mechanical Misfit" [Amazon]
1943 "Hypnotism" [Amazon]
1947 "Spiritism" [Amazon]

(c) for supporting his practical techniques with some of the Multiple Personality Theory doing the rounds in those years ...

ASIDE - MULTIPLE PERSONALITY THEORY: Readers unfamiliar with the operating principles of the polygraph - commonly the "lie detector" - should read this Wikipedia briefing before proceeding. Readers unfamiliar with Personality Theory in general should lightly browse this Companion Resource, noting the entry for <Personality, Split>. Readers unfamiliar with the specific notion of Multiple Personality Disorder should see this Companion Resource, scrolling to the entry for <Multiple Personality Disorder>; then to this Companion Resource, scrolling to the entry for <Dissociation 1/2/3>.

CAMEO - ESTABROOKS, MULTIPLE PERSONALITY, AND THE POLYGRAPH: It is fairly commonly asserted that a lie detector can be fooled by a suitably trained suspect/subject, and the secret to success in this seems to be for said suspect/subject to convince h/self that the lie is true, and being able to switch h/self into an alter ego of sorts in which that lie **is** true. The phrase "controlled dissociation" was sometimes used to describe this deliberate splitting of one's own personality. The best spies, in other words, are those who have cultivated an innocent version of themselves to take the interrogation for them; that way they genuinely have nothing to hide.
(d) for taking his theory of hypnotically induced multiple personality to its logical extreme by heading laboratory and field research into Manchurians, that is to say, hypnotically primed "sleeper" assassins [it was, he would later confess, his "curious little research hobby" - Ed.], thus ...

"[Estabrooks] requires a separate section of his own because he is the only mind control doctor who has publicly acknowledged the creation of Manchurian Candidates. [...] He] was very well connected academically, and had professional relationships with documented CIA mind control contractors such as Dr. Martin Orne [see own entry]. Additionally, the documentation proves that Dr. Estabrooks conducted extensive training of military intelligence personnel and was a contractor of the War Department during World War II. G. H. Estabrooks was at the hub of the Manchurian Candidate programs" (Ross, 2000, K2688).

and (e) for then disappearing into the not-insignificant murk surrounding the MKULTRA mind control program to continue with his research.

**CAMEO - ESTABROOKS AND THE UNBREAKABLE COURIER:** For example, in a bid for CIA funding dated 22nd June 1954, Estabrooks dangles the highly enticing possibility that intelligence couriers could be hypnotically protected, thus...

"In deep hypnosis the subject, military or civilian, can be given a message [which] will be perfectly safe and will be delivered to the proper person because (a) the subject will have no memory whatsoever in the waking state as to the nature and contents of the message, (b) it can be arranged that the subject will have no knowledge of ever having been hypnotised, (c) it can be arranged that no one beside [the intended recipient] can hypnotise the subject and recover the message." (Ross, 2000, K2734-2745).

Estabrooks died in 1974. **FURTHER READING:** The early Estabrooks works are difficult to come by, so for a quick introduction we recommend Russ Winter's 23rd September 2018 piece for Winter Watch entitled "George Estabrooks, Sick Godfather of Hypnotic Mind Control" [full text online]. For more of the substance, see Colin Ross' (2006) book "The CIA Doctors" [Amazon].

**Estes, Billy Sol:** Texas bentrepreneur Billy Sol Estes [Spartacus Educational biography] began to allege in 1980 that the assassination had been funded by a consortium of Texas oilmen, including LBJ.

**Estrada Cabrera, Manuel José:** Guatemalan lawyer-politician President [1898-1920] Manuel Estrada [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having ridden the coat-tails of the United Fruit Company (UFCO) [see own entry] in developing his country as a banana producer, and (b) for having survived so long in office in a very unforgiving age [see 8th February 1898].

**Euins, Amos Lee:** [sometimes incorrectly as Eunis or Eunice] 15-year-old schoolboy Amos Euins [no convenient biography] not only got a wave from JFK near the turn onto Elm Street but, looking up, saw "some kind of pipe" poking out of the Sniper's Nest window on TSBD6. He described the first shot as a "backfire", and then looking at the weapon when the second shot was fired. Euins' evidential profile is as follows: Affidavit, 22nd November 1963; Warren Commission testimony [read it now]; Interviews to camera [YouTube them now].

**European Research Group (ERG):** Founded originally in 1993 by the late Sir Michael [Lord] 2010 Spicer [Wikipedia biography], the European Research Group (ERG) [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context for having been given new life by the Brexit campaign of the late-2010s. Funded by anti-European business interests and financial speculators, it has organised like-minded Conservative Party MPs and helped to frame British government policy.

**Evangelism and Evangelistic Preaching:** [Greek = good+messenger] [Read firstly the entries for Oratory, Entheogens, and Shamanism and Community Mysticism - ESSENTIAL FOR TUTORIAL SUPPORT.]. In everyday English, Evangelism [Wikipedia briefing] is originally and strictly "the spreading of the Christian gospel by public preaching or personal witness" [O.E.D.]. By extension, however, it is commonly also "zealous advocacy or support of a particular cause" [O.E.D.]. **any** cause, not necessarily religious, and not necessarily Christian. In
this broader sense, the term is therefore markedly pejorative, implying that by enthusiasm alone evangelists could sell cow dung to a dairy farmer, provided only that they trumpeted their wares loudly enough. Evangelism is thus an extreme form of political Oratory, designed to appeal NOT to the refined minds of the debating chamber BUT RATHER in words of one neuron to the masses. It therefore possesses none of what linguist David Crystal describes as "political eloquence", but consists rather of un-nuanced, maliciously calculated, and intellectually jejune verbal harangue. It is tub-thumping, in other words; "stump oratory", "rabble rousing"; it is demagoguery precisely as dictionary-defined, to wit "a manipulative approach - often associated with dictators and sleazy politicians - that appeals to the worst nature of people". It is, in short, the entirely predatory propaganda of the confidence trickster, directed against those s/he would have as cash-subscribing acolytes.

The modern scientific take on evangelism is that it relies for its success on the production of a class of neurotransmitters known as entheogens, with specific actions deep in the brain's Limbic System. These deep brain systems are, however, highly complex, and the precise causal chain remains far from perfectly understood ...

As for the deliberate political uses of evangelistic preaching skills, we have dealt in detail with these under the heading Hate Speech and Radicalising Preachers, to which interested students are now directed. Further Reading: For introductory purposes we recommend the aforementioned review by Yaden, Ivry, and Newberg (2016) For more advanced study see Karin Wahl-Jorgenson's (2019) book "Emotions, Media, and Politics".

Evans, [Sir] Arthur John: British archaeologist [Sir] Arthur Evans is noteworthy in the present context as a convenient exemplar of a late Victorian amateur spy - see the Timeline for June 1871 and 1882. [THREAD = WW1 ESPIONAGE AND INTELLIGENCE] [THREAD = USEFUL IDIOTS]

Ewell, Jim: Having just covered the motorcade's departure from Love Field, Dallas Morning News crime beat reporter Jim Ewell was returning to the pressroom at DPDHQ to telephone through his copy. To avoid congestion he had skirted Downtown and was coming into Dealey Plaza from the west, past the Trade Mart. He first saw the lead vehicles of the motorcade a few hundred yards west of the Triple Underpass, at speed now, and strung out. As he passed under the Underpass on Commerce he saw "people running in every direction". He then drove the remaining mile to DPDHQ, arriving in the car park just as Sergeant Gerald Hill was leaving. He immediately swapped cars and was back outside the TSBD shortly afterward. While Hill was inside he observed from Houston and Elm, soon witnessing him brandishing the chicken box out of the window. Then the call came through announcing officer down in Oak Cliff and he was able to hitch a second ride, this time with Captain Bill Westbrook; and after ten minutes at that scene he was able to hitch a third ride to the Texas Theater, where he managed to be looking down from the balcony when Maurice McDonald detained LHO. Here is the scene in his own words ...
Then I saw the fight that broke out. First, Nick was shouting, and then there was just a swarm of officers that came in. What I’m describing is what appeared to be a football play from above. John Toney remembered that some officer screamed out that they were breaking his arm. Another officer, Paul Bentley, the Chief Polygraph Examiner for the Dallas Police Department, who was well known to us all, came out of there with a broken ankle. What I saw rather astounded me. Someone was trying to hold the barrel of a shotgun, or train the barrel of a shotgun down among the heads of these officers. I thought, “What’s he going to do with the shotgun?”

[TRYING TO SAVE JACK RUBY THE JOB?] I didn’t know what was going on, but this person was holding a shotgun; I did see that. And it all happened in a matter of seconds!” (Ewell, 1998 (full text online)).

Exercise Cygnus: Exercise Cygnus [Wikipedia briefing] was a British civil defence study carried out in October 2016 "to estimate the impact of a hypothetical influenza pandemic on the United Kingdom. The exercise showed that the pandemic would cause the country's health system to collapse from a lack of resources, with the Chief Medical Officer at the time stating that a lack of medical ventilators was a serious problem" (op. cit.). Although the detailed results of the exercise remain a state secret, spin-off documentation quickly revealed the main recommendations - check them out in this piece from The Telegraph 28th March 2020. As for what happened next, see Timeline 25th January 2017 and from there follow the COVID-19 Pandemic sub-thread through to its bloody conclusion.

Exhibit 2064 (Warren Commission): The Warren Commission's Exhibit 2064 [read it now ABSOLUTELY RIVETING] contains eight pages of closely typed notes prepared by Dallas postal inspector Harry Holmes as part of a four-person interrogation of LHO between 0925hr and 1110hr on Sunday 24th November 1963. The other three members of the interrogating team were Captain Will Fritz (DPD), Special Agent Forrest Sorrels (FBI Chief, Dallas), and Inspector Thomas Kelley (Secret Service, Head of the Presidential bodyguard). LHO was shot to death by Jack Ruby eleven minutes after the interrogation finished.

Exner, Judith: In one of his less cerebral moments JFK bedded looker Judith Exner [Wikipedia biography], girlfriend of mob boss Sam Giancana. The FBI, of course, quietly spectated. In their 1981 book "Fatal Hour" G. Robert Blakely and Richard Billings go on record as follows: "White House telephone records indicated seventy instances of contact" (p62). J. Edgar Hoover met with the President on 22nd March 1962 and explained the security risks in all this and the phone contacts ceased forthwith; but politically at least JFK henceforth owed him one.

Factism: A recent phenomenon within the world of social media (but of course far older in the positively ancient art of propaganda), by which the truth of even the simplest black-and-white proposition gets argued about, but only because those arguing are being goaded into arguing by this or that dark sponsor behind the scenes. Without in any way accusing him of factism, we have derived this term - by extension - from Conspiracy Theorist George Freund ‘s proud description of himself as a "Factist". Well and truly on the WW3 Online Now Thread.

*************** PROBABLE FRONT-LINE SHOOTER ***************

Factor, Lawrence Lloyd ["Loy"]: Oklahoma-born WW2 veteran (brain-injured) handy man and one of life's serial blunderers Loy Factor [Spartacus Educational biography] entered the JFK story on 18th November 1961 when he and his wife attended the state funeral of Sam Rayburn at Bonham, TX. In the crowd that day a stranger named Mac Wallace engaged him in conversation and seemed very interested in the fact that he considered himself something of a marksman. When Wallace then mentioned that he might have a "job" for him one day Factor gave him his address, and they left it at that. A year or so later Wallace visited him at his home and tested his marksmanship very thoroughly by having him shoot at rocks: and, to cut a long story short, by the end of the day Factor had allowed himself to be talked into taking a $2000 down-payment as a long-range hitman for an as-yet-unspecified target. He was then picked up at very short notice on 20th November 1963 and driven to the Holland Avenue Safehouse in Dallas, where he became part of Wallace's TSBD6 shooting team.

*****At this point divert and read the Mark Collom entry*****
Factor duly featured in Glen Sample and Mark Collom’s 1995 book, "The Men on the Sixth Floor", where he is profiled as support man for a two-shooter/one radio operator team consisting of Mac Wallace, LHO, and Ruth Martinez. Factor died 5th May 1994 of natural causes. Two months previously, in his final videotaped interview by Glen Sample, he insisted that the team had given him a rifle that he had taken station at the west-most window on TSBD6 [the one conveniently cropped from the Thomas Dillard photographs - Ed.], but that he had not fired it. This accords with Captain Will Fritz having ejected an unfired cartridge from the rifle recovered at TSBD6. More recently, in Rod Mac Kenzie and Hooke’s 2016 analysis of the assassination, Factor was listed #2 to Mac Wallace in a two-man team stationed on the 6th floor of the TSBD, and is credited with firing the first shot from a 7.65mm bolt-action Mauser rifle, but deliberately aiming it high to salve his conscience.

Fain, John W.: Special Agent John Fain [no convenient biography] was the Dallas-based FBI agent who prepared a what-we-know-here intelligence report on LHO dated 3rd July 1961, in which was included information from his mother Marguerite Oswald to the effect that her son's height/weight were - possibly at Fain's instruction - mis-stated as 5' 10", 165 pounds (factually 5' 9", 130-135 pounds) (Scott, 2015). For the still-echoing impact of this possibly deliberate deception, see the insets in the entry for Peter Dale Scott.

ASIDE: The July 1961 report is #6 in the 69 substantive documents in the FBI's files on LHO dated PRIOR TO the assassination. For the full schedule of items see Commission Exhibit 834 [full text online].

Fairhead, Rona Alison [Baroness Fairhead]2017: [Read firstly the entries for National War Aims Committee (NWAC) and "Churnalism"] British businesswoman turned controller of state broadcasting turned politician turned baroness Rona [Baroness]2017 Fairhead [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context primarily for being one of those named in Marcus Moore’s [see own entry] (2018) article "BBC's 'Churnalism'" - read it now - as having helped transform the BBC from somewhat independently-minded state broadcaster to shameless government town cryer [our metaphor - Ed.]. Her particular role was as the Conservative Party's selection for Chairwoman of the BBC Trust 2014-2017.

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Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC): Established 21st April 1960 in Room 329, 799 Broadway, New York City by Robert Taber [see own entry] following a successful full page advertisement in the New York Times 6th April 1960, the Fair Play for Cuba Committee [Wikipedia briefing] was a (genuinely) pro-Castro pressure group for left-wing intellectuals (not least James Baldwin and Jean-Paul Sartre) run by an anti-Castro CIA asset (Taber) and thoroughly infiltrated by FBI informers. In its first six months it attracted some 7000 members (Simpich, 2009 [full text online]).

ASIDE -THE FBI SECURITY INDEX: The Los Angeles chapter was headed by another CIA operative, Vaughn Marlowe [see own entry]. The point of secret state police [=Sestapo] allowing dissidents to share their likemindedness in - to use the modern term - an echo chamber [where respondents echo your own opinions - Ed.] is that it tells you who they are and where they live. It maintains an illusion of free speech for a while, but essentially it is to keep the state's black book up-to-date. The FBI's black book for the years in question was called the "Security Index" [Wikipedia briefing]. The Cuban Section of the Security Index reportedly contained some 32,000 names and addresses when surveillance was completed. What we are dealing with here, therefore, is the pre-Internet grandfather of today's social media analytics, that is to say, where every word you type in your online presence is examined in real time to see if it warrants an immediate state trolling, and then filed carefully away for future use. For more on this start with the entry for U.S. Cyber Command.

By the end of 1960, however the security establishment was suspecting external interference and called Castro-loyalist NYC physician Charles A. Santos Buch [see own entry] to testify before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee (SISS), where, on 10th January 1961, he admitted that the Cuban government had met a considerable part of the cost of the original advertisement. Three months later, the failure of the Bay of Pigs Invasion was celebrated by large FPCC protest rallies nationwide.
Taber resigned the FPCC in February 1962, being replaced by colleague Richard Gibson [see own entry] until July and (at last a seemingly genuine radical) Vincent T. Lee [see own entry] thereafter. On 27th October 1962 - at the height of the Cuban Missile Crisis - the FPCC organised more protest rallies, and the FBI filed the latest names and addresses in its Security Index. On 27th April 1963 the FPCC was declared an FBI counter-intelligence target by J. Edgar Hoover, and - aided by informers within the organisation - made the subject of a coordinated campaign to discredit and disrupt it, supported by official stake-outs, break-ins, phone taps, and mail interceptions.

**ASIDE:** In fact, FBI agents had already worked the office over at leisure during a Taber trip away 21st April 1963. The broader authority for the FBI's hard stance came from the 1956 COINTELPRO program, thus ...

"The totality of the information about Oswald's activity in New Orleans justifies real suspicion that Oswald was wittingly or unwittingly manipulated by a government agency. The information fits with the FBI's Counterintelligence Program (COINTELPRO), instituted a few years earlier specifically to discredit and disable groups that were seen as subversive. High on the COINTELPRO target list, along with the Communist Party [...] was the Fair Play for Cuba Committee. COINTELPRO tactics called for spreading adverse publicity about groups and their members - not least by feeding potential smear information to cooperative journalists - and by setting up phony chapters of targeted organisations. By late 1963, a senior FBI official would report that 'aggressive FBI investigation of the organisation, coupled with an effective campaign of exposure of subversive influences in the group by the public press' had been highly successful against the FPCC" (Summers, 1980/2013, p264).

We restrict ourselves now to the activities of the "empty shell" operation that was the FPCC's New Orleans chapter [intelligence operative Lee Harvey Oswald was the only member it ever had - Ed.]. This was famously first mooted when LHO wrote FPCC headquarters 26th May 1963 to propose forming "a FPCC branch in New Orleans", for which he would rent a small office at his own expense. Without waiting for a reply from NYC, LHO went ahead and - using the alias Lee Osborne - ordered a stock of 1000 flyers 29th May 1963. By design, these then had to be over-stamped with the contact details of the local Secretary, and in summer 1963 these over-stamps included "A. J. Hidell" at a P.O. Box, and LHO at either 544 Camp Street - next to Guy Bannister's office - or, later. 4907 Magazine Street, his home address As explained in the insets above, the idea was that any passers-by who showed sympathy with the cause would go immediately into the FBI's Security Index. We therefore take it as axiomatic that when LHO got his FPCC membership card 15th June 1963 and was then filmed handing out his FPCC flyers [see own entry] he was on an undercover mission of some sort to engineer an intelligence legend. Sadly for him, such legends can often get you killed ...

**OSWALD'S FATAL MISCALCULATION:** Whilst there is a growing consensus nowadays that most of LHO's stranger antics can best be explained by his being an undercover field operative, it is not always clear which agency he would have been reporting to at any one time. As a Marine his first loyalty would by rights have been to the Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI), and, through them, ultimately to the Defence Intelligence Agency (DIA). It would have been the ONI, for example, who authorised any local intelligence gathering LHO had undertaken off base at Atsugi, plus anything more adventurous like the Queen Bee in Tokyo, plus anything undertaken while back in California for the best part of a year learning Russian and awaiting discharge. In New Orleans, however, the cost centre operation was the FBI's COINTELPRO program as described above, and we know that LHO did indeed have an FBI handler - James Hosty - in Dallas. But at the same time, the Hidell alias had already been used - with the collusion of the U.S. Mail - in obtaining the infamous Mannlicher-Carcano C2766, and the Dallas Postal Inspector Harry Holmes would be the author of the Warren Commission's Exhibit 2604 [see own entry - VERY IMPORTANT]. So the young man with the ONI pedigree going back to Atsugi may presently be contracted to either the FBI or - like Richard Nagell - to the Treasury (who had only a few investigators of their own). We also strongly suspect that Army Intelligence in Texas was monitoring rogue right-wing groups like the John Birch Society, who found some commonality of purpose in the anti-Communist exile community. And because all these agencies worked on a strict need-to-know basis it would have been easy to misperceive Oswald as traitor rather than patriot. Which in turn could make the difference between life and death if someone in those agencies was in the market for an expendable Patsy. Significantly, LHO himself well recognised the risk of being set up for his pains (Baker, 2014).

Finally, facing a wave of public hostility after the Assassination, the FPCC disbanded itself 19th December 1963. The FPCC story features heavily in John Newman's (2008) book "Oswald and the CIA" [Amazon].
False Flags, Poor Lulus, and Other Operational Entrapments: A False Flag attack is arguably the consummate Black Op, for the simple reason that by playing mercilessly upon human gullibility it is often dramatically successful. The term has both a precise historical derivation - the hoisting of an enemy's flag (or the wearing of enemy uniform, etc.) during an attack in order to avoid counter-fire for as long as possible - but has also lately come to be used to describe just about any cynical falsification of hostile agency and/or concealment of true political or military intent. Thus defined, there are probably as many variations of the False Flag device as there have been conflicts in history. Here is a brief review, starting with the literal and then moving on to the figurative ...

(1) FALSE FLAGS, TAKEN LITERALLY

In its simplest literal sense, a False Flag attack needs to involve two flags, one of which is your own, and the other that either of your enemy or of a neutral power. You hoist the false flag as you come into sight of the enemy, hoping that they will hold fire, and you keep it hoisted until the last possible moment, whereupon you quickly run up your own colours, and let rip. Assuming that the ruse goes to plan, your chances of victory are much higher than they would otherwise have been.

YouTube a movie False Flag here

The everyday English phrase "to show your true colours" derives from False Flag attacks such as these. Another everyday phrase - "a wolf in sheep's clothing" - originates in the Biblical text: "Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are raving wolves" (Matthew, 7:15). The emphasis on cloaking and camouflage can also be seen in the German Navy's use of Hilfskreuzer [Wikipedia briefing] and the Royal Navy's use of Q-Ships [Wikipedia briefing]. Once you know what to look for you, will find many examples of False Flag operations in fictional plotting - see the TV Tropes entry.

(2) POOR LULU ATTACKS

Now the point about literal False Flag attacks is that they are perforce of limited scope. They can only sensibly be targeted at a given enemy position or unit, nothing larger. There are, however, many variations on the basic tactic, where entire wars are at stake. We shall be looking at these variants in (3) below, but one scenario warrants separate consideration before we proceed. We have named these Poor Lulu attacks ...

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So there we have it - the essence of a Poor Lulu attack is that the whole thing is played to the gallery. A Poor Lulu is a False Flag plus, a False Flag for propaganda purposes rather than military, where the objective of the exercise is to weaken your opponent in the eyes of third parties with continual sly jab bullying. This renders it the method of choice in such geopolitical confrontations as border disputes, Cold Wars, and stealthy ethnic cleansings. At the time of writing [= February 2020], such wasn't-me-Guv confrontations are actively in hand from the South China Sea to the Ukraine, as the United States moves forward on its Joint Vision 2020 foreign policy strategy.

(3) OTHER OPERATIONAL ENTRAPMENTS

Of course if you really want to start a war then all it takes is a little ingenuity, and the most sophisticated members of the False Flag family are those in which the other guy not only ends up losing the war but gets the blame for starting it as well! In the self-inflicted False Flag, for example, you attack under your enemy’s colours as before, only this time you direct your attack at your own forces, having prepared in advance the press releases blaming the damage on your enemy. This may sound a little unlikely at first, but in fact all the planet's major wars since 1914 have been started in this fashion. For example, in the 1933 Reichstag Fire [Wikipedia briefing] Adolf Hitler's Nazi Party carried...
off a textbook-grade self-inflicted False Flag by burning down its own parliament building but making it look the work of its Communist Party rivals. It is also possible to execute a False Flag operation by studied inaction, that is to say, by feigning ignorance of an impending enemy attack. Again this may seem a little far-fetched, but it is highly likely that both of America's world wars were started this way (see the 1915 and 1941 entries below). Here are some of the candidate events for this particular type of warfare (we shall tot up the body counts at the end) …

CAMEO - THE 1788 PUUMALA INCIDENT: By this contrived border incident Sweden engineered the Russo-Swedish War - see Timeline 28th June 1788. [Body count = 30,000]

CAMEO - THE 1898 MAINE INCIDENT: By this perhaps self-inflicted, perhaps merely openly invited, border incident the United States engineered the Spanish-American War, the invasion of Cuba, and the annexation of the Philippines - see Timeline 25th January 1898. [Body count = 20,000]

CAMEO - THE 1914 SARRAJEVO CRISIS: By making a succession of impossible diplomatic demands British, French, and Czarist Russian cabals carefully engineered WW1, and have blamed the other guy ever since - see Timeline 23rd July 1914. [Body count = 40-45 million]

CAMEO - THE 1915 LUSITANIA FALSE FLAG: The specific allegation here is that the British Admiraalty deliberately failed to provide an anti-submarine escort to the approaching RMS Lusitania, resulting in her being torpedoed. The loss of many American lives brought the United States closer to war against Germany. For more of the details see Timeline 7th May 1915. Ironically, the Lusitania might herself be counted as a 44,000-ton False Flag, given that she was a civilian passenger liner illegally carrying a secret load of munitions - YouTube it now. [U.S. WW1 body count included in WW1 figure above]

CAMEO - GERMANY'S 1917 DEATH BLOW TO THE CZAR: The specific allegation here is that on 9th April 1917 Germany engineered the escape to St. Petersburg of a group of Russian dissidents recently in exile in Switzerland, in the hope that they would add weight to the ongoing anti-Czarist revolution, thus taking Russia out of the Triple Entente against them. The leader of this revolutionary faction was Vladimir Lenin, and he did exactly as the Germans hoped he would. By October that year the Czar had abdicated, the Russian armed forces had collapsed on Germany's Eastern Front, and Lenin was helping to bring together a Bolshevik administration. Kwitny (1984) therefore assesses the German stratagem as possibly "the most important covert-action dirty trick in history" (p315), and we include it here as a False Flag because Lenin was unwittingly acting as a proxy for the Kaiser. [Body count = difficult to compute, but already included in the counts for the Russian Civil War, WW2, and the Cold War.]

CAMEO - THE 1919 RUSSIAN CIVIL WAR: In what would nowadays be classified as a "proxy war" [see below], the U.S. and Britain send troops recently freed up by the victory on the Western Front to support the White Russians in their civil war against the Bolsheviks, thereby prolonging it by several years - see Timeline 2nd August 1918. [Body count = 8 million over and above what might otherwise have been only 2 million]

LEST IT BE OVERLOOKED: All Proxy Wars [Wikipedia briefing] are **by definition** False Flag events for the simple reason that citizens of one flag are persuaded to die for the objectives of a superordinate one. Thus the animosity between the United States and the Communist Chinese was from time to time fought out by Burmese, Laotians, Vietnamese, and Koreans. There have been dozens of such wars since the 1814-1815 Congress of Vienna, and at the time of writing [= February 2020] the United States has long-standing proxy offensives ongoing in the Middle East and the Ukraine.

CAMEO - THE 1931 MUKDEN INCIDENT: By this contrived border incident the Japanese engineered their 1931-1937 invasion of Manchuria, an early precursor event on the road to WW2 in the Far East - see Timeline 18th September 1931. [Body count (1931-1937) = say 1 million]

CAMEO - THE 1937 MARCO POLO BRIDGE INCIDENT: By this contrived border incident the Japanese engineered their 1937-1945 invasion of China, another precursor event on the road to WW2 in the Far East - see Timeline 7th July 1937. [Body count (1937-1945) = 8 million]

CAMEO - THE 1939 GLEIWITZ INCIDENT: By this contrived border incident the Nazis engineered their invasion of Poland, thus starting WW2 in Europe - see Wikipedia briefing. [Body count (all participants, all fronts) = 73 million]

CAMEO - THE 1941 PEARL HARBOR FALSE FLAG: The specific (and rarely totally denied) allegation here is that the United States failed to respond sufficiently to its intelligence service warnings during 1941 that the Japanese were planning a surprise attack on Pearl Harbour (or alternatively that Britain knew of
the Japanese plans, and deliberately withheld a warning). This allegation is discussed in detail in this Wikipedia briefing. [U.S. WW2 body count included in WW2 figure above]

**CAMEO - THE 1945 CHINESE CIVIL WAR:** The specific allegation here is plainly and simply that since at least 3rd June 1937 [see Timeline that date and follow the <Chennai> sub-thread], and without a break, the United States has politically and militarily deployed the Nationalist Chinese in the interests primarily of the United States. [Body count = separately taken into account]

**CAMEO - THE KOREAN WAR:** The specific allegation here is that the U.S. Deep State suppressed intelligence of a North Korean "surprise attack" on South Korea, thereby encouraging it (Stone, 1952) - see Timeline 25th June 1950. [Body Count = 3-4 million]

**CAMEO - THE 1953 IRAN COUP:** The specific allegation here is that CIA agents provocateurs radicalised enough of the Iranian populace to stage some decent demonstrations on the streets of Tehran in what was broadcast as a popular uprising in favour of claimant to the Persian Throne, Mohammad Reza Pahlavi - see Timeline 19th August 1953. The uprising's flags should therefore rightly have been the Stars and Stripes - or, more rightly still, according to Kwittery (1984), the logo of the Rockefeller oil interests on whose behalf the CIA were really acting. [Body count = several hundred directly, plus a more polarised world]

**CAMEO - THE 1963 OPERATION AM/WORLD:** [Before proceeding, BROWSE AND VERY CAREFULLY READ all entries for Operation AM/WORLD.] The specific allegation here is that between June and November 1963 the CIA busied itself with Operation AM/WORLD, a top secret attempt to frame Fidel Castro for an attempt on the life of JFK, most probably by encouraging one or more selected anti-Kennedy factions to send in shooting teams, but with a protective stake-out in place to "save the day" at the last moment (for more concerning the Dealey Plaza Abort Team - and LHO appears to have been one of them!! - see the separate entry). Faked evidential trails were laid, low-powered squibs and sabot rounds put in place, and patsies carefully selected. The False Flag on this occasion would therefore be the Cuban flag, and the Cui Bono would have been a punitive full invasion of Cuba. Unfortunately, enough of JFK's real enemies found out about the plot to piggy back it to their own advantage, and the rest is history.

**CAMEO - THE 1963 SOUTH VIETNAM COUP:** The specific allegation here is that the CIA's Saigon Station deliberately incited eager-to-impress South Vietnamese army officers to mount an armed coup against not-quite-crony-enough President Ngo Dinh Diem, whom they duly assassinated- see Timeline 2nd November 1963. Little attempt was ever made to disguise the CIA's part in this affair, but it is still often explained as way under the false flag of "disaffected South Vietnamese military". [Body count = 20 or so in the coup itself (the ensuing Vietnam War is dealt with separately below)]

**CAMEO - THE 1964 GULF OF TONKIN INCIDENT:** The specific allegation here is that the United States took advantage of operational confusion to accuse the North Vietnamese of attacking two of its warships peacefully going about their business supporting CIA commando raids against - or - the North Vietnamese, thereby effectively starting the Vietnam War - see the separate entry for a full account. [Body count = ca. 4 million]

**CAMEO - THE 9/11 ATTACKS AND THE 2003 IRAQ WAR:** There are several quite differently nuanced conspiracy theories here, all still strictly denied by the United States government. Theories tend to disagree as to which of the world's Deep States were involved, and - indeed - over exactly what happened on the day itself. They tend to agree, however, (a) that Al Qaeda were but scripted villains, and (b) that it was a superb pretext for the U.S. to invade Iraq in 2003. The jury is still out on this one, but there may be some clue as to the true identity of the perpetrators in the fact that they had to be in a position to request, and get, poodle compliance for the ensuing war from the British Prime Minister Tony Blair. For the details see Timeline 11th September 2001. [Body count, 9/11 itself = ca. 3000; Iraq consequential = 400,000]

**CAMEO - "BRICKGATE", 2016:** The specific allegation here - check it out - is that a high profile incident 12th July 2016 was faked for political gain by an anti-Corbynite faction in the Wallasey constituency. The Canary called it as a false flag attack in 2017, and it was confirmed as exactly such in the Labour Party Treachery Report [see own entry] in 2020.

**CAMEO - THE 2017 LAS VEGAS SHOOTING:** The specific allegation here is that the event historicised as the "2017 Las Vegas Shooting" [Wikipedia briefing], in which casualties are officially listed as 59 killed and 869 injured, was in fact a False Flag attack which happened only in the media. That is to say, the conspiracists assert that no member of the general public actually got hurt at all, and that what went out on the media was a carefully pre-planned civil defence drill, complete with crisis actor casualties - see Timeline 1st October 2017. [Body count uncertain; major curtailment of U.S. civil liberties; high financial shenanigans amongst those "in the know"]
CAMEO - THE 2018 SALISBURY POISONING: The specific allegation here is that what the Western media trumpeted as more or less an act of war by the Russian Federation against Britain [see Timeline 4th March 2018] was nothing of the sort. Indeed, there is a simple False Flag explanation which far better meets the Cui Bono of the weeks in question. It would go something like this: the CIA/Ukraine, keen to weaken the Russian Federation (a) in its dispute with the Ukraine over the Crimea, and (b) in its support for Syrian President Assad, lured the security services of the Russian Federation with a tasty dangle of some sort; the Russians then sent two agents to a rendezvous point in Salisbury city centre, but did a no-show; then, having got the Russians recorded on CCTV, Ukrainian agents attacked the Skripals with the Novichok nerve agent. The rest was carefully prepared media fiction calculated to put the Russian Federation on the back foot. [Body count = 1 directly]

CAMEO - THE 2018 DOUMA CHEMICAL ATTACK: The specific allegation here is that a U.S.-sponsored special ops team planted "evidence" of a chemical weapons attack in the ruins of the Syrian town of Douma [map], and then used a falsely flagged organisation, the White Helmets, to provide the mainstream media with a cover story blaming Syrian government forces - see Timeline 7th April 2018. [Body count = not known, perhaps up to 75 directly; unable to compute consequential effects in either the immediate "punishment" attacks or the continued war]

CAMEO - THE 2021 "KILL COPS" INCIDENT (TO BE CONFIRMED): This as yet unvalidated false flag special op is detailed, with picture, in the Companion Timeline at 3rd April 2021, which see.

FURTHER READING: For more on the broader subject of deception in warfare see this Wikipedia briefing. For False Flags as an instrument of U.S. foreign policy see Nick Kollerstrom's (2018) "False Flags over Europe" [Amazon]. For the 9/11 False Flag per se, see Chuck W. Maultsby's (2012) "Who Should Go Down in History" [Amazon]. Worryingly, there does not appear to be a recent fully academic monograph on the subject, although Google Scholar lists several thousand individual academic papers (note the increasing prevalence of cyber warfare entrapments).


FAR: See the entry for Fuerzas Armadas Rebeldes (FAR).

Fatah: This was/is the Palestinian nationalist political party [Wikipedia briefing] founded in 1959 and headed until his death in 2004 by Yasser Arafat, whereupon its influence declined and its role was taken over by Hamas [q.v.].

Faulkner, Jack W.: Dallas County Sheriff's Deputy Jack Faulkner [no convenient biography] was in the general gathering of deputies outside the Sheriff's Office as the motorcade went by. When the shooting started he joined "many officers" searching the railway area. He then went to assist A. D. McCurley and others in searching the TSBD from TSBD7 downward. Faulkner's evidential profile is as follows: Report 22nd November 1963 [read it now]; Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED].

Favorito, Garland: Assassination researcher Garland Favorito [no convenient biography] fronted a 2013 video documentary which includes a good exposition of the Oswald Wallet Thread - YouTube it now.

Fayed, Mohamed: See the entry for Mohamed Al-Fayed.

FBI Division Five: See Division Five.

Federal Communications Commission (FCC): The FCC [Wikipedia briefing] is the independent government agency established by the Communications Act of 1934 to oversee the U.S. telecommunication industry in such areas as appropriacy of content and healthy competition and subsequently brought up to date by the Communications Act of 1996. The FCC is nowadays routinely criticised by left and right alike for allowing the mainstream media to become acquired by a "Big
Six” of companies, all owned by like-minded interest groupings who deliberately stifle debate, suppress dissent they have themselves defined, influence elections nationally and internationally, and generally act in violation of the First Amendment.

Federal Reserve Board: See next entry.

Federal Reserve System: Signed into law on 23rd December 1913 after six years of fact-finding by the National Monetary Commission, the Federal Reserve Act authorises the creation of what is nowadays commonly referred to as "the Fed", a network of 12 regional Federal Reserve Banks, with the one in New York City being the de facto "first amongst equals". The system is charged with maintaining economic stability - no more Panics - by regulating money supply, and was the brainchild of bankers such as J. P. Morgan, Paul Warburg, and Nelson Aldrich. It is directed by the Federal Reserve Board, established 10th August 1914 and consisting of seven presidentially appointed governors.

Federation of Conservative Students (FCS): Founded originally by British WW1 master propagandist John Buchan as the Federation of University Conservative and Unionist Associations (FUCUA) in January 1930, the rebranded-in-1967 Federation of Conservative Students (FCS) is noteworthy in the present context as a vehicle of the British Establishment for promoting the British Establishment at the expense of the rest of us. In recent memory it has hot-housed a number of 2019 high-profile right-wing opinionists and politicians, such as John Bercow, Mark Francois, and Andrew Neil.

Feetham, Richard: Welsh lawyer-politician Richard Feetham is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having practised law in South Africa after the Boer War, (b) for thereby becoming a member of Milner's Kindergarten, (c) for going on to a distinguished career in the South African judiciary, and (d) for having chaired the (eventually abortive) 1924-1925 Irish Boundary Commission. He died in 1965.

Fehmer, Marie: [upon marriage Marie Fehmer Chiarodo] Rosebud-born 25-year-old Marie Fehmer had been recruited straight out of the University of Texas to be one of LBJ's secretaries, and would remain in post after his becoming President. She is noteworthy in the present context merely in that her mother, Olga L. Fehmer (1918-2003), had worked for a while with both Abraham Zapruder and Jeanne de Mohrenschildt in the Dallas rag trade in the mid-1950s.

Feith, Douglas J.: Lawyer Douglas Feith served in a number of national security and defence roles between 1981 and 2005, before resigning to become an academic and circuit lecturer defending U.S. foreign policy in the Middle East.

Feldsott, Louis: New York based sporting goods dealer Louis Feldsott was the President of Crescent Firearms, Inc., NYC, wholesaler of duly licensed imported rifles such as the Mannlicher-Carcano. In an affidavit dated 23rd July 1964 submitted to the Warren Commission he stated that the FBI had contacted him on the day of the assassination about a Mannlicher-Carcano with the serial number C2766. He confirmed the sale to Klein's Sporting Goods, Inc., Chicago, on 18th June 1962. The FBI had then taken the documents away with them. Browse the Mannlicher-Carcano C2766 Thread to accumulate all the fragments of this story. It may or may not be relevant that government agencies such as the FBI and ATF were, in 1963, looking for the Mister Bigs of the arms smuggling industry, and that FBI Agent James Hosty may have been using LHO as a field operative in just such an operation. [In the event, the Kennedy killing intensified this crack-down and resulted in the 1968 Gun Control Act - Ed.]
Felt, Harry Donald: WW2 and Cold War veteran (U.S. Navy, carriers, highly decorated) progressed CINCPAC\(^{1958-1964}\) Admiral\(^{1956}\) **Harry D. Felt** [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) as CINCPAC [=Commander-in-Chief, Pacific and Indochina] during the slow but certain escalation of the Vietnam War prior to the Gulf of Tonkin Incident, (b) as such, for having set up the Military Assistance Command, Vietnam (MACV) [Wikipedia briefing] on 8th February 1962, under General Paul Harkins, the better to deliver CINCPAC strategy in South Vietnam, and (c) for preparing the drafts for OPLAN 34A, prior to its approval by the Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) 17th April 1964.

**Ferrell, Mary Elizabeth McHughes:** Dallas-based legal secretary turned assassination researcher **Mary Ferrell** [Wikipedia biography] was in the VIP Car (16th) of the motorcade (her own vehicle). She devoted the rest of her life [d. 2004] to uncovering the truth, and has left us the *Mary Ferrell Database* [website], a priceless political research resource.

**Ferrie, David William:** [New Orleans D.A.’s Office codename Lindbergh] Heavily involved with the Louisiana Civil Air Patrol (CAP) [see own entry] during the 1950's and presently working for New Orleans' political right in their opposition to **Fidel Castro**’s clean (and therefore unprofitable) Cuba, **David Ferrie** [Wikipedia biography] entered the assassination narrative in November 1963 when an employee of **Guy Banister**’s [see own entry] named **Jack Martin** [see own entry] squealed to the NOPD that Ferrie had been involved in nothing short of a major conspiracy to kill JFK. The FBI interviewed him, but eventually dismissed the allegations, and Ferrie was not called to testify before the Warren Commission. NOLA DA **Jim Garrison**, however, was less easily shaken off. He interviewed Martin in December 1966 at which time it was alleged that Ferrie and LHO had been working for Banister and helping to run guns to anti-Castro elements in Cuba. Ferrie was found dead at his home on 22nd February 1967. His autopsy was overseen by NOLA Coroner **Nicholas Chetta** [see own entry], who certified natural causes - a burst blood vessel at the base of the brain - despite the presence of three apparently valedictory letters at the scene, which might have indicated either a genuine suicide or a murder made up to look like a suicide. It was not until the 1977 *House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA)* [see own entry] that a link between Ferrie and LHO was officially acknowledged.

**Extended June 2019:** Ferrie is additionally noteworthy in the present context (a) for having made himself something of an expert in “cartridge trajectories”, that is to say, the speed and direction of travel of shell casings [not the slugs, note] in the fractions of a second after they have been ejected from a bolt action or automatic weapon ...

**ASIDE:** This odd fact was recorded by Garrison during his investigations, and mentioned in his 1967 *Playboy* interview. However the observation was not greatly thought about until **Edward Haslam** was preparing his 2007/2014 book "*Dr. Mary's Monkey*". To Haslam, this arcane hobby would suddenly make a lot more sense if a sniper were being framed and the cartridge cases needed to be planted as evidence!

(b) for being a gopher/contract pilot for New Orleans Mafia boss **Carlos Marcello** (including smuggling him back into the country after RFK had had him deported 4th April 1961), (c) ditto for CIA clandestine operations during their undeclared war against Cuba ...

**Confirmation:** In his 1992 book "*First Hand Knowledge*", CIA-approved historian! **Robert Morrow** [see own entry] devotes the whole of Chapter 4 to the Camaguey Mission [see own entry], a clandestine (and far from uneventful!) flight to Cuba 16th-17th April 1961, in which he shared the flying with Ferrie - for more of the details see *Timeline 16th April 1961*. Researcher **Joan Mellen** broadly concurs, thus ...

"It was Ferrie's political affiliations that interested Jim Garrison. Ferrie had flown for the CIA as a contract pilot, taking off from Tampa, the Keys, and Venice, Florida, in sabotage missions: he burned sugarcane fields, dropped propaganda leaflets, and infiltrated and exfiltrated anti-Castro activists. His handler was **Eladio del Valle** [see own entry], a mob-connected Cuban exile, who was also involved in setting up training camps to wage war against Castro. Del Valle paid Ferrie between $1000 and $1500 a mission [...]. Ferrie also flew for South Central Air Lines, a CIA proprietary. Ferrie's CIA employment has been confirmed by ex-CIA [Assistant Director] **Victor Marchetti**” (Mellen, 2005, p33).
(d) for being sacked from Eastern Airlines in August 1961 once his record as a serial sexual deviant became known, (e) for thereby being reduced to earning a living as a Jack-of-all-Trades to a number of more or less shady New Orleans operations, thus ... 

jobbing investigator for P.I. Guy Banister and lawyer G. Wray Gill
pilot in the Montreal-Athens Arms Deal [see own entry]
contract white mice handler for Mary Sherman's top secret virus research

***** THEORIES DIFFER AS TO WHAT HAPPENED NEXT *****
***** IT WAS EITHER *****

(f1) for being a more or less major conspirator in a mid-summer 1963 plot to assassinate JFK
***** OR IT WAS *****

(f2) for being a more or less major conspirator in a mid-summer 1963 plot to assassinate Fidel Castro

CAUTION: It is unlikely that Ferrie was sufficiently ruthless, sufficiently well-connected, and sufficiently well-funded to have plotted the JFK assassination on his own. Nevertheless (f1) is the position taken by CIA-approved historian Robert Morrow in his 1992 book "First Hand Knowledge". Morrow even names Ferrie as having selected LHO to be the Patsy for the shooting, and as having flown in the assassination teams' walkie-talkies and three Mannlicher rifles during the first week in August 1963. Judyth Vary Baker, on the other hand, is far more sympathetic toward the man, seeing him as a flawed personality exploited by the real conspirators.

(g) for assisting the defence team in Marcello's trial on immigration offences, receiving $7000 for his pains ...

ASIDE: Hinckle and Turner (1981/1992) describe Ferrie as a "sidewalk lawyer" (p233), that is to say, eager and vocal, but with no formal qualification and little deep experience. By the same token, he must also be rated a sidewalk psychiatrist, a sidewalk pathologist, and a sidewalk cancer researcher. He had, of course, been a real airline pilot (but had blown it), and was a seasoned CIA pilot.

(h) for thereby being demonstrably at the Courthouse in New Orleans at the time of the JFK assassination, (i) for then driving overnight from New Orleans to Houston, ostensibly to discuss a business transaction, arriving 0430am 23rd November ...

ASIDE - FORGET-ME-NOT ALIBIS: In the lexicon of black operations, items (h) and (i) are perfect examples of a carefully pre-contrived watertight alibi - you know that you are going to be a suspect, and so you make very sure that you are a long way away and seen by a lot of people. A little BLUSTER can be thrown in to make you even more memorable to your corroborating witnesses. See the companion Timeline for more of the detail - start at 20th December 1941 and follow the "David" entries in the <JFK and New Orleans> sub-thread.

(j) for being interviewed by the Secret Service 25th November 1963, only to be dismissed for strength of alibi, (k) for coming to the attention of the Jim Garrison Investigation, being first interviewed (and denying everything) 15th December 1966, and (l) for being murdered during the night of 21st-22nd February 1967 to ensure that the denials continued.

1/2 CAUTION: CIA-approved histories typically contain hundreds of hitherto unknown facts, carefully composed to support one or two much subtler counterintelligence propositions (lies, in other words, hidden in a bouquet of truths). Morrow's book appears - for reasons still to be established - to be out to get Ferrie.

Fetzer, James H.: Assassination researcher and academically responsible conspiracy theorist Jim Fetzer [Wikipedia biography] was the author of the 2000 book " Murder in Dealey Plaza". His discussion of discarding sabot [see own entry MIGHT HAVE BEEN USED ON THE DAY] ammunition has proven to be extremely promising. He speaks on camera in Wim Dankbaar's [see own entry] (2007/2020 re-released) documentary movie "The Grassy Knoll" [see firstly the separate entry, and then view on Amazon Prime STRONGLY RECOMMENDED].

"A turmoil of writhing bodies"
Fever Parties: Founded in or around 2002 Fever Parties is noteworthy in the present context as a sex party paradigm for Britain's yuppies and well-to-do. Occasional misbehaviour is reported in the press - check one out from 2002.

Fields, Edward Reed: See the entry for National States' Rights Party (NSRP).

Fiester, Sherry: The late CSI Analyst turned assassination researcher Sherry P. Fiester was the author of the 2012 book "Enemy of the Truth", in which she applied a lifetime's experience in criminological forensics to the Dealey Plaza CS [=crime scene]. In so doing she came up with a highly convincing argument that the Z313 headshot came not from atop the Grassy Knoll - or, to give it its more precise name, the North Knoll - but rather from its mirror-imaged counterpart - the South Knoll - at the other end of the Triple Underpass. This theory has attracted much online airtime ever since and deserves serious consideration.

Figueres Ferrer, José ["Don Pepe"]: Costa Rican "farmer-socialist" turned left-wing politician President José Figueres is noteworthy in the present context for having (a) helped fund and shape the Caribbean Legion in 1945, (b) for then having used same to help depose Teodoro Picado in 1948 Costa Rican Civil War, (c) for having served 18 months as president on a provisional basis during said civil war, and (d) for serving again with a full personal mandate between 1953 and 1958, and between 1970 and 1974. After 1974 he became a roving ambassador for Latin American progress. He died in 1990.

Fildes, [Sir] Paul Gordon: British physician turned bacteriologist [Sir] Paul Fildes is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been on the medical staff at Portsmouth's Haslar Hospital during WW1, therefore seeing just about every type of wound, infection, and disease that the Western Front could inflict, (b) for having then trained himself up in bacteriology in the mid-1930s, (c) for thereby being put in charge in 1940 of the biological warfare section of Porton Down, (d) for conducting field research with anthrax delivery systems on a remote Scottish Island ...

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ASIDE - REINHARD HEYDRICH: As anybody who has seen the movie "Operation: Daybreak" will know, SS Obergruppenführer Reinhard Heydrich was assassinated in 1942 by a Czech special operations team, but not killed outright. Instead he was hit by shrapnel from a grenade, dying eight days later from "sepsis". Fildes, however, is strongly rumoured to have dosed the grenades used with botulism toxin, thus injecting the target with each fragment of shrapnel.

*************** PROBABLE FRONT-LINE SHOOTER ***************

Files, James Earl: [a.k.a. James Sutton] Alabama born mobster James Files was - by his own assertion - behind the picket fence, and - again by his own assertion - delivered the destructive head shot using a .221" Remington Fireball XP-100. In 1994, while serving time for attempted murder, he made these assertions to Dutch researcher Wim Dankbaar in a series of long video interviews and a 2008 follow-up book entitled "Files on JFK". The assertions, if you factor out the standard reluctance of one guilty party to incriminate another, are extremely convincing. In Rod Mac Kenzie's 2016 analysis of the assassination Files was indeed, along with J. D. Tippit and Roscoe White (both in uniform), part of a three-man shooting team assigned to the eastern end of the Picket Fence. He speaks on camera in Wim Dankbaar's documentary movie "The Grassy Knoll" [see firstly the separate entry, and then view on Amazon Prime STRONGLY RECOMMENDED].
**Film Facts, Inc.:** See the entry for Count Constantine Maydell.

**Finck, Colonel [U.S. Army] Pierre Antoine, MD:** Military pathologist Colonel Pierre A. Finck was one of the three military medics who contributed to the JFK autopsy at the Bethesda Hospital between 2000hr on 23rd September 1963 and <time unrecorded> on <date unrecorded>. Browse the Medical Cover Up Thread to accumulate all the fragments of this story. Finck's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now]; Clay Shaw Trial testimony [read it now]; House Select Commission on Assassinations testimony [read it now]; Assassination Records Review Board testimony [read it now].

**Findlater, Carole R.:** [née Ruth Sonin] Younger sister of radio celebrity Ray Sonin, Carole Findlater was a women's interest columnist for the British media. She is mentioned in Carol Lee's (2012) book "A Fine Day for a Hanging" as having undertaken a pioneering fact-finding trip to the Soviet Union on behalf of a women's magazine in the early/mid 1950s, at which time western readers were becoming interested in women's fashions behind the Iron Curtain.

**Finkelstein, Daniel William [Baron Finkelstein]**: British-born to displaced White Russian (Ukrainian) parents, media proprietor and dinner jacket lobbyist [Lord] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being in at the founding of the Social Market Foundation (SMF) [see own entry] in 1989, (b) for serving as Director of the Conservative Research Department 1995-1997, with occasional attendance at Cabinet, (c) for joining The Times in 2001 as a junior editor, becoming Chief Leader Writer in 2008, (d) for serving as a board member of the Religious Right political lobby group the Gatestone Institute in the mid-2010s, (e) for being instantly impressed by the superficial support given to his ideas by F. A. Hayek's [see own entry] (1944) book "The Road to Serfdom" [Amazon - DRIVEL], and (d) for spending the next 40 years creating and promoting right-wing think-tanks and influence groups, not least the Institute of Economic Affairs (IEA) [see own entry]. **FURTHER READING:** Check out David Moller's (2008) abridgement of Gerald Frost's (2002) biography "Antony Fisher: Champion of Liberty" [full text online].

**Fiorini, Frank Angelo:** See the entry for Frank Sturgis.

**Firing Line:** [Very influential TV current affairs program] See the entry for William F. Buckley.

**Fisher, [Sir]**: Well-born (Eton-Cambridge-merchant bank-playboy) WW2 veteran (RAF fighter pilot) turned chicken farming supremo [Sir] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being a believer in a free-market economy with minimal state interference, (b) for capitalising on his early combat experience as a Hurricane pilot by devising a training program in the critically important skills of deflection shooting ...

   **ASIDE:** Deflection shooting, also known as "leading the target", involves aiming ahead of your target such that your bullets arrive at the same point in space as the target a few fractions of a second later. Toffs with grouse-hunting experience would naturally come to air combat with an early advantage.

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**Fisher, Newton T.:** Deputy Chief of Police for the DPD Newton Fisher was head of DPD security at Love Field and, as such, confiscated evidential film from Jimmy Darnell.

***** THE MAN WHO COULD DO NO RIGHT *****
Fitzgerald, Desmond: [Read firstly the entries for Rolando Cubela and Operation AMTRUNK.] WW2 veteran (OSS/Stillwell's Burma Campaign) turned Cold War butterfingers Desmond Fitzgerald [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being head-hunted in the late 1940s by Frank Wisner to cover the Far Eastern operations of his new Office of Policy Coordination (OPC), not least by pursuing espionage and counter-intelligence operations in support of Chiung Kai-Shek's ailing Nationalist Chinese, (b) having retreated to Taiwan during the winter of 1949-1950, for continuing in the same vein against both the Communist Chinese and the North Koreans during the ensuing Korean War 1951-1954, (c) for being selected as Head of Station for the Philippines in the mid-1950s, (d) for being promoted to head the entire Far Eastern Division 1957-1962, (e) for thus playing a large part in stirring up the bloody but futile 1957 Indonesian rebellion [follow Timeline sub-thread from 25th September 1957] ...

LEST IT BE OVERLOOKED: This, of course, is the campaign in which Operation PHIBLINK took place, in which a small part was played by an 18-year old Marine named Lee Harvey Oswald [see Timeline 20th November 1957].

(f) for being head-hunted in November 1962 to run the Cuban Task Force [see own entry], following JFK's angry purge of previously disjointed anti-Castro operations by Task Force W, and for being made chief of the replacement Special Affairs Staff (SAS) in early 1963, (g) for continuing William Harvey's earlier work, but now with greater focus on outcomes and a much greater emphasis on need-to-know compartmentalisation and non-attributability if caught (Kaiser, 2008, p153) ...

ASIDE: Fitzgerald, it seems, was a fan of half-assed booby traps and poisons, including - if it happened at all - the Ochsner Bioweapon; and it was on his watch that at least some of the half dozen or so professional assassins in Dealey Plaza were hired. It may or may not also be relevant that Fitzgerald was fond of False Flag operations (Hancock, 2010, p352) of the sort described in the final inset to the entry for Richard Nagell.

(h) for approving the ill-fated 8th June 1963 Bayo-Pawley Operation Tilt ...

ASIDE: Fitzgerald will later explain that he approved Operation Tilt on his own authority [remember the bit about non-attributability - Ed.] rather than checking any higher in the chain of command (Kaiser, 2008, p165).

(i) for delivering a briefing to the Joint Chiefs of Staff 1st August 1963 to the effect that they needed to maintain rapid response assets should one of his assassination attempts succeed in bringing about an uprising of the Cuban opposition (Kaiser, 2008, p301), (j) for liaising with Rolando Cubela despite blazing-row warnings from his Counter-Intelligence officer Harold Swenson (a.k.a. Joseph H. Langosch) [no convenient biography] that Cubela was most probably a Castro-loyal double agent ...

ASIDE: In fairness to Fitzgerald it is in the nature of a successful red-on-red poisoning that the assassin can get close enough to the target actually to do the deed. For a once-loyal aide to become sufficiently disloyal, and for that disloyalty not to be detected, is very rare. Langosch's judgement was that the U.S. was being dangled, and took the bait just a bit too eagerly.

(k) for meeting with Cubela in Paris 29th October 1963, promising that the U.S. government would support any anti-Castro uprising that he could arrange, (l) for sending a deputy to another meeting with Cubela on 22nd November 1963 - even as JFK's motorcade rolled down Main Street toward its date with history - offering him a poison pen specially assembled by Technical Services (which Cubela declined), (m) for then reportedly breaking into tears 24th November 1963 when he saw Jack Ruby's televised execution of LHO, exclaiming to his wife: "Now we'll never know" (Hancock, 2010, p272), (n) for standing down the sabotage raids in April 1964 upon the orders of President Johnson, (o) for holding yet another meeting with Cubela 27th December 1964, (p) for being promoted as the CIA's Director of Plans on 17th June 1965, (q) for leading the wholly misplayed 1967 operation against the radical student magazine Ramparts, which resulted in a massively embarrassing defeat for the CIA, and (r) for suffering a convenient heart attack 23rd July 1967. Richard Nagell - himself no
stranger to the risk from friends as well as enemies - was one of those who raised a knowing eyebrow at the natural causes verdict.


Flandin, Pierre-Étienne: [See firstly the entry for Comité des Forges] French WW1 pilot turned postwar politician Pierre-Étienne Flandin [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been the WW1 pilot who tried to have the occupied iron and steel works around Briey in the Lorraine basin bombed, only to be overruled thanks to lobbying by their displaced owners who would rather arm the enemy than have their factories reduced to dust, and (b) entering politics after the war, rising rapidly through a succession of ministerial posts to become Prime Minister 1934-1935. [THREAD = WW1 INSIDER TRADING AND PROFITEERING] [THREAD = BEST KEEP THIS FROM THE COMMON MAN]


Florer, Larry: Dealey Plaza bystander Larry Florer [no convenient biography] was arrested on camera outside the Dal-Tex Building after having been (wrongly) allowed to try to use one of the third floor telephones there. Florer's evidential profile is as follows: Affidavit 22nd November 1963 [read it now]; Commission testimony [NOT CALLED].

Fonzi, Gaeton: [known to his friends as Ahab, because of his obsessive quest for the truth] Philadelphia born investigative journalist Gaeton Fonzi [Wikipedia biography] appears in the LaFontaine's 1996 book "Oswald Talked" as the "staff investigator" for Senator Richard Schweiker who delivered the House Select Committee on Assassinations' summons to the home of George de Mohrenschildt on the morning of 29th March 1977, following which de Mohrenschildt blew his brains out. He is also the author of the 1993 book "The Last Investigation". He died in 2012.

Foreign Intelligence Digest: Originally founded in 1938, the Foreign Intelligence Digest [no convenient briefing but much to reward the determined browser] is noteworthy in the present context from the late 1950s, when General Charles Willoughby took over the editorship and funding was obtained from "Dallas billionaire H. L. Hunt" (Scott, 2015, K3355). It was a right-wing periodical passing on snippets of political gossip sent in by a rumour network of intelligence and law enforcement contacts. Click here (CIA Library document, pp6-18) to see a couple of specimen issues of the publication during Willoughby's editorship.

Forrest, Helen: [a.k.a. Mrs James Forrest] Mysterious Dealey Plaza spectator Helen Forrest [no convenient biography] featured in Michael Kurtz's 1982 book "Crime of the Century", and was there quoted as having witnessed, like Roger Craig, a man getting into a Nash Rambler station wagon. At the time of writing [February 2018], researchers have grown concerned that this report has never been corroborated. Browse the LHO Movements 22nd November Thread to accumulate all the fragments of this story.

Forrestal, James Vincent: WW1 veteran (U.S. Navy) and Secretary of the Navy between 1944 and 1947 James Forrestal [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been Secretary of Defense between 1947 and 1949, as the Cold War gathered momentum. Ill health prevented him from fully coping with confrontations with the Soviet Union over Berlin and the setting up of NATO, and he died only weeks after being sacked by President Truman in March 1949. He refused to cheerlead for Israel in the 1948 Arab-Israeli War [see 15th May 1948], and the resulting deluge of hate-mail may well have contributed to his decline. He was hospitalised for severe depression on the day he left office, and died in a fall from the 16th Floor of his medical centre a couple of weeks later. Conspiracy theories to the effect that he was assassinated, perhaps by a Zionist wet team, exist.
**Fort Detrick:** We now list this under C, as Camp Detrick, which see.

**Fort, George Seymour:** British colonial administrator turned businessman George Seymour [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for serving in the South African civil service between 1889 and 1896, and (b) joining Cecil Rhodes' British South Africa Company in 1896 as assistant to Abraham Bailey. In later life he wrote biographies of Leander Starr Jameson (1918) and Alfred Beit (1932).

**Fort Hood:** Military post at Killeen, TX [Wikipedia briefing], and the site of the Ford Hood Arms Thefts [q.v.].

**Fort Hood Arms Thefts:** In 1963, in an attempt to break the gun-running trade into Cuba, the FBI - specifically James Hosty - arranged with the army for an officer at Fort Hood - Captain George Nonte - to play crooked and arrange for arms and ammunition to go missing. Soon weapons were going missing by the truck load, and Hosty was doing his best to track down the mobsters involved. This was almost certainly the topic of the meeting on the morning of 22nd November 1963 between Hosty, ATF investigator Frank Ellsworth, and the 112th MIG military intelligence man Ed Coyle. However for whatever reason the ATF were not totally in the decision making loop because Ellsworth did not yet know that Nonte was only playing villain. The thefts, and the broader investigation, are noteworthy in the present context because there is a decent possibility that LHO was out in the cold amongst the mobsters and the Cubans as an FBI informer. Browse the ATF Thread to accumulate the various fragments of this story.

**Fortus, Mikhail Alexandrovich:** See the entry for Pavel Mif.

**Fourth Congress Delegation:** See the entry for Palestine Arab Congress.

**Foust, Clyde:** In Rod Mac Kenzie's and Hooke)'s 2016 analysis of the assassination Texas mobster Clyde Foust [no convenient biography] was, with John Ernst and Charles Harrelson, part of a three-man shooting team paid for by H. L. Hunt and assigned to the western end of the John Neely Bryan Pergola.

**Fowler, Clayton:** Dallas lawyer Clayton Fowler [no convenient biography] would be Jack Ruby's defence lawyer during his murder trial. Fowler died 22nd March 1971 aged 49. His death is one of 115 more or less suspicious assassination-related deaths listed in Roberts and Armstrong's (1995) book "The Dead Witnesses".

**Fox, James K.:** Secret Service photographic expert James Fox [no convenient biography] received a copy of the Bethesda autopsy photographs from JFK's personal physician George Burkley, and was recommended by Roy Kellerman to "make a set for yourself - they'll be history someday" (Kurtz, 1993, xiv). He did, and they are. In 1981 Fox, by then retired, approached assassination researcher Mark Crouch and passed his copies on (the originals are the National Archive, but still sealed), on condition they would not be published until after his death. Fox died in 1987 and the material duly was duly featured in the 1988 edition of David Lifton's book "Best Evidence" - See JFKLance Slideshow. Fox would later inform researcher James Fetzer that on 6th or 7th December 1963 the Secret Service deliberately destroyed a number of photographs and X-Rays of medical evidence (Fetzer, 2000).

**Fox, Martin and Pedro:** Until it was closed down by the more ascetic Castro Regime in 1959 the Fox Brothers ran the Tropicana Casino-Nightclub in Havana, Cuba. They reputedly had close business links with Tampa mobster Santos Trafficante.
F’Pierre, Cleary: Obscure Haitian teacher Cleary F’Pierre [Mary Ferrell Foundation database entry] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being an aid worker 1959-1960 for the NYC Travellers’ Aid Society [see own entry], (b) for moving on in 1960 to teach at State Teachers' College, Elizabeth City NC, (c) for moving on again to Steubenville OH, popping in 13th June 1962 to see his/her erstwhile co-workers for a chat as s/he passed through NYC ...

ASIDE: Some sources have Cleary as a male, others as a female.

(d) as luck would have it for being the only person available in the early afternoon that day when Spas Raikin arrived with LHO and Marina Oswald, who he had just collected from the Hoboken NJ quayside upon their return from the Soviet Union, (e) for escorting the Oswalds around the support agencies, before then dropping them at Pennsylvania Station at around 1630hr, (f) for being interviewed by FBI Agent Emil E. Hopkins 19th June 1964 (whence the story as above), (g) for then disappearing from the scene in around 1965, and (h) for reportedly being interviewed twice for researcher Edward J. Epstein (once by Epstein in person and then again by his investigator Jones Harris). It may or may not be relevant that we rate Epstein's three JFK works as suspiciously pro-Establishment in content and tone.

"Francisco": See the entry for "Francisco Rivera".

***** MORE TO THIS MAN THAN MEETS THE EYE *****

Francqui, Émile: Belgian soldier, turned diplomat and top-flight investment banker Émile Francqui [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been intimately involved with Herbert Hoover [see own entry] in the Kaiping Mines Fraud of 1898-1901 [see 20th March 1898], (b) for having been CEO of the Banque d'Outremer before and during WW1, (c) for having liaised closely with Hoover in setting up the Commission for Relief in Belgium [see 10th October 1914], and (d) for having kept (a) out of his public profiles.

***** SADDO, MADDO, OR HERO?? *****

Frankfurter, David: Croatian rabbi’s son and medical student David Frankfurter [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been radicalised (by a fellow student) to the point that he felt himself a "weapon in the hand of God" ...

RESEARCH ISSUE: Little is known about the deep psychology of religious zealots of the sort who take the law into their own hands with terrorist acts. To start with, none of the recognised psychiatric conditions fits Frankfurter's case particularly well, although Messiah Complex [Wikipedia briefing], and Paranoic Personality Disorder [Wikipedia briefing] both come close. Nor do any of the available psychometric tests seem to be measuring exactly what is involved, although there are echoes of our old friend the Authoritarian Personality - see the entry for Personality, Authoritarian and Ethnocentric. For obvious reasons, research into the process(es) of Terrorist Radicalisation [Wikipedia briefing] is receiving a lot of attention nowadays.

(b) for assassinating Wilhelm Gustloff [see own entry], the Nazi Party political agent in Davos, Switzerland, 4th February 1936, (c) for serving nine years of an 18-year sentence for murder, and (d) (having relocated to post-war Palestine) for writing memoirs justifying the whole thing. For a quick flavour of the events before, during, and after the murder, see Frankfurter's own 1950 piece entitled "I Kill a Nazi Gauleiter" [full text online]. [THREAD = THE PSYCHOLOGY OF RADICALISATION]

Franklin, Benjamin: Author, inventor, politician, diplomat Benjamin Franklin [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having worked his way up from being merely scientifically gifted ...

STRANGE BUT TRUE: As a practical scientist Franklin was involved in early experiments in 1750 with the remote electrical detonation of gunpowder charges. His great-grandson Richard Wainwright was Executive Officer on the USS Maine, which on 15th February 1898 was quite possibly sunk by a great-grandson of that invention [check it all out].
... to being one of the "Committee of Five" who actually presented the Declaration of Independence to Congress, and one of the representatives who got to sign it, and one of history's most successful masterspy-diplomats. In 1775 the Second Continental Congress (2CC) [see own entry] appointed him Postmaster-General, a position which has traditionally included postal surveillance.

**Frawley, Patrick Joseph:** WW2 veteran (RCAF) turned ball point pen and disposable razor millionaire [Spartacus Educational biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for using his fortune to finance right-wing organisations such as the American Security Council (ASC) and the Christian Anti-Communist Crusade (CACC), (b) for losing his Cuban manufacturing plant to Fidel Castro's 1960 wave of nationalisations, (c) for (unsuccessfully) throwing his weight behind that year's Nixon Presidential Campaign, (d) for becoming the largest contributor to Alton Ochsner's Information Council of the Americas (INCA) [see Timeline 9th May 1961], (e) for being an accessory to the 1967 secreting away of Ochsner's and Ed Butler's papers to prevent their being accessed by the Garrison Investigation, (f) for (unsuccessfully) backing General Curtis LeMay's 1968 Senatorial Campaign, (g) for working with Ed Butler on a right-wing propaganda magazine entitled "The Westwood Village Square" ... ASIDE: Edition #1 is full text online, and the first substantive advert therein is pushing INCA's "Self-Portrait in Red" vinyl [see own entry] at $3.93 apiece.

and (h) for using his advertising clout to help news editors decide who was worthy of praise and who was worthy of criticism.

**Frazier, Buell Wesley:** Irving resident and fellow TSBD worker [Spartacus Educational biography] entered the assassination history when, as a recent neighbour of Ruth Paine in Irving, he gave LHO his recently customary (after six or seven weeks of same) once-a-week lift to work on the morning of 22nd November 1963. His critical testimony was that on this occasion LHO had with him a brown paper bundle which he explained away as containing "curtain rods". It was, however, not long enough to contain a rifle and Frazier said it was quite different to the brown paper rifle case found on TSBD6. Nevertheless, the official story has that morning's package as containing the assassination weapon. Frazier is thus central to the Mannlicher-Carcano C2766 Thread. His evidential profile is as follows: Affidavit, 22nd November 1963 [read it now]; Warren Commission testimony [Part #1; Part #2; Part #3]; Clay Shaw Trial testimony [read it now]; Dramatised Mock Trial, 1992 [You Tube it now]; 2013 retrospective with fellow witness Hugh Aynesworth [YouTube it now].

**Frazier, Robert A.:** FBI Special Agent [no convenient biography] was one of the three-man FBI Lab ballistics team (the others being Cortlandt Cunningham and Charles Killion) who examined limo #1 after it had been flown back to DC. He was also involved on the chain of possession of CE-399, the famous Magic Bullet. He would also play a large part - along with photographic expert Lyndal Shaynefelt - in the full-scale forensic re-enactment of the shooting which took place in Dealey Plaza on 24th May 1964. YouTube him now. Frazier's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [part #1; Part #2; Part #3]; Clay Shaw trial testimony [read it now]. Browse the Magic Bullet Thread to accumulate all the fragments of this story.

**Free Europe Press:** This was an outstation of the National Committee for a Free Europe (NCFE) [q.v.], designed to provide an outlet for East European émigré scholars.

**Free Europe University in Exile:** This was an outstation of the National Committee for a Free Europe (NCFE) [q.v.], designed to educate East European émigré youth.

**Free Trade Union Committee (FTUC):** See the entry for CIA Front Organisations.
Jenkins, Friend W.: U.S. Navy junior officer Lieutenant Friend Jenkins [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been Intelligence Officer aboard USS Maine on her final voyage [see 25th January 1898]. Reportedly he survived the explosions which tore the bow off the ship, but failed to make it topside before she settled onto the seabed.

Freund, George: Conspiracy Cafe host.

Fritz, Captain John Will: Texas-born head of the DPD's Homicide and Robbery Bureau 68-year-old Will Fritz [Spartacus Educational biography] was at the Dallas Trade Mart at the time of the shooting. He drove back to the TSBD within minutes, and was on site during the search of TSBD6, even ejecting a live - unfired - round from the 7.65 Mauser used by Loy Factor after it had been discovered over by the western window. He then returned to his office to oversee the handling of witnesses (including at least one of the two sets of Three Tramps).

Frugé, Francis Louis: [Often seen unaccented as Fruge] [Read firstly the entry for Rose Cherami.] Louisiana State Police Lieutenant Francis Frugé [no convenient biography] was the EuniceLA officer who on 21st November 1963 delivered drug withdrawing Rose Cherami to the East Louisiana State Hospital, LafayetteLA, where psychiatrist Victor Weiss stabilised her. He then collected her on 26th November and escorted her to Houston for further questioning. He gave a deposition to the House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA) in April 1978.

Fuerzas Armadas Rebeldes (FAR): See this Wikipedia briefing and the entry for John Webber.

Fuller/Pedley, Alison: [A.k.a. Alison Fuller Pedley] [Read firstly the entries for National War Aims Committee (NWAC) and "Churnalism".] British MSM professional since the early 1980s Alison Fuller/Pedley [LinkedIn biography] is noteworthy in the present context primarily for being one of those named in Marcus Moore's [see own entry] (2018) article "BBC's 'Churnalism'" - read it now - as having helped transform the BBC from somewhat independently-minded state broadcaster to shameless government town cryer [our metaphor - Ed.]. Her particular role since 1998 has been as "audience producer" for the current affairs programme Question Time. She does this via a secondary contractual arrangement as Full House Audience Management [see own entry] with the programme's producers Mentorn Media [see own entry], who are themselves under production contract to the BBC ...

**RESEARCH ISSUE - CHECKS AND BALANCES:** The present author - a systems professional and applied cognitive psychologist - is unclear how the two-stages of sub-contracting can possibly be compatible with the BBC Charter's requirement to maintain checks and balances over what its minions say and do. Because without a direct descending chain of command there can be no rising chain of feedback either. In short, it is a business model which leaves itself wide open to low-level penetration by agents provocateurs.

The first signs that Question Time's editorial impartiality was in peril came in late 2016, following viewer complaints ...

***** For what happened in 2016 see the entry for Pedleygate One *****

Following the BBC's 2016 rebuke, things remained relatively uneventful until the 31st October 2019 announcement of the Brexit Impasse General Election, whereupon the planted provocateurs started to reappear - see next the entries for (in rapid succession) Pedleygate Two and Pedleygate Three.

Future of Freedom Foundation (FFF): Founded in 1989 by Jacob Hornberger the Future of Freedom Foundation [Homepage] is a right of centre but nevertheless generally sensible and trustworthy educational foundation. It maintains a valuable online archive of articles, as well as regularly publishing top quality YouTube documentaries - Check one out now.
Gabaldon, Guy Louis: WW2 veteran (U.S.M.C.) and hero, turned film actor and some-say right-wing activist with CIA and Mexico City connections Guy Gabaldon [Wikipedia biography] could fairly be described as "a short Latino", and appeared right out of nowhere in the histories to be named in Richard Sprague's 1985 book "The Taking of America" as one of the dozen or so inner sanctum conspirators in the JFK assassination. [Our verdict - unconfirmed and not very frequently discussed online, so take a watching brief.]

Gaffney, Frank J., Jr.: Classified within Ron Paul's List of Neocons [q.v.] as an "Other", lawyer Frank Gaffney [Wikipedia biography] founded the right-wing think-tank Centre for Security Policy (CSP) in 1988 and is one of the most skilled Witchfinder Generals on the Neocon lecture circuit - YouTube a 2018 example.

***** THIS IS ONE OF THE GOOD GUYS, WE THINK *****
(ONLY DEEP STATES CAN SMEAR LIKE HE'S BEEN SMEARED)

Gage, Richard: [Read firstly the entry for David Ray Griffin USEFUL CONTEXT.] American architect Richard Gage [Wikipedia cravenly denies this man the courtesy of a biography, but there is enough out there to reward even the half-determined browser] IS noteworthy in the present context (a) for being in 2004 one of the first technical professionals (American or otherwise) to follow pioneer Truthers such as David Ray Griffin in coming to doubt the American government's official story of the September 11 Attacks [see Timeline 11th September 2001], seeing them instead as a massive "inside job" of controlled demolition by persons unknown from within the American Deep State, (b) for making it his business to contact like-minded doubters, duly establishing the campaigning group Architects & Engineers for 9/11 Truth (AE911) [see own entry COMPLEMENTARY NARRATIVE] in late 2007, (c) for thereby becoming one of the half-dozen go-to men for documentary makers ever since (here is an early contribution on camera ESSENTIAL VIEWING), and (d) for continuing to support and disseminate empirical research into the controlled demolition theory, culminating 6th February 2021 [first webinar transmission - Ed.] in a major three-part summative documentary-webinar, as follows ...

Part 1 - WTC7 (Salomon Brothers Tower)
(See also FURTHER VIEWING below)

[This piece includes a general introduction to WTC7; slo-mo video of the initial collapse of the East Penthouse, followed by the Main Penthouse, followed by the external framework as a whole; detailed plans, including of "Column 79", the official point of failure; detailed hypothesis testing; inconsistencies in media coverage indicative of a news shutdown after 24 hours; re-run of the rather embarrassing BBC announcement 20 minutes before the fact, thereby suggesting a heavily pre-scripted civil defence drill gone wrong; and a lot of explosives chemistry for both crude thermite and shaped-charge Nano-Thermite.]

Part 2 - WTC1 (South Tower) and WTC2 (North Tower)

[This piece includes details of construction methods and materials; the half-hearted official inquiries; the factors supporting the demolition thesis, each of which can be objectively challenged; details of previous high-rise fires worldwide (but never a collapse); the skills and forensics of controlled demolitions; chemical residues therefrom; the systematic exclusion of more than a hundred explosion eye/ear witnesses; extensive slo-mo work on "pile-driver" collapses; the core failure as indicated by the antenna falling before the external skin; the bomb-in-the-basement witnesses.]

Part 3 - The Twin Towers and Extreme Heat
ESSENTIAL VIEWING

[This piece reprises key sequences from Parts 1 and 2, in order to concentrate on the central thesis that the heavy steel core of WTC1 and 2 was attacked at a number of critical points by weapons grade Super-Thermite demolition charges, characterised by (1) copious white smoke and crackle but considerably less blast and noise than conventional high explosives, (2) copious liquefied steel, (3) a readily detectable chemical signature containing Manganese and Sulphur spectography peaks not attributable to the structural steel, and (4) copious pure iron microspheres in the billowing dust.]
**FURTHER VIEWING:** At time of writing [8 May 2021] Amazon Prime has for sale Dylan Avery's (18th June 2020) documentary entitled "Seven" [Amazon ESSENTIAL VIEWING], featuring the research of the University of Alaska at Fairbanks's J. Leroy Hulsey [see own entry ESSENTIAL READING]. This covers much the same material as Part 1 of the Gage video, but with greater technical emphasis on simulating the collapse and thereby reverse-engineering the sequence of steelwork failures. Hulsey's calculations indicated that the reason WTC7 came down so neatly into its own basement dumpsters was that there had been a simultaneous failure (Hulsey uses the term "global failure") of every core column in the building (24 of them) on fully eight out of the building's 47 floors (which, of course, is more or less what Dutch demolition engineer Danny Jowenko [RIP] [see own entry SUDDEN CONVENIENT DEATH] told us after just a glance at the video more than a decade earlier).

*** Candidate JFK Conspiracy Cheerleader ***
[Provided footsoldiers, collected subs, trumpeted the propaganda]

**Gale, William Potter:** WW2 veteran (U.S. Army special operations, Philippines, under General Douglas MacArthur) turned white supremacist tub-thumper Colonel/Reverend William Potter Gale [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for joining the Religious Right's Christian Identity pressure group in 1956, (b) for attempting to break into politics in 1957, when he ran unsuccessfully for California Governor (Bevilacqua, 2013), and (c) for being closely associated in the early 1960s with General Charles Willoughby, Joseph Milteer, Billy James Hargis, and General Pedro del Valle, thus ...

"The Christian Defence League (CDL), the most influential of these groups, was led by the Reverend William Potter Gale. During the war Gale was an Army colonel and trained guerrilla bands in the Philippines. His superior officer was Charles Willoughby. By the late 1950s, Gale was recruiting veterans for his racial "identity" group, financed by a wealthy Los Angeles man. A leading CDL contact was Captain Robert K. Brown [see own entry], a special forces professional from Fort Benning, Georgia, [...] now publisher of Soldier of Fortune magazine" (Brussell, 2014, p32).

**Gammons, Steve:** Expert in U.S. military administration systems Steve Gammons [no convenient biography] was the historian interviewed (in 1992) by the La Fontaines for their 1996 book "Oswald Talked". Gammons initially identified the "Buff ID Card" card as "a dependent's ID", as routinely issued to the families of military personnel to entitle them to use on-base cafeterias, and the like. LHO could not have had one, he said, because, as a reservist, he would have been entitled to a reservist's card, and they were different - red card, picture centre not left. However, he added as an afterthought, the buff cards were occasionally issued to "civilian personnel requiring military identification overseas" (p74).

**García Iñiguez, Calixto:** Life-long Cuban freedom-fighter Calixto García [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having complemented his on-and-off front-line activities with off-and-on periods of targeted agitation from the side-lines. Based for much of his later life at 360 West 45th Street, New York City, he ran the Cuban Revolutionary Committee, where like-minded Cuban exiles produced pamphlets advocating independence and organised fund-raising events to support direct action by dissidents on the island itself.

**ASIDE:** A similar arrangement will exist after the 1959 Castro Revolution, only then it will be right-wing Cuban exiles in Miami and New Orleans plotting against their left-wing fellows on the island [check it out].

The Cuban Intellectual José Martí [see own entry] spent much of the 1880s and early 1890s with García, and being more of a politician than a military man turned the revolutionary committee into a full-scale political party, the Partido Revolucionario Cubano (PRC) [see 10th April 1892]. When the shooting war finally began, García initially commanded a brigade, and then became Commander-in-Chief of the entire rebel army. In this latter role he led a successful summer campaign in 1897 [see 13th March 1897].

**García Granados, Jorge:** Guatemalan politician-diplomat Jorge García Granados [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been Guatemala's Ambassador to the United Nations in the late 1940s, (b) having then been a member of the United Nations Special Committee on
Palestine [see own entry] (and, indeed, the first of that committee's delegates to cast his vote in favour of the creation of the state of Israel), and (c) for having been the first Ambassador to Israel when Guatemala opened its Tel Aviv Embassy [it moved to Jerusalem May 2018 - Ed.].

Garner, Dorothy Ann: Employed in the Scott, Foresman Company area of TSBD4, supervisor Dorothy Garner [no convenient biography] was watching the Presidential motorcade from a window when the shooting took place, in the company of fellow-workers Sandra Styles, Elsie Dorman, and Victoria Adams. She initially reported that in her opinion the shots had come from the west of TSBD, perhaps from the County Records Building. This being inconvenient, her evidence was not called by the Warren Commission. Garner died in 2012. Her evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED]; Interview by author Barry Ernest, 2011 [read it now].

Garner, Jesse: New Orleans rental manager Mrs. [Jesse James] Garver Garner [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) as the landlady of LHO, Marina Oswald, and baby June Oswald at 4707 Magazine Street in the period 9th May to 23rd/24th? September 1963, and (b) as a witness of the visit of Carlos Quiroga [see own entry] on or about 12th August 1963 with a fresh supply of FPCC pamphlets. Garner's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now]; Trial of Clay Shaw testimony [read it now]; YouTube interview to camera.

Garrison, James Carothers: NOLA District Attorney, fearless crime-fighter, and late-life movie star Jim Garrison [Wikipedia biography] only entered the assassination story after LHO’s links to New Orleans emerged during the Warren Commission enquiries. His investigations led to one Perry Russo, who told him he had once overheard an assassination planning meeting between [see own entries] Clay Shaw, David Ferrie, and LHO. This then prompted him to indict Clay Shaw (by then the only one of the three still alive) with conspiring to murder JFK. The trial took place in early 1969, and Shaw was declared not guilty. The investigation and trial was dramatised 20 years later by Oliver Stone his 1991 movie "JFK" [IMDB entry].

Garvin, James Louis: British journalist James Garvin [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for making a name for himself from 1891 onward as a political columnist, (b) for thereby coming to the attention of newspaper magnate Lord Northcliffe, who made him Editor of his Sunday heavyweight The Observer in 1908, a position he would hold until 1942, (c) for staying in post when that paper was purchased in 1911 by William Waldorf Astor [see own entry], and again when it was passed down in 1915 to his son Waldorf Astor [see own entry], (d) for taking an anti-Asquith line in the Milner Group's prime ministerial coup of December 1916 [see 6th December 1916], (e) for staying close (socially and editorially) to the Astor circle through the post-war years, being a frequent visitor to Cliveden, the Astor family seat, and (f) for thereby being centrally involved as a leading figure in the "Cliveden Set" [see own entry] between Hitler's coming to power in 1933 and his showing his true colours with the 1938 Occupation of the Sudetenland [start at 30th January 1933 and follow the <Appeasement and the Cliveden Set> sub-thread]. Garvin was sacked by then-proprietor David Astor in 1942 for being overly supportive of Winston Churchill, and spent the rest of his life [d. 1947] as a columnist.

RECOMMENDED READING: Garvin is also noteworthy for the surviving correspondence between him and his son Roland, killed in action 23rd July 1916 on the Somme, which tells us a lot about the lives of upper class fathers and sons in those times. Check out Pottle and Ledingham (Eds.) (2009 [Amazon]). Very moving.


CAUTION: Lord Cecil's father, Lord Salisbury [see own entry] was known as Lord Robert Cecil until 1865

is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been private secretary to the Prime Minister (who just happened to be his dad) between 1886 and 1888, (b) developing his career as lawyer between 1887 and 1906, (c) entering parliament in 1906 as member for Marylebone East, a seat he would hold
until 1910, (d) for being re-elected as member for Hitchen in 1911, a seat he would hold until 1923, (e) for being appointed Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs in 1915, a position he would hold until 1919; also as Minister of Blockade between 23rd February 1916 and 18th July 1918 ...

ASIDE: For more about the need for a Ministry of Blockade in the first place, see the inset concerning contraband in the entry for Maurice Hankey. However the elephant-in-the-room question is whether there was any payola or insider trading involved in avoiding/profiting from said blockade, and our main discussion on this issue centres on the entry for Herbert Hoover [see own entry (and the onward timeline links)]. [THREAD = WW1 INSIDER TRADING AND PROFITEERING]

(f) for circulating the May 1917 discussion paper "Proposals for Maintenance of Future Peace" [full text online (scroll to Appendix C)], and for contributing to the resulting Phillimore Committee [see own entry], (g) for accordingly being moved across to the Foreign Office in November 1918 to head a new League of Nations section, (h) for drawing on Alfred Zimmern's [see own entry] earlier memorandum on the subject in putting together the Cecil Plan [see own entry] for a post-war League of Nations [see own entry], and for speaking to same at the 1919 Versailles Peace Conference, and (i) for spending most of the next 20 years active within the League. With the rise of the Nazis, he generally spoke in favour of conciliation until the occupation of the Rhineland in 1936, when he realised just how toothless the League actually was.

Gatlin, Maurice B., Sr.: New Orleans lawyer Maurice Gatlin [no convenient biography but see 1965 obituary] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for representing both Guy Banister and the Anti-Communist League, (b) for acting as high-level bagman/courier for the CIA (Hinckle and Turner, 1981/1992, p232), and (c) for jumping to his death 28th May 1964 from a Panama City hotel while being pursued to give evidence to the Warren Commission. Gatlin's death is one of 115 more or less suspicious assassination-related deaths listed in Roberts and Armstrong's (1995) book "The Dead Witnesses" [Amazon - SPECULATIVE BUT MUCH FOOD FOR THOUGHT].

Gaudet, William George: Anti-Castro pamphleteer and CIA operative William Gaudet [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being editor of the Latin American Newsletter, reportedly a well-thumbed CIA resource, from the late 1940s onward, in which respect he was one of the longest standing tenants in the International Trade Mart building, (b) for being confirmed as a "casual contact" of the CIA 1956-1961, (c) for having "many ties" to Guy Banister, (d) for deliberately arranging to be in Mexico City at the same time as LHO, having been issued 17th September 1963 with Mexican Tourist Card 824084, the one before that issued to Oswald ...

ASIDE: He was one ahead of him in the queue at the Mexican Consulate in New Orleans. It was, he would later claim, "sheer coincidence". Waldron (2005) begs to differ, however, stating that "it's now clear that Gaudet was part of the 'tight surveillance'" (K543) of Oswald following his return from the Soviet Union.

(e) for knowing him by sight, having observed him handing out his Fair Play for Cuba Committee leaflets in August, (f) for testifying in 1975 that he had not encountered LHO on the Mexico City trip, and (g) for being interviewed by researcher Anthony Summers in 1978, at which time he shrugged off all inconsistencies as coincidences. Gaudet's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [prelim'd but not formally called]; HSCA testimony [available on the Mary Ferrell Foundation database].

Gearhart, Ira: Chief Warrant Officer Ira Gearhart [no convenient biography] was in Car #4 of the motorcade with Emory Roberts, and carried "the football" [that is to say, the Presidential nuclear authorisation codes - Ed.], after the shooting - as narrated by Steven Gillon in his 2009 book "The Kennedy Assassination" - such was the confusion that Gearhart had great trouble staying on the shirt-tails of those who might need him at any moment.

Geb, Colonel Ralph: WW2 veteran (USAF) Colonel Ralph Geb [no convenient biography] had featured in the online chatrooms since around 2010 as a possible identification for the man in the Mexico City Soviet Embassy photograph [YouTube the CIA surveillance images now].
**Gedney, John Forrester:** Bona fide innocent tramp **John Gedney** [no convenient biography] was one of the Three Tramps in the **Mary la Fontaine** documenting of the Three Tramps Thread.

**Gehlen, Reinhard:** WW2 veteran (Russian Front) **Reinhard Gehlen** [Wikipedia biography] operated the Nazi Wermacht's *Fremde Heere Ost*" spy network (field agents and intelligence database) within the (progressively expanding) Soviet Union during the second half of the war. When he offered to divert this significant resource to U.S. purposes he and his team were snapped up, and he spent the period 1945-1956 working to the CIA. Gehlen was particularly fond of using social and ethnic groups as intelligence fronts, finding that this was a fertile recruiting ground for sympathetic minds. His pursuit of Eastern European refugees led, for example to the growth of the White Russian community in Texas.

**Gelatin/[Gelitin]** Name change 2005 [the "Good Bad Boys"]: Founded in 1993, **Gelatin/[Gelitin]**2005 [Wikipedia briefing; Website] is a four-man Austrian performance art troupe consisting of Alexander ["Ali"] Janka [no convenient biography], Florian Reither [no convenient biography], Tobias Urban [no convenient biography], and Wolfgang Gantner [no convenient biography]. The troupe stages up to half a dozen major events a year, but is noteworthy in the present context for taking part in a Summer 2000 takeover of the 91st and 92nd floors of Building #1, [Old] World Trade Center - the ill-fated North Tower - by arrangement with the Lower Manhattan Cultural Council [see own entry], as part of that organisation's rolling residency program for artists. One of the most widely reported performances was entitled "The B-Thing" [see own entry]. In a 26th September 2017 article, art critic **Rachel Wetzler** describes Gelatin as having "made juvenile antics their signature". She also takes a look at what they have been up to more recently ... "[With] 'Blind Sculpture' in 2010, Gelatin staged an eight-day happening in the gallery, during which they constructed a sprawling assemblage out of assorted junk while wearing blindfolds and little else. A roving cast of assistants, including Urs Fischer and Liam Gillick, handed them things (materials, hammers, booze) and generally tried to prevent gruesome accidents from occurring, while the audience watched the absurd performance from bleachers installed around the gallery’s perimeter. Their 2012 follow-up, 'The Fall Show', took an equally chaotic form: the artists created a maze-like arrangement of seventeen precarious sculptures on pedestals, each of which was outfitted with a lever that, when pushed, would send the work crashing to the ground. Each day, the gallery assistants were tasked with reassembling the battered pieces, which repeatedly cycled over the course of the exhibition from trash to sculpture and back again" (Wetzler, 26th September 2017, Art in America [online])

**Gelfand, Alexander Israel Lazarevich:** See the entry for Alexander Israel Helphand-Parvus.

**General Dynamics:** Previously known as the **Electric Boat Company**, **General Dynamics** [Wikipedia briefing] was formed on 24th April 1952, with major facilities in Fort Worth, TX.

**General Intelligence Service (GIS):** [Sometimes General Intelligence Directorate] Founded in 1954 by President **Nasser** because Egypt had, until its independence as a republic, been an out-station of the British intelligence services, the **General Intelligence Service (GIS)** [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for setting up the **Al-Nasir Company** [see own entry] as an import-export cover operation, and (b) for conducting (and eventually losing) a running battle of wits with its Mossad adversaries, culminating in the wars of 1967 and 1973.

**George, Peter Bryan:** Welsh born WW2 veteran (RAF) **Peter George** [Wikipedia biography] wrote the 1958 best-selling thriller "Red Alert", in which a more than averagely hawkish ...

**ASIDE:** The publicity blurbs use terms like "mentally deranged". Not wishing to insult the genuinely deranged, we prefer the term "hawks" as explained in its Wikipedia etymology.

... USAF commander launches an unauthorised nuclear strike. The work was the inspiration for Stanley Kubrick's 1964 movie "Doctor Strangelove".
George, M. Waldo: Owner of the house at 214 West Neely Street, Waldo George [no convenient biography] rented the upstairs apartment to LHO and Marina Oswald from 2nd March 1963 to 2nd May 1963. Since the letting was not renewed he cleaned the apartment and padlocked it. He also checked the apartment again on the afternoon of 22nd November in case he had missed anything. Despite these two checks officer William Brookhart, when searching the property on 24th November, managed to turn up an American Bakeries pay stub in the name of James Jackson, the occupant before LHO. [Recent theories have suggested that Roscoe White had planted this evidence using a pass key.] George's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony (by affidavit) [read it now].

Giancana, Salvatore ["Sam [the Cigar]"]: [Mooney to close friends] Chicago-born Mafia don Sam Giancana [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being recruited by the CIA in September 1960 (along with Santos Trafficante) to direct gangland's impressive skills at arranging executions against a particularly troublesome political target of theirs, namely Fidel Castro, (b) for deputising his lieutenant Johnny Roselli to liaise with the CIA-appointed cut-out Robert Maheu, (c) for confiding in his younger brother Chuck Giancana on or about 30th May 1966 that he had had a hand in the JFK assassination, thus ...

"... Forget about the fuckin' G-men ... I'm talking CIA. They're different. Like night and day. We've been partners on more deals than I have time to tell you about. [...] Mooney stood up from his chair, cigar in hand, and marched across the room. When he reached Chuck, he lowered his voice and hissed, 'Maybe this will help'. He fixed Chuck in a steely, impenetrable gaze. 'We took care of Kennedy ... together'" (Giancana and Giancana, 1992, p329).

and (d) for being himself executed CIA-gangland style in 1975, just before testifying to the Church Committee concerning these very arrangements.

Gibb, [Sir]2019 Robbie Paul: [Read firstly the entries for National War Aims Committee (NWAC) and "Churnalism".] British right-wing political aide turned MSM journalist [Sir]2019 Robbie Gibb [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context primarily for being one of those named in Marcus Moore's [see own entry] (2018) article "BBC's 'Churnalism'" - read it now - as having helped transform the BBC from somewhat independently-minded state broadcaster to shameless government town cryer [our metaphor - Ed.]. His particular role has been as Director of Communications at Number 10 Downing Street since 2017.


Gimpel, Martin: Although he had died of a heart attack in Chicago the previous year, Jack Ruby's friend and business associate since the 1940s Martin Gimpel [no convenient biography] was included by name on the Larry Crafard list.

Gladych, Boleslaw Michal ["Mike"]: Polish-born WW2 veteran (RAF, later USAAF) turned CIA specialist/technical operative (hypno-assisted interrogation) turned psychotherapist Mike Gladych
Wikipedia biography is noteworthy in the present context for drifting into the Projects Bluebird and Artichoke bioweapons program after the war.

Glasman, Joseph: British musician turned commercial branding maestro turned political vigilante Joe Glasman [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for using his position as Head of Political and Government Investigations for the Campaign Against Antisemitism (CAA) [see own entry] to add that organisation's weight to the weaponised antisemitism campaign against Jeremy Corbyn 2016-2019. His views are illustrated by his 26th July 2018 piece on the Jewish News blog entitled "From Bistro to Bierkeller: Labour anti-Semitism" [full text online]; also by the December 2019 post-election video posted to FaceBook by Momentum Barnet - see Timeline 27th December 2019.

Glass-Steagall Act: See the Timeline entry for 16th June 1933.

Glazebrook, Arthur James: Canadian bankers' wireman turned foreign exchange guru A. J. Glazebrook [1941 obituary] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being identified by Quigley (1949) as an "initiate" of Cecil Rhodes' Society of the Elite [see own entry] in 1902, (b) for promoting the Canadian branch of the Round Table Movement [see own entry] during the 1910s, (c) for founding the Bankers' Education Association in 1919, and (d) for becoming Secretary of the Dominion Institutes of International Affairs in 1927.

Global Engagement Center (GEC): The GEC is a U.S. State Department agency [State Department briefing; YouTube briefing] established in 2016 to "lead, synchronize, and coordinate efforts of the Federal Government to recognize, understand, expose, and counter foreign state and non-state propaganda and disinformation efforts aimed at undermining United States national security interests". Also, while it is at it, to do something about the present epidemic of "fake news".

GloCo Gas Station: In the present context we refer here to the gas station at 1502 North Zangs Boulevard, at the northern perimeter of his Oak Cliff beat, where J. D. Tippit waited in his patrol car between about 1254 and 1300hr 22nd November 1963.

Glover, Antoinette: 11-year-old Toni Glover [no convenient biography] witnessed the assassination from atop the water feature pedestal in the crook of the Houston-Elm turn. Because she remembers limo #1 being obscured by the concrete pillar 20 feet to the west at the time of the first shot her evidence has helped 2012 researchers triangulate that vehicle's position at that moment. (So sometimes what you cannot see is as valuable as what you can see!)

Glover, Everett D.: Dallas petrochemist Everett Glover [no convenient biography] had known the de Mohrenschildts on and off for about five years (thanks to shared tennis interests), and Ruth Paine for perhaps a little longer (thanks to shared choir interests). While visiting the de Mohrenschildts home some time in winter 1962-1963 conversation had turned to Marina Oswald, and he was told that she and her husband "were not getting along", and that the de Mohrenschildts were trying to find her somewhere safe to stay. Then on three or four similar occasions "somewhere in January [1963]" he actually got to meet Marina. After that he met LHO twice, the first time at a social gathering at the de Mohrenschildt home, and the second time at a follow-on gathering at his own home. Ruth Paine was included in the latter so that she would be able to meet fellow Russian speaker Marina. Glover's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now].

Goldberg, Arthur J.: Lawyer, politician, and OSS counterintelligence officer Arthur Goldberg [Wikipedia biography] ran behind-the-lines intelligence gathering and soft sabotage operations against the Nazis during WW2, and continued in much the same vein against the Soviets during the Cold War. One of his assets throughout this period was roving activist Irving Brown [q.v.]. In 1961 JFK appointed Goldberg Secretary of Labor. He then became Supreme Court judge, 1962-1965, and U.S.

Golitsyn, Anatoliy: Russian mid-echelon KGB intelligence agent turned maybe-defector turned Companion of the British Empire turned naturalised American Anatoliy Golitsyn [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for defecting 15th December 1961 from his post in the Soviet Embassy in Helsinki, being debriefed by none less than the CIA's Director of Counter-Intelligence James Jesus Angleton, and (b) for thereby providing sufficient circumstantial evidence to mark Britain's Kim Philby - one-time MI6 head at the British Embassy in Washington - as a long-standing Soviet mole. British readers may be interested to learn that it was Golitsyn who claimed not just that 1960s Prime Minister Harold Wilson was a KGB informer but that they had deliberately poisoned Hugh Gaitskell, his predecessor as leader of the Labour Party, to help him get the job in the first place.

Gonzalez, Virgilio R.: Anti-Castro Cuban exile Virgilio Gonzalez [Wikipedia biography] has been suggested as a member of S-Force and as having taken part in Operation Tilt in June 1963, and is mentioned in some theories as having been the shooter in a Dal-Tex Building shooting team. In 1972 he would be one of the five men arrested during the Watergate Investigations.

González Flores, Alfredo: See the entry for Federico Tinoco.

Goodman, Alan H.: Little known but see this Ochsner Clinic memorandum, save that in 1963 he went first author to Mary Sherman on a paper entitled "Postirradiation Fractures of the Femoral Neck", in which publication he gave his affiliation as "United States Navy Submarine Base, Groton, Connecticut".

ASIDE: Going first author to an established expert typically indicates that the expert is supervising research conducted toward a higher degree of some sort by a younger person. The Groton base is the U.S. Navy's principal eastern seaboard submarine base, and nearby Yale University Medical School occasionally contributes its expertise to the Naval Submarine Medical Research Laboratory there - see Arkin and Handler's (1989 [full text online]) paper "Naval Accidents 1945-1988".

Goodpasture, Anne: WW2 veteran with OSS service in Burma, CIA senior administrator Anne Goodpasture [Spartacus Educational biography] "looked like a librarian but had the skills of a burglar" (Morley, 2008). She had been aide to Winston Scott, CIA Chief of the Mexico City Station, since 1957, and was therefore perfectly placed to record the comings and goings of LHO (or someone impersonating him) in late summer 1963.

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Gorightly, Adam: Self-styled "crackpot historian" Adam Gorightly [Homepage] has written on many things but is most noteworthy in the present context for his 2014 book "Caught in the Crossfire: Kerry Thornley, Oswald, and the Garrison Investigation", in which the possibility is discussed that Kerry Thornley played a greater-than-hitherto-suspected part in LHO's history, including, perhaps, as a body-double of convenience.

Goss, Porter Johnstone: CIA Directorate of Operations officer since about 1958 Porter Goss [Wikipedia biography] was involved in a number of missions against Cuba, working out of Miami much of the time. The literature identifies him as a likely member of the Operation 40 team.

Gottlieb, Sidney: [a.k.a. Joseph Scheider] Known more or less fondly as "The Black Sorcerer" Sidney Gottlieb [Wikipedia biography] was recruited into CIA "Technical Services" in 1953, and soon became an expert in the use of poisons and mind control in intelligence work and special operations. In this he reputedly inherited many techniques from Nazi scientists adopted by the U.S. during Operation Paperclip. The work was centred on Randolph AFB, San Antonio, TX, and was accounted for under
the codename MKULTRA. Gottlieb's poisons cupboard included cardiac stressing agents capable of conveniently inducing heart attacks.

**Grace Commission on Federal Inefficiency:** Established by President Reagan's Executive Order 30th June 1982, the Grace Commission [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context for being headed by long-term CIA asset J. Peter Grace [see own entry].

**Grace, Joseph Peter, Jr.:** American industrialist, proselytising right-winger, and "officer in a number of CIA front organisations" (Wilford, 2008, p187). J. Peter Grace, Jr. [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for heading both the family firm, W. R. Grace and Company [see own entry], and the union-busting American Institute of Free Labor Development (AIFLD) [see own entry], (b) for using his shipping line and airline to help the CIA in their South American black ops whenever he could, (c) for helping to rehabilitate Nazi fugitive Otto Ambros [see own entry] in 1951, after he had served only three of eight year sentence imposed upon him at the Nuremberg Trials, even to the extent of offering him a position with his own company, (d) for being involved with the Alliance for Progress [see own entry] during the Kennedy administration, (e) for heading the Grace Commission on Federal Inefficiency [see own entry] during the Reagan administration. He was also a luminary on the management boards of the American Association of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta [see own entry] and the Council for National Policy [see own entry]. **FURTHER READING:** For more on how shady forces behind the scenes can corrupt not just a nation's foreign policy but that nation's democratic will in general, see Guman's (2004) article "The Right, the Cross, and the CIA: Immaculate Deception" [full text online - RECOMMENDED].

**Grace, William Russell:** See the entry for W. R. Grace and Company.

**Graef, John G.:** Employed as "director of our photographic department" at Jaggars-Chiles-Stovall, John Graef [no convenient biography] was LHO's supervisor during his time there (12th October 1962 thru 6th April 1963). Graef's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now].

**Grammer, Billy R.:** DPD officer Billy Grammer [no convenient biography] had been on DPDHQ Communications Room duty on the evening of 23rd November 1963 when a call came in from someone whose voice he knew, but could not quite place. The caller said, simply: "We are going to kill Lee Harvey Oswald in the basement tomorrow". Knowing that the transfer arrangements had not yet been made public, Grammar realised that this was not just another of the evening's crank calls and motioned for a nearby Lieutenant to come listen in ...

****At this point divert and read the Henry Putnam entry.****

Toward noon the next morning Grammer's wife woke him to tell him that someone named Jack Ruby had just shot LHO exactly as the previous evening's caller had predicted. And now at last Grammer could place that caller's voice - as far as he could tell, it had been Jack Ruby. Grammer's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED].

**ASIDE:** Hurt (1985) suspects that Ruby had been instructed by some higher villain to silence LHO in the only possible way, whereupon Ruby - unable to say no and stay living himself - tried to engineer a failed mission instead. In another police department, on another day, it might have worked.

**Grant, Allan:** Life magazine society photographer Allan Grant [Wikipedia biography] teamed with reporter Thomas Thompson at the Paine House after the assassination, where they were the first newsmen to interview Marina Oswald [see one of his images].

**Grant, Eva:** Eva Grant [no convenient biography] was "certainly not with the underworld" Jack Ruby's older sister. Her evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission background testimony [Part #1: Part #2].
Grassy Knoll: [a.k.a. *North Knoll*] The grassy rise north of Elm Street between the *John Neely Bryan Pergola* and the *Triple Underpass*. [Note that Dealey Plaza is symmetrical north over south, and that both knoll and pergola therefore have southern equivalents south of Commerce. However, only the north knoll is topped by a picket fence - Ed.]

"Grassy Knoll, The": The TV documentary by this name is dealt with as "The Grassy Knoll".

Graves, L. C.: DPD Detective L. C. Graves [New York Times obituary, 1995] was the officer who wrestled the gun from Jack Ruby in the moments after he had fired the shot which killed LHO.


Grayzone, The: Since its inauguration in January 2016, The Grayzone [Homesite] has specialised in investigative journalism under the editorial direction of Max Blumenthal [Wikipedia biography]. For an example of the website's work we recommend its January 2019 article [full text online] exposing the deliberate and malicious creation of Juan Guaidó [see own entry] as a potential replacement for Nicolás Maduro [see own entry] as president of Venezuela.

Greely, Adolphus Washington: Civil War veteran, polar explorer, and career soldier Adolphus Greely [Wikipedia biography] was Chief Signal Officer for the U.S. Army between 3rd March 1887 and 10th February 1906, overseeing network provision and headquarters communications during the Spanish-American War [see 15th February 1898].

Green Notebook: Notebook found among LHO's possessions at the Paine House from which there is much to be learned about his political beliefs, interests, obsessions, and perhaps [see the entry for Mike Howard] murderous intention - see selected pages here (courtesy of the Portal to Texas History website - RECOMMENDED).

Greener, Charles W.: Charles Greener [no convenient biography] was the owner of the Irving Sports Shop where Dial Ryder [q.v.] had drilled three holes for a telescopic sight mounting in "a 6.5 Italian" between 1st and 15th November. Greener gave a lot of background on the general problems of sighting cheap mail order rifles, etc., but becomes much more noteworthy when asked about the "hand loading" of 6.5mm ammunition. His shop did not do this, he said. Indeed "one of my suppliers" had told him that the best person to go to for "6.5 Italian" reloads was a Dallas Southwestern Bell Telephone Company manager named Ray Acker [q.v.]. Greener’s evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now] (the Acker material is at the end).

Greer, William Robert: Secret Service Agent Bill Greer [Wikipedia biography] was one of two SS agents riding the front of Limo #1 (i.e., Motorcade #2, counting from the pilot vehicle) in the Dallas motorcade (driver's seat).

Grey, Albert Henry George [4th Earl Grey]1894: British aristocrat-politician and colonial administrator Albert Grey [Earl Grey]1894 [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being one of the founding directors of the British South Africa Company [see own entry] in 1889, (b) for being identified by Quigley (1949) as one of the high-level Circle of Initiates in Cecil Rhodes’ 1891 Society of the Elect [see own entry], (c) for being one of the original Rhodes Trustees [see own entry] in 1902, and (d) for serving as Governor-General of Canada between 1904 and 1911.

Griffin, Burt: Honest lawyer (later judge) Burt Griffin [no convenient biography] was an assistant counsel during the Warren Commission hearings. He would complain in the light of what subsequently emerged at the House Select Committee on Assassinations that he felt "betrayed" that the CIA had
consistently and cynically lied to the Warren Commission, and by the fact that the FBI had been accessory to all the cover-ups.

***** ONE OF THE GOOD GUYS, WE THINK *****

**Griffin, David Ray:** American philosopher-theologian David Ray Griffin ([Wikipedia biography](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/David_Ray_Griffin)) is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being in 2003 one of the first established academics (American or otherwise) to come to doubt the American government’s official story of the September 11 Attacks ([see Timeline 11th September 2001](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/September_11_attacks)), seeing them instead as a massive "inside job" by persons unknown from within the American Deep State, (b) for setting out his suspicions in the (2004) book "The New Pearl Harbor: Disturbing Questions About the Bush Administration and 9/11" ([Amazon ESSENTIAL READING](https://www.amazon.com/New-Pearl-Harbor-Disturbing-Questions/dp/0743245187)) ...

**STUDENT QUICKIE EXERCISE:** Is this guy pretending to be surprised by news he had been expecting anyway??

... (c) for making it his business to contact like-minded doubters, duly co-authoring the (2006) book "9/11 and the American Empire: Intellectuals Speak Out" ([Amazon](https://www.amazon.com/9-11-American-Empire-Intellectuals-Speak-Out/dp/0743462389)) with Peter Dale Scott ([see own entry](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Peter_Dale_Scott)) and eventually helping to form the campaigning group Scholars for 9/11 Truth & Justice (STJ) ([see own entry](https://www.scholarsfor911truth.org)) over the winter 2006-2007, (d) for thereby becoming one of the half-dozen go-to men for documentary makers 2004-2018 ...

Here are some of his contributions on camera ...

**ALL ESSENTIAL VIEWING**

- 2007 "9/11 Let's Get Empirical" - [YouTube it here](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=)
- 2009 "9/11, Time for a Second Look" - [YouTube it here](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=)
- 2011 "The Toronto Hearings" - [YouTube it here](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=)
- 2018 "The Demolition of Truth" - [YouTube it here](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=)


**Griffin, William Hayden:** Dallas FBI Agent Will Hayden Griffin ([no convenient biography](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William_Hayden_Griffin)) would be accused in April 1964 of having leaked the fact that LHO had been an FBI informant prior to the assassination. He denied the allegation strenuously and signed a witnessed statement to that effect on 4th May 1964.

**ASIDE:** Because the FBI subsequently officially confirmed that LHO WAS TOO an informer at the Dallas office, receiving $200 per month for his efforts, we must take the present denial to mean merely that it had not been Griffin who had let the cat out of the bag.

Griffin's boss Gordon Shanklin copied Griffin's statement the same day directly to J. Edgar Hoover, and eight days later Hoover told the Warren Commission the downright misleading: "at no time was he [LHO] ever an employee of the Bureau in any capacity, either as an agent or as a special employee, or as an informant". Griffin retired the FBI on 1st January 1978, and the affair was discussed in the *Dallas Morning News* on 20th February 1978 in an article by Earl Golz ([read it now](https://www.newspapers.com/paper/dallas-morning-news/article/dallas-morning-news-20th-february-1978/188742347/)).
Griggs, Ian: Long-term assassination researcher (and fellow Brit) Ian Griggs [Spartacus Educational biography] was the author of the 1997 paper entitled "The Four Faces of Harry D. Holmes", for more on which see the entry for Harry Holmes - AND IT'S WELL WORTH THE DIVERT.


Grimnan, Joseph P.: Right-wing activist Joseph Grinnan [no convenient biography] was the member of the Dallas chapter of the John Birch Society who designed the media protests against JFK in the run-up to his 22nd November 1963 visit. The most obvious outcome was the black-bordered full-page Welcome Mr. Kennedy advertisement in that day's issue of the Dallas Morning News. Grinnan's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED].

Groden, Robert J: Photographic lab technician turned JFK author Robert Groden [Wikipedia biography] first entered the JFK story in 1969 when his employers were contracted to run off copies of the Zapruder Film, and he was part of the lab team. He instantly became convinced that the assassination had been a conspiracy and has continued his research ever since. His most original works are F. Peter Model and Robert J. Groden's 1975 book "JFK: The Case for Conspiracy", and Harrison E. Livingstone and Robert J. Groden's 1989 book "High Treason".

Groody, Paul Joseph: Forth Worth mortician Paul Groody [2010 obituary] reported years after the event that while holding LHO's body overnight 24th/25th November 1963 he had (a) allowed two "agents" access to the body for a short time, and then (b) had to clean fingerprinting ink from the corpse's hands. He was also on hand at the body's 1981 exhumation. YouTube the full story.

Grossi, John Caesar: [a.k.a. Jack Bowen, John Leslie Bowen, etc.] As presented in the La Fontaine's 1996 book "Oswald Talked" convicted bank-robber with mob connections John Grossi [no convenient biography] was a co-worker of LHO during his employment at Jaggars-Chiles-Stovall. As a convicted felon he was an unlikely employee at a medium-security site [as, indeed, was LHO himself], and so could have been planted by someone to shadow him. Certainly the La Fontaine's report that Grossi "later claimed Oswald brought to work, and showed him, the Mannlicher-Carcano rifle he had supposedly ordered by mail under the alias 'A. Hidell'" (p112). More recently an online researcher has added to the enigma as follows: "I am sure it is just a coincidence that one of [Grossi's] aliases (last name) was the same as that gentleman itinerant minister that LHO met on the bus on his way to Mexico" (The Education Forum, Ostensibly Tim Gratz, 7th October 2007; Accessed 29th January 2018).

"... vain and cantankerous" Steel, 1980, p123

Gompers, Samuel: English-born NYC-raised trade union activist Samuel Gompers [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having learned his craft in bucket shop cigar manufacturing in NYC 1863-1875, eventually becoming president of his local union branch, (b) for steering his union away from the overly radical political positions popular with many in those decades, and focusing instead on negotiating wage deals from a position of organisational strength, (c) for founding the Federation of Organised Trades and Labor Unions in 1881, rebadging same as the American Federation of Labour (AFL) [Wikipedia factsheet] in 1886, (d) for remorselessly growing to dominate the American industrial relations scene during the 1890s...

LEST IT BE OVERLOOKED: Cynical historians such as O'Connor (1964) routinely portray American trade unions as not so much "protectionist" of their due-paying membership but more as "protection racketing" employers and skimming [Wikipedia briefing] the workers' welfare insurance contributions. Such stories will abound half a century later in histories of Teamsters man Jimmy Hoffa [Wikipedia biography].
... (e) for campaigning against immigration for the simple reason that it kept his members' wages low, (f) for speaking out in favour of United States intervention against Spain (to protect the tobacco plantations, anyway) in the Cuban War of Independence [see 27th June 1896], (g) for being appointed by President Wilson to the Council of National Defense [Encyclopædia.com briefing] in August 1916, where he chaired the Labor Advisory Board ...

LEST IT BE OVERLOOKED: In 1916 Europe was ablaze with anti-Capitalist strife, so it made sense to promote good labour relations back home.

... (h) for working for a short time in 1917 with Walter Lippmann [see own entry; also see Timeline 25th October 1918, and as then directed] on the Cantonment Adjustment Commission [see Emery (2018)], soon concluding that the former journalist "was a dangerous radical" (Steel, 1980, p123), (i) for backing Henry Hoover [see own entry] for the post of Food Administrator [see Timeline 3rd April 1917, then as directed], (j) for being headhunted into America's delegation to the Versailles Peace Conference [see 18th January 1919], where he advised on proposed post-WW1 labour relations provisions in the non-Bolshevik states of Eastern Europe, and (k) for working again with Hoover 1920-1924[dec'd] on removing "waste" from the American economy by Scientific Management [Wikipedia briefing] and higher union subscriptions for union welfare savings schemes. He died in 1924, aged 74.

Gordon, John III: ONI[Office of Naval Intelligence] officer Lieutenant-Commander John Gordon III [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context for risking professional martyrdom [or worse: JFK witnesses were terminated by the dozen, remember, either literally or by targeted whispering campaign - Ed.] by standing alongside the University of Alaska at Fairbanks' veteran civil engineer J. Leroy Hulsey [see own entry ESSENTIAL READING] during his recent figurative "Gunfight at the O.K. Corral", simply because it was the right thing to do. The "gunfight" on this occasion was the release of Dylan Avery's (2020) documentary entitled "Seven" [Amazon ESSENTIAL VIEWING], an account of a four-year-long research programme in Hulsey's department into the collapse of WTC7, the conclusion of which - meticulously documented in the Hulsey Report [full text online] - was that there had been a simultaneous failure (Hulsey uses the term "global failure") of every core column in the building's 47 floors. This precision of time and place could - of course - not just happen, meaning (a) that the 9/11 Attacks had been an inside job, and (b) that if the 9/11 Inquiry said otherwise it was deliberately covering something up.

TECHNICAL ASIDE - HARD SCIENCE vs LEGAL PROOF: There is literally zero doubt in scientific terms that many tonnes of Nano-Thermite were set off in the four-dimensional vicinity of the World Trade Center on 11th September 2001. However it could be argued that the chemical residues came from an as-yet-
unknown coincidental source, as, perhaps, if miscreant residents of at least one of the buildings [the residues are in the dust which carpeted Lower Manhattan, but that dust came from the three towers combined, so there is no proof that all three towers produced it - Ed.] had been illegally storing Nano-Thermite. This is all legalistic squirming, of course, for the prima facie common sense explanation is that all three towers were deliberately brought down by the stuff, and moreover that of the half-dozen superpowers possessing the technology only the United States itself would have had the required level of sustained security access.

Others who nobly stood at great personal risk alongside "Doc" Hulsey that fateful day were Roland "Alameda" Angle, Ed "Three Rivers" Asner, and "Kid" Kamal Obeid [see own entries, one and all].

Grigg, [Sir]1920 Edward William Macleay [Lord Altrincham]1945: British politician and colonial administrator [Sir]1920 Edward Grigg [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been a staffer for The Times before WW1, (b) for moving on in 1913 to become the Editor of The Round Table, (c) for serving with distinction on the Western Front during WW1, (d) for having served on Lloyd-George's staff between 1921 and 1922, (e) for moving back and forth between domestic politics and colonial administration between 1922 and 1939, and (f) for serving with the Ministry of Information between 1939 and 1940, and thereafter with the War Office until 1945. Quigley (1949) assessed him as "one of the most important members of the Milner Group" (p68).

Grynszpan, Herschel Feibel: See the Timeline entry for 7th November 1938.

Guerini, Antoine: Marseilles crime boss Antoine Guerini [Spartacus Educational biography] appears in the Christian David Corsican Hit Team Thread, which see. Guerini was assassinated in a local turf war on 23rd June 1967.

Guevara, Ernesto ["Che"]: Cuban revolutionary Che Guevara [Wikipedia biography] fought as part of the Cuban Revolution and was the victor of the Battle of Santa Clara, 1st January 1959, which led to the replacement of President Fulgencio Batista's U.S.-friendly regime by the already alienated regime of Fidel Castro.

Guinn, Vincent Perrie: Vincent Guinn [University of California Obituary] was the university chemist who carried out the "neutron activation analysis" [Wikipedia technical briefing] on the bullets and fragments recovered from the assassination scene and the bodies of JFK and John Connally.

ASIDE FOR READERS UNFAMILIAR WITH NUCLEAR CHEMISTRY BUT FAMILIAR WITH THE TV SERIES "NCIS": Think Abby Sciuto, her lab, her mass spectrometer - much the same principles, but doesn't need a nuclear reactor in the basement.

However, in his 1982/1993 book "Crime of the Century" Michael Kurtz notes enough anomalies in Guinn's results to judge them of dubious scientific value.

***** CLASS-DEFINING FALSE FLAG WAR STARTER? *****

Gulf of Tonkin Incident: [Read firstly the entry for False Flags, Poor Lulus, and Other Operational Entrapments.] The series of naval firefights now historicised as the "Gulf of Tonkin Incident" [Wikipedia briefing] took place off the coast of North Vietnam 31st July-4th August 1964, and (in many eyes) is noteworthy in the present context as a class-defining example of a pre-Internet, pre-social media, centrally exploited False Flag attack.

***** THIS INSET IS IMPORTANT *****

RESEARCH ISSUE - ARE FALSE FLAGS EASIER NOWADAYS?: Media professors around the world are still studying the dynamics of smart phones as tools of news delivery and political control. On the positive side, modern connectivity guarantees that news can spread at high speed. On the negative side, news distribution has become pathologically homogenised. Everything is nowadays in the hands of a few billionaire-owned media empires, and the message is therefore always the same. The news is not news at all, but rather a succession of cleverly pre-scripted press releases promoting the billionaires and their lackies.
Research may well find, therefore, that there is no profession of journalism any more, and that both mainstream and social media have become civilisation-threatening propaganda tools for the suppression of the truth rather than its dissemination.

We have organised the body of this narrative under five headings, namely (1) Setting the Scene, (2) The Firefights, (3) Reprisals and Escalation, (4) Doubts and Confessions, and (5) Looking Back ...

(1) SETTING THE SCENE

Firstly, this is how "Indochina" fitted into the broader geopolitics of 1964 ...

Click here for a map of Indochina

Key: Note Mainland China (top centre) and Hainan Island (clearly marked), both Chinese Communist. Note then how close northern Burma/Myanmar (left), northern Laos (centre/L), and North Vietnam (centre/R) are to China. These remote borderlands have been playing host to American special forces since well before WW2. The Gulf of Tonkin is the crescent of blue to the west of Hainan. More precise coordinates are given in the narrative as each specific location is introduced.

Following Vietnam's partition along the 17th Parallel in 1954, the U.S. did to Indochina what it had been doing to South and Central America since the 19th Century, that is to say, it systematically beat the Vietnamese into submission, often literally, always politically, in search of corporate advantage and military hegemony ...

BANANA WARS AND BAMBOO WARS: For the catalogue of interventions in Latin America start with the Cuban War of Independence [see Timeline 20th January 1891 (29 entries)], go on to the Spanish-American War [see Timeline 15th February 1898 (39 entries)], follow that with the Banana Wars [see Timeline 13th February 1903], and round it all off with 21st Century Venezuela [see Timeline 20th August 1962 (9 entries)]. For the parallel involvements in Indochina see Chennault's Various Air Forces [see Timeline 3rd June 1937 (35 entries)].

In South Vietnam, just as in all those other places, carefully selected local kakistocrats were created and exploited as a compliant bulwark against Communism ...

ASIDE - "KAKISTOCRACY": The combination of the Greek words for bad and government has been used for several hundred years [since 1644 in fact, but presently enjoying a distinct resurgence] to describe political incompetence or downright dishonesty in a ruling class. In the sense it is used here, kakistocrats are helped into power by the U.S. for their friendliness to the U.S., not for their interest in their own people.

American-approved puppet governments were then kept in power by cadres of military advisors and paramilitary "enforcers". And because South Vietnam was on the front line in the Cold War, there were 16,000 such advisors in South Vietnam by the time JFK took office, running an undeclared clandestine war against the Viet Cong [Wikipedia briefing] and their "Ho Chi Minh Trail" supply lines [Wikipedia briefing] ...

CAMEO - THE 16,000 ADVISORS: On several occasions in his writings, L. Fletcher Prouty makes the point that it takes a lot of support infrastructure to put a single special forces operative into the fray. He reminds us that according to no less an authority than their commander General Paul Harkins, 90% of the 16,000 U.S. advisors in Vietnam were involved in one way or another with providing the CIA with its rotary-wing airlift capability, thus ...

"The helicopter mushroom grew, and it generated greater demand of its own. Helicopter bases were soft and vulnerable targets. They needed vast supporting perimeter defences. These defences created a heavy demand for 'noncombatant' U.S. military personnel. [...] The helicopter is one of the most costly vehicles to maintain and operate. [...] The helicopter is a voracious consumer of engines, rotors, and spare parts - all of which had to be airlifted from the United States, halfway around the world. [...] All of these helicopter-related requirements cost heavily in men, money, and material things" (Prouty, 1992, pp114-116).
When JFK was inaugurated in January 1961, he inherited a national defence strategy which had been put in place during the 1950s by the nexus of intelligence and military command committees in the White House and Department of Defense (DoD) in Washington, the National Security Agency (NSA) at Fort Meade, and the CIA (from late 1961) at Langley. However, after the disastrous Bay of Pigs Invasion in April 1961, when nobody accountable to the people seemed to know what was going on, he attempted to bring some order to things with National Security Action Memoranda #55 and #57 ...

**CAMEO - NSAM #55 AND #57:** Worried that the Bay of Pigs operation had been planned by the paramilitary CIA, and not centrally by the professional military at the DoD, NSAM #55, dated 28th June 1961, stated merely that JFK held the Joint Chiefs of Staff to be his "principal military advisors" - [Read #55 for yourself here](#). NSAM #57, same date, addressed the responsibility framework for "paramilitary operations", and instructed that all large paramilitary operations should not just be *known about* by the DoD, but should actually be *their responsibility*, not the CIA's - [Read #57 for yourself here](#).

This new emphasis on inter-departmental collegiality just about got the world through the Cuban Missile Crisis of October 1962, and, although it could not prevent covert operations in Indochina, it did at least bring a semblance of accountability via paper trail. One important class of operation was the collection of signals intelligence (SIGINT), and in February 1963 the first DESOTO patrol took place ...

**CAMEO - DESOTO PATROLS, SIGINT, AND ELINT:** "DESOTO" is an acronym compiled from the words "De Haven Special Operations off Tsingtao", so named after the use of the SIGINT-enhanced destroyer USS De Haven against the Chinese Communists in 1962, and with surveying North Vietnamese radar stations and coastal defences. SIGINT - intelligence derived from the **content** of signals was monitored by the NSA at Fort Meade, from intercepts copied to it from ships, and from the Phu Bai airport in South Vietnam, and from the San Miguel station at Manila in the Philippines. **ASIDE:** Electronic intelligence, or ELINT, which is intelligence derived from the **mere presence** of signals becomes SIGINT as soon as it is remarked upon in a signal, and so requires no separate consideration.

By May 1963 the U.S. programme of covert operations against North Vietnam included U-2 overflights, psychological warfare, and both inland and coastal commando raids, administered by the 16,000 U.S. military advisors mentioned above. Then in his famous "Peace in Our Time Speech" of 10th June 1963, JFK went for a place in history by deciding that enough was enough. Peace, the President boldly proclaimed, was "the most important topic on earth", and on 11th October 1963 he approved NSAM #263, authorising a staged withdrawal from Vietnam ...

**CAMEO - NSAM #263:** The thrust of this presidential foreign policy directive was that 1000 of the 16,000 advisors were to be brought home by the end of 1963 (less than three months away), followed by the rest of them by the end of 1965. [Read #263 for yourself here](#).

Unfortunately, JFK's peace died with him in Dealey Plaza 22nd November 1963, and LBJ was only four days into his presidency when he signed off on NSAM #273, undoing all his predecessor's good work at a stroke ...

**CAMEO - NSAM #273:** The thrust of this presidential foreign policy directive was that the situation in South Vietnam was deteriorating, and that NSAM #263 should accordingly be rescinded. [Read #273 for yourself here](#). The advisors were to stay where they were, and things have been going downhill ever since.

As a result of this hardening of hearts, the programme of covert operations continued apace, and on 19th December 1963 - a month into LBJ's presidency - CINCPAC produced OPLAN 34A, as the guideline for operations the following year. This plan recommended that increasing
pressure should be put on North Vietnam without delay. It also established a new Studies and Observations Group (SOG) within MACV, to be codenamed MACV-SOG. Headed by "grizzled veteran" Colonel Clyde Raymond Russell, MACV-SOG was formally established 24th January 1964 and 34A operations began February. The coastal raids often saw the deployment of PCF (Swift-class) fast patrol boats manned by CIA-led South Vietnamese crews.

**DOMINO THEORY REARS ITS UGLY HEAD**

On 17th March 1964, in another historically significant development, NSAM #288 suddenly declared that South Vietnam was critical to the defence of the entire Western hemisphere...

**CAMEO - NSAM #288:** The thrust of this long, detailed, and tightly argued presidential foreign policy directive was that South Vietnam had become the first domino in a rally, and had to be kept standing at all cost, thus: "We seek an independent non-Communist South Vietnam. [...] Unless we can achieve this objective in South Vietnam, almost all of Southeast Asia will probably fall under Communist dominance. [...] We are not [presently] acting against North Vietnam except by a very modest 'covert' programme operated by South Vietnamese (and a few Chinese Nationalists) - a programme so limited that it is unlikely to have any significant effect.” 12 detailed recommendations then followed. [Read #288 for yourself here.](#)

NSAM #288 moved things closer to outright war. In June 1964, Ambassador to South Vietnam Henry Cabot Lodge urged a bombing campaign against the north, and some high-ranking "doves" were replaced with "hawks". On 30th June 1964 Admiral Ulysses S. Grant Sharp, Jr. replaced Admiral Felt as CINCPAC, and at the same time MACV's General Harkins was replaced by General William C. Westmoreland. By August, the U.S. was ready to ride into town looking for a showdown.

**2) THE FIREFIGHTS**

As usual, the CIA spearheaded the killing, sending a flotilla of four of its Swifts to carry out a 34A raid during the night 30th/31st July 1964. Two boats each were sent to the islands of Hon Me and Hon Nieu/Ngu. The DESOTO-equipped destroyer USS Maddox was at this time half a day's sailing away, en route from her base on Taiwan. At around 1300hr 31st July, she reached the Vietnamese coast at the 17th Parallel, and duly turned onto her allocated north-north-westerly patrol route up the coast of North Vietnam. Her captain was Commander Herbert L. Ogier, Jr. but the tactical play rested with the commander of her flotilla, Captain John Jerome Herrick, who had come along for the ride. Her mission was supported at a distance by the carrier USS Ticonderoga standing off to the east. The seaplane tender USS Pine Island was also at hand in case the need should arise to deploy her nuclear depth charges. We shall shortly be hearing from Commander Jim Stockdale, one of the Ticonderoga's pilots, and Lieutenant John White, the Pine Island's Nuclear Weapons Officer.

For the next 18 hours Maddox moved very slowly northward, her SIGINT operators (all 17 of them) dutifully combing the airwaves, and by dawn 1st August, she was off Bien Dong Point, still well south of the scene of the previous morning's CIA attacks. Only at sundown did she arrive between Hon Me and Hon Nieu/Ngu.

**ASIDE:** It is almost certain that the CIA raids and the DESOTO patrol had been carefully synchronised, so that the North Vietnamese radio and radar response to the former could be recorded in detail by the latter.

Maddox now turned away from the coast to spend the night 1st/2nd August beating slowly to the east. Unsurprisingly, the NVN coastal defences were by now in a high state of alert against intruders, and in the early hours of 2nd August SIGINT intercepts indicated that three vessels were on their way out. At 0600hr Maddox turned northward and increased speed to 20 knots.
ASIDE - THE PROBLEM OF TIME ZONES: For the remainder of this entry we shall quote all times to reflect高尔夫 = local, that is to say, Vietnamese time, and罗马欧 = Washington, or Eastern Standard Time. G time is 12 hours ahead of R time. Thus Maddox's 0600hr turn took place at G0600(2nd August)/R1800(1st August). We shall include explicit dates only when they change. For more on the problems of time zones in handling globally sourced SIGINT, see Hanyok, 2017 [full text online STRONGLY RECOMMENDED SOURCE]).

Maddox arrived near Hon Me around G0700(2nd August)/R1900(1st August). Three hours later, NSA warned CINCPAC and MACV that a force of three NVN P-4 torpedo boats [Wikipedia shipography] and two Swatow patrol boats [Wikipedia shipography] had been ordered to gather off Hon Me. Unaccountably, they failed to copy Maddox into the transmission ...

ASIDE: The P-4s were torpedo boats, specialised for use against much larger surface vessels, whilst the Swatows were submarine hunting patrol boats with long-range attack radar. It therefore made sense to deploy mixed squadrons such as that seen here, using the Swatows to vector the P-4s in to their targets. The detection of enemy radar as it searches for you is an important subset of that enemy's ELINT signature.

At G1144/R2344 the USMC monitoring detail at Phu Bai sent an alert of an imminent attack and this time Maddox was copied in. The attacking force was picked up on Maddox's radar at G1400/R0200 (now 2nd August), and the ship was called to general quarters at G1430/R0230. Surface contact was made ten minutes later to the east of Hon Me. Maddox engaged the lighter craft with long distance fire and Ticonderoga launched a flight of four F-8 Crusaders [Wikipedia briefing], one of which was piloted by the aforementioned Jim Stockdale. The planes arrived on the scene at G1530/R0330, by which time the NVN vessels were heading back to base. They chased them down, and their strafing runs left two of the three damaged and the third dead in the water. Maddox now turned to course south-south-east to retrace her steps, and, during the night 2nd/3rd August, made rendezvous with a second destroyer, USS C. Turner Joy [Wikipedia shipography], whereupon the two ships then resumed the DESOTO patrol.

A further CIA commando attack then took place during the night 3rd/4th August, by which time the two destroyers had arrived at "Point Delta" off Thanh Hoa [map]. This second CIA attack involved three Swifts and targeted a North Vietnamese radar station outside Vinh Son [map] [ on the promontory to the east of the village, we guess - Ed.] and barracks at Cua Ron [map]. At dawn 4th August the two destroyers were at the northern-most point of their patrol, in international waters. They now turned to the west, and made a daylight run back toward the coast. Peterson (2008) informs us not only that the weather had deteriorated significantly, but also that both ships were experiencing partial radar problems. They reached the coast at around noon, and turned southwest to run parallel to the coast. At G1700(4th)/R0500(4th), with dusk rapidly approaching, they turned east again, heading for mid-channel. While they were on their way, Phu Bai warned twice of a possible imminent attack, and the first radar contact was made at G2000/R0800, when Maddox reported "two skunks" (surface contacts) and "three bogies" (air contacts) (Hanyok, op. cit.).

***** THE TONKIN "INCIDENT" PROPER *****

The next two hours proved somewhat hectic, as both ships manoeuvred wildly trying to dodge their own tails (literally, for their sonar operators were identifying their own propeller noises under hard rudder as incoming torpedoes), and one of the two - C. Turner Joy - hopefully blazed off hundreds of rounds at fleeting radar targets, thus ...

"The Maddox reported at 2040 that she was tracking unidentified vessels. Although the U.S. destroyers were operating more than 100 miles from the North Vietnamese coastline, the approaching vessels seemed to come at the ships from multiple directions, some from the northeast, others from the southwest. Still other targets appeared from the east, mimicking attacking profiles of torpedo boats. Targets would disappear, and then new targets would appear from the opposite compass direction" (Paterson, 2008, op. cit. inf.).
"Turner Joy\textsuperscript{1} reported that she sighted one or two torpedo wakes, then rang up full speed, maneuvered radically to evade expected torpedoes, and began firing in the direction of the unidentified blips" (Moise, 1996, pp178-179).

"The radar returns from both ships were not continuous trackings. Rather, they were mostly flashing returns, that is, they appeared on the scope, held for a few sweeps of the radar, then disappeared. Other targets would suddenly appear a few miles from the destroyers, hold for a while and then disappear. They came from all directions. As each return was logged, it was assigned a target designator, a single letter. One officer from the Turner Joy described the confusion of proliferating targets this way: \textit{"We were getting blotches on the radar screen - nothing real firm, so we were whacking away at general areas with proximity fuzes, hoping to get something."} [...] The Maddox's main gun director maintained that the ship was never able to acquire any of the targets during the battle; he figured he was shooting at the high swells brought on by the storms. Ironically, during all of this latter action, the Maddox never fired a round; its radar never acquired another target after the initial one detected two hours earlier" (Hanyok, \textit{op. cit.}).

Secretary of Defense \textbf{Robert S. McNamara} was appraised of the situation at G2125(4th)/R0925(4th). Meanwhile Maddox called in air support, and again the job fell to Stockdale, only this time on his own. He arrived over the scene G2135/R0935 and, although he stayed on station for more than 90 minutes, was unable to observe any surface action. As he later rather curtly put it ...

\begin{quote}
"I had the best seat in the house to watch that event and \textbf{our destroyers were just shooting at phantom targets}" (Stockdale, 1984, p.23).
\end{quote}

\begin{quote}
\textit{There was absolutely no gunfire except our own}, no PT boat wakes, not a candle light, let alone a burning ship. No one could have been there and not have been seen on such a black night" (Stockdale, 1988, quoted in Roberts, 1994, K1572).
\end{quote}

The alert was finally called off at G2335/R1135, and the provisional judgement on Herrick's bridge was that it might all have been a false alarm, the result of "overeager sonar operators" and choppy weather confusing the fire control radar, exacerbated perhaps by a genuine but undeveloped initial contact ...

\textbf{CAMEO - DECISION MAKING IN TIMES OF STRESS}: Herrick sent two signals to CINCPAC. The first at G0127(5th)/R1327(4th) very clearly stated that reports of contacts and torpedoes "appear doubtful", that "freak weather effects may have accounted for many reports", and that there had been "no actual visual sightings" of the enemy. He recommended "complete evaluation before any further action taken" (quoted in Paterson, 2008, \textit{op. cit. inf.}). This was followed by a second signal at 0248hr in which, having spoken to more of the crew, he stated that there may have been genuine initial contacts in the area. Misjudgements at sea have, of course, long been the subject of Boards of Inquiry. However with the growth of the science of "cognitive ergonomics" during and after WW2, there came an increasing awareness of the need to diagnose cognitive failures, in order that action could be taken to stop them happening again. Was the problem ultimately one of lack of training, for example? Or equipment failure? Or forgetfulness, misunderstanding, fatigue, etc., etc.? In our (now rather old) \textbf{Companion Resource on Military Blunders}, we describe no less than list \textbf{eight categories of psychological error} which might confound the effective command and control of a warship.


\textbf{NESTED CAMEO - THE FITZGERALD AND JOHN S McCAIN INCIDENTS, 2017}: In summer 2017 two Arleigh Burke DDGs were damaged, with fatalities, in collisions with commercial traffic. The Boards of Enquiry reported 1st November 2017 that \textit{USS Fitzgerald} [Wikipedia shipography] had suffered \begin{quote}
"multiple failures by watch standers",
\end{quote} and that "a major contributing factor to the \textit{USS John S. McCain} [Wikipedia shipography] collision was sub-standard level of knowledge regarding the operation of the ship's control console". The 2017 enquiry report (\textit{op. cit. inf.}) made much of the fact that the Fitzgerald's\textquoteright s watch team \textit{"failed to provide situational awareness and input to the [OOD] regarding the situation"} (p7). Standard watch team job definitions identify the QMOW watch station (\textit{op. cit.}, Figure 4) as the vulnerable pinch point for cross-system dataflow collation.

As of 2017, therefore, the most important cognitive ability is a phenomenon known as \textbf{Situational Awareness (SA)} [Wikipedia briefing], and one of the most difficult to avoid causes of poor SA is \textbf{Cognitive Framing} [Wikipedia briefing], because - in everyday language - it can lead you to see what someone had led you to expect to see.
After several hours of intense communication back and forth across the Pacific, Secretary McNamara met with the JCS at G0500(5th)/R1700(4th), and it was the judgement of those present that the inconsistencies in the reports from the ships at the scene could safely be disregarded, because the SIGINT trail from Phu Bai and San Miguel could be taken as evidence enough. This SIGINT trail - flawed though it was later shown to be - became "in the minds of the Secretary of Defense, the JCS, and the President, the 'smoking gun' evidence needed to justify the air strikes on North Vietnam" (Hanyok, op. cit.). At G1030/R2230 CINCPAC was therefore instructed to execute Operation Pierce Arrow [Wikipedia briefing], and Ticonderoga obliged, hitting a number of targets in North Vietnam, predominantly naval installations.

**3) REPRISALS AND ESCALATION**

With Ticonderoga's attacks still in progress, LBJ went on national television at G1136/R2336 [YouTube that broadcast now], to tell the American people that North Vietnam had attacked U.S. Navy ships with torpedoes (presumed but untrue), and that he had authorised "limited and fitting" retaliatory airstrikes.

**CAMEO - DOUBTS AS TO LBJ'S MOTIVATION:** Historians have regularly detected unseemly haste in LBJ's response to the crisis, suspecting, in short, that he was grandstanding, thus ...

"Precisely why President Johnson ordered a retaliatory strike so quickly is not totally clear, especially when there was conflicting evidence as to whether it had actually occurred. Johnson was in the midst of a presidential campaign and his opponent, Republican senator Barry Goldwater from Arizona, a noted hawk, would have gained in the race if Johnson had hesitated or refused to retaliate. Johnson, even in his pose as a moderate relative to Goldwater, could hardly appear weak before a public audience demanding a counterstrike" (Hanyok, op. cit.).

The broader case for war was then duly debated in the U.S. Senate 7th August 1964 and on 27th August the Joint Chiefs issued a schedule of operations against North Vietnam to be conducted during September. This latter authorised both sundry coastal bombardments and inland sabotage missions ...

**ASIDE:** On 7th November 1964 the State Department produced a full summary of the October operations. This is now derestricted, and can be studied in Appendices #72 and #73 of The Pentagon Papers (op. cit. inf.), if interested.

***** THE VIETNAM WAR BEGINS *****

On 22nd February 1965 a sustained air offensive codenamed Operation Flaming Dart [Wikipedia briefing] was initiated, and a USMC vanguard force was warned for imminent deployment. Two weeks later, 8th March 1965, the first regular unit offloaded at Da Nang [map]. The military-industrial complex had got what it set out to get, and could now put its production lines on overtime and wait for the profits to roll in. Some 5000 Bell helicopters were lost during the war. The identities of the main Bell shareholders have never been published.

**4) DOUBTS AND CONFESSIONS**

By the start of 1967, the United States had long since flattened all the easy targets in North Vietnam and was embroiled in an increasingly acrimonious no-holds-barred better-dead-than-red war of extermination. The earth had been scorched by napalm, poisoned with 20 million gallons of defoliant Agent Orange [Wikipedia briefing], and Curtis Le May's Strategic Air Command had dusted off its Third Reich air strategy and was now using it against unhardened Vietnamese villages. And as the body bags piled ever higher, so too did the rumours grow louder that the events of 4th August had been massively overstated. The United States, it was now being claimed, had started the war itself and then cleverly shifted the blame onto the other side. This sort of public criticism forced Secretary McNamara to convene a Vietnam Study Task Force headed by Leslie Gelb [Wikipedia biography] to check through the Pentagon archives looking for the truth. They met 17th June 1967 and after four years' work produced the "The Pentagon Papers" [Wikipedia briefing]. In the meantime, on 6th December 1967,
the *New Haven Register* had published a letter from the aforementioned John White, Nuclear Weapons Officer aboard the USS *Pine Island*. Here is the nub of his accusation ... 

"I recall clearly the confusing radio messages sent at that time by the destroyers — confusing because the destroyers themselves were not certain they were being attacked. Granted that some North Vietnamese motor torpedo boats were in the area and used harassing maneuvers, the question is this: Did they actually fire shells or torpedoes at U.S. warships? The answer is no. I learned this by speaking with the chief sonarman of the *Maddox* who was in the sonar room during the "attack." He told me that his evaluation of the sonar scope picture was negative, meaning that no torpedoes were fired through the water, at the ship or otherwise. And he also said that he consistently reported this to the commanding officer during the “attack.” My naval experience as an antisubmarine warfare officer makes it clear that a chief sonarman’s judgment in such a situation is more reliable than that of anyone else on the ship, including the commanding officer. No one is in a better position to know than the chief, and in this case his judgment was that there was no attack. Yet the Pentagon reported to the President that North Vietnam had attacked us" (White, 1967, reproduced in White, 2014 [full text online]).

Secretary McNamara responded for the administration 21st February 1968 by testifying to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that in his opinion the SIGINT evidence was "unimpeachable".

(5) **LOOKING BACK**

Tonkin was a tipping point in history. It was the occasion when proper scrutiny finally died, and entire wars started on opportunistic pretext with scarce a word of journalistic protest. Indeed, the incident has gone on to become one of the class-defining False Flag Attacks of modern history [although in our assessment it is more of a Poor Lulu Attack - Ed.]. The ensuing war spawned countless books and movies, not least Francis Ford Coppola’s (1979) "Apocalypse Now" [IMDB], and in recent years many unimpeachable retrospectives have appeared, including ... 

(1) Paterson (2008): Lieutenant-Commander Pat Paterson [U.S. Naval Institute biography] gives a balanced matter-of-fact account of the incident in his (February 2008) paper "The Truth About Tonkin" [full text online], drawing our attention to a great deal of confusion in Washington in the hours prior to Secretary McNamara's meeting with the JCS.


(3) White (2014): See quotation and link in Section (4) above.

(4) Hanyok (2017): See link in Section (2) and the extracts in Sections (2) and (3).

Unsurprisingly, the incident also features large in the canon of Conspiracy Theory. One early such work was investigative journalist Jonathan Kwitny’s [Wikipedia biography] (1st August 1984) book "Endless Enemies: The Making of an Unfriendly World" [Amazon], which came to the following conclusion ...

"[the] incident was a put-up job, designed to sucker the North Vietnamese into providing justification for a planned U.S. expansion of the war, [...] The press was lied to, and so misinformed the public. We were all lied to" (op. cit.).

Even the far-from-anarchical L. Fletcher Prouty concluded likewise in his (1992) book "JFK: The CIA, Vietnam, and the Plot to Assassinate Kennedy" [Amazon], drawing attention to the inherent dangers in constantly provoking border incidents, thus ...

"These covert operations against North Vietnam were called in the words of presidential advisor Walt Rostow [Wikipedia biography], 'tit for tat' activities, but with a difference. Usually in a 'tit for tat' game, one party hits the other and the second party responds. In the Rostow context, the first party - the United States or South Vietnam - would strike covertly. Then, when the second party hit back, the United States would announce that it had been hit first and that it was legitimate to strike back" (op. cit., p325).

As for LBJ's "torpedoes", there were none. The best technical explanation comes from the NSA itself ...
"The sonar returns of the supposed torpedo attacks were later determined to be a result of the high-speed maneuvering by both U.S. ships. As we saw above, the first "evidence" of a torpedo launch by the enemy boats came from radar. When one of the radar tracks turned away to the south from a westerly heading, this was interpreted by the Americans as a torpedo launch. The sonar rooms in both destroyers were then alerted to a possible torpedo attack. Four crewmen aboard the Turner Joy thought they saw a "white streak" in the water as the ship turned. Both vessels had then gone into wild evasive maneuvers to avoid the torpedoes that were thought to have been launched against them. It was this high-speed gyrating by the American warships through the waters that created all of the additional sonar reports of more torpedoes. Every time one of the destroyers changed course, the sonar reported the distinctive high-speed sounds of torpedoes. Eventually, Herrick and the other officers realized what was happening: the rudders of the two ships had caused the high-speed returns when they reflected the turbulence of the ships' own propellers" (Hanyok, op. cit.).

So we are happy to give the last word to the always thoughtful Jesse Ventura, who wrote as follows in his Foreword to the 2011 reissue of Prouty's (1973/2011) book "The Secret Team" [Amazon] ...

"The further one looks into events such as the Gulf of Tonkin Incident or the Kennedy assassination, the more one can see the fingerprint of a Secret Team operating beyond public view and beholding to other actors. Prouty valued Buckminster Fuller’s [Wikipedia biography] insights and worldview. In [his] last book, Critical Path (1981) [Amazon], he highlights how during the Age of Discovery, England, France, and Spain ‘were simply the operating fronts of behind-the-scenes, vastly ambitious individuals who had become so effectively powerful because of their ability to remain invisible while operating behind the national scenery. [...] The real power structures were always the invisible ones behind the visible sovereign powers.’ As it has been historically with all nations pursuing the path of empire, so it is now with the United States. [...] In the post 9/11 Homeland Security era we are witnessing such endemic governmental compartmentalisation and secrecy that the left hand does not know what the right hand is doing or even thinking [in] a country being operated ever increasingly by a Secret Team” (Ventura, 2011, op. cit., K104-127).

FURTHER READING: For more on the Vincennes incident use the link provided. For more on the Fitzgerald and John S. McCain incidents click here for an executive summary and then follow the onward links as you will. For more on the science of Situational Awareness see our (2003) paper "Situational Awareness in Effective Command and Control" [full text online]. For more on the science of confusion in the cockpit or on the bridge see our (2003) paper "Mode Error in System Control" [full text online]. We have only touched on the material contained in the Pentagon Papers, so if you need more see the The New York Times’ (1971) collection thereof entitled "The Pentagon Papers: The Secret History of the Vietnam War" [Amazon HIGHLY RECOMMENDED]. There is also specialist SIGINT historian Robert Hanyok’s long and meticulously detailed analysis of the NSA SIGINT archives entitled "Skunks, Bogies, Silent Hounds, and the Flying Fish" [full 2017 text online]. There has yet been no confession as to the American Deep State's involvement in the 9/11 False Flag Attacks, but at the time of writing (= Feb. 2020), the clearest statement of the case to answer is David Ray Griffin's (2019) book "9/11 Unmasked" [Amazon HIGHLY RECOMMENDED]. One final word of caution: be on the lookout in all sources (even Hanyok’s) for date and timing inconsistencies, gaps in the paper trail (because they might indicate documents deliberately destroyed??), mistranslations at Phu Bai (how did the listening station avoid using Vietnamese translators with Viet Cong sympathies??). The timings in our narrative come mainly Hanyok's NSA transmission timings.

Gulf War, 1990-1991: See firstly the composite Wikipedia Briefing, and then the separate entries for Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm.


Haganah: In 1921, Jews in Palestine established a self-defence force known as the Haganah [Wikipedia briefing], which in 1948 was subsumed into the broader Israel Defence Force (IDF).
Hager, Steven: Journalist, film-maker, and assassination theorist Steven Hager [Wikipedia biography] was the author of the 2017 book "Killing Kennedy: The Real Story", an attempt to distil a single conspiracy theory out of the many competing ones.


Haire, Bernard J.: Having come out of his shop next door but one to the Texas Theater to see why so many police cars had suddenly arrived, Dallas shopkeeper Bernard Haire [no convenient biography] chose to walk round the back to where it was less crowded, and there witnessed an LHO Look-Alike being taken out through the back door of the cinema and driven off in a police car. Indeed, he didn't even realise it was not LHO until 1987 when telling his story to researcher Jim Marrs, who then featured it in his 1987 book "Crossfire". Haire's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED]. Browse the Balcony Arrest Thread to accumulate the various fragments of this story.

Hall, Anthony [Baron Hall of Birkenhead]2016: [Read firstly the entries for National War Aims Committee (NWAC) and "Churnalism"). Careerist news journalist Anthony [Lord]2016 Hall [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context primarily for being one of those named in Marcus Moore's [see own entry] (2018) article "BBC's 'Churnalism'" - read it now - as having helped transform the BBC from somewhat independently-minded state broadcaster to shameless government town cryer [our metaphor - Ed.]. His particular role has been as Director-General of the BBC 2013-ongoing. For our own part, we note also that he has been on the board of the not-always-what-it-seems British Council since 2008.

Hall, George William: Aberdare-raised Swansea-based newspaper editor and gold mine promoter George William Hall [no convenient biography but see the Evans dissertation referenced below] is noteworthy in the present context for having demonstrated between 1895 and 1897 that the Western Australian Sons of Gwalia Mine [see 13th May 1897] had genuine long-term potential, being then bought out by Berwick, Moreing and Company [see own entry] and then floated to great fanfare on the London Stock Exchange in March 1898. For further details see Alwyn Evans (2015 [full text online]) dissertation entitled "George W. Hall, Newspaper Man and Goldfields Entrepreneur in Wales and Australia". Hall was proposed into the "No. 1 London" masonic lodge at the time of the 1898 flotation.

****** Candidate JFK Lower-Echelon Conspirator and Possible Shooter ******
[Offered the contract; and ticks some of the necessary boxes]

****** A NIGHTMARE WITNESS, CONSTANTLY CONTRADICTING HIMSELF ******
We have therefore told his story in some detail in the hope that at least some of it will be true

"Skip is male, Mexican, 6'0" tall, 40-45 years, slender, and a loud mouth"[FBI papers]

Hall, Lorcan Eugene ["Skip"]: [A.k.a. Lorenzo Pasco, "Leopoldo"] 33-year-old pro-Castro mercenary turned anti-Castro mercenary squad leader turned anti-Castro fund-raiser (maybe more) Lorcan Hall [Spartacus Educational biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having had a troubled upbringing ...

"After Army service in Germany from 1947-1952, Hall spent seven difficult years in Wichita, enduring a broken marriage, an arrest for bad cheques, and a new role as a police informer on local gambling activities. In 1957 he suffered a mental breakdown and spent six months in a VA hospital, and in March 1959, without warning, he left his parents' house and went directly to Cuba" (Kaiser, 2008, p34).

(b) for falling in with sharp end bad boy Frank Sturgis (at that time a pro-Castro mercenary) who put him to work in March 1959 training troops for a possible invasion of Nicaragua designed to destabilise the Somoza brothers' regime, only to be busted within days by Castro's security forces ...
LEST IT BE OVERLOOKED: As we have explained in detailed insets elsewhere [see Timeline 11th July 1958 IMPORTANT], Fidel Castro was, prior to overthrowing the Fulgencio Batista regime 1st January 1959, a popular rebel against a dictatorship so corrupt that even the United States could not work with it. Sure, Castro had the support of Cuba's communists, but neither he nor his new administration were communists. He thus had American mercenaries and CIA field operatives - Sturgis and Hall included - fighting for him, and he was cautiously feted during a state visit to Washington in April 1959. Then everything changed ...

"Castro was determined not to repeat the mistake of Guatemala. He made sure that the army and the press were under his tight control, even if it meant purging and alienating the middle class. He turned instead to the local Communist Party for support [...]. He nationalised the sugar plantations, making him a true communist in the eyes of American businessmen, and began to receive weapons from the Soviet Union. Ominously to the CIA, he also dispatched clandestine teams to stir revolt in Cuba's neighbours, the Dominican Republic, Panama, Haiti, and Nicaragua" (Thomas, 1995/2006, pp203-204).

"Hall claimed he trained a group of men on a farm known as La Lisa, located near Havana. Hall said the food for the trainees came from the Cuban Military Staff Headquarters, under the umbrella of Camilo Cienfuegos [Wikipedia biography]. [Hall] said he was arrested on April 8, 1959, by Cuban authorities, who alleged Hall was suspected of being an FBI agent” (FBI file dated 14th August 1964 released in 2017 [full text online]).

(c) for serving several months in a Cuban prison, reportedly coming to the attention of a VIP fellow prisoner, Mafia don Santos Trafficante, before being repatriated stateside in mid-summer 1959, (d) for then becoming an on-demand CIA asset with La Sambra [Spanish = "the Shadow"], his own commando unit, under the umbrella of Gerry Hemming's INTERPEN ...

ASIDE: Around this time Hall probably also went occasionally with Thomas Eli Davis, III on gun-running missions organised by Lester L. Logue (funds) and Jack Ruby (logistics).

(e) for increasingly turning his hand in late 1962 from field operations to doing fundraising lecture appearances for the John Birch Society, thus ...

"A capable and engaging public speaker, Hall became a favourite of the John Birch Society and other like-minded hard-right organisations, appearing at fund-raising dinners and delivering inflammatory speeches with titles like 'Cuba Betrayed' and 'Revolution Betrayed'. [...] By late 1962 (and continuing throughout most of 1963), Hall spent an increasing amount of time traversing the country [...] soliciting [...] wealthy donors sympathetic to the anti-Castro cause" (Gayle Nix Jackson, 2016, K327).

(f) for shuttling back-and-forth across America during 1963, taking in the Florida Keys, Miami, New Orleans, Dallas, and Los Angeles, raising funds one day and red-ball ing military logistics the next ...

ASIDE: In his (2008) book "The Road to Dallas" [Amazon] forensic historian David Kaiser brings the various threads together as follows ...

"In late 1962 Gerry Hemming was back in his home town of Los Angeles when he was contacted by Trafficante's former cellmate, Loran Hall. After meeting John Rousselot, a southern Californian congressman with ties to the John Birch Society, Hall and Hemming decided to return to Florida via Dallas and New Orleans, where Hemming had met with Cuban leaders the previous year. [...] When they reached Dallas [high-rolling right-wing activist Robert] Morris put them in touch with Lester Logue, a petroleum geologist who was also interested in conservative causes and became something of a financial angel for Hall and Hemming during the rest of 1963. Behind Logue, apparently, was H. L. Hunt [...] Logue arranged for Hall and Hemming to meet with General Edwin Walker [...] but Walker provided no direct support. Logue gave Hemming and Hall hundreds of dollars on several occasions during 1963 [...]. Hall and Hemming proceeded to [...] Miami [... from where] he participated in several raids on shipping around Cuba in February and March 1963, and was wounded in the leg. [...] Hall returned to Dallas to recuperate and talked to Logue again [...] who gave Hall enough money to drive back to Florida. When he got there, Hemming introduced him to [John] Martino, who asked Hall if he might be interested in something bigger than a raid, backed by 'people' from Chicago and Miami. Martino outlined a plan to place demolition charges that could be detonated from remote locations at sites frequented by Castro, and a few days later, in April, he invited Hall, without Hemming, to a meeting at a Miami Beach hotel. There Hall found Trafficante [...] [Sam] Giancana, and [Johnny] Roselli. They promised Martino the $20,000-$30,000 he said he would need, and according to Hall,
Giancana gave Bayo $15,000 as a down-payment for equipment. Martino told Hemming that the assassination of Castro was the real objective of the raid" (Kaiser, 2008, pp161-163).

CAMEO - PAWNING HEMMING'S 30.06: In "late January" 1963 one of Hall's fund-raising trips took him and Hemming to Los Angeles. While there, Hemming had to pawn his Johnson M1941 and Bushnell Hunting Scope, the sniper's combo which some researchers suspect was used in the JFK shooting, and recovered at the scene. For the full story see Timeline 1st April 1961 and follow the forward pointers provided. In her (2016) book "Pieces of the Puzzle" [Amazon] forensic historian Gayle Nix Jackson notes that the overlay in Dallas was in order to have the weapons properly serviced by "a gunsight", during which time the caches were hidden away in Lester Logue's garage.

(g) for being involved with William "Rip" Robertson during the planning stages of Operation Tilt in the weeks leading up to its 8th June 1963 fail, (h) for flying to Los Angeles 4th September 1963, and then on 18th September 1963 for redeeming Hemming's sniper rifle (apparently without Hemming's knowledge or permission), (i) for driving back to Dallas in company with Lawrence Howard and Celio Sergio Castro [rapsheet], and delivering a trailer load of supplies to a safe house in Dallas [Lester Logue's garage again?? - Ed.], (j) for then allegedly (but strongly denied) being one of the three men who called at the Dallas home of Silvia Odio on Thursday 26th September 1963 (the others being Howard and "Leon"/William Seymour OR Oswald) ...

RESEARCH ISSUE - ODIO, YES OR NO: There are TWO issues here, the first regarding the identities of the men who visited Ms. Odio, and the second regarding the date. Regarding the first issue, see OUR VERDICT below and Ms. Odio's entry. Regarding the second issue, we are here following Gayle Nix Jackson (2016) who notes that on the evening in question Ms. Odio was in a hurry to get out to a gala event in nearby Fort Worth, which event has been dated as a matter of record to 26th September.

(k) for bussing on to Miami 4th October 1963 (Hemming, 1994), arriving back in Dallas 12th October 1963, and for getting a night in jail 16th-17th October for possessing illegal barbiturates, (l) later on 17th October 1963 for picking up their consignment of arms and then calling in for a meeting with the aforementioned Lester L. Logue and five fellow businessmen (dealt with in the National Enquirer cameo further down this entry), (m) for being involved 30th October 1963 in the Jewfish Creek Incident [for the details see Timeline that date], (n) for returning to California "to work for a hospital supply group", (o) for coming under suspicion of being in Dallas 22nd November 1963, but given an alibi by his wife as being at home in California, (p) for being tracked down and interviewed by the FBI 16th September 1964 ...

RESEARCH ISSUE: This was the interview in which Hall named his companions on the Silvia Odio visit as Lawrence Howard and William Seymour, assertions he will withdraw four days later, and again when interviewed in 1968 by the Garrison Investigation (see below) and in 1977 by the House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA) (see below).

(q) for being subpoenaed December 1967 as a material witness to Garrison's case against Edgar Eugene Bradley, being mentioned by name in both the 16th February 1968 Turner Memorandum and the 19th March 1968 Boxley Memorandum ...

CAMEO - HALL IN THE TURNER MEMORANDUM: Here is what (possibly vexatious) Carol Aydelotte had to say about Hall in her Turner Memorandum evidence against Edgar Eugene Bradley ...

"[Mrs Aydelotte] said that Bradley was very close to an anti-Castro fighter by the name of Lorenzo Pascillo. I asked her if she knew any Anglo name for this man. She was not certain, but did finally come up with the phonetic resemblance to Loren [sic] Hall. At this time she was shown an assortment of photographs at which time she selected a recent picture of Loren Eugene Hall as being identical with the man she knew as Pascillo. She said that Hall is also very close to a man by the name of Roger Burr of North Hollywood. She said that she herself contributed prior to the assassination to Hall's campaign for funds in order to mount an invasion of Cuba by his own group from the Florida Keys. When he returned to the Los Angeles area following the assassination, she confronted him with where the funds contribued had gone. Hall explained that the CIA had confiscated all the supplies that he had bought with the funds. He further commented that he was in Texas at the time of the assassination" (Turner Memorandum, 1968 [full text online], p2).
**CAMEO - HALL IN THE BOXLEY MEMORANDUM:** And here is what the (possibly vexatious) Dennis Mower added in his Boxley Memorandum evidence (we have not revisited material already covered in the Turner Memorandum) ...

"... [Dennis Mower] named a man, first name unknown, Banton, III, who he said is in the investment business as being Loran Hall's contact to South American arms company for delivery of weapons to Guatemala" (Boxley Memorandum, 1968 [full text online], p3).

(r) for giving a detailed deposition to Jim Garrison 6th-8th May 1968 (Mellen, 2005, pp279-281), (s) for being featured with Garrison's blessing (now that his name was out anyway) in a National Enquirer write up 1st September 1968 [full text online - FASCINATING STUFF] ...

**CAMEO - HALL (PER HIS NATIONAL ENQUIRER PIECE):** Here are the first few column inches of what Hall had to say ...

"I turned down a $50,000 offer to kill President John F. Kennedy only five weeks before he was shot dead in Dallas, Texas. It came from right wing radicals who also had Robert Kennedy and Martin Luther King in their kill list - a list which members of the Central Intelligence Agency helped form. [...] And these people were deadly serious. They were lunatic, fanatical right wingers - Klansmen and Fascists [...]. I have told [Jim] Garrison that there was a plot to kill President Kennedy. But I believe that the biggest plot of them all was the plot the U.S. Government set to cover up the assassination. The Government knows Lee Harvey Oswald was not the lone assassin. He was the patsy, the guy who gave his life so that members of a sniper team could escape. I doubt if he even fired a shot. [...] The offer of $50,000 to kill John Kennedy was made in Dallas, Texas, on October 17, 1963. I was in Dallas for two reasons. I had a meeting with right-wingers to discuss funds for La Sambra guerrilla raids. I also had to pick up a trailer load of guns, ammunition, and medical supplies for La Sambra. [...] The man who owned the office was a conservative, not a radical, and we were discussing how to raise money for the Cuban raids. One of the men, a fascist, stood up and said: 'Hell, I'd rather donate to a $50,000 pot to kill Kennedy' [this could easily have been General Edwin Walker - Ed.]. Then he turned to me and said: 'You kill Kennedy, and the $50,000 is yours'. I ended that conversation quick. I told him to forget it. I wasn't interested. I said I might break the Neutrality Act by attacking Castro, but I wasn't a traitor"

(t) for being named in 1975 by (possibly vexatious) FBI informer Harry Dean [see own entry] as one of two hitmen (the other being Eladio del Valle) hired by John Rousselot and General Edwin Walker to kill JFK ...

"[In] 1975, a man named Harry Dean, who claimed to have been a former undercover agent for the FBI and CIA, reported that in 1963 he had covertly infiltrated the John Birch Society, where he learned that Rousselot, in partnership with fellow arch-conservative Army General Edwin Walker, had hired two assassins, Loran Hall and Eladio del Valle, to kill President Kennedy in Dallas" (Albarelli, 2013, K5754).

(u) for testifying 5th October 1977 to the House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA), confirming the Logue story but denying any visit to Silvia Odio, and (v) for being arrested (along with his three children) for operating an illegal drugs farm 1987-1989, claiming, in their defence, that they were part of a CIA operation not unlike the slightly earlier Iran-Contra Affair.

**OUR VERDICT:** The Odio denial is the pivotal moment in this tale, because EITHER Hall made the visit, admitted it (to the FBI) in 1964, and was then told by persons unknown to un-admit it four days later, OR he did not make the visit and was told by persons unknown to confess to it regardless. Our present judgement is that it was the OR not the EITHER. **There is therefore still much to learn from discovering who was giving Loran Eugene Hall his instructions.** In the end, however, as the aforementioned Gayle Nix Jackson points out (p336), the evidence against him has only ever been circumstantial. **FURTHER READING:** Kaiser (link above) devotes the whole of Chapter 11 to the Odio meeting, and makes many mentions of Hall. We also strongly recommend Gayle Nix Jackson's chapter on "The Gunrunners" as fact-filled and nicely up-to-date.

**Hall, Patricia Puckett:** See the entry in her maiden name, Patricia Puckett.
Hall, Richard D.: Working to the dictum that you should believe none of what you are told and only half what you see for yourself, investigative journalist Richard Hall [no convenient biography] maintains the well-respected Rich Planet social media site, which see.

Halliburton: The Halliburton story began in 1919 when rig engineer Erle P. Halliburton [Wikipedia biography] set up in business in 1919 as the New Method Oil Well Cementing Company. His company has now grown into the modern industrial conglomerate Halliburton [Wikipedia briefing]. Since a 1998 merger the conglomerate also includes Dresser Industries [Wikipedia briefing], noteworthy in the present context for its 1996 patented thermite demolition system [Google Patents (US5532449)].

Halpern, Sam: Careerist CIA officer Sam Halpern [Spartacus Educational biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having worked to Richard Bissell, William Harvey, and Desmond Fitzgerald in the agency's 1961-1963 operations against Fidel Castro [it was he, indeed, who chose the name Operation Mongoose - Ed.], and (b) for subsequently being interviewed by the 1975 House Select Committee on Intelligence Activities (The Church Committee). His Church Committee testimony was a model of honesty-with-due-discretion, and his version of events would be incorporated into many later histories. It was, for example, Halpern who popularised the (possibly overstated) notion that much of the momentum for the anti-Castro operations of the early 1960s actually came from RFK rather than JFK.

Hamas: This was/is the Palestinian nationalist political party [Wikipedia briefing] founded in 1987 as an offshoot of the CIA-promoted Egyptian branch of the Muslim Brotherhood [q.v.], but then quickly becoming independent of mind and finance and subsequently frequently involved in anti-Israel direct action.

Hamilton, Alexander: Career politician Alexander Hamilton [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been the United States' first Secretary of the Treasury. Appointed in 1789 he took advice from William Bingham [see own entry] concerning how best to approach the nation's "financing and debts" (Tearle, 2017). On 25th February 1791 he founded First Bank of the United States, and introduced a bimetallic coinage standard, that is to say silver and gold in the ratio 15:1.

Hamilton, Nancy: Sometime heroin addict and prostitute, recently widowed, and soon-to-be-remarried [11th April 1964] manager-hostess at Jack Ruby's Carousel Club Nancy Perrin Hamilton [no convenient biography, but for lots of background value, click here] was the widow of murdered gun-runner Robert Perrin [no convenient biography, but for lots of background value, click here]. Her testimony painted a dismal picture of DPD, claiming that fully half the force (as well as Dallas County District Attorney Henry Wade) took "favourites" at the Carousel Club in the form of liquor, gambling, and girls [to see Wade's denial of any link with Ruby, click here]. Hamilton's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony (under the name Nancy Perrin Rich) [read it now]; Interview to camera, by Mark Lane [YouTube it now].

Hampton, Fredrick Allen: American civil rights activist Fred Hampton [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) as the Chicago Black Panther Party (BPP) [Wikipedia briefing] member who was state assassinated by an FBO SWAT team during the night 3rd/4th December 1969 [see Timeline that date] for the crime of being asleep during a raid, and (b) for the posthumous honour of having, by his death, exposed the true nature of the FBI's COINTELPRO programme ...

ASIDE - COINTELPRO: Readers unfamiliar with the FBI's 1956 COINTELPRO initiative for proactively detecting left-wing sympathisers by creating seemingly left-wing entrapment organisations should check out the entry for the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC) in the Companion Resource before proceeding. The FBI used the programme to turn the pro-Castro FPCC into an anti-Castro operation, simply by collecting the names of its members. And in New Orleans, of course, it famously involved none other than Lee Harvey Oswald, who, as Turner (2001, pp174-175) puts it, was "conducting a dangle operation to identify Castro sympathisers". YouTube Oswald doing COINTELPRO leafleting here.
FURTHER READING: The Fred Hampton story is widely retold online, but if you need a quotable source see Jeffrey Haas' (2019) "The Assassination of Fred Hampton" [Amazon REVELATORY].

***** MINOR CONSPIRATOR, WW1 *****

Hanbury-Williams, Brigadier-General Sir John: Career British Army officer General Sir John Hanbury-Williams [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) as a member of Milner's Kindergarten [see own entry], and (b) for being mentioned in Chapter 8 of Jim Macgregor [see own entry] and Gerry Docherty's [see own entry] 2017 book "Prolonging the Agony" [see own entry]. In this particular chapter the authors are questioning the true motives for the Anglo-French move against the Dardanelles in Spring 1915 [see entire thread from 1st January 1915], suspecting that the whole thing was a deliberately engineered piece of political theatre designed to keep the Russians in the war by promising them Constantinople. General Hanbury-Williams, they note, used his position as military attaché to the Russian High Command at St. Petersburg to pass the necessary despatches to and fro. As such he was also deeply involved in arranging Kitchener's fatal trip to Russia [see 5th June 1916].

Hancock, Larry: Assassination researcher Larry Hancock [Spartacus Educational biography] was author of the 2006 book "Someone Would Have Talked".

***** DEEP STATE ARCH-CONSPIRATOR, WW1 *****

Hankey, [Sir]1916 Maurice Pascal Alers [1st Baron Hankey]1939: British artillerist turned civil servant Lieutenant-Colonel [Sir]1916 Maurice Hankey [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having served as a coastal defence analyst to the Admiralty's Naval Intelligence Department between 1902 and 1906, (b) for therefore being well qualified to take the Royal Navy's seat on the Committee of Imperial Defence (CID) [see own entry] between 1908 and 1912, (c) for becoming Secretary of same in 1912, a position he would retain until that committee's disbanding in 1938, (d) for editing a 1913 report on the most appropriate blockading of contraband should hostilities break out ...

ASIDE: The nature of contraband had been under discussion since 1911 by a CID sub-committee, and had been addressed head-on in a meeting 20th January 1912. The final report appeared in 1913, and it was this report's failure to embargo shipments of cotton which allowed massive tonnages of that material to reach Germany via neutral Holland and Scandinavia, there to be turned into munitions (not least guncotton and its derivative cordite). For more on this debate, compare the entries for Sir Cecil Hurst and Montagu Consett, following onward links to taste. [THREAD = WW1 INSIDER TRADING AND PROFITEERING]

(e) for thereby being well qualified to serve as secretary to Asquith's War Council in 1914-1915, then to Lloyd George's War Cabinet in 1916, then to the Imperial War Cabinet from 1917, (f) for being one of the first - in late 1914 - to recognise the potential of tracked armoured fighting vehicles on the battlefield, (g) for liaising in early 1915 with Mark Sykes [see own entry] during that officer's work on the De Bunsen Committee [see own entry] ...

ASIDE: By early 1917 Hankey had three assistant secretaries, namely Mark Sykes and the Milner men Leo Amery [see own entry] and William Ormsby-Gore [see own entry].

(h) for thereby being supremely well qualified to serve as secretary to the British delegation to the Versailles Peace Conference [see own entry] (a role he would reprise at many further conferences through to 1937) ...

ASIDE: He was, it seems, warned off from accepting the post of Secretary General of the League of Nations [see own entry] by his Establishment controller Lord Esher [see own entry].

and (i) for heading the 1936 government working party looking into civil defence options in the event of a biological attack, for more on which see the entry for Porton Down. Hankey receives a lot of mention in Chapters 8 and 26 of Jim Macgregor [see own entry] and Gerry Docherty's [see own entry] 2017 book "Prolonging the Agony" [see own entry]. In the first of these two chapters the authors are
questioning the true motives for the Anglo-French move against the Dardanelles in Spring 1915 [see entire thread from 1st January 1915], suspecting that the whole thing was a deliberately engineered piece of political theatre designed to keep the Russians in the war by promising them Constantinople. It was Hankey, they note, who on 26th December 1914 drafted what is now known as the "Boxing Day Memo", a proposal by the War Council for intervention in and around the Dardanelles. The issue was duly raised with the Russian Chief of Staff in St. Petersburg on 30th December 1914, and the operation began two days later. In the later chapter the authors are making the case that the ousting of Asquith’s Liberal Party administration in September 1916 was more a Secret Elite coup than a simple party political victory for Bonar Law’s Conservative Party opposition. Hankey, they note - "the most skilful bureaucrat of his time" (Fromkin, 1989, p131) - was the Milner Group’s spider in the Westminster web [our metaphor not theirs - Ed.], and following the Asquith Resignation [see own entry] On 5th December 1916 was one of the first to sit down with Lloyd George to celebrate a much pre-meditated victory. His knighthood came through shortly afterward.


Hardie, Kier: Scottish-British trade union leader, turned left-wing politician Kier Hardie [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having grown up in Govan, the ship-building suburb of Glasgow, and for getting his first job (as messenger boy) aged only seven years, (b) for having become a trade union organiser for the local mining industry in 1879, (c) for unsuccessfully fighting the April 1888 General Election under an Independent Labour Party banner, (d) for becoming Secretary of the Scottish Labour Party in August that same year, (e) for successfully fighting the 1892 General Election, again under the Independent Labour Party banner, and for serving as member for West Ham South [London's Govan - Ed.] until 1895 (when he lost his seat for attacking the Monarchy), (f) for having helped form the Labour Representation Committee in 1900, (g) for having helped reconstitute said Committee as the modern Labour Party in 1906, (h) for leading the 29 left wing parliamentary seats gained in that year's General Election, and (i) for having strongly supported the anti-war movement in Britain until his death in 1915.

***** HISTORICAL MARKER - FIRST JEWISH EDITOR OF THE TIMES *****

Harding, James Paul: High-flying print and televisonal news editor James Harding [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being editor of The Financial Times and The Times 2003-2012, giving evidence on behalf of the latter to the Leveson Inquiry in February 2012, (b) for being director of BBC News 2013-2018 ...

ASIDE: As such, Harding was one of those named in Marcus Moore’s [see own entry] (2018) article "BBC's 'Churnalism'" - read it now - as having helped transform the BBC from somewhat independently-minded state broadcaster to shameless government town cryer [our metaphor - Ed.].

(c) for then going freelance as co-founder of Tortoise Media [Website], "the news equivalent of dipping your head in a cool, glacier-fresh stream on a scorching-hot day" (Website, 20th November 2019), and (g) for being mentioned in BBC whistleblower John Sweeney's [see own entry] 4th November 2019 letter [see Timeline that date].

Hardinge, [Sir]1904 Arthur Henry: See the entry for Hardinge Family.

Hardinge, Charles [1st Baron Hardinge of Penshurst]1910: British aristocrat and diplomat Charles Hardinge [Lord Hardinge]1910 [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been "the close personal friend and most important adviser on foreign policy of King Edward VII" (Quigley, 1949, p25), (b) for thereby having been very influential in the King’s 1903 charm offensive into France [see 1st May 1904], the result of which was the 1904 Anglo-French Entente Cordiale [see 8th
April 1904], and (c) for having served as Under-Secretary at the Foreign Office between 1903 and 1920. Macgregor and Docherty (2017) describe him as a "proven Establishment man closely associated with the Secret Elite" (p86). See also **Hardinge Family**, next.

**Hardinge Family:** The Hardinges with whom we are here concerned are both grandsons of empire builder **Henry Hardinge, 1st Viscount Hardinge** (1785-1856) [Wikipedia biography], *floruit* 1828-1856, namely [Sir]1904 Arthur Henry Hardinge (1859-1933) [Wikipedia biography] and (his cousin) **Charles Hardinge [1st Baron Hardinge of Penshurst]1910** (1858-1944) [Wikipedia biography]. Here is a quick introduction ...


Quigley makes much of these family connections, seeing the Hardinges as an integral part of what he calls the "Cecil Bloc" in British imperial expansion in the early 20th Century. He specifies job titles and dates a few pages later ...

"Arthur Henry Hardinge (Sir Arthur after 1904) and his cousin, Charles Hardinge (Baron Hardinge of Penshurst after 1910), were both aided in their careers by Lord Salisbury. The former [...] rose to be Minister in Persia, Belgium, and Portugal (1900-1913) and Ambassador to Spain (1913-1919). The latter worked up in the diplomatic service to be First Secretary at the Embassy in St. Petersburg (1898-1903), then was Assistant Under Secretary and Permanent Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs (1903-1904, 1906-1910, 1916-1920), Ambassador at St. Petersburg (1904-1906), Viceroy of India (1910-1916), and Ambassador at Paris (1920-1922). Charles Hardinge, although almost unknown to many people, is one of the most significant figures in the formation of British foreign policy in the twentieth century, [...] He was probably the most important single person in the formation of the Entente Cordiale in 1904 [see Timeline 1st May 1903 and 8th April 1904] and was very influential in the formation of the understanding with Russia in 1907 [see Timeline 31st August 1907]" (pp24-25).

Sir Arthur comes out of retirement to serve as Britain's Strike-Breaker-in-Chief at the time of the 1926 General Strike [see Timeline 25th September 1925].

**Harel, Isser:** "Father of Israeli Intelligence" **Isser Harel** [Wikipedia biography] was the second Director of the **Mossad** [q.v.] between 1952 and 1963, best known for the capture and extraction from foreign soil of fugitive Nazi **Adolf Eichmann** in 1960.

**Hargis, Billy James:** Evangelist and conservative political activist **Billy Hargis** [Wikipedia biography] founded the **Christian Crusade** religious cult in 1950, designed to appeal to the Religious Right [q.v.]. In 1959 his writings came to the attention of General **Edwin Walker** [q.v.], who helped spread them amongst the troops under his command.

**Hargis, Robert:** DPD motorcycle outrider **Bobby Hargis** [Dallas Morning News obituary, 2014] was riding inside-left of the four DPD motorcycles attached to **limo #1**, and had to ride through the spray of presidential blood and brain tissue after the Z313 head shot. Despite the fact that his orders were to stay with the limo, he then parked his motorcycle, drew his pistol, and ran up onto the railway overpass. Finding nothing but confusion he returned to his motorcycle and passed under the overpass to check out the situation beyond. Drawing a blank a second time he finally returned to the **TSBD**, where he took station at the southwest corner of the building to prevent unauthorised egress. [For Officer Hargis' testimony to the Warren Commission, click here; said deposition does not indicate how long it was before he was able to take station outside the TSBD.]

**Hargraves, Roy:** **Roy Hargraves** [Spartacus Educational biography] was an experienced CIA **INTERPEN** mercenary who would be placed in Dealey Plaza at the time of the assassination - **YouTube him in Dealey Plaza now**.
Harkins, Paul Donal: WW2, Korean War, and Vietnam veteran (U.S. Army) General 1952 Paul Harkins [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for assuming command of the Military Assistance Command, Vietnam (MACV) [Wikipedia briefing] 8th February 1962, thereby becoming the means by which CINCPAC (Admiral Harry D. Felt) could effectively command the 16,000 U.S. advisors in South Vietnam from his Headquarters in Hawaii, (b) for later complaining that only 10% of those 16,000 were usefully available to him personally because the Army was simply paddock sweeping for the CIA teams up country ...

LEST IT BE OVERLOOKED: As was pointed out in the entry for the Gulf of Tonkin Incident, some 90% of the 16,000 U.S. advisors were acting in a support, logistics, and janitary role to the CIA's undeclared war, which was administered separately from Colonel Lucien Conein's Saigon Military Mission (SMM), not from MACV Headquarters.

(c) on 24th January 1964 for setting up a branch within his MACV command called the Studies and Observations Group (MACV-SOG) [Wikipedia briefing], whose job it was to plan each month's operations, and (d) for stating after the war that he had never actually been told what the American military objective had been in all this (Prouty, 1992)!

***** DIVERTED BY FALSE ID *****

Harkness, David V.: 42-year-old DPD Sergeant David Harkness [no convenient biography] was at Main and Houston supervising the constables on crowd control in the area at the time of the shooting. Jumping on his three-wheeled command-post motorcycle he went down Main toward the Triple Overpass (following the direction of the crowds), and then veered back to Old Elm Street in front of the TSBD. Here he was told by Amos Euins that shooting had come from inside the building. He took Euins' name and address and at 1256hr rang in the report to Control. He then proceeded to seal off the building, himself and two others ("then", but not before seeing Euins into a police car) to the back of the building, and arriving squads under Inspector J. Herbert Sawyer at the front.

ASIDE: At this point in Harkness' Warren Commission testimony David Belin very conveniently obfuscates for several questions, until the witness leads him back to the issue of the back of the building.

At the rear of the building Harkness, like Joe Smith and Roger Craig before him, failed to detain "some Secret Service agents there". Sawyer next sent him to check out "a long freight [train]" presently blocking the back of the carpark, and here "we pulled some people off of there and took them to the station".

ASIDE: These "people" include the famous Three Tramps. In fact TWO long freights were shaken down in this period, by "several officers working in that area". Freight controller Lee Bowers performed an oft-overlooked service by keeping the two trains in place pending the search. By "the station" we understand DPDHQ, not the County Sheriff's Office, indicating that the Three Tramps were suspects and not witnesses, this being how things were organised at the time. Since the Three Tramps were guilty, and since they were quickly released without being followed up, we must suspect A MAJOR conspiratorial involvement at DPDHQ in the hour or so following their arrival there.

Sergeant Harkness' evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now].

Harrelson, Charles: Texas born armed robber Charles Harrelson [Wikipedia biography] came to the attention of assassination researchers in September 1980 when he claimed during a struggle to arrest him on an unrelated charge to have been involved in the events of 1963. He quickly withdrew the assertion, but he had put himself in the research spotlight. He next appeared in Jim Marr's 1989 book "Crossfire", where he was tentatively identified as one of the (second set of) Three Tramps - follow the Three Tramps Thread for the images. Harrelson was interviewed by investigative journalists and researchers several times before his death in 2007, but consistently denied his involvement. The best anyone ever got was the grudging admission that "it sure looks like me". In Rod Mac Kenzie(
and Hooke)'s 2016 analysis of the assassination Harrelson was, with John Ernst and Clyde Foust, part of a three-man shooting team paid for by H. L. Hunt and assigned to the western end of the John Neely Bryan Pergola.

Harri, Guto: [Read firstly the entries for National War Aims Committee (NWAC) and "Churnalism".] British broadcaster turned public relations advisor to the mighty Guto Harri [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context primarily for being one of those named in Marcus Moore's [see own entry] (2018) article "BBC's 'Churnalism'" - read it now - as having helped transform the BBC from somewhat independently-minded state broadcaster to shameless government town crier [our metaphor - Ed.]. His particular role was stated by Moore as having served as Boris Johnson's communications director 2008-2012 during the latter's term as Mayor of London.

Harriman Family (Railways) at a Glance: The Harriman railways dynasty began in 1880 when patriarch Edward Henry Harriman [Wikipedia biography] bought out the bankrupt Lake Ontario Southern Railroad, reorganised it, and sold it on at a profit. Similar deals followed and by the time of his death in 1909 he had acquired control of the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific railways, and the Wells Fargo Express Company. His sons William Averell Harriman [see own entry] and Edward Roland Harriman [Wikipedia biography] continue the family tradition, jointly founding the investment bank Harriman Brothers and Company [see next] in 1927. This merged in 1931 with Brown Brothers and Company [see next] to form Brown Brothers Harriman [Wikipedia briefing], thereby freeing Averell Harriman for a career as diplomat-politician.

Harriman, William Averell: Politician-diplomat and one of the heirs to the Harriman Family fortune [see own entry] Averell Harriman [Wikipedia biography] was U.S. Ambassador to the Soviet Union between 1943 and early 1946, and then to the U.K. through 1946. He went on to be Special Assistant to President Harry Truman (hence his presence in October 1950 at the Wake Island Conference [q.v.]), and was later Assistant Secretary of State in the Kennedy administration. Anthony Summers and Stephen Dorril assert in their (1987/2013e) book "The Secret Worlds of Stephen Ward" (a) that Harriman had definitely been a medical client of up-and-coming society osteopath Stephen Ward [q.v.] during his 1946 spell in London, and (b) that on JFK's London visit in June 1963 he possibly arranged for Ward to try his luck with the President's famously bad back.

Harris, Larry Ray: One time Oak Cliff mailman turned researcher at the JFKAIC.

Harris, Sheldon Howard: American investigative historian Sheldon H. Harris [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been the researcher-author of "Factors of Death: Japanese Biological Warfare, 1932-1945, and the American Cover-Up" [Amazon]. For more on the issues raised in this book, see next the entry for Unit 731.

Harrison, John ["Jay"] F.: Korean War veteran DPD Detective (Criminal Intelligence Section) Jay Harrison [no convenient biography] was staking out the nearby Black Muslim Church [a meeting place for adherents to Malcolm X's Nation of Islam - Ed.] at the time of the shooting, but responded to the all-units call and was sent to guard the injured John Connally. On the morning of 24th he was at DPDHQ with fellow officer Donald Steele, and was in the vehicle basement at the time LHO was eventually murdered. Harrison then became a researcher in his own right, recording personal contacts with Patrolman J. D. Tippit, General Edwin Walker, Jack Ruby, George de Mohrenschildt, Ruth Paine, and Michael Paine. His work was featured in Glen Sample and Mark Collom's (1995) book "The Men of the Sixth Floor". During his researches Harrison reputedly accumulated a full ton of supporting papers, which were handed to fellow researcher Walt Brown after his death in 2005. Much to the concern of the research fraternity at large, this material has yet [January 2018] to be processed. Harrison's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED]; Interview for book, Glen Sample, 1966.
Harrison, William J. ["Blackie"]: DPD Detective (Juvenile Squad) William Harrison was on duty at the Dallas Trade Mart at the time of the assassination, and thus missed the excitement in Dealey Plaza. However, on Sunday 24th November he was assigned to the basement lot of DPDHQ, where he helped disarm Jack Ruby following his shooting of LHO.

CONSPIRACY ALERT: In this latter respect researcher Anthony Summers (2013e) suspects that this was only after conspiring with Ruby and two other basement cops, Patrick Dean and George Butler, to get him into the basement in the first place! Harrison, Dean, and Butler were long-term frequenters of the Carousel Club.

Harrison's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony.

Harrt, Niels: Danish chemist Niels Harrit is noteworthy in the present context for his contribution to the work of the international Truther movement Scholars for 9/11 Truth & Justice, both in terms of meticulously peer-reviewed laboratory research and of appearances at scientific conferences and in 9/11 documentaries. The thrust of his forensic chemistry is that the 9/11 attacks left a massive 3000-death murder scene covered in hundreds of tons of totally inescapable chemical fingerprints, such as could only be produced by highly sophisticated "L3" military demolition munitions known as "shaped thermitic charges".

QUICKIE - "L3" DEMOLITION TECHNOLOGY: The term "L3" is a house abbreviation of our own, not Harrit's and not in common usage. It is our shorthand for Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, the well-known American technological hot-house and state-of-the-art weapons contractor. We use it here only in the generic sense, that is to say, to refer to any such laboratory worldwide capable of this level of sophistication, the points being (1) that there are only a couple of dozen such facilities on the planet, and (2) that only major powers can afford to fund them. Click here to see a typical shaped thermitic charge U.S. Patent from the 1990s (there are dozens to choose from, and these are just the declassified ones). We do not, as yet, know which major power provided the charges used in 2001 in the World Trade Center.

FURTHER READING: Harrit's headline research paper is Harrit, et al. (2009 [full text online]), which see, and his final position is summarised in this 2016 YouTube conference presentation ESSENTIAL VIEWING. Note well the "red/grey chips" - they killed a lot of innocent people.

Hartmann, Thom: Assassination researcher Thom Hartmann was second author to Lamar Waldron on the 2005 book "Ultimate Sacrifice", in which it is argued that a CIA-backed coup - codenamed AM/WORLD - to remove Fidel Castro from power had been due to take place on 1st December 1963, but had been turned by the intervention of rogue CIA man David Morales into an attempt on the American presidency.

Hartogs, Dr. Renatus: Psychiatrist Dr. Renatus Hartogs was Chief Psychiatrist at the Youth House in NYC in the early 1950s. In 1953 he had assessed LHO following referral there for truanting, and so was able to give background evidence to the Warren Commission in 1964. The Commission, in its turn, then used that as part of its cover story profiling of LHO as a lone nut. Hartogs' evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission Testimony.

"Harvey Lee": Possibly LHO or LHO Look Alike. See the entries for Richard Margeson and Lawrence Howard.

Harvey, William King: Lawyer turned FBI special agent turned early-years CIA officer and "very dangerous man" William Harvey is noteworthy in the present context (a) for working obsessively to identify British mole Kim Philby in 1951, (b) for spending the next couple of years at the CIA's Berlin station, assisted, from 1953, by Ted Shackley, (c) for heading Richard Bissell's
"Executive Action" program in the late 1950s, thereby necessarily cultivating contacts with jobbing assassins around the world ...

ASIDE: The phrase "Executive Action" means the act-of-war murder of uppity foreigners, up to and including disagreeable heads of state. Ironically, there is nothing more likely to bring the Western media to full screech than for those thus targeted even to think about returning the compliment. Amongst the assassins so cultivated was Lucien Sarti [see own entry].

(d) for being "one of only three officers privy to plans to send false defectors into the Soviet Union" in 1959 (Summers, 1980/1989, p528) ...

LEST IT BE OVERLOOKED: In this resource we take it as a Jeffersonian self-evident truth that LHO was a 1959 false defector, that is to say, an American patriot risking his life for the country he loved in ways he would never be allowed to reveal [see Timeline 16th October 1959].

(e) for therefore being a natural choice to be put in charge of Operation Mongoose's Task Force W after its authorisation 30th November 1961, quickly establishing a CIA snipers' school at Point Mary on Key Largo FL [map] (Op.cit.) and contracting with private investigator Robert Maheu [see own entry] to liaise with home-grown mobsters Johnny Roselli, Santos Trafficante, and Sam Giancana on how best to resource the ZR/RIFLE schemes to assassinate Fidel Castro (Morrow, 1992, p146), (f) for then suggesting in his file notes as follows ...

"Among the notes for ZR/RIFLE that Harvey then scribbled to himself were: 'planning should include provisions for blaming Sovs or Czechs in case of blow. Should have phony 201 [a CIA file on any person of 'active operational interest'] in RG [Central Registry] to backstop this, all documents therein forged and backdated'. In other words, in order to blame an assassination on the Communists, the patsy should be given Soviet or Czechoslovakian associations. [...] Harvey also reminded himself that the phony 201 'should look like a CE [counterespionage] file,' and that he needed to talk with 'Jim A.'" (Douglass, 2008, p144; confirmed by Hurt, 1985, p247; "Jim A." = James Jesus Angleton).

(g) on 19th February 1962 for acting on orders from CIA Director Richard Helms to hire the professional assassin code-named QJ/WIN to help bring ZR/RIFLE to a satisfactory ending (Twyman, 1998), (h) for supplying a batch of poison pills to Roselli 21st April 1962 for onward transmission to an (ultimately unsuccessful) assassination squad in Cuba (Hinckle and Turner, 1981, p137), (i) for being replaced as head of program in November 1962 by Desmond Fitzgerald and for falling out "with a purple passion" with the chair of General Maxwell Taylor's Special Group (Augmented), that is to say, RFK, (j) for being demoted in January 1963, but for continuing to work even more covertly through to March 1963 with Roselli on one final assassination-coup attempt against Castro ...

ASIDE: The team entered Cuba via the U.S. base at Guantanamo Bay and were captured 9th March 1963 (Kaiser, 2008, p154).

(k) for then being exiled himself, so to speak, to the CIA's Rome Station, and (l) for featuring in early November 1963 in the darker of the two competing Eugene Dinkin [see own entry - IMPORTANT] narratives (CIA Inspector General's Report, 1967).

Haslam, Dr. Edward T.: Assassination researcher Edward Haslam [Spartacus Educational biography] became interested in Dr. Mary Sherman's work at NOLA's Ochsner Clinic because his father had worked with her in the early 1960s. He published his findings in his 2007 book "Dr. Mary's Monkey", the central thesis of which was that this clinic was one of 159 covert research centres available to the CIA, and specialised in biological weapons. The story is well trailed in an accompanying video promotion [YouTube it now]. Haslam also contributes on camera in Wim Dankbaar's [see own entry] (2007/2020 re-released) documentary movie "The Grassy Knoll" [see firstly the separate entry, and then view on Amazon Prime STRONGLY RECOMMENDED].
Hate Speech and Radicalising Preachers: [Read firstly the entries for Shamanism and Community Mysticism. Evangelism and Evangelistic Preaching, and Strategy of Tension - ESSENTIAL FOR TUTORIAL SUPPORT.] We refer here to the phenomenon of forthright public denunciation and scapegoating commonly observed in politically divided communities since time immemorial. But firstly ...

CAMEO - THE PEJORATIVE ADJECTIVE IN CHIMPANZEES: Washoe [Wikipedia biography] was laboratory primatology's famous signing chimpanzee. She knew some 350 different signs, including those for \(<\text{faeces/dirty}>\) and \(<\text{monkey}>\), which in isolation she could use fully appropriately to the context. But she could also create novel adjective-noun combinations, and on one occasion was observed doing exactly this, signing \(<\text{faeces/dirty}>\splus<\text{monkey}>\) in quick succession when confronted by an irritating macaque (Byrne, 2017 [full text online]). While not denying that this is merely "n-of-one" anecdotal evidence, we shall take it as established beyond doubt that the meme \(<\text{SHITTY X}>\) is very deeply rooted in the human psyche. Indeed, the urge to throw faeces at those we dislike works just as well with symbolic - that is to say, verbal - faeces, and this, in today's human menagerie, is what we know as "hate speech" ...

A formal definition of hate speech is "the construction of fear related to various real or imagined dangers, and the proposing of scapegoats allegedly responsible for those dangers" (simplified from Wodak, 2015, p1). The earliest example we have been able to locate is the 14th Century BCE Praise Hymn to Akenaten, where curses are routinely rained by priestly sycophants onto the Pharaoh's enemies. It is then but a short step between the palace High Priests of old, who had worked out how to live well by spinning words to serve their masters' power struggles, and the Mad Mullahs of the modern world, who do much the same thing ...

ASIDE: The class-defining "Mad Mullah" was a Victorian era Somali cleric named Mohamed Abdullah Hassan [Wikipedia biography], who talked his Dervish people up into a rebellion against European colonialists between 1899 and 1920. All it took were some "us" versus "them" memes peppered with a few religious allusions to give it some gravitas.

It is the political uses of hate speech which most interest us here, for the mind of the recently evangelised Dervish is the same as the mind of the recently radicalised Hitler Youth, or striking miner, or machete-wielding Jihadist. Someone has taught them their hate. The situation is, however, further complicated when it comes to modern mullahs such as Abu Hamza [Wikipedia biography], by the distinct possibility - nay, certainty - that the loud-mouthed agitator you see on the news has actually been created **to order** - that is to say, deliberately and maliciously - as part of some covert Strategy of Tension. Not only has their hatred been taught, in other words, but it has also been paid for. Here are some of the research threads presently exercising Humankind's best brains ...

RESEARCH ISSUES - THE MEDIA-INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX: Academic interest in the use of the media to "brand" a politician and win elections arose after President Obama's 2008 pioneering victory in what was immediately termed the "Facebook Election" - see, for example, Zavatarrro (2010 [full text online; JSTOR registration required]). By the time of the 2016 Trump election, however, hardware and software was exposed as not enough - instead you needed a strong hate speech message and a precisely defined sector of the electorate to deliver it to - see, for example, Kardas (2017 [full text online; JSTOR registration required] and his compelling notion of the "Media-Industrial Complex". Finally, for some idea of the richness of the issues awaiting investigation, see Daniel Allington's [see own entry] publications - click here.

Timeline 26th January 2000 and follow the sub-thread <Weaponised Antisemitism in British Politics>.

**Hathcock, Richard:** Los Angeles private investigator Richard Hathcock [no convenient biography but much to reward the determined browser] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having once specialised in monitoring communist activities on California college campuses ... 

**LEST IT BE OVERLOOKED:** Alerts students will recall that Guy Banister did the same for the New Orleans campuses.

(b) for keeping open house for roving picaroons ...

**LEST IT BE OVERLOOKED:** Again note the similarity to Guy Banister's office at 531 Lafayette Place, where Cuban exiles and intelligence operatives liked to mingle. Here is how FBI Special Agent Jerome K. Crowe [see own entry], wrote up his 23rd November 1963 emergency interview with Hathcock and his associate Roy B. Payne [see own entry] ...

"prior to Hathcock's present occupation, he was the proprietor of the Adventurers Corner, a shop at the corner of Sunset and La Brea, which sold articles from all over the world and was an unofficial gathering place for adventurers in this area" (Jerome Crowe, FBI report, 23rd November 1963).

(c) for having loaned Interpen commander Gerry Hemming $100 against "a 30 calibre Johnson, modified to semi-automatic operation, which I believe held nine rounds, and also was equipped with a 30 power Bushnell variable scope" (Richard Hathcock, HSCA affidavit, 9th March 1977) [check them out], the sniper's combo which some researchers suspect was used in the JFK shooting, and recovered at the scene, and (d) for returning same to Loran Eugene Hall 18th September 1963, upon repayment of the loan.

**Havemeyer Family (Sugar) at a Glance:** The Havemeyer dynasty began when New Yorker William F. Havemeyer [Wikipedia biography] learned the craft of sugar refining in the 1790s. The business was so profitable that a century later Henry O. Havemeyer [Wikipedia biography] was instrumental in setting up the American Sugar Refining Company as a monopoly trust, to control sugar production and pricing [check it out]. The Havemeyer's are noteworthy in the present context primarily as an illustration of the long and convoluted chain of added value between the remote plantations producing the raw material and the end user. Sugar also has a role to play, note, in the rise of organised crime during Prohibition, it being vital raw material for the bootlegging industry.

**Hawkeye:** The intelligence services codename for the CIA's photographic lab at Kodak Park, Rochester, NY [Wikipedia briefing]. [The entire Kodak Park closed down for redevelopment in 2007, and now leads only a virtual life within the Kodak Rochester Archives at the University of Rochester [contact details].]

**Hawksley, Bourchier Francis:** British/South African lawyer Bourchier Hawksley [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been Cecil Rhodes' solicitor, (b) for continuing to act after Rhodes' death in 1902 for both his companies and the Rhodes Trust [see own entry], and (c) for having been a member of the Society of the Elect [see own entry] (Quigley, 1949).

**Hay, John Milton:** Diplomat-politician John Hay [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been U.S. Ambassador to Britain during the Spanish-American War [check it out], and for then having taken over from William Day as Secretary of State in its aftermath.

**Hayek, Friedrich August von:** WW1 veteran (Austro-Hungarian Army) turned peacetime economist turned political futurologist turned Liberty Theorist F. A. Hayek [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for joining London School of Economics as a lecturer in 1931, (b) for publishing the (1944) book "The Road to Serfdom" [Amazon - OPPORTUNISTIC DRIVEL], in which the thesis is advanced that Socialism will always be doomed to failure, so long as futurologists can be retained to
say just that, (c) for - unsurprisingly - achieving such cult status on the political right that his ideas were adopted by chicken farming supremo [Sir]1988 Antony Fisher [see own entry] when setting out the corporate vision for his 1955 creation, the Institute of Economic Affairs (IEA) [see own entry], and (d) for his (1959) book "The Constitution of Liberty" [Amazon - CLASS-DEFINING NEOLIBERAL ÜBERDRIVEL],

Hazelwood, Denise: Assassination researcher Denise Hazelwood [no convenient biography] was the author of the 2016 book "Micro-Studies of an Assassination".

***** EDITOR OF WW1 PRIMARY SOURCES *****
***** APPROVER OF EVIDENCE *****
***** CREATOR OF CONVENTIONALISED NARRATIVE *****

Headlam[-Morley]1918, [Sir]1929 James Wycliffe: British civil servant [Sir]1929 James Headlam[-Morley]1918 [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been a propagandist-author between 1914 and 1917, producing intellectual propaganda such as "The History of Twelve Days" (1915 [full text online]), "The Dead Lands of Europe" (1917 [full text online]), and "The Starvation of Germany" (1917 [full text online]), (b) for then becoming the Milner Group's man in John Buchan's Department of Information between 1917 and 1918, (c) for then moving across to the Foreign Office in 1918, where he was Assistant Director of the Political Intelligence Department [see own entry] and helped with preparations for the 1919 Versailles Peace Conference, (d) for helping to set up Chatham House in 1920, and (e) for collating, weeding, and editing government archives, thereby helping Editor-in-Chief Harold Temperley [see own entry] produce the eleven volumes of the 1926 book "British Documents on the Origin of the War" [some volumes full text online].

Hechler, William Henry: Prussian Army veteran of the Franco-Prussian War turned British Christian clergyman William Hechler [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having preached an extreme "Restorationist" version of Christianity [Wikipedia briefing], that is to say, one which believed in a Second Coming preceded by (and therefore requiring) a restoration of the Jewish Diaspora to the Holy Land. His religiously motivated support for a Jewish restoration made him a natural ally in the lobbying carried out by pioneering Jewish Zionists such as Theodor Herzl [see own entry].

Hecksher, Henry: German-born U.S.-adopted WW2 veteran (U.S. Army Normandy, then OSS) Henry Hecksher [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having served with the military intelligence teams who in 1945 debriefed and cherry-picked captured Nazis for Operation Paperclip, (b) for being stationed with the OSS-CIA transition in Berlin 1945-1953?, including a spell under William Harvey, (c) for playing a part in the 1954 Guatemala Coup [see 18th June 1954], (d) for serving as Head of Station in Laos 1958 and Japan 1959-1960, (e) for being brought home for the 1961-1963 campaign against Fidel Castro, acting as Manuel Artine’s case officer during Operation AM/WORLD, (f) for serving as Head of Station in Santiago de Chile during the interference campaign against President Allende 1967-1971 ...

THE ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM: Readers should note that at the time of writing [=August 2019] major U.S. interference exercises are under way in Hong Kong and Venezuela.

Heindel, John Rene: U.S. Marine John Heindel [no convenient biography] served at Atsugi with LHO, and was well acquainted with him. His own nickname was "Hidell" [pronounced high-dell]. Heindel's evidential profile is as follows: Affidavit, 19th May 1964 [read it now]; Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED].

Heinl, Robert Debs, Jr.: WW2 (USMC, Pacific) and Korean War veteran turned late-careerist military attaché (Haiti) and writer Robert Heinl [no convenient biography nor much available online] is noteworthy in the present context as the U.S. senior military advisor to the Haitian government during the late presidency of Francois ["Papa Doc"] Duvalier, and thereby probably fully aware of the CIA's (unsuccessful) 1963 coup attempt against his host, and thus perhaps also an associate of CIA forward observer for this operation, George de Mohrenschildt. FURTHER READING: For more of the
details, see the <Haiti> cameo in the de Mohrenschildt entry, and then Heinl's (2005) memoir "Written in Blood" [Amazon] (written jointly with his wife Nancy Gordon Heinl).

***** Candidate JFK Top-Management False Flag Conspirator *****
[ Signed off on the concept; assembled the top team; signed the order; organised the cover up]

***** "Master of the plausibly deniable" *****

Helms, Richard McGarrah: WW2/Cold War veteran (U.S. Navy, then OSS) turned all-the-way-to-the-top CIA careerist Richard Helms [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been deeply involved with the 1945-1946 vetting of former Nazis as part of Operation Paperclip [they executed some, but offered the useful ones sanctuary in the U.S. - Ed.], (b) for being made head of counter-intelligence in Germany 1946-1947, (c) for transferring to the newly established CIA in 1947, being stationed in Italy and specifically charged with interfering with the Italian Communist-Socialist Coalition Front in their 1948 General Election [Wikipedia briefing], (d) for being made Deputy Director of Plans (DDP) under Frank Wisner in August 1952, (e) for flourishing in the world of black ops and executive action throughout the 1950s, including the covert use of bioweapons ...

CAMEO - HELMS AND MKULTRA: Helms inherited a raft of Korean/Cold War programs, not least the Projects Bluebird and Artichoke investigations of hypno-enhanced interrogation techniques. The final count was that there were 149 sub-projects with little managerial control, thanks to their highly classified nature. Being himself somewhat "gungho on mind control research" (Marcello, 2015, K440), Helms drew all these sub-projects together in 1953 under the MKULTRA umbrella. Helms' ideas were signed into policy by new-broom DCI Allen Dulles 13th April 1953 (St. Clair and Cockburn, 2017 [full text online]).

(f) for drawing on MKULTRA's richly furnished poisons cabinet in early 1960 in the Operation Mongoose operations against the life of Fidel Castro, (g) for supporting the direct action teams in the Bay of Pigs Invasion in April 1961, (h) for being appointed Deputy Director for Plans (DDP) 17th February 1962, with instructions to make Mongoose work "by whatever means", (i) for being in the top table advice loop during the October 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis - see Timeline 22nd August 1962, (j) for authorising Operation Tilt (another debacle) in June 1963, (k) for authorising the even more ill-fated September-November 1963 Operation AM/WORLD (a.k.a. "C-Day"); during which period he liaised with RFK "almost every day" (Waldron, 2005/2006, p56), (l) for doing a great job in 1964 stonewalling the Warren Commission's requests for CIA testimony (Newman, 2008), (m) for being promoted DCI 30th June 1966, soon authorising another wave of mind control projects (Marcello, 2015), (n) for taking direct disruptive action in "late autumn of 1966" (Mellen, 2005, p26) against the far-too-promising Jim Garrison Investigation - see the entry for William Wood for details, (o) for taking direct disruptive action in 1972-1973 against the Watergate Investigation, (p) in much the same spirit of public non-cooperation, for seeing to it that the files relating to MKULTRA were well and truly purged, (q) for being replaced as DCI 2nd February 1973 by James R. Schlesinger, (r) for testifying to the Senate Committee on Intelligence (HSCIA) in 1975, the nub of whose report was that Helms had been complicit in seeing to it that "the Constitutional system for checking abuse of power has not been applied" - YouTube his testimony here, (s) for testifying to the House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA) in 1978, being unable to explain out loud why LHO's 201 File was not opened until 9th December 1960 (Newman, 2008, p51), and (t) for giving an interview to camera 18th March 1994 - YouTube it Now.


Helphand, Alexander Israel Lazarevich [Parvus]¹⁹⁰⁰b: [Previously Alexander Israel Lazarevich Gelfand, the "H" simply Westernising the Cyrillic "Г"; adopted the nom-de-plume Parvus [Latin=small] in 1900, and so often seen nowadays as Helphand-Parvus] Tsarist White Russian revolutionary socialist Alexander [Helphand]-optional Parvus [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been a colleague/fellow-agitator of Vladimir Lenin in turn-of-the-century Munich, printing the banned Marxist newspaper Iskra, (b) for thereby being suckered into the failed 1905 Russian Revolution [see 22nd January 1905], being arrested and sent to Siberia
for three years, (c) for then relocating to Istanbul to become the agent of arms dealer extraordinary Basil Zaharoff [see own entry], (d) for visiting Berlin in March 1915 to present a paper to the German General Staff on the prospects of deliberately inflaming worker unrest in Russia, and thereby reducing the 'Tsarists' ability to continue the war ...

ASIDE: War games conducted by Sir Henry Wilson [see own entry] in 1911 had indicated that the Franco-British Entente would be unlikely to win a ground war against the Central Powers unless half the German Army was simultaneously diverted to a war in the east against Russia. The Allies therefore maintained both diplomatic and distinctly undiplomatic pressure (i) to get Russia into the war, and (ii) to keep her in it until 1917. The Germans did likewise to achieve the opposite, "feeding money to Russia through Parvus in order to 'create the greatest possible degree of chaos'" (Macgregor and Docherty, 2017, p457).

(e) for meeting Vladimir Lenin in Bern two months later, presumably planning some of the aforementioned chaos, (f) for possibly helping to arrange Leon Trotsky's December 1916 trip to New York City - see the entry for Trotsky in NYC, and (g) for possibly meeting Lenin again in Stockholm 13th April 1917.

Hemingway, Gregory: Youngest son of author Ernest Hemingway [see own entry], Gregory Hemingway [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context for contact, possibly intimate, with David Ferrie during the latter's stop-overs in Miami in the early 1960s.

***** CONTRACT ASSASSIN IN DEALEY PLAZA *****

Hemming, Gerald Patrick, Jr: U.S.M.C. veteran turned soldier of fortune and perhaps occasional CIA asset Gerry Hemming [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for serving in the Marine Corps 1954-1958, making sergeant, (b) for (perhaps) serving with LHO during the latter's time at Atsugi Naval Air Station ...

ASIDE: This contact has been proposed from time to time, but is comprehensively dismissed by Newman (1995/2008, p101) on the grounds that LHO served with First Air Wing (based at Atsugi), whilst Hemming was with Third Air Wing (based at Hawaii). Oswald was at Atsugi between September 1957 and September 1958 [start at Timeline 12th September 1957 and follow the sub-thread onward pointers]. Of course their paths may well have crossed on special duties, or at large depots like El Toro - see next.

(c) for (with greater certainly) making the acquaintance of LHO in early 1959, marking him as a possible intelligence operative, thus ...

"... early in 1959, while in Los Angeles, Hemming says he crossed paths with a nineteen-year-old Marine who was stationed in nearby Santa Ana. One day a Cuban who was coordinating the movement there called me aside [...] He said there was a Marine who'd come around, saying he was prepared to desert and go to Cuba to become a revolutionary. The Cuban asked if I'd meet with the Marine, check him out. I did ... It turned out to be Oswald. 'What was your impression of him?' I asked. 'Did you feel he was sincere?' 'No, he didn't look like he was worth a damn, maybe just trying to create a scandal. I thought he might have been on the Naval Intelligence roll. You know, a penetrator. I told the Twenty-sixth of July leadership to get rid of him'" (Russell, 1998, p98; publishing a 1976 interview; confirmed by Hurst 1985, p243).

ASIDE: This story first appeared in the magazine Argosy in April 1976, and is reproduced in greater detail in Newman (1995/2008, p104), if interested. Morrow (1992) identifies "the movement" in question as Rolando Masferrer's anti-Castro group SNFE, the Second National Front of the Escambré (pp208-209). LHO was indeed based in California at this time [see Timeline 22nd December 1958].

(d) for fighting as a mercenary with Fidel Castro's rebel army February-August 1959. (e) for being arrested in an overnight raid at No Name Key 4-5th December 1962, (f) for having some contact in early 1963 with Big Oil-funded fellow mercenary Loran Hall [see own entry] (Kaiser, 2008, pp248-249), (g) in the run-up to the Assassination, apparently unable to get a direct CIA contract, for setting up of a small force of anti-Castro mercenaries based in Miami known as INTERPEN [see own entry], quite probably funded ultimately by Cuba's ex-President Carlos Prio Socarras, in exile nearby and flush with cash stolen from his country before he was deposed (Kaiser, 2008, p207; broadly confirmed
by Baker, 2014, p189), (h) for therefore becoming of intense interest once authors started to place him in the crowd on Dealey Plaza on 22nd November 1963 ...

**ASIDE:** Hemming was recorded as a suspicious man with a rifle case by three witnesses. He is also one of the six potential conspirators photographically placed in Dealey Plaza by Eaglesham and Schallhorn (2000 [full text online - STRONGLY RECOMMENDED]). We find their photographic evidence pretty compelling, but please check for yourself.

(i) for giving interviews to a number of forensic historians, including Dick Russell (in 1976 for Russell, 1992), Anthony Summers (in 1978 for Summers, 1980), A. J. Weberman, Jim Marrs (in 1991 for Marrs, 1989/2013), Judyth Vary Baker (in 2000 for Baker, 2014), and Greg Burnham (in ????? for the YouTube link below), and (j) for stating 11th March 2005 in one of his last interviews (for the weekly Florida newspaper Solares Hill), that he believed the JFK hit to have been underwritten by Ramfis Trujillo [Wikipedia biography], son of President Rafael Trujillo of the Dominican Republic, and one of Trujillo senior's senior intelligence officers Johnny Abbes García [Wikipedia biography] (Metta, 2018, p54). There is much to learn from from the ???? audio interview [online 2014, but original date unknown - Ed.] with researcher Greg Burnham concerning his years in Cuba - YouTube it here RECOMMENDED.

***** ACCESSORY TO CONSPIRY, WW1 *****
***** WHITEWASHER OF WW1 PROFITEERING *****

Henderson, Sir Alexander, [Lord Faringdon]1916: British industrialist-politician Sir Alexander Henderson, Lord Faringdon [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for being mentioned in Chapter 4 of Jim Macgregor [see own entry] and Gerry Docherty's [see own entry] 2017 book "Prolonging the Agony" [see own entry]. In this particular chapter the authors are questioning the effectiveness of the Royal Navy's blockade of Germany, especially when it came to shipments of cotton. Henderson, they note, had been sent to Scandinavia in late 1915 to investigate complaints from sources such as Montagu Consett [see own entry] that far too many commodities were being traded into Germany by profiteering Britons, despite being plainly destined for German munitions production. The contraband system, in other words, was simply not fit for the purpose of winning the war, just for the purpose of making money out of it.

**ASIDE:** Henderson was at the time on the Shipping Control Committee [see own entry]. Readers are recommended to the very long House of Commons debate on the topic "Control of Merchant Shipping" (Hansard, 17th February 1916 [full text online]). The issue of what was and what was not contraband continued to be much debated in both legislative houses during 1916.

Henderson's eventual report was not itself made public, but was summarised in the House of Commons Official Record by Sir Edward Grey on 26th January 1916 as showing that "the amount of leakage ... to the enemy is ... much less than might have been supposed". Fixis fixandis, a grateful Establishment duly ennobled Henderson as Lord Faringdon of Buscot [Wikipedia briefing and images] (Buscot Park having been the Henderson family seat since 1887). For some idea of how Henderson's 19th Century wealth has survived into the 21st Century, check out the following three links: Witan Investment Trust [Wikipedia briefing], Henderson Group [Wikipedia briefing], and (now worth £100 Billion) Janus Henderson [Wikipedia briefing]. Buscot Park, meanwhile, was handed over to the nation in the late 1940s to be maintained at public expense, and happily we can report that national charitable giving has allowed the latest Lord Faringdon to continue in residence to this day [February 2019]. [THREAD = BEST KEEP THIS FROM THE COMMON MAN]

**Hendrix, Hal:** *Kansas City Star* cub journalist turned [JM/WAVE](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/JM/WAVE) press liaison man **Hal Hendrix** is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being hired by *The Miami Times* in 1957, specialising in Latin American affairs, (b) for there cultivating (being cultivated by?) contacts in what would, in 1962, become JM/WAVE, "the largest CIA station in the world", at their South Miami base, (c) for being awarded the 1963 Pulitzer Prize for International Reporting ...

**ASIDE:** The Pulitzer citation reads “for his persistent reporting which revealed, at an early stage, that the Soviet Union was installing missile launching pads in Cuba and sending in large numbers of MIG-21 aircraft”. Older readers will remember with affection **Johnny the Shoeshine Guy** [fremdender], who knew everything about everything, but only if you slipped him $10. Well Hendrix either got this snippet from the CIA or had a shoeshine guy who flew U-2s!! The CIA officer best placed to have authorised the release was **George Joannides** [see own entry].

(d) similarly for welcoming the overthrow of the President of the Dominican Republic 24th September 1963, 24-hours before it actually happened (Summers, 1980/1989), (e) similarly for being in a position at 1800hr 22nd November 1963 to give a detailed telephone briefing to fellow journalist **Seth Kantor** [see own entry], following the not-yet-out-there "**Self-Portrait in Red**", and (f) for oh-so-wisely not telling tales out of school to the [House Select Committee on Assassinations](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/House_Select_Committee_on_Assassinations) in 1976.

**Henley and Partners:** Founded in 1997 as a "private client immigration consultancy", Messrs **Henley and Partners** [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context as a sort of dating agency for stateless billionaires and billionaire-less states; citizenship papers serve as proxy for a wedding ring. The partnership has in the past called upon the public speaking skills of BBC R4 *Today* presenter **Justin Webb** [see own entry].

**Herbert, Aubrey Nigel Henry Molyneux:** British aristocrat. WW1 veteran (Mons), diplomat, and spy **Aubrey Herbert** [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being much travelled in the diplomatic service 1902-1910, (b) for being elected to Parliament in 1911, becoming friends with [Sir]1913 **Mark Sykes**, (c) for advising the Balkan Peace Conference 1912-1913, (d) for being headhunted into the intelligence service in Cairo in early 1915, becoming friends with **T. E. Lawrence** [of Arabia], (e) for running naval intelligence out of Basra, Mesopotamia, in 1916, (f) for being involved mid-1917 in murky diplomatic efforts to drive a wedge between the Central Powers and the Ottoman Empire [see Timeline 18th July 1917], (g) for relocating to Rome later that year, coordinating intelligence ops against the Austro-Hungarians on the Adriatic Front, (h) for thereby getting to liaise with the Italian delegation at the 1919 **Versailles Peace Conference** [see Timeline 15th January 1919], and (i) for continuing in intelligence ops (despite failing eyesight) through until the 1920s. He died in 1923 aged only 43.

***** THE MICE THAT (FINALLY) ROARED *****

**Herd Immunity:** The epidemiological term **Herd Immunity** [Wikipedia briefing] was popularised by University of Manchester bacteriologists **Topley and Wilson** (1923) [PubMed full text online], when writing up two animal laboratory experiments studying the spread of a deliberately induced *Bacillus enteridues* [a.k.a. *B. aertrycke*, a gut/faecal bacterium in the Salmonella genus] infection in caged mice colonies. Both experiments involved colonies of 30 mice at a time, caged together, with different proportions of normal and previously immunised animals. Six such colonies (A-F, 180 animals) were used in Experiment #1, and five (A-E, 150 animals) in Experiment #2. The two experiments differed in the way the infection was introduced: in #1, all animals were fed infected bread on day #1, whereas in #2, ten infected mice were rotated in pairs around the five cages on a daily basis (it follows that Experiment #2 had the greater "ecological validity" [the technical term for being intrinsically life-like - Ed.]). The different colonies displayed different patterns of mortality, both within and between experiments, depending on the proportions of infected and healthy individuals living together, thus [or read the op. cit. for the unabridged version] ...

**EXPERIMENT 1:**
“The results may be briefly summarised. [...] If we consider the two cages which contained both normal and immunised mice, we find that, in Cage C, the mortality was 60 per cent. among the normal and 50 per cent. among the immunised, while in Cage D it was 100 per cent. among the normal and 50 per cent. among the immunised. The time-relations of the deaths are of considerable interest. In Cages A and B, containing only normal mice, the deaths had practically ceased by the 24th day of the experiment. In Cage C, containing normal and immunised mice in the proportion of two to one, no deaths occurred after the 19th day. In Cage D, containing normal and immunised mice in the proportion of one to two, 25 per cent. of the total deaths occurred after the 24th day. In Cages E and F, 36-8 per cent. and 53-3 per cent. respectively of the total deaths occurred after the 24th day. There is similar evidence of delay, if we compare the deaths of the normal and immunised mice in the two cages which contained animals of both classes. It appears, then, that immunisation by intraperitoneal inoculation of a killed vaccine confers a definite, but by no means an absolute protection against infection [...]” (op. cit., pp244-246).

**EXPERIMENT 2:**

“So far as was possible each cage was subjected to an equal risk of infection. In the result, a considerable epidemic was produced among the 30 normal mice leading to a mortality of 96-7 per cent. within 120 days, and a specific mortality of 70 per cent. Among the immunised mice there was no evidence of spread of specific infection. Although a total mortality of 60 per cent. occurred during 120 days, no death could be attributed to enteric infection. Among the population, half of which were normal and half immunised, an epidemic was produced of equal severity with that which occurred among the normal population. The total mortality was 100 per cent. and the specific mortality 53-3 per cent. It should, however, be noted that, while the specific mortality among the 15 normal mice was 66'7 per cent. that among the immunised was only 40 per cent” (op. cit., p247).

**DISCUSSION:**

“Active immunisation of mice, in the manner indicated, confers a definite degree of protection against subsequent infection by feeding. [...] It also confers some protection against mouse-to-mouse infection. There is some evidence that spread of infection occurs with difficulty among a population, each individual of which has been actively immunised. There is definite evidence that, among a population containing susceptible and immunised individuals, the relative immunity of the latter does not save them from infection and death, when epidemic spread occurs. It appears that a degree of immunity, which may save individual hosts when living among equally resistant companions, is rendered of no avail when they are surrounded by highly susceptible individuals of their own species. We have referred above to the need for a careful study of the factors determining the immunity of a herd as distinguished from the immunity of an individual” (op. cit., p248).

Nigh on a century later, the notion of herd immunity suddenly became a very fevered topic of conversation as the COVID-19 Pandemic began to take hold. The sudden interest was sparked by a series of press conference and individual interviews 9th-13th March by Premier Johnson and/or Britain's Chief Scientific Adviser [Sir]2019 Patrick Vallance, during which "herd immunity" was mentioned as one of the factors being taken into account in a four-faceted government strategy for dealing with the emergency. The specific prediction was that herd immunity would help damp the pandemic down once the number of cases had reached 60 percent of the population, that is to say, some 40 million Britons. Before considering the wisdom of raising the subject at all with many of said 40 million listening in, watch the originals carefully ...

YouTube the *ITV News 9th March 2020 (one of three, with Boris Johnson)* interview here

YouTube the *Sky News 13th March 2020 (follow-up)* interview here

Unsurprisingly, Vallance's comments did not go down at all well with the population at large, who quickly worked out that even at a conservative one percent mortality [this being the word on the street at that juncture - Ed.] this meant 400,000 deaths. The British people grew instantly suspicious of government advisers contradicting each other and government speechwriters doing snip-and-paste with their scientists' wise words. The lab rats had decided they did not like being guinea pigs in what was at best a gigantic experiment with their lives, and at worst total incompetence ...

**HINDSIGHT FIGURES, 8TH APRIL 2020:** A month after the initial presser, figures from the Johns Hopkins Coronavirus Database as at 1100hr 8th April 2020 allow us to compare progress of the pandemic in Greece (strict early lockdown and management, hence healthcare system not swamped; 81 deaths out of 1832 cases (4.4 percent mortality)), with Italy (loose early lockdown, hence healthcare system initially swamped; 17,127 deaths out of 135,586 cases (12.6 percent mortality)). The U.K. (no early lockdown and
healthcare system seriously overloaded) scored 6159 deaths out of 55,949 cases (11.0 percent mortality). AND 11% MORTALITY ON THE GOVERNMENT'S 40 MILLION TARGET IS 4.4 MILLION DEAD. No surprise, therefore, that the University of Washington Institute of Health Metrics and The Lancet revealed that same day that the U.K. was shaping up to be the worst performing of the European nations in its handling of the crisis.

FURTHER READING: All the dates specified above have their own entries in the Companion Timeline, and those entries, taken together, provide a richer contextualisation of the advancing pandemic if required. We shall update this entry regularly as the pandemic burns itself out (Coronavirus willing), but in the meantime, as an alternative to the video sources above, check out Anya van Wagendonk's 15th March 2020 piece for Vox, entitled "The U.K. Backs Away From 'Herd Immunity' Coronavirus Proposal Amid Blowback" [full text online].

Heritage Foundation: See the entry for Paul Weyrich.

Hermsdorf, Harry: WW2 veteran (U.S. Army and OSS) turned CIA officer Harry Hermsdorf [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being known to CIA Director Allen Dulles, thanks to work well done in Germany just after the war (Albarelli, 2013, K6579), (b) for the part he played in the recruiting of CIA asset June Cobb in late May 1960, (c) for handing her her inaugural intelligence gathering tasks 7th June 1960, prior to her returning to Havana, and for suggesting that she become increasingly "cozy" with the Cuban Communist leadership (Albarelli, 2013, K6898), and (d) for dying later that year [4th November] aged only 42

***** A RARE SEEKER AFTER TRUTH *****

Hersh, Seymour Myron: American investigative journal Seymour M. Hersh [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for his first (1968) book, "Chemical and Biological Warfare: The Hidden Arsenal", and (b) for a succession of complacency-shattering exposés ever since, including the My Lai Massacre, the Watergate Conspiracy, Korean Air Flight 007, and Abu Ghraib; also for expressing considerable scepticism (at age 81) as to the honesty of the British government's official line on the 2018 Skripal Poisoning [see own entry].

***** Another of the Assassination's Top Ten Mysteries *****

Hester, Charles and Beatrice: Husband and wife spectators Charles and Beatrice Hester [no convenient biography] were part of the Zapruder Party. Beatrice because she was Zapruder's payroll clerk, and Charles by extension. As such the two of them had already been briefly filmed in Zapruder's pre-assassination footage [a few frames between the clip of Lillian Rogers [q.v.] and the famous assassination footage - Ed.]. At the time of the shooting they were at the top of the Grass Knoll by the bench at the eastern pedestal of the John Nealy Bryan Pergola [Zapruder being atop the western pedestal]. They therefore do not appear in the main Zapruder Film. They are however very clearly to be seen in a number of other still and moving images, with Charles, at one point, even looking through the pergola windows into the parking area beyond. Charles Hesters' evidential profile is as follows: Affidavit, 22nd November 1963 [read it now]; FBI Interview, 25th November 1963 [read it now]. Beatrice Hester's is as follows: FBI Interview, 25th November 1963 [read it now]. The Hesters' narrative extends to no more than 100 or so substantive words, and over the decades most authors have simply copied the author before with little improvement and occasional inaccuracy. After the assassination, the couple promptly disappeared without trace, and a perfectly reasonable dislike for publicity is only one of several possible explanations for this.

***** Another of the Assassination's Top Ten Mysteries *****

Hester, Robert Joseph and Edna Louise ["Pat"] Hilley: [Read firstly the entry for the Backyard Photographs, noting that none was officially found until 23rd November, and that the figure-blank matte did not surface until 1992!] As reported by Jim Marrs in his 1989 book "Crossfire", husband and wife businessmen Robert and Pat Hester [no convenient biography] were approached by the FBI [led probably by the Secret Service - Ed.] on >>22nd<< September 1963 to make available their
photographic developing lab [implicitly Fritz and Helen Holland's National Photo Company shop at 930 West Jefferson Boulevard?] to reproduce copies of the Backyard Photographs, including one described as a >>figure-blank matte<<. One of their daughters, 18-year-old Vicky Diane Hester (who appears fleetingly in the histories as Vicki/y Mayne [q.v.]) will be further reported as having assisted in the lab, and as having seen important images.


Hickey, George W., Jr.: Secret Service Agent George Hickey [Wikipedia biography] was in limo #2 in the Presidential motorcade, rear seat, left side, armed with a loaded AR-15 assault rifle. Much to his annoyance he featured in Bonar Menninger's 1992 book "Mortal Error", which argued that it was an unintentional shot from said AR-15 which struck JFK in the head.

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT:** We see no value whatsoever in this particular line of argument. Indeed, in pure counterintelligence terms, the more crackpot ideas you can get into the discussion space, the more effectively you will be subconsciously discrediting the genuine workers. Which is probably why modern social media is as viciously fractured as it is - WW3 is being fought in the mind, right now [January 2018]. WW4 will be the nuclear one which finishes us all off!

So no, it was not Hickey, not Greer the driver, not Jackie the wife, not aliens, not a directed energy weapon, not the Federal Reserve, not the Hutchinson Effect, not the religious right (although close), not the Jews, not the Illuminati, not the Mossad, not even Al Q'aeda; not any of these comic book villains. Rather the hit was the work of professional assassins, and very probably lots of them, paid for - as always - by rich folks for the benefit of rich folks, and coordinated by legal but shady secret societies and cabals, not least Skull and Bones. In short, Hickey has a place on the WW3 Online Now Thread.

Hicks, James: Dealey Plaza bystander-perhaps-hit-team-radio man James Hicks [no convenient biography], a surveyor by profession, would be questioned by Jim Garrison on 11th January 1968 concerning his recollection of the assassination. He was, he said, on the Grassy Knoll at the time and witnessed two shooters and a "'56 model Pontiac" backed in just behind the picket fence, with one shooter kneeling in the boot and the other stood beside it. He heard four shots in all and saw damage inflicted to the Stemmons Freeway Sign below the John Neely Bryan Pergola. Read the full text interrogation here. However modern histories tend toward the view that Hicks was highly scripted in his testimony, and could not have seen what he describes from the positions he was photographed in. **We must therefore be on our guard for a coordinated counter-story.** Significantly, perhaps, Hicks would in due course be named in Richard Sprague's 1985 book "The Taking of America" as one of the dozen or so outer sanctum conspirators in the JFK assassination.


Hidell, Alek James: This was the name on the false Selective Service Id Card - not the genuine Buff Id Card - found in LHO's wallet at the time of his arrest on 22nd November 1963 at the Texas Theater. As such it fitted with evidence which would emerge over the ensuing days that he had mail-ordered the Smith and Wesson Revolver on 27th January 1963 and the Mannlicher -Carcano on 12th March 1963 under that name. Both the weapons, however, were delivered to a Post Office Box held in LHO’s real name. The name comes up in the literature again - as an "A. J. Hidell, P.O. Box 30016, New Orleans" over-stamp on some of the Fair Play for Cuba leaflets found in NOLA on 16th June 1963 (the USS Wasp pamphletting) and 8th August (the Casa Roca pamphletting) [see Getty image] (but not the 16th August Trade Mart pamphletting, when the overstamp had been changed to read "L. H Oswald, 4907 Magazine Street"). Hasan Yusuf's (2012 [FULL TEXT ONLINE]) paper "Oswald and the Hidell Id" gives a detailed dissection of the rifle purchase and the wallet.
**Hierarchy of Oppression:** This is the phrase coined by Twitter commentator "Buddy Hell" 18th February 2020 to describe the mindset of civil rights lawyers who are selective as to the minorities they choose to represent, and who - by implication - pursue substantive recompense for their efforts rather than any system of ethical philosophy.

**Hill, Christopher:** Charity worker with intelligence service contacts Christopher Hill [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context as seemingly heading the Church World Service (CWS) [see own entry] in Greece at the time of Spas Raikin's escape through the Iron Curtain (Raikin, 1991/2001, p12)

**Hill, Clinton J.:** Secret Service Agent Clint Hill [Wikipedia biography] was one of four SS agents riding the running board of Limo #2 (i.e., Motorcade #3, counting from the pilot vehicle) in the Dallas motorcade (left side, front). Because he was Jacqui Kennedy's nominated bodyguard he reacted instantly to the shooting and is famously seen running forward to limo #1 and riding the trunk [see second image in bio]. Hill's evidential profile is as follows: Official report, 22nd November 1963 [read it now]; Warren Commission testimony [read it now]; interview to camera 2013 [YouTube it now].

**Hill, Gerald ["Jerry"] Lynn:** 34-year-old DPD Sergeant Gerald Hill [no convenient biography] was at his desk in DPDHQ at the time of the shooting, and, accompanied by fellow officer Jim Ewell and a Dallas Morning News reporter named Jim Ewell, immediately drove in plain clothes to Dealey Plaza to give support. Once there he accompanied Captain Will Fritz, some homicide detectives, and some Sheriff's deputies on the first major shakedown of the TSBD. They drew a blank on TSBD7, but when they came down to TSBD6 he was close at hand when "someone" (conventionally, Sheriff's Deputy Luke Mooney) yelled "Here it is" from the area by the easternmost window since generally known as the Sniper's Nest. There he saw "three spent shells". He told the deputies to preserve the scene until the CSI boys arrived, and went down to the street. Shortly afterward the call came in that an officer was down in Oak Cliff and he was sent to the new scene accompanied by Lieutenant Calvin Owens, Assistant District Attorney Bill Alexander, and the aforementioned reporter, Ewell. After handling the .38" shells at this scene he then made off again to the sighting at the Texas Theater where he helped search the balcony before supporting Maurice McDonald's arrest of LHO. Later that day he gave an interview to audio which contextualises most of what you have just read - YouTube it now.

**ASIDE:** Note how quickly LHO - still uncharged - has been patsified. His defection and his Russian wife are mentioned, he is falsely described as having admitted to being an "active Communist", he is accused of having "resorted to violence before", and described as "very arrogant". And he closes by adding: "I firmly believe we got the man that killed the President of the United States".

Officer Hill's contribution now needs to be just as firmly set into the broader perspective, thus ... 

"Gerald Hill found--was virtually in contact with or very near the vicinity of--every piece of potentially incriminating evidence against Lee Harvey Oswald that day with three exceptions: the pristine bullet allegedly found on a stretcher at Parkland hospital that became known as CE 399, aka: the Magic Bullet; bullet fragments found in the presidential limousine; and the so-called backyard photos in which Oswald is seen posing with a rifle, a holstered pistol, and some propaganda pamphlets" (Burnham, undated, AssassinationOfJFK.net, 18th February 2018; emphasis added).

So we should not be too surprised to find that Hill is one of the sub-conspiracy of DPD officers proposed by researcher Bill Simpich [q.v.] in the last couple of years. Similarly, in his 2014 essay "Gerald Hill and the Framing of Lee Harvey Oswald" researcher Gokay Hasan Yusuf makes the observation that Officer Hill ...  

"... was the only DPD officer who was on the sixth floor of the Texas School book depository building following the assassination, was allegedly at the murder scene of DPD officer J.D. Tippit [...], was at the Texas theater when Oswald was arrested for Tippit's murder, and was inside the unmarked DPD car which escorted Oswald to DPD headquarters following his arrest. Finally, and most significantly of all, Hill had possession of the
Blue vein of corruption: By any theory of jurisprudence Hill's bona fides in a number of chains of evidence need to be very carefully explored. As at the time of writing [February 2018] this exploration is still going on.

Hill's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now]; Interviews to audio as above.

Hill, James: Dallas Barman James Hill [no convenient biography] was on duty in the bar of the Cellar Club during the unauthorised and wholly against procedures SS Night Out, 21st-22nd November 1963. He will be told to keep his mouth shut.

Hill, Octavia: British social reformist Octavia Hill [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for in 1865, by strength of personality, managing the Paradise Place, Marylebone, social housing experiment on behalf of philanthropist John Ruskin [see own entry], (b) for being so successful at this that by the 1890s she had several thousand tenants on the books, (c) for recognising that the protection of recreation areas was an integral part of successful town and country planning, and (d) for bringing all these threads together in 1893 by becoming one of the three main organisers of the National Trust [see own entry], nowadays Britain's best-known eleemosynary protector of otherwise unadopted beauty spots.

Hillenkoetter, Roscoe Henry: WW1 and WW2 veteran (U.S.N.) turned Cold War intelligence senior, Admiral Roscoe Hillenkoetter [Wikipedia biography] was in 1947 the inaugural Director of the newly founded CIA. It thus fell to him to field popular and political criticisms that the CIA had failed in its intelligence gathering role at the time of the North Korean "surprise attack" on 25th June 1950. When dragged before a rapidly convened meeting of Senator Henry Bridges' Appropriations Committee his response was as follows ...

"Admiral Hillenkoetter told the Committee that the duties of his agency 'did not, in his view, include evaluation of the information it passed on'." (Stone, 1952/2014e, §479).

It was, others concluded, more of a military disgrace than Pearl Harbour had been. Hillenkoetter stayed in post until returning to navy service on 7th October 1950, and only later would it emerge that the CIA had known of the threat all along, and had deliberately done nothing about it - see now the "Silence of Seoul".

Hine, Geneva L.: Credit controller Geneva Hine [no convenient biography] was alone in her office on TSBD2 at the time of the assassination, moving to her window only at the last moment. She was later positive that the shooting came from within the building. Hine's evidential profile is as follows: Interview with DPD [read it now]; Warren Commission testimony [read it now].

Hinkle, Warren James, III: Political journalist Warren Hinckle [Wikipedia biography] was Editor-in-Chief of the magazine Ramparts between 1964 and 1969, during which time he covered such anti-war topics as CIA dirty tricks, burning draft cards, and the indiscriminate use of napalm in Vietnam. For two of its more famous specific exposés, see now the entries for Sol Stern and David Welsh.

Hitchens, Christopher: Anglo-American journalist (fl. 1990-2010) Christopher Hitchens [Wikipedia biography] was classified within Ron Paul's List of Neocons [q.v.] as one of those curious beings, a "former Trotskyite" turned foreign policy hawk.

Hitchens, William Lionel: British industrialist Lionel Hitchens [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been Chairman of Cammell Laird Shipbuilders [see 14th September 1912].
between 1912 and 1940, (b) for having as a result become involved as advisor to **Lloyd George** and the **Imperial Munitions Board** during the 1915 **Shells Crisis** [see 27th March 1915], and (c) for having also gravitated toward **Milner's Kindergarten** [see own entry].

**Ho, Chi Minh**: Leader of the **Viet Minh** independence movement 1941-1954, victor of the pivotal Battle of Dien Bien Phu in 1954, and since then President of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam [Wikipedia biography] Ho Chi Minh had helped establish the Viet Cong freedom army in South Vietnam on 20th December 1960, together with the **Ho Chi Minh Trail** [Wikipedia briefing] by which they were supplied. He would not become particularly widely known in America until after the assassination of JFK, when **LBJ** was free to ramp up U.S. support for the South Vietnamese.

**Ho Chi Minh Trail**: See **Ho Chi Minh**.

"**Hodge, Margaret**": This is the display name for a Twitter user active 2019-2020, purporting, but not easily proven, to be the Labour Party MP **Margaret Hodge** [see own entry]. With social media as a whole, readers are cautioned that men, women, software "bots", lobbying groups, and/or paid public relations representatives can publish more or less with impunity under just about any name.

**Hodge, Margaret Eve [Lady Hodge]**[2004]: [Née Oppenheimer] [Read firstly the entry for "**Hodge, Margaret**"] British local councillor turned parliamentary politician [Lady][2004] **Margaret Hodge** [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being elected Member of Parliament for Barking in 1994, (b) for serving as Chair of the Public Accounts Committee 2010-2015, (c) for inheriting significant holdings in the family-run steel business **Stemcor** [see own entry], (d) for supporting **Liz Kendall** in the 2015 Labour Leadership Campaign, (e) for supporting attacks on new Labour Leader **Jeremy Corbyn** 2015-ongoing, (f) for leading the **Hodge Inquiry and Report** into **Boris Johnson**'s then-struggling **Garden Bridge Project**, recommending in April 2017 that it be aborted [Wikipedia briefing].


**Hoffman, Virgil Ed**: Deaf-dumb signer **Ed Hoffman** [Spartacus Educational biography] was spectating the motorcade from the shoulder of the Stemmons Freeway just short of the Triple Underpass. He witnessed a rifleman run west along the back of the picket fence, and pass his weapon to an accomplice, who immediately stripped it down and concealed it. He was unable to communicate effectively to officers as they arrived because they knew no sign language. Hoffman died in 2010, and his evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED]; Interviews to camera, several, both convinced and otherwise.

**Hoke, John Lindsay**: "Writer, naturalist, and inveterate tinkerer" **John Hoke** [Washington Post obituary, 2011] was the husband of **Sylvia Hoke**.

**Hoke, Sylvia Ludlow**: [Née Hyde] Reportedly a CIA operative with <TOP SECRET> security clearance since the mid-1950s **Sylvia Hoke** [no convenient biography] was sister of **Ruth Paine**.

**Holland, [Sir]**[1912] **Alfred Reginald Sothern [1st Baronet]**[1917]: British South African **Sir**[1912] **Sothen Holland** [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having worked in the South African civil service between 1894 and 1914 (The Peerage website), thereby becoming a member of **Milner's Kindergarten** [see own entry], (b) for being invited 16th November 1914 onto the War Office's Advisory Committee on Explosive Services to help bring Britain's chemical industry onto a war footing, (c) for being made Deputy Director-General of Explosives Supply in 1915, as part of **Lloyd George**'s new Ministry of Munitions, with similar reassignments through until 1918, (d) for becoming
Controller of the Cultivation Division in the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries' Food Production Department [National Archives briefing] in 1918, and (e) for becoming a Rhodes Trustee [see own entry] in 1932.

Holland, Brent: Online broadcaster Brent Holland [no convenient biography] hosts the Night Fright Show and was author of the 2014 book "The JFK Assassination: From the Oval Office to Dealey Plaza".

Holland, David Chapman ["Fritz"] and Ellen E.: Photographic technicians Fritz and Ellen Holland [no convenient biography] were proprietors of the National Photo Company shop at 930 West Jefferson Boulevard (7 blocks west of the Texas Theater). They would be mentioned in Harrison Livingstone's 2006 book "The Radical Right and the Murder of John F. Kennedy" as having been associated in some way with Robert and Pat Hester [q.v.], and as having been involved in some way with the processing of various photographs after the assassination. But this is a very poorly cross-validated part of the histories so caution is needed.

Holland, S. M. ["Skinny"]: Union Terminal signals supervisor Skinny Holland [no convenient biography] witnessed the shooting from the parapet of the Triple Overpass, directly ahead/above the motorcade. He reported a first shot puff of smoke from the trees by the picket fence, but by the time he got there all that remained were a lot of footprints behind the fence. He would later complain that investigators deliberately played down what he had seen, and failed to interview his eight co-workers (McLaren, 2013). Holland's evidential profile is as follows: Affidavit, 22nd November 1963 [read it now]; Warren Commission testimony [read it now - RECOMMENDED]; Interview to camera, 1966, Mark Lane [YouTube it now - RECOMMENDED].

Hollis, Sir Roger Henry: [Read firstly the entry for Colin Coote.] Journalist turned MI5 officer Roger Hollis [Wikipedia biography] was Director General of MI5 between 1956 and 1965, and therefore directly responsible for the failed January 1961 honeytrap operation against Russian Embassy naval attaché Yevgeny Ivanov [q.v.]. According to Anthony Summers and Stephen Dorri's (1989/2013e) book "The Secret Worlds of Stephen Ward", he then - when the resulting Profumo Affair [q.v.] got out of control - disavowed the operation and helped the mainstream media (Coote included) crucify Stephen Ward [q.v.] instead. [On the tangentially relevant issue of whether Hollis was all along a Soviet masterspy himself, check out Batvinis (2015).]

Holmes, Harry Dean: 58-year-old Harry Holmes [no convenient biography WHICH IS A GREAT SHAME] had put in some 40 years with the U.S. Postal Service when the Mannlicher-Carcano C2766 was delivered through one of the P.O. Boxes he supervised. As presented in the La Fontaine's 1996 book "Oswald Talked" he then more or less had to plead incompetence when quizzed about the paper trail for that purchase, because there was no trace of the all-important receipt signature counterfoil - the application "Part 3" - required under Federal gun law (known to be under crackdown in 1963).

ASIDE: The Post Office of necessity had separate procedures for small mail (which went into an actual "box") and heavy mail (where an advice note was put in the box, and the consignment itself went into a central storeroom). No testimony was taken from counter staff as to any recollections they might have had of the pick-up (Summers, 2013e).

By 1997, however, a more convincing explanation was out, namely that Holmes had deliberately and knowingly perjured himself, albeit for the very highest of motives: basically his country had asked him to do it. The clearest exposition of what might actually have happened is in a 1997 paper by Ian Griggs [read it now]. It may or not be relevant that Holmes watched the motorcade through binoculars from the 5th Floor of the Terminal Annex Building on the south side of Dealey Plaza, which, the present author notes, is just above the location of the South Knoll gunman proposed in 2012 by Sherry Fiester. It may or may not also be relevant that according to the Warren Commission's Exhibit 2064 [read it now ABSOLUTELY RIVETING], Holmes - clearly no run-of-the-mill postal clerk - was part of a four-person interrogation of LHO between 0925hr and 1110hr on Sunday 24th November 1963, and took precise notes of the questions set and the answers given (as recorded in said Exhibit).
The other three members of the interrogation team were Captain Will Fritz, FBI Special Agent Forrest Sorrels, and SS Inspector Thomas Kelley of the Presidential bodyguard. LHO was shot to death by Jack Ruby eleven minutes after the interrogation finished. It may or may not also be relevant that Holmes seems already to have been present at Special Agent Sorrels' top-top-secret frame-by-frame viewing of the not-yet-doctored Zapruder Film on the evening of 22nd November 1963. Holmes' evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission [perjured] testimony [Part #1; Part #2]. Holmes is also named in Denise Hazelwood's (2016) book "Micro-Studies of an Assassination" as the most likely culprit for fabricating the $21.45 money order by which LHO was framed for p

Holt, Chauncey ["Percy"]: [a.k.a. John O'Malley] Having spent most of the 1950s doing CIA dirty work Kentucky born one-time high-wire artist Chauncey Holt [Spartacus Educational biography] found himself in the front-line of the JFK assassination conspiracy, being identified by Jim Marr's 1989 book "Crossfire" as one of the (second set of) Three Tramps - follow the Three Tramps Thread for the images. Before that he had worked to the CIA's Phil Twombly on the framing of LHO, as part of which patsification exercise he bought the Mannlicher-Carcano - see the LHO Patsification Thread. He was interviewed by John Craig on 19th October 1991 [read transcript now]. He was also interviewed in 1997 by the Dutch researcher Wim Dankbaar to whom he stated that the Mannlicher-Carcano was scarcely an assassin's weapon of choice because "you'd be better off with a bow-and-arrow". Rod Mac Kenzie( and Hooke)'s 2016 analysis of the assassination places him as radio man to the Picket Fence shooters. We recommend the several lengthy Wim Dankbaar videos - click here to start; the interview has also been incorporated into Dankbaar's (2007/2020 re-released) documentary movie "The Grassy Knoll" [see firstly the separate entry, and then view said documentary itself on Amazon Prime STRONGLY RECOMMENDED].

Hood, James: Dallas Morning News advertising photographer Jim Hood [no convenient biography] accompanied Jerry Coley to the top of the Pergola steps at "a little after" 1300hr, saw the now congealing pool of blood, dipped his finger into it and tasted it to confirm it was indeed blood, and then took a photograph of it, thus entering the Blood or Cola Thread. Hood was killed in an unexplained light plane crash a few years later.

Hook, Sidney: NYC-born academic philosopher, prominent Cold War anti-Communist, and proselytising CIA asset Sidney Hook [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for his contributions to the Psychological Strategy Board (PSB) during the Korean War, including consultancy work for DCI Walter Bedell Smith (Wilford, 2008, p77) (his advice was important, he argued, because "we have lost one round after another to the Kremlin" (Ibid.)).

Hooke, Richard M.: California-based JFK researcher Richard M. Hooke [Facebook Homepage] is the ghosting author in Rod Mac Kenzie( and Hooke)'s 2016 book entitled "The Men That Don't Fit In".

Hooker, Edward Gordon: American socialite Edward G. Hooker [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context as the adolescent son of Winifred ["Betty"] Cartwright Hooker at the time of her 1936 divorce from Roland Hooker. As such he was by birth already in the social circle his stepfather Dimitri von Mohrenschildt was entering when he married Betty in 1937. Baker (2009) sets the scene ...

"During the summer [of 1938?] [George de Mohrenschildt], [Dimitri von Mohrenschildt], and [Betty Hooker von Mohrenschildt] headed for the Hooker summer cottage in Bellport, Long Island. In Bellport they had some houseguests: [Janet Lee [Bouvier] / [Auchincloss] / [Chapin] and her daughter, the future Jacqueline Kennedy. A long-lasting friendship ensued. Jackie grew up calling de Mohrenschildt 'Uncle George' and would sit on his knee. [...] We were very close friends,' de Mohrenschildt explained to [Warren Commission assistant counsel Albert Jenner. 'We saw each other every day'" (p128)."
Hooker is also noteworthy for having been prep school roommate to George H. W. Bush 1939-1942, and for a failed business joint venture 1950-1951 with step-uncle George de Mohrenschildt, trading oil leases. He died of a heart attack in 1967, aged 43 years.

Hootkins, William: 15-year-old Dallas schoolboy William Hootkins [Wikipedia biography] was interviewed by the FBI after the assassination because he was being taught Russian by Ruth Paine. Indeed it is even possible that Hootkins was the "14-year-old kid" referred to by LHO's Irving barber Cliff Shasteen as having talked leftist views while they were having their hair cut a few weeks before the assassination [we await all volumes of Greg Parker's "Lee Harvey Oswald's Cold War" with interest to see if we have read his hints accurately - Ed.]. Hootkins would later feature in blockbuster movies/TV series such as "Star Wars" (as the fighter pilot Porkins), "West Wing", "Young Indiana Jones", and "Taxi". He also played a genuinely impressive Winston Churchill in the 1981 British TV series "Lloyd George" (a role he now [January 2018] shares with Oliver Stone's Oswald, actor Gary Oldman). Hootkins died 23rd October 2005, aged 57 years.

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Hoover, Herbert Clark: Mining engineer, turned mine speculator, turned eleemosynary commodity broker, turned political miracle worker, turned politician President [31st, 1929-1933, Rep.]. Herbert Hoover [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been a mine surveyor in the American High Sierras [see 7th January 1896] and Western Australia [see 13th May 1897] at a time that fortunes were being made by stock market speculation informed by mine surveyors' reports, (b) for joining Bewick, Moreing and Company (BMC) [see own entry], specialists in mine surveying, mine management, and the promotion of mining stocks for investment bankers, (c) for having relocated to Tientsin in 1898, there to play a leading role in what was adjudged by a British High Court in 1905 (and again, after appeal, in 1907) as [the phrasing at this point is ours - Ed.] as close to highway robbery as it is possible to get without wearing a black mask and brandishing a flintlock, (d) for having gone back to Australia in early 1902, there to promote the Great Fingall Mine [see 20th January 1902], (e) for having spent enough time in South Africa in 1904 to do more than just deliver a couple of lectures on the pros and cons of using cheap immigrant labour, (f) for having settled in London in 1905, there to be one of the lucky few who made a fortune in the Golden Horseshoe Fraud of 1905 [see 25th April 1905], (g) for having travelled the world between 1906 and 1913 doing likewise, opportunity by opportunity, (h) for having been appointed by President Wilson to manage food relief to poor little Belgium after the outbreak of WW1 [see 10th October 1914], (i) for having continued his charitable workings through into 1919 and beyond in support of Allied interference on the side of the White Russians in the Russian Civil War, while at the same time masterminding the sweep-up/bowdlerising of diplomatic archives from across Europe into what is now the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library and Museum, and (j) for serving as Secretary of Commerce ("and Assistant Secretary of everything else"), 1920-1928. But most of all (k) for having been President of the United States during the Great Crash of 1929 [see 29th October 1929], whereupon - in that he was himself blessed with an insider traders' mindset - he was totally unable to comprehend that the root of the crash lay in exactly the behaviours he himself had championed, thus ensuring that the ensuing Great Depression was far worse than it otherwise might have been.

***** MAJOR CONSPIRATOR, BUT ONLY AFTER THE EVENT, WE THINK *****

Hoover, John Edgar: As founder Director of the FBI in 1935, and still in post until 1972, the name of J. Edgar Hoover [Wikipedia biography] appears at many points in assassination histories, both official and alternative. The main accusations against him by alternative theorists are (1) that his FBI punched heavily to the left when dealing with crimes across the political spectrum, (2) that his secretive Division Five often broke the law (if only by failure properly to manage the doings of loosely associated third parties or ex-employees such as Guy Banister), (3) that having signally failed to prevent the assassination of JFK his FBI then conducted a cover-up of galactic proportions, complete with selective interrogation, intimidation, the destruction or concealment of evidence, perjury, and tacit acceptance of CIA and Mob executions ...
... and (4) that he personally maintained blackmail files on everybody he could, in order to be able to coerce their cooperation if ever necessary. Hoover's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now]. Note also that it was Hoover who inadvertently "outed" George H. W. Bush as a significant CIA personage by referring to him as "George Bush of the CIA" in a memorandum to the State Department dated 29th November 1963. There is also a National Archives audio tape from that same day of a telephone conversation between Hoover and LBJ. This conversation touches at one point on the issue of ballistics, with Hoover explaining that two of the bullets fired in Dealey Plaza would not be available as evidence because they had "splintered". A clip from this archive has been incorporated into Wim Dankbaar's [see own entry] (2007/2020 re-released) documentary movie "The Grassy Knoll" [see firstly the separate entry, and then view said documentary itself on Amazon Prime STRONGLY RECOMMENDED (the clip is at 39 minutes in); alternatively, click here to listen to the full 20 minute conversation on YouTube]. We give the last word to historian Noel Twyman ...

"Of all the major participants in the assassination, Hoover stands out singularly as one person lacking redeeming human qualities. [...] I searched the literature and found nothing good about his character except that he was devoted to his mother and [his boyfriend - Ed.] Clyde Tolson and loved his dog. If there was something likeable about him, I haven't found it" (Twyman, 1998 [Amazon], K19725).

***** BREAKING - OCTOBER 2019 *****

***** OSWALD WAS A GOVERNMENT AGENT *****

Horan, Mike D.: This from FaceBook 10th October 2019, from believed genuine Judyth Vary Baker, concerning one "Mike [D.] Horan" [no convenient biography] ...

"In 2014, a care-giver, Mark Froiland, and longtime researcher Gary Severson, interviewed former CIA agent MIKE HORAN, who then wrote in his shaky hand these important words: 'oswald)Seen him from a distance - said by his superiors - one of our top men, can be used anywhere. Oct. 26, 2014 St. Paul, MN'. [...] On the back of this statement from MIKE HORAN, as witnessed by Gary Severson and Mark Froiland, Gary Severson, the witness, additionally wrote these words: 'Mark Froiland is an acquaintance of mine for the past 20 years. Mark has been involved actively since the mid-1960's. He has been a home care worker for many professional people including ex CIA agents who provided Mark wit insights into the murder of JFK.' signed 'Gary Severson 10/26/14'. Gary gave me this signed statement in November, 2014, at our JFK Conference, but it was a small note, lost in the many papers involving the conference, until, reviewing those files, saw this important piece of evidence and am sharing it with you now. Mike Horan may still be alive -- I don't know-- but Gary told me Mike was adamant that he had seen Lee Oswald and that he had been told that Lee was CIA."

The posting concludes with Baker suggesting that the Mike D. Horan in question might be the Mike Horan who worked in the office of the Deputy Attorney General (and future Secretary of State), William P. Rogers, back in 1954.


Horne, Douglas: As Chief Analyst for Military Records for the Assassination Records Review Board, 1995 through 1998, Douglas Horne [Spartacus Educational biography] acquired an in-depth understanding of many of the personages listed in the present resource. He has passed on this knowledge in his 2009 book "Inside the Assassinations Records Review Board" [YouTube promotion - RECOMMENDED] and its 2013 follow-up "JFK's War With The National Security Establishment" [YouTube promotion - RECOMMENDED]. The coordinating thesis is that it was JFK's foreign policy, wrongly perceived by the military-industrial complex as a threat to national security, which got him killed. The 2009 work is about the best source on the Medical Cover-Up Thread that we have been able to find.
Horowitz, David Joel: A ferocious left-winger in his youth thanks, he explains, to his Communist parents, David Horowitz [Wikipedia biography] was author of the 1965/1967/1971 best-seller "From Yalta to Vietnam: American Foreign Policy in the Cold War", an anti-establishment exposé of the antics of the CIA in spearheading U.S. foreign policy during the Cold War. After 1976 he moved politically to the right, and prospered.

Hosty, James Patrick, Jr.: FBI agent James Hosty [Wikipedia biography] had been assigned on 11th March 1963 to monitor returned defector LHO and his Russian wife Marina Oswald. In June 1963 Hosty's interest in Marina prompted LHO to visit his office in Dallas, and leave a note - since lost - purportedly asking that all questioning be arranged through him.

ASIDE: Some theorists have pointed out that Hosty was a specialist in firearms trafficking crime, and therefore may have been working LHO as an FBI undercover asset, maybe even keeping tabs on New Orleans persons of interest such as Guy Banister.

After the shooting Hosty sat in on LHO's interrogation at DPDHQ, and conducted early interviews with Marina and Ruth Paine. After LHO's murder Hosty's boss Gordon Shanklin ordered him to destroy all evidence of the June visit. Hosty published his memoirs in a 1996 book entitled "Assignment: Oswald". Hosty's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now]; Dramatised Mock Trial testimony, 1992 [YouTube it now]; Book promotion to camera, C-SPAN2, 1996 [YouTube it now].

Houma Heist: We refer here to the 22nd August 1961 munitions "theft-with-keys" from the Houma premises of oil exploration giant Schlumberger Corporation [see Timeline that date]. The operation was to collect a large consignment of arms and explosives left over from the Bay of Pigs Invasion, and was ordered by Guy Banister reputedly under the authority afforded by Letters of Marque signed by Attorney General RFK. The team on the night comprised (denied) Sergio Arcacha Smith, (definitely) David Ferrie, and (admittedly) Gordon Novel, with help from Layton Martens and Carlos Quiroga. Author Gus Russo provides a lot of the detail in his 1998 book "Live by the Sword". He explains that some of the consignment was routed to Richard ['Ricardo'] Davis's Christian Democratic Movement (MDC) training camp at the "Lumberjack School", Lacombe [map], some to the nearby Covington camp, and the rest stored temporarily in Banister's offices at the Newman Building [531 Lafayette/544 Camp] prior to being trucked across to Miami (Russo, 1998). It was Banister's lawyer's later testimony to the Garrison Investigation which introduced the Letters of Marque defence. Russo adds ...

"Schlumberger served as a small arms depot for the CIA. It permitted a bunker it leased for storing blasting supplies to be used as a cache for ammunition, bomb casings, and other military items, some of which were shipped abroad - presumably to CIA staging areas in Guatemala or areas elsewhere within striking distance of Cuba. The arms were shipped in crates bearing the markings 'Schlumberger' and 'machinery'. [...] Some of the weaponry was to have been used in the Bay of Pigs Invasion. The government's fumbling of the invasion upset the firm, which subsequently decided to terminate its contract with the CIA" (Russo, 1998, K3536).

The rest of this story can be accumulated from the separate entries for Sergio Arccha Smith, Gordon Novel, Carlos Quiroga, and David Ferrie.

1 There were probably several earlier occasions as well, here conflated.

House, Edward Mandell: American "back-stage politician" "Colonel" Edward M. House [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for gaining early experience getting Texas governors elected (four of them) during the 1890s and 1900s, (b) for thereby getting onto the campaign team of presidential hopeful Woodrow Wilson in 1911, (c) for master-minding Wilson's successful 1916 second-term presidential campaign ...
Historians have noted that House may have been guilty of liaising a bit too closely during 1916 with the head of British intelligence in NYC, Sir William Wiseman - see that entry (third inset).

and (d) for being included in the American delegation to the 1919 Versailles Peace Conference. For remorselessly leveraging his contacts in this way he has been described as the "Puppetmaster" of those times.

"House of Langley": One of Steven Hager's (2017) several sobriquets for the CIA. More specifically, he quips, the place where the search for the long-lost Babushka Film might most profitably begin.

House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA): Set up by the U.S. House of Representatives in September 1976 to investigate the killings of JFK and Martin Luther King the HSCA [Wikipedia briefing] went back over the ground covered by the Warren Commission, and, for the JFK killing, eventually granted that more than one assassin had probably been involved and that there had been a conspiracy, albeit just a little one.

Howard, Larry N.: Dallas assassination guru Larry Howard [no convenient biography] was Director of the JFK AIC [=Assassination Information Centre], West Side Mall, Dallas, part love-of-the-subject research centre, part tourist trap. This expertise got him called in 1990 as historical advisor to the production team for Oliver Stone's movie "JFK" [see his IMDB entry], and the renewed public interest sparked by the movie got him involved in the publishing of Glen Sample and Mark Collom's 1995 book, "The Men on the Sixth Floor". Howard died in 1993.

Howard, Lawrence John, Jr.: [a.k.a. Alonzo Escuido] Los Angeles based Mexican-American CIA asset Lawrence Howard, Jr. [Spartacus Educational biography] was a member of INTERPEN and one of the three men who met with Silvia Odio on 25th September 1963 (the others being Loran Hall and William Seymour). He may also at some stage have met "Tex", "a white male, late 20's, 5'6" to 5' 9", slender build, 135 pounds, with former military service and a rotten disposition", who would later appear in the histories as "Harvey Lee" (see the entry for Richard Margeson). Howard would in due course be named in Richard Sprague's 1985 book "The Taking of America" as one of the dozen or so inner sanctum conspirators in the JFK assassination.

Howard, Mike: SS agent Mike Howard [no convenient biography] claimed to have seen LHO's Green Notebook complete with an "I WILL KILL ..." page [q.v.] (which - so say - was subsequently torn out) Sadly, Howard "has form" with white lie story planting, having on 9th February 1964 (with official approval) buried Marguerite Oswald's forthcoming appearance before the Warren Commission with an engineered false newspiece [read it now]. The missing page purportedly listed four targets of LHO's murderous intent, namely Governor John Connally, James Hosty, General Edwin Walker, and Richard Nixon. [Our verdict -chaff.]

Howard, Thomas: According to researcher Bill Sloan in his 1993 book "Breaking the Silence", after the 24th November 1963 arrest of Jack Ruby a reporter for the Long Beach Press Telegram named Bill Hunter, together with another newsman named Jim Koethe, visited Jack Ruby's flat along with Ruby's flatshare George Senator in the presence of three of Ruby's lawyers, Jim Martin, Tom Howard [Spartacus Educational biography], and C. A. Droby, ostensibly to find a photograph of Ruby which the newsmen could use. Senator had been at DPD all afternoon and was no doubt feeling under some strain, but it is not apparent that anything deeply sinister happened on that occasion. Nevertheless within two years the two reporters and one of the lawyers had either been murdered or else died very conveniently. We may safely presume that these three continued to probe just a little too deeply. Howard died of a perhaps convenient heart attack 27th March 1965. His death is one of 115 more or less suspicious assassination-related deaths listed in Roberts and Armstrong's (1995) book "The Dead Witnesses".
Hughes, Carol: TSBD office worker Carol Hughes [no convenient biography] was alone in her office at the time of the shooting. She had been spectating at her window and remained there, thus witnessing none of the internal comings and goings. Hughes' evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED]; FBI statement, 20th March 1964 [read it now].

"I'm worried about this country right now"

Hulsey, John Leroy: [Read firstly the entry for Richard Gage ESSENTIAL CONTEXT.] University of Alaska at Fairbanks civil engineer J. Leroy Hulsey [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for researching (2015-2019) and publishing (3rd September 2019 draft / 7th March 2020 final) the Hulsey Report [full text online], a technical report into the structural causes of the free-fall collapse of WTC7 at 1720hr 11th September 2001 (a full seven hours after the collapse of the much better known Twin Towers). Hulsey's simulations and calculations indicated that the reason WTC7 came down so neatly into its own basement dumpsters was that there had been a simultaneous failure (Hulsey uses the term "global failure") of every core column in the building (24 of them) on fully eight out of the building's 47 floors (which, of course, is more or less what Dutch demolition engineer Danny Jowenko [see own entry SUDDEN CONVENIENT DEATH] told us after just a glance at the video more than a decade earlier). Hulsey then helpfully explained his methods and findings to camera in Dylan Avery's (18th June 2020) documentary entitled "Seven" [Amazon ESSENTIAL VIEWING]. Not being a chemist, however, and quite rightly not wishing to go beyond his data, he does not stress the obvious fact that (aside from a mag thermite demolition) charges could have so rapidly liquefied so many tons of structural steelwork at the moment the building - in the words of its owner - was "pulled".

Hulsey Report: See the entry for J. Leroy Hulsey.

Human Ecology Foundation: Founded in 1954 as a research front for the CIA by Harold G. Wolff [see own entry] of Cornell University's Department of Psychiatry, the Human Ecology Foundation [no convenient briefing but much to reward the determined browser] is noteworthy in the present context for becoming a centre of excellence in the theory and practice of brainwashing and drug-assisted interrogation.

Human Right to Peace: The idea that there is a self-evident Human Right to Peace [UNESCO briefing, 1997] first became explicit in the late 1990s thanks in part to the tireless work over the preceding 20 years of the American-Swiss human rights guru Alfred-Maurice de Zayas [see own entry].

Humes, Commander [U.S.N.] James Joseph, MD: Military pathologist Commander James Humes [Spartacus Educational biography] was one of the three military medics who performed the JFK autopsy at the Bethesda Hospital between 2000hr on 23rd September 1963 and 0030hr on 23rd, and perhaps a follow-up examination of the brain injury some hours/days later. Browse the Medical Cover Up Thread to accumulate all the fragments of this story. Humes' evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now]; House Select Commission on Assassinations testimony [read it now]; Assassination Records Review Board testimony [read it now].

Hunt, Dorothy: Long-term CIA employee and wife of E. Howard Hunt, self-confessed mid-level architect of the JFK assassination, Dorothy Hunt [Spartacus Educational biography] reportedly attempted to blackmail then-President Richard Nixon with potentially harmful revelations. She never got the opportunity to do this, however, because on 8th December 1972 she was killed in a politically highly convenient and technically highly suspicious air crash (reportedly the FBI got to the wreckage before the fire crews!).

Hunt, Everette Howard, Jr.: Possibly one of the (second set of) Three Tramps - follow the Three Tramps Thread for the images - CIA officer E. Howard Hunt [Wikipedia biography] was officially taken to task for his part in the 1972 Watergate Conspiracy. More recently it has been asserted in Rod Mac Kenzie( and Hooke)'s 2016 book "The Men That Don't Fit In" that he was on station in Dealey Plaza
on the day, controlling Frank Sturgis' shooting team on the picket fence. Hunt died of natural causes on 23rd January 2007, shortly after making a detailed deathbed confession to his son Saint John Hunt, who subsequently published the material in his 2012 book "Bond of Secrecy".

Hunt, Haroldson Lafayette, Jr: Texas oil baron H. L. Hunt [Wikipedia biography] - whose story inspired not just the 1980s TV series Dallas, but also its anti-hero J. R. Ewing - was accused by Madeleine Brown, LBJ's long-term mistress, of having attended a meeting of senior assassination conspirators on the evening of 21st November 1963 at the home of Clint Murchison, Sr.

Hunt, John: Box-trawling assassination researcher John Hunt [no convenient biography] was the author in 2006 of two noteworthy papers, both supporting the accusation that the chain of custody for bullet CE-399 en route from Parkland to Bethesda was fatally - and deliberately - corrupted, in order to frame LHO in the eyes not just of the Warren Commission, but of the world. The two papers are "The Mystery of the 7:30 bullet" [read it now] and "Phantom Identification of the Magic Bullet: E. L. Todd and CE-399" [read it now]. Browse the Magic Bullet Thread to accumulate all the fragments of this story.

Hunt, Saint John: Son of E. Howard Hunt, and recipient of his father's deathbed confession in 2007 Saint John Hunt [no convenient biography] proceeded to edit his father's material into the 2012 book "Bond of Secrecy". His father's principle admission was that he had helped organise the assassination, and the principle denial was that he had actually been in Dallas on the fateful day. For a flavour of the content check you this radio interview to promote same [YouTube it here].

Hunt, William Henry: Lawyer-politician and President James Garfield's Secretary of the Navy between 1881 and 1882, William Hunt [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having taken advice from Theodorus Mason on the need for centralised collation of political and technical intelligence in ensuring the future effectiveness of the U. S. Navy. His response was to set up a small Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI) and put Mason in charge of it.

Hunter, William Bradley: According to researcher Bill Sloan in his 1993 book "Breaking the Silence", after the 24th November 1963 arrest of Jack Ruby a reporter for the Long Beach Press Telegram named Bill Hunter [Wikipedia biography], together with another newsman named Jim Koethe, visited Jack Ruby's flat along with Ruby's flatshare George Senator in the presence of three of Ruby's lawyers, Jim Martin, Tom Howard, and C. A. Droby, ostensibly to find a photograph of Ruby which the newsmen could use. Senator had been at DPD all afternoon and was no doubt feeling under some strain, but it is not apparent that anything deeply sinister happened on that occasion. Nevertheless within two years the two reporters and one of the lawyers had either been murdered or else died very conveniently. We may safely presume that these three continued to probe just a little too deeply. Hunter was killed 23rd April 1964 in the Press Room at Long Beach Police Headquarters by a policeman playing who-can-draw-his-gun-fastest. His death is one of 115 more or less suspicious assassination-related deaths listed in Roberts and Armstrong's (1995) book "The Dead Witnesses".

***** MINOR CONSPIRATOR, WW1 *****

Hurst, Sir Cecil James Barrington: British Foreign Office legal advisor Sir Cecil Hurst [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for being mentioned in Chapter 4 of Jim Macgregor [see own entry] and Gerry Docherty's [see own entry] 2017 book "Prolonging the Agony" [see own entry]. In this particular chapter the authors are questioning the effectiveness of the Royal Navy's blockade of Germany, especially when it came to shipments of cotton. Hurst, they note, had been involved in the 1911-1913 discussions concerning contraband rules - see the entry for Maurice Hankey - and had argued against their including cotton. [THREAD = WW1 INSIDER TRADING AND PROFITEERING]

Hurt, David John: A telephone subscriber named David John Hurt [no convenient biography] was one of the two "John Hurt"'s who were found to match the two Raleigh, NC, telephone numbers on LHO's DPD telephone call slip (the other being Henry W. Hurt [q.v.]). Henry W. Hurt turned out to have quite
a background in intelligence operations, but declared he had no prior relationship to LHO. Browse the **Raleigh Call Thread** to accumulate all the fragments of this story.

**Hurt, Henry Charles, Jr.:** "Rural Virginia" based "investigative reporter" [Henry C. Hurt, Jr.](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Henry_C._Hurt,_Jr.) was the author of the 1985 book "Reasonable Doubt: An Investigation into the Assassination of John F. Kennedy". Here is a recent assessment of this work (Amazon online feedback, Ostensibly from Christopher K. Halbower, 2nd October 2009) ...

"Henry Hurt's 'Reasonable Doubt' is an overview of the JFK assassination. Hurt was a researcher for the book 'Legend: the Secret World of Lee Harvey Oswald' by Edward Epstein. Hurt's research involved little more than contacting US Marines who knew Oswald. After providing research for Epstein, Hurt set aside the JFK case."

[Accessed 29th January 2018]

Hurt also included an interview of [Robert Easterling](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Robert_Easterling).

**Hurt, Henry W.:** A telephone subscriber named Henry W. Hurt was one of the two "John Hurt"s who were found to match the two Raleigh, NC, telephone numbers on LHO's DPD telephone call slip (the other being David John Hurt). Henry W. Hurt soon convinced investigators that he was "a person of no interest" to them. Browse the **Raleigh Call Thread** to accumulate all the fragments of this story.

**Hussey, Marmaduke [Baron Hussey of North Bradley]** 1996: [Read firstly the entries for National War Aims Committee (NWAC) and "Churnalism".]. British right-wing print journalist turned controller of state broadcasting Marmaduke [Lord] Hussey is noteworthy in the present context primarily for being one of those named in Marcus Moore’s [see own entry] (2018) article "BBC's 'Churnalism'" - read it now - as having helped transform the BBC from somewhat independently-minded state broadcaster to shameless government town cryer [our metaphor - Ed.]. His particular role was as the Conservative Party's selection for Chairman of the BBC 1986-1996 [the rot started within days of his moving in - Ed.].

**Hyde, Henry Baldwin, II:** During WW2 Henry Hyde was recruited into William ['Wild Bill'] Donovan's OSS in 1942 by Allen Dulles. He then became Chief of OSS intelligence gathering operations in France, and his efforts in recruiting a network of agents went a long way toward securing the success of the 1944 D-Day Invasion. He then replaced Dulles as Chief of OSS in Switzerland, before returning to civilian life in 1947. His divorced first wife Marie Hyde just chanced to be in Minsk on 10th August 1961 when LHO just chanced to cross in front of her lens. As far as the present author has been able to establish, there is no short genealogical relationship between Hyde and Ruth Paine's father William Avery Hyde, although the families do share a common ancestor.

**Hyde, Baroness Marie Emilie ["Mimi"] de la Grange:** Divorced first wife of retired OSS divisional chief Henry Hyde, II [q.v.]. Marie Hyde is here presumed to be the "Marie ["Loretta"] Hyde" who was in Minsk on 10th August 1961 as a "tourist" who had become separated from her couriers in Moscow and who was presently in company with (genuine) tourists Monica Kramer and Rita Naman, "desirous" of returning with them to Warsaw. Before the group left Minsk she took photographs of passer-by LHO. She gave no affidavit to the Warren Commission, although her two companions did. The photographs presently [February 2018] on the web seem to be those of her companions not her own.

**Hyde, William Avery:** Insurance underwriter [William Hyde](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William_H_Lamonica) was father of Sylvia Hoke and Ruth Paine, and father-in-law to John Hoke.
Iklé, Fred Charles: Professor of political science during the 1960s Fred Iklé [Wikipedia biography] was appointed in 1973 to head the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency. He then became Undersecretary of Defense for Policy between 1981 and 1988. He was also one of the members of the House's National Commission on Terrorism [q.v.] between 1999 and 2000.

Imperial Munitions Board of Canada (IMB): Set up in Canada in 1915 under the chairmanship of Joseph Flavelle [Wikipedia biography], the Imperial Munitions Board of Canada (IMB) [see own entry] liaised with the procurement departments in Westminster on how best to manufacture munitions in Canada without attracting too many accusations of profiteering. One of the Board members was the Milner Group's resident banker, Robert Brand [see own entry]. [THREAD = WW1 INSIDER TRADING AND PROFITEERING]

"Info-Prostitutes": This term was coined by Judyth Vary Baker [see own entry] and Edward Schwartz [see own entry] in their 2017 book "Kennedy & Oswald" to describe the well rewarded counter-intelligence work of carefully selected establishment authors in peddling lies and deceptions to the public whenever genuine researchers get just a touch too close to the truth.

Information Council of the Americas (INCA): INCA [see DeBenedictis] was the organisation founded on 15th May 1961 by Alton Ochsner, with financial help from Clint Murchison, as a right-wing propaganda organisation against the Castro Regime in Cuba.

Ingram, Gordon: See the entry for Mitchell WerBell.

Ingram, Hiram: Dallas County Sheriff's Deputy Hiram Ingrans [no convenient biography] was a friend of murdered witness Roger Craig, and died of sudden onset cancer on 4th April 1968. His death is one of 115 more or less suspicious assassination-related deaths listed in Roberts and Armstrong's (1995) book "The Dead Witnesses".

Institute of Current World Affairs (ICWA): Dealt with as an inset in the entry for Charles R. Crane.

Institute of Economic Affairs (IEA): [STUB ENTRY] Founded as a "free-market think-tank" in 1955 by chicken farming supremo [Sir] Antony Fisher [see own entry], the IEA [Wikipedia briefing; 2019 website] is noteworthy in the present context as Britain's leading overtly lobbying neoliberal pressure group.

Institute of Pacific Relations (IPR): Founded in Atlantic City in September 1924 by banker Jerome D. Greene [Wikipedia biography] with Rockefeller Foundation funding, the Institute of Pacific Relations (IPR) [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for a British delegation strongly influenced by the Milner Group (Quigley, 1949/1981), and (b) for being roundly criticised at the height of the Cold War by right-wingers such as "Taiwan Tony" Kubek [see own entry] for being so riddled with Communists that it was unable to do its job properly.

***** THE IFSG QUACKS LIKE A DUCK, SO IT IS HERE TREATED AS SUCH *****

Institute of Statecraft and Governance (IFSG): Founded in Scotland in 2006 by intelligence service Christopher Donnelly [see own entry] and Daniel Lafayedney [see own entry], the Institute of Statecraft and Governance (IFSG) [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context (a) as a British taxpayer-funded charity [ca. £2 million per annum - Ed.], (b) for operating its laughingly-named Integrity Initiative [no convenient briefing but much to reward the determined browser] propaganda machine, and (c) for being assessed by commentator Craig Murray as follows ...

"So what do we have here? We have a programme, the Integrity Initiative, whose entire purpose is to pump out covert disinformation against Russia, through social media and news stories secretly paid for by the British government. And we have the Skripals’ MI6 handler, the BBC, Porton Down, the FCO, the MOD and the US Embassy, working together in a group under the auspices of the Integrity Initiative. The Skripal Case happened to occur shortly after a massive increase in the Integrity Initiative’s budget and activity, which itself was a
small part of a British Government decision to ramp up a major information war against Russia” (2018 (full text online) - SHORT, FULL OF NAMES, AND HIGHLY INFORMATIVE).

**RECOMMENDED READING:** There is also a great deal of value in McKeigue et al's (2018 (full text online)) briefing paper.

**Integrity Initiative:** See the entry for the **Institute of Statecraft and Governance (IISG)**.

**International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD):** Set up in 1944 at the **Bretton Woods Conference** [see 1st July 1944], the **International Bank for Reconstruction and Development** [Wikipedia briefing] was the fore-runner of the modern **World Bank** [see own entry]. It is one of the five inter-coordinated components of the broader **World Bank** [Wikipedia briefing].

**International Committee for the Defense of Christian Culture (ICDCC):** See the entry for **Charles Willoughby**.

**International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC):** Founded in 1863 in Geneva, Switzerland, the **International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)** [Wikipedia briefing] soon emerged as probably the all-time most respected humanitarian aid agency. Our present interest in the organisation is restricted to the separate entries for **British Red Cross**, **American Red Cross (ARC)**, and **American Red Cross Mission, 1917**.

**International Confederation of Free Trade Unions [ICFTU]:** See the entry for CIA Front Organisations.

**International Credit Bank of Geneva:** [not to be confused with Bank of Credit and Commerce International] See the entry for **Tibor Rosenbaum**.

******* VERY VERY VERY VERY IMPORTANT *****

**International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA):** [Read firstly the IHRA inset in the entry for Ruth Smeeth.] Founded in 1998 by Swedish premier Göran Persson [Wikipedia biography], the **IHRA** [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context for the eight paragraphs of the 28th January 2000 **Declaration of the Stockholm International Forum on the Holocaust (IHRA-2000)** [full text online], as reproduced below. It speaks for the entirety of Humankind in promoting reflection and mutual understanding. The sole mention of antisemitism is highlighted thus ...

1. **The Holocaust (Shoah)** fundamentally challenged the foundations of civilization. The unprecedented character of the Holocaust will always hold universal meaning. After half a century, it remains an event close enough in time that survivors can still bear witness to the horrors that engulfed the Jewish people. The terrible suffering of the many millions of other victims of the Nazis has left an indelible scar across Europe as well.

2. **The magnitude of the Holocaust**, planned and carried out by the Nazis, must be forever seared in our collective memory. The selfless sacrifices of those who defied the Nazis, and sometimes gave their own lives to protect or rescue the Holocaust's victims, must also be inscribed in our hearts. The depths of that horror, and the heights of their heroism, can be touchstones in our understanding of the human capacity for evil and for good.

3. **With humanity still scarred** by genocide, ethnic cleansing, racism, antisemitism and xenophobia, the international community shares a solemn responsibility to fight those evils. Together we must uphold the terrible truth of the Holocaust against those who deny it. We must strengthen the moral commitment of our peoples, and the political commitment of our governments, to ensure that future generations can understand the causes of the Holocaust and reflect upon its consequences.

4. **We pledge to strengthen** our efforts to promote education, remembrance and research about the Holocaust, both in those of our countries that have already done much and those that choose to join this effort.

5. **We share a commitment** to encourage the study of the Holocaust in all its dimensions. We will promote education about the Holocaust in our schools and universities, in our communities and encourage it in other institutions.
We share a commitment to commemorate the victims of the Holocaust and to honour those who stood against it. We will encourage appropriate forms of Holocaust remembrance, including an annual Day of Holocaust Remembrance, in our countries.

We share a commitment to throw light on the still obscured shadows of the Holocaust. We will take all necessary steps to facilitate the opening of archives in order to ensure that all documents bearing on the Holocaust are available to researchers.

It is appropriate that this, the first major international conference of the new millennium, declares its commitment to plant the seeds of a better future amidst the soil of a bitter past. We empathize with the victims' suffering and draw inspiration from their struggle. Our commitment must be to remember the victims who perished, respect the survivors still with us, and reaffirm humanity's common aspiration for mutual understanding and justice.

The issue of antisemitism was then addressed more fully 11th June 2015 at a follow-on conference in Budapest, Hungary, where delegates put together the following "Working Definition of Antisemitism" (IHRA-2015) ...

"Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities."

This rather bland Working Definition was then further expanded 26th May 2016 at a follow-on conference in Bucharest, Romania, where delegates signed off on the following 11-point "Illustrative Examples of Antisemitism" (IHRA-2016). There are now six mentions of the State of Israel, highlighted thus, and the codification - at point (4) - of the offence of "Holocaust Denial" [Wikipedia briefing] ...

(1) Calling for, aiding, or justifying the killing or harming of Jews in the name of a radical ideology or an extremist view of religion.

(2) Making mendacious, dehumanizing, demonizing, or stereotypical allegations about Jews as such or the power of Jews as collective — such as, especially but not exclusively, the myth about a world Jewish conspiracy or of Jews controlling the media, economy, government or other societal institutions.

(3) Accusing Jews as a people of being responsible for real or imagined wrongdoing committed by a single Jewish person or group, or even for acts committed by non-Jews.

(4) Denying the fact, scope, mechanisms (e.g. gas chambers) or intentionality of the genocide of the Jewish people at the hands of National Socialist Germany and its supporters and accomplices during World War II (the Holocaust).

(5) Accusing the Jews as a people, or Israel as a state, of inventing or exaggerating the Holocaust.

(6) Accusing Jewish citizens of being more loyal to Israel, or to the alleged priorities of Jews worldwide, than to the interests of their own nations.

(7) Denying the Jewish people their right to self-determination, e.g., by claiming that the existence of a State of Israel is a racist endeavour.

(8) Applying double standards by requiring of it a behaviour not expected or demanded of any other democratic nation.

(9) Using the symbols and images associated with classic antisemitism (e.g., claims of Jews killing Jesus or blood libel) to characterize Israel or Israelis.

(10) Drawing comparisons of contemporary Israeli policy to that of the Nazis.

(11) Holding Jews collectively responsible for actions of the state of Israel.

The IHRA-2016 examples make it automatically more or less antisemitic to support, say, the people of Gaza in their long-standing confrontation with the State of Israel. Unsurprisingly, therefore, IHRA-2016 went down badly in countries like Britain, where there was significant grass-roots sympathy for the sufferings of the Palestinian people. IHRA-2016 remains under heated discussion to the present day [December 2019]. FURTHER READING: For an intelligent and informative commentary see Rebecca Gould's 7th September 2018 piece in Prospect entitled "The IHRA's Definition's
Imprecision Makes It a Threat to Free Speech" [full text online]. For more on the British political right's sustained and patently coordinated weaponisation of antisemitism against Jeremy Corbyn and the British Labour Party, >>>>>>up to and including the 2019 General Election (GE2019)<<<<<, see Ian Hermon's (due January 2020) book "Antisemitism and the Left" [Amazon].

International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union (ILGWU): See the entry for CIA Front Organisations.

International Monetary Fund (IMF): Set up in 1944 at the Bretton Woods Conference [see 1st July 1944], the International Monetary Fund (IMF) [Wikipedia briefing] opened for business on 27th December 1945.

International Trade Mart (ITM): [This entry draws heavily from the scholarship of Ensenat (1974 [full text online - AN EXCELLENT SOURCE FOR ANYONE TRACKING BACK THROUGH NEW ORLEANS' BUSINESS LEADERS])] The ITM was a one-stop shop for potential importers and exporters through the port of New Orleans, akin to a permanent international exposition with much of the floorspace leased to advertisers (the concept had in fact proven successful in 1943 with International House one block away, and there were many common investors and directors). ITM was situated initially in a 5-story corner site at Camp Street and Common Street. Recently demobbed Clay Shaw was nominated General Manager on 19th January 1946 and oversaw the necessary refurbishment. The premises opened for business in January 1948 and the concept worked well for a decade. However by the early 1960s ITMs' financial state was "precarious".

INTERPEN: [Contraction of International Penetration; all names have their own entry] Founded in 1961 by Gerry P. Hemmings, INTERPEN [Spartacus Educational briefing] was a paramilitary unit based in Florida's Everglades and responsible for a spate of guerrilla raids against Fidel Castro's Cuba. Members included: Manuel Aguilera; Remigio Arce; Ed Collins; Oscar Del Pinto; Bernardo de Torres; Loran Hall; Roy Hargraves; Lawrence Howard; Robert E. Johnson; William Seymour; and Dick Whatley.

LEST IT GO UNNOTICED: Most of the above names will pop up as snipers, spotters, or radio men in the Dealey Plaza operation. De Torres, in particular, has been mentioned as a prolific executioner of witnesses during the Garrison and HSCA inquiries.

Funding came from exiled Cuban politicians from the pre-Castro era, notably Roland Masferrer and Carlos Prio, topped up by run-out-of-town mobsters such as Santos Trafficante. They operated initially out of Florida, but transferred north of Lake Pontchartrain in the vicinity of CovingtonLA [map] after the 1962 law enforcement crackdown in the Keys, their arrival being noted in the New Orleans Press by columnist Bill Stuckey [see own entry]. The Covington camp was duly busted by the FBI on 31st July 1963, and the organisation as a whole went dark after the Assassination.

***** "OH, WHAT A TANGLED WEB ..." *****

Iran-Contra Affair: [Read firstly the entry for the 1982 Boland Amendment at 21st December 1982.] The Iran-Contra Affair was a complicated foreign policy shenanigan from the mid-1980s which resulted in the 1986 Tower Commission [see 1st December 1986] and separate Senate and House Congressional Investigations in 1987 [see 5th May 1987]. The story began with the 1979 Islamic Revolution in Iran, when the pro-U.S. Shah of Iran [see own entry] was overthrown by the Islamic Fundamentalist Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini [see 1st February 1979]. This totally upset the geopolitical situation in (to the south) the Middle East and (to the north) the whole of Transcaucasia [Wikipedia briefing], and the U.S. Congress duly imposed strict economic sanctions and an arms embargo. The region was further destabilised when Saddam Hussein launched an offensive across the Shatt Al Arab waterway at the beginning of the Iraq-Iran War [see 22nd September 1980], and by 1981 the Reagan administration was beginning to fear a beaten Islamic Iran drifting into the Soviet bloc. The Iranian crisis also coincided with a problem closer to home in Nicaragua, where since 1st December 1981 the U.S.-backed Contras [see own entry] (the Waffen SS of the ousted Somoza regime) were fighting a right-wing war of attrition against the Sandinista government of Daniel
Ortega [check him out], and fighting it, moreover, with smuggled out American tax dollars and ex-PLO war supplies captured from terrorists in the Middle East (or so the first fall-back official story goes).

CAMEO - ARMS TO THE CONTRAS: Throughout his 1983-1985 term as National Security Advisor (NSA) Robert McFarlane [Wikipedia biography] and newly promoted National Security Council (NSC) staffer Lieutenant-Colonel Oliver North [see own entry] used a CIA front company named Stanford Technology Trading Group International (STTGI) [Wikipedia briefing] to keep illegal arms transactions off the record. Under this (or similar) cover McFarlane arranged for contacts in Israel [remember that according to Rubenberg, 1986, there were 300 Israeli advisers in Guatemala in 1982 - Ed.] to make at least two (May 1983 and May 1984) arms deliveries to the Contras, cover-storied as recovered from PLO terrorists. He then personally appealed to the Saudis in July 1984 for financial assistance for the Contras, and came away with the promise of $1 million a month.

STOP PRESS - THE CONTRAS, IN 2018: The Contras of the 1980s were disbanded at the end of that decade. However the target of their hatred, President Daniel Ortega [check him out] regained the Nicaraguan presidency in 2007 and remains in post [October 2018]. With elections due in 2019 he is right now the target of a new type of covert operation; a future war; a settling of old scores; a war fought - like the famous Arab Spring uprisings - through social media. Thus we saw, in April-May 2018, clashes between leftist and rightist demonstrations resulting in a reported 309 dead by high summer [YouTube a typical anti-Ortega report (you will not see much else in a controlled right-wing media offensive)]. These things do not just happen. They are being directed from a command post somewhere in the reactionary West, by a new generation of cyber-commanders. So there will one day be a Conspiracy Theory of the Electronic Overthrow of Daniel Ortega, whereupon you will be able to say that you heard it here first.

RESEARCH ISSUE: Advanced students may find some value reading Jack London's (1908) "The Iron Heel" [see 24th August 1908], specifically the episode in Chapter 10 on the suppression of writings, the "branding" of dissenters, the caricaturing of those whom you wish to destroy, and mob rule as the H-weapon of political debate. It is 110 years since London described this dystopian nightmare, but with e-delivery and e-surveillance behind it the trickery seems to be working better than ever.

Support for the Contras ceased to be just a covert intelligence community operation on 6th January 1984 (Walsh Report) when President Reagan gave carte blanche to do "whatever you have to do" to help the Contras (because they were "the moral equivalent of our Founding Fathers"). Henceforth the operation would still be covert, but covert with the approval of the President.

ASIDE: Not that it was a very well-kept secret, for on 7th May 1984 Time Magazine quite happily reported that "Israel funnels arms to the Contras through the Honduran army, Israeli intelligence agents have helped the CIA train the Contras, and retired or reserve Israeli army commandos have been hired by shadowy private firms to assist the rebels" (Jamail and Gutierrez, 1986).

During 1984 the waters were muddied even more by a spate of hostage takings in Lebanon, many by Iran-sponsored terrorist groups [Wikipedia briefing]. Amongst those taken was the CIA's Beirut Head of Station William F. Buckley [Wikipedia biography], kidnapped by a Hezbollah snatch squad 16th March that year.

ASIDE - NATIONAL SECURITY DECISION DIRECTIVE #138: This NSDD was drafted 26th April 1984 by the aforementioned Oliver North. The Homeland Security Digital Library describe it [1st November 2018] as still largely classified, but state its thrust as follows: "reportedly permitted the CIA and the FBI to form covert operations teams and to use military special operations forces to conduct guerrilla-style war against guerrillas, pre-emptive operations, retaliation, expanded intelligence collection, and when necessary, killing of guerrillas in 'pre-emptive' self-defense. States that sponsored terrorists (Iran, Libya, Syria, Cuba, North Korea) could be targeted ...".

When he took over as the new National Security Advisor 4th December 1985, Admiral John Poindexter [Wikipedia biography] advised President Reagan that it might be possible to cut a quid pro quo arms-for-hostages deal with Iran, and his predecessor McFarlane was appointed as that deal's globetrotting ambassador. It also made good sense to extend North's remit to cover both Nicaragua and Iran. What the Iranians needed most were TOW anti-tank missiles and HAWK anti-aircraft missiles.
**ASIDE - TOW MISSILES:** The acronym TOW stands for <tube launched, optically tracked, wire-guided>, and refers to anti-tank missile technology first deployed in the early 1970s, in which (due to the unsophisticated electronics of that era) track correction instructions are issued externally by joystick. In other words, the missile operator watches the hot spot of the missile's exhaust and steers it left-right/up-down. This gives much longer effective striking ranges than the WW2 bazooka or the RPG-7. [See YouTube tutorial](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=watch-for-the-trailing-wires) (watch for the trailing wires).

**ASIDE - HAWK MISSILES:** Raytheon's MIM-23 HAWK Surface to Air missile was first deployed in the early 1970s. It is a vehicle mounted low-to-medium height radar-guided anti-aircraft missile. [See YouTube tutorial](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=watch-for-the-trailing-wires).

Here are some of the shipments mentioned in the Congressional investigations (the Pentagon subsequently topped up Israeli stocks) ...

**CAMEO - DELIVERING THE TOWS AND HAWKS:** On 20th August 1985 a consignment of 96 TOW missiles was flown from Israel to Iran ([Walsh Report](https://www.walshreport.com/)).

**CAMEO - DELIVERING THE TOWS AND HAWKS:** On 14th September 1985 a further consignment of 408 TOW missiles was flown from Israel to Iran ([Walsh Report](https://www.walshreport.com/)).

**CAMEO - DELIVERING THE TOWS AND HAWKS:** On 24th November 1985 a further consignment of 18 HAWK missiles was flown from Israel to Iran ([Walsh Report](https://www.walshreport.com/) [the report goes into a lot of interesting detail concerning the many days of procedural difficulties making this delivery - Ed.]).

On 3rd November 1986 the Lebanese newspaper *Al-Shiraa* finally broke the story, and ten days later President Reagan went on television from the Oval Office to give the bare bones official explanation, which was that only "modest deliveries" had been made because it had been his administration's judgement that the strategic costs of not making them outweighed the possible peace dividend - [YouTube it now](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YouTube_it_now). The *Tower Commission* [see 1st December 1986](https://www.walshreport.com/) reported 27th February 1987, and the Walsh Commissions in November. The core observation was that under President Reagan the NSC, strictly only an advisory and coordinating body, "at times became operational, taking on primary responsibility for the execution of the Iran and contra covert operations" and all too keen to call on "private parties and third countries to do the Government's business". [THREAD = THE SHAPING OF THE MODERN WORLD] [THREAD = THE BECKETT EFFECT IN U.S. FOREIGN POLICY]

**Irving, David John Cawdell:** British historian David Irving [no dispassionate biography available, but compare as deadly enemies the [Wikipedia demonography](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/David_Irving) and Irving's [personal website](http://www.davidirving.com/)] first came to the present author's attention in the 1970s with his 1963 book "The Destruction of Dresden", his 1964 book "The Mare's Nest: The German Secret Weapons Campaign and Allied Countermeasures", and his 1977 book "The Trail of the Fox: The Life of Field-Marshal Irwin Rommel", all three of which were meticulously primary-sourced accounts of major WW2 personalities and events. Irving's work during the 1980s and early 1990s then resulted in his name being splashed across the MSM in the mid to late 1990s as a "Nazi apologist" and "holocaust denier" [see Wikipedia definition](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Holocaust_denial), despite the fact that his primary source research methodology has never been bettered. The work which did most to generate this outcry was his 1977 book "Hitler's War", together with a 1989 lecture program (promoting same) in which he criticised the by-then-conventional entry-level Auschwitz story as academically non-rigorous. More crucially, Irving failed to appreciate the depth of feeling among the Jewish community, and his use of predictably hurtful descriptors such as "fairytale" and "Disneyland" mobilised a carefully targeted program of reprisals against both his professional standing and his person. The case against Irving was tested under both civil law (libel, in London, 2000) and (Austrian) criminal law ("Holocaust denial", in Vienna, 2006): damages were awarded against him in the first case, and he was sentenced to three years in prison in the second. The MSM's judgement on these punishments is that they were a victory for free speech.

***** VERY RICH MAN, VERY SUSPICIOUS DEATH *****
Isaacs, Barnett: [a.k.a. Barney Barnato] East London prizefighter–music hall tumbler turned billionaire [today's money - Ed.] "Randlord" Barnett Isaacs [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for abandoning the East London entertainment industry and turning up in the Cape Colony diamond fields of the mid-1870s as a small claim miner, (b) (presumably with covert financial support) for growing rapidly by acquisition to found the Barnato Diamond Mining Company in 1880, (c) for having retail diamond contacts in London's Hatton Garden, and (d) for doing a mega-deal in March 1888 with rival Cecil Rhodes' [see own entry] De Beers Company, with a view to keeping diamond production down and therefore retail diamond prices high. Also (e) for the very strange manner of his death. It seems that in early 1897 Isaacs' business empire was going through a bad patch, and he had begun to suffer from a "mind unhinged" (although press comment at the time wondered whether it was just "a dodge of Barney's", designed to drive the stock market down). His family therefore decided to take him back to Britain, keeping a close eye on him at all times. They relaxed their guard on the evening of 14th June 1897 as their liner was passing Majorca, and Lo! over the side he went. Rapid action by the ship's crew picked up the (a?) body but attempts to resuscitate him failed. The rumours now changed to his nephew murdering him (although a switcheroo would not have been difficult, either, given a suitable and unsuspecting body double). Isaacs/Barnato "was not otherwise distinguished than for his wealth" (Sydney Morning Herald, 16th June 1897, p7).

Isaacs, Rufus Daniel: Lawyer, judge, Liberal Party politician, Attorney General, Chief Justice, and Viceroy of India, [Sir]1910 Rufus Isaacs [Lord Reading]1914 [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having successfully defended Herbert Hoover on charges of civil liability for debt following one of his partner's Anthony Rowe's fraud during the Great Fingall Consolidated Fraud of 1902 [see 20th January 1902], (b) for having unsuccessfully defended C. Algernon Moreing [see own entry] on civil charges of contract irregularities in the Kaiping Coal Field Fraud [see own entry; see 20th March 1908], (c) for (now as Attorney General) having successfully destroyed the position taken by the Captain and officers of the SS Californian in the 1912 Board of Trade Inquiry into the Titanic disaster [YouTube 2012 dramatisation], (d) for having figure-headed the 1915 Anglo-French Financial Commission [Wikipedia briefing] ...

ASIDE - THE HALF BILLION DOLLAR LOAN: The Commission landed in New York City 10th September 1915 and discussed an Allied credit facility with a consortium of U.S. banks headed by J. P. Morgan and Company. A loan of half a billion dollars, at the time the biggest ever, was agreed 28th September. ... and (e) for having been Ambassador to the United States 1918-1919.

Ishii, Shiro: See the entry for Unit 731.

***** MAJOR CONSPIRATOR, WW1 *****

Isvolsky, Count Alexander Petrovich: Imperial Russian diplomat Alexander Isvolsky [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been his country's Foreign Minister during the negotiations which led to the 1907 Anglo-Russian Entente [see 31st August 1907], and (b) for being mentioned in Chapter 1 of Jim Macgregor [see own entry] and Gerry Docherty's [see own entry] 2017 book "Prolonging the Agony" [see own entry] as an active participant in the Milner-Rothschild Conspiracy [see own entry].

Itkin, Herbert: [CIA codename Portio] WW2 veteran (U.S. Army, perhaps military intelligence) turned lawyer turned professional deep penetration informer for both the CIA and the FBI Herbert Itkin [no convenient biography but some detail of value in the CIA clipping referenced below] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for gathering evidence in a number of labour union fraud cases in the 1960s, (b) for undertaking "20 trips or more to Europe for the government" as well as "many times" to the Dominican Republic, and (c) for being a contact of international man of mystery and CIA asset George de Mohrenschildt (Mellen, 2012,
Further Reading: Check out the 15th December 1969 NYT piece "Itkin's Story" (CIA Archives [full text online]).

"It's Not Fascism When We Do It": This social media and blogosphere tagline became popular as a party political jibe in around 2006 as the American left started to respond to the Neocon [q.v.] agenda unrolling in the second George W. Bush administration.

"I WILL KILL ...": See the entry for Mike Howard.

Izquierdo, Nestor ["Jack"]: Anti-Castro Cuban exile Jack Izquierdo [no convenient biography] features in James Fetzer's version of the assassins' order of battle, being placed in the Dallas Uranium offices (a CIA front company) on the third floor of the Dal-Tex Building, armed with a Mannlicher-Carcano. Fetzer credits him with two misses and one successful rear headshot.

Jabotinsky, Ze'ev: Dealt with herein as Zhobotinsky.

Jackson, General Charles Douglas: WW2 OSS veteran, post-war CIA agent, and expert on psychological warfare General Charles Jackson [Wikipedia biography] had been speech writer for Presidents and advisor to strategic committees ever since the war. At the time of the assassination he was publisher of Life magazine, and as such instantly snapped up Abraham Zapruder's film for safe keeping. It would emerge after his death in 1964 that he had been a senior official in Operation Mockingbird, the Establishment's bid to silence free and uncensored press comment.

Jackson, Donald: Journalist Donald Jackson [no convenient biography] wrote the 21st February 1964 Life magazine article in which LHO was painted with the loner-misfit persona which the official version of the assassination story demanded.

Jackson, Douglas L.: DPD motorcycle outrider Douglas L. Jackson [no convenient biography] was riding outside-right of the four DPD motorcycles attached to limo #1. He was not called to testify before the Warren Commission.

Jackson, Gayle Nix: Assassination researcher Gayle Nix Jackson [homepage] was the editor of the 2016 collection of essays "Pieces of the Puzzle", and the author of five of its nine essays. The book goes into great detail on the chain of custody of (her grand-father) Orville Nix's movie footage of the assassination. It is also an important sourcework for those studying General Edwin Walker [q.v.] and his aide Robert Surrey [q.v.], especially for their part in setting up the 24th October 1963 Adlai Stevenson Riot [q.v.]. Essayist #2, Steve Roe, offers a particularly thorough account of the 10th April 1963 Walker shooting, in which he is not unsympathetic to the notion that this was indeed carried out by LHO [there had been a full moon the night before, so even a stumble-free getaway was guaranteed - Ed.]. The book is also a must for students of junior right-wingers Larrie Schmidt [q.v.] (freshly interviewed by the editor herself) and Bernard Weissman [q.v.].

Jackson, Murray: Some time patrol partner of J. D. Tippit, and last-minute substitute for the rostered DPDHQ radio despatcher on 22nd November 1963, Murray Jackson [no convenient biography] was Channel 1 despatcher at the time of the assassination, and thus the voice on any log audio tapes. One of his most contentious decisions was in deciding which officers should be placed on patrol in "central Oak Cliff" at a time of a major incident downtown. In the event he assigned two cars - Ronald Nelson and J. D. Tippit - to that district as "outermost units", making the call at 1245hr.

ASIDE: In her 1967 book "Accessories After the Fact", assassination researcher Sylvia Meagher points out that this despatch was not available to the Warren Commission until Spring 1964, and more or less asserts it to have been falsified. [And if it was faked it would have needed a specialist laboratory to do it - Ed.]
Neither Tippit nor Nelson acknowledged the call - itself a very rare operational occurrence - and Nelson's later recollections were inconclusive as to whether or not he actually received it (Hurt, 1985). One online commentator recently put it like this: "Murray Jackson as far as I'm concerned is a liar" - [YouTube him now and decide for yourself]. Jackson's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED].

**Jackson, Robert Hill:** Photographer Bob Jackson [Wikipedia biography] was one of the motorcade press car photographers, but chanced to have his camera empty at the time of the shooting in Dealey Plaza. He was luckier 48 hours later when he did manage to get a trigger shot of Jack Ruby wasting LHO in the basement of DPDHQ.

**Jacobsz, Ryan:** South African born Ryan Jacobsz [no convenient biography but much to reward the determined browser] IS noteworthy in the present context (a) for having published a 27th August 2018 piece on the Conservative Home website under the self-explanatory title "To win the next election, the Conservatives must make better use of their activists" (Jacobsz, 2018 [full text online - RECOMMENDED]), (b) for having stood (presumably with insufficient activists to hand) as one of three unsuccessful Conservative Party candidates in the 2nd May 2019 local elections for Hessle Ward, East Riding of Yorkshire Council, (c) for apparently working in some respect for/with Young Enterprise [Charity No. 313697; see own entry] [unable to confirm because LinkedIn profile ryan-jacobsz-32131233 has now gone offline - Ed.], and (d) with practised aggression for raising the anti-Semitism issue in a question from the audience during the 22nd November 2019 edition of BBC Question Time ...

**ESSENTIAL PRIOR CONTEXT - THE SMEETH-WADSWORTH INCIDENT:** Jacobsz reminded the panel of the 30th June 2016 confrontation referred to elsewhere in this resource as Smeethgate (see Timeline that date). This confrontation took place at the press conference at which human rights advocate Shami Chakrabarti presented the results of the Chakrabarti Inquiry into anti-Semitism in the Labour Party. At one point in these earlier proceedings the microphone passed to minority rights activist Marc Wadsworth [see own entry], who (with his own agenda) complained that he had seen reporters from the right-wing The Daily Telegraph colluding in a to-him-unacceptable way with Labour M.P. Ruth Smeeth, adding angrily, "so you can see who's working hand in hand" (ITV video - [YouTube it now](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=secs1528)). Smeeth promptly rose and swept from the room in a Political Flounce (clearly seen in this clip, of unstated provenance - [YouTube it now](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=secs1528)).

**ASIDE:** Note the stage directions from the unidentified aide? toward the end of the 46-second clip.

Then, as the conference broke up, the leader of the Labour Party Jeremy Corbyn - presently burdened by a no confidence vote [see Timeline 26th June 2016] - made his way with difficulty through the milling throng of delegates, and was buttonholed for precisely 16 seconds by Mr. Wadsworth, the former politely embarrassed and the latter seemingly pleased with his day's work (check it out on this Jewish News video [best audio track we could find - Ed.]).

Against the background of that 2016 confrontation, here is Jacobsz' contribution to Question Time more than three years later - [YouTube it now](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=secs1528) [Express newspapers edit], and here is a transcript, carefully re-accumulated from a number of partial YouTube edits. Jacobsz makes two misleading remarks, which we have highlighted thus and FACT CHECKED on the spot ...

"JACOBZ: ... I'm willing to give you the benefit of the doubt in terms of maybe people are doing it in your name and are not supported by you. But I looked at a video of Ruth Smeeth online, where she was [in?]at?] a press conference with you, and there she is - Ruth Smeeth, a Jewish M.P. was heckled out of that press conference - it's online, it's on YouTube - and there you are at the end of that press conference chatting happily to that same heckler.

**OUR FACT CHECK:** In our opinion, the term "chatting happily" does not objectively describe Corbyn's engagement with Wadsworth when exiting the conference room. He was neither happy nor chatting. Taking one's leave take 16 seconds, not chatting. But watch the second of the Prior Context videos above, and decide for yourself.

I don't buy this whole 'nice old grandpa'. I see that video and that tells me all I need to know. And I'm terrified for my daughters 'cause I see what you do in that video. And I don't understand how you can say you stand up

<LIGHT APPLAUSE>

CORBYN: Nobody should suffer any abuse, in public life or privately - clear.

JACOBY: Watch the video!

CORBYN: Nobody should suffer abuse, and many women Labour M.P.s, Ruth Smeeth included, and others, have suffered the most unbelievable levels of abuse, and it was a Labour M.P. - Jo Cox - who was murdered because she stood up in public life. I simply say to you that bad behaviour, misogyny, racism in any form, is absolutely not acceptable in any form whatsoever in my party or in our society.

<LIGHT APPLAUSE>

JACOBY: Then why - and it's online - why were you talking happily and with a smile on your face

OUR FACT CHECK: In our opinion, this phrase does not objectively describe Corbyn's engagement with Wadsworth when exiting the conference room. An embarrassed smile, maybe, but not one of approval; far from it, Again, as Jacobsz recommends, watch the video, and then decide for yourself.

to that same heckler when she's been heckled, in tears, at the press conference. Why would Labour M.P.s - female M.P.s - need bodyguards at Labour conferences?

(Excerpt from BBC Question Time, 22nd November 2019, transcribed 28th November 2019 by the present author from a number of partial YouTube sub-edits).

Even before he had finished speaking, Jacobsz had been rumbled by alert viewers for being almost a regular on the show, in contravention of BBC impartiality guidelines - click here to see his four appearances [30th November 2017, 20th April 2018, 31st January 2019, 22nd November 2019 - Ed.].

FURTHER READING: Check out investigative journalist Douglas James for his 23rd November 2019 piece in Dorset Eye entitled "Ryan Jacobz: The Tory Plant that BBC Question Time Cannot Get Enough of" [full text online]. As to the BBC's part in all this, see the entry for Pedleygate Three.

Jaggars-Chiles-Stovall: Security-rated printing and photographic works at 522 Browder Street, Dallas, where LHO was employed as a "cameraman trainee" between 12th October 1962 and 6th April 1963. The Warren Commission took testimony from three other employees of the company, namely John Graef (LHO's supervisor"), Dennis Ofstein ("employee") and Robert Stovall (President of the company). The company reportedly also employed - some have suggested as LHO's shadow - John Grossi.

ASIDE: It may or may not be relevant that some of the "photographic work" referred to above was on the incoming U-2 photoreconnaissance photostock (Summers, 2013e, p185).

Jameson, [Sir]1911 Leander Starr [1st Baronet]1911: Scottish physician practising in South Africa

Leander Starr Jameson [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having abandoned doctoring for colonial administration in 1891, becoming Administrator of Mashonaland and room-mate/confidant of Cecil Rhodes, (b) for leading the abortive 1895 Jameson Raid, the eponymous False Flag operation against the ethnically Dutch (but exceptionally rich) Transvaal [see Timeline entry for 29th December 1895], (c) for being exonerated by the 1896 Commission of Inquiry, (d) for being one of the seven original Rhodes Trustees [see own entry] at the time of Rhodes' death in 1902, (e) for serving as Prime Minister of Cape Colony between 1904 and 1908, generally supporting the Milner Group's proposals for a union of South Africa, (f) for returning to Britain in 1912 as a senior member of said Group, and (g) for thereby earning mention in Chapter 26 of Jim Macgregor [see own entry] and Gerry Docherty's [see own entry] 2017 book "Prolonging the Agony" [see own entry]. In this particular chapter the authors are making the case that the ousting of Asquith's Liberal Party administration in September 1916 was more a Milner Group coup than a simple party political victory for Bonar Law's Conservative Party opposition. Jameson, they note, was by 1916 a member of Milner's Ginger Group [see own entry], the very cabal by which the coup was masterminded.
Janin, Louis, Snr.: American mining engineer Louis Janin, Snr. [no convenient biography, but see Spence (1996 [full text online]) for background] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been a mine surveyor in the days when being a mine surveyor could make you a very good living and where - if you were inclined to bend the rules a little - you could make a lot of money on the side, and (b) for having been senior partner in Louis Janin Mining Consultants [see own entry], and (c) for having, in 1896, introduced an eager young geology graduate named Herbert Hoover [see own entry] to the highly profitable mine surveying profession [see 7th January 1896].

Janney, Peter: Assassination researcher Peter Janney [Wikipedia biography] began researching the love affair between JFK and Mary Meyer in 1976, gradually assembling enough material for his 2012 book "Mary's Mosaic: The CIA Conspiracy to Murder John F. Kennedy" [Mary Meyer, you see, was the divorced wife of Cord Meyer, the CIA's Head of Covert Action at the time, and therefore a very bad man to make an enemy of - Ed.]. Meanwhile in 2009 he also chanced to interview NPIC's Dino Brugioni, the CIA's veteran photoreconnaissance expert, and the official responsible for the production of Briefing Boards - see the entry for Dino Brugioni for more on this.

January, Wayne: Charter-pilot Wayne January [no convenient biography] happened to be in/near the tower at Dallas Redbird Airport [Q.V.] at around 1330hr 22nd November 1963, and upon noting that a private aircraft was oddly delaying taking off, reported same to the FBI, who interviewed him on 29th January. The fuller story would not appear until Matthew Smith's 1993 book "Vendetta", when it emerged that the aircraft in question - a second-hand C-53 transport - had been undergoing an overhaul throughout 1963, probably on behalf of Cuban exiles. The Cuban pilot had arrived for acceptance trials on 20th November, and in conversation had warned of an impending assassination attempt against JFK. The delay taking off on 22nd is easily interpreted as awaiting fleeing assassin teams.

Jarman, James Earl, Jr.: 34-year-old order checker James Jarman [no convenient biography] was with Harold Norman and Bonnie Ray Williams at the TSBD5 window directly under the Sniper's Nest, it not being possible to safely access TSBD6 because it was being refloored by outside contractors at the time. Unlike Norman he did not recall the sound of cartridges hitting the TSBD6 flooring above. Jarman's evidential profile is as follows: Affidavit, 23rd November 1963 [read it now]; Warren Commission testimony [read it now].

JA Worldwide: [JA=Junior Achievement] Founded a century ago, and with worldwide headquarters in Boston MA, JA Worldwide [Website] is noteworthy in the present context generally for its impressive network of tax exempt NGOs across six continents, including in some very politically troubled places, and specifically for inspiring the creation of Young Enterprise in Britain in 2014.

Jenner, Albert E., Jr.: American lawyer Albert E. Jenner, Jr. [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context primarily as the Assistant Counsel to the 1964 Warren Commission; also, tangentially, for being described by (of all people) by international man of mystery and CIA asset George de Mohrenschildt as "a sneaky bastard".

***** "The new Tory poster boy" *****

Jenrick, Robert Edward: British lawyer-politician Robert Jenrick [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for taking a determined stance against antisemitism in Britain, using his position as Secretary of State for Housing, Communities, and Local Government "to insist" in September 2019 that "all universities and local authorities [...] adopt the IHRA definition at the earliest opportunity" (op. cit.) ...
moreover to create division in the students/residents in the universities/boroughs on the receiving end, which is anti-something-even-bigger. TO BE CONTINUED POST-COVID.

and (b) for being short-strawed onto Good Morning Britain 1st April 2020 in order to defend the Conservative government's handling of the COVID-19 Pandemic, and, once in the hot seat, for unforgivably fluffing the statistics relating to the deliberate shortage of intensive care ventilators (see Timeline 1st April 2020).

Jerome, Jerome Klapka: British playwright-novelist turned WW1 propagandist turned French Army (attached) ambulance driver Jerome K. Jerome [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context
(a) for recording with some clarity the thoughts of a typical Briton dwarfed by events ...

"I heard of our declaration of war against Germany with cheerful satisfaction. The animal in me rejoiced. It was going to be the biggest war in history [...] Men all around me were throwing up their jobs, sacrificing their careers. I felt ashamed of myself, sitting in safety at my desk, writing articles encouraging them, at so much a thousand words" (Jerome, 1926, My Life and Times, pp272-273).

(b) for being one of those recruited by Wellington House [see own entry] in September 1914 to write anti-German propaganda, especially concerning German "frightfulness" ...

"The newspapers had roped in most of us literary gents to write them special articles upon the war. The appalling nonsense we poured out, during those hysterical first weeks, must have made the angels weep [...]. It became necessary to stimulate the common people to prolonged effort [and] the Atrocity stunt was let loose" (op. cit., p273-274).

(c) and then for being further selected later that year to help persuade the United States into the war on Britain's side ...

"A member of the Cabinet had suggested to me that I might go out to America to assist in English propaganda. On the ship, I fell in with an American Deputation returning from Belgium. They had been sent there by the United States Government to report upon the truth - or otherwise - of these stories of German frightfulness. The opinion of the Deputation was that, apart from the abominations common to all warfare, nineteen-twentieths of them would have to be described as 'otherwise'. It was these stories of German atrocities, turned out day by day from Fleet Street, that first caused me to doubt whether this really was a 'Holy War'. [...] The Deputation published their report in America. But it was never allowed to reach England" (op. cit., p274-275).

and (d) for enlisting in 1916 (at age 55) as a volunteer French Red Cross ambulance driver on the Western Front, twenty miles west of Verdun, later confessing ...

"During the actual fighting, Hague Conventions and Geneva Regulations get themselves mislaid. The guns were eating up ammunition faster than the tramways could supply them, and the ambulances did not always go up empty. Doubtless the German Red Cross drivers had likewise their blind eye" (op. cit., p289).

Ironically this cynical smuggling of arms in sheep's clothing nearly claimed his life in 1915, thus ...

"I was on the Lusitania the last voyage she made from New York to Liverpool, before she was torpedoed. We were loaded to the Plimsoll Line with war materials [...] Those who talk about war being a game ought to be made to go out and play it. They'd find their little book of rules of not much use" (op. cit., pp289-290).

Jewish Labour Movement (JLM): Founded in 1903 and affiliated with the Labour Party since 1920, the Jewish Labour Movement (JLM) [Homepage] is noteworthy in the present context for (from their website) ...

"The Jewish Labour Movement is a membership organisation of Labour supporting members of the Jewish Community. A formal affiliate of the Labour Party in the Uk since 1920, JLM campaigns within the party and the wider community to support labour values within the UK, Israel and Internationally. In addition to the UK Labour Party, the Jewish Labour Movement is also affiliated to the Board of Deputies of British Jews, the Zionist Federation of the UK, and organise within the World Zionist Organisation alongside our sister party in
The movement wound itself up in 2004 at the height of the New Labour experiment, but reformed in 2015 to oppose Jeremy Corbyn's stunning rise in popularity with the electorate at large [he remained unpopular within his parliamentary party due to the preponderance of Blairites therein - Ed.]. Pro-Corbyn conspiracy theories surfaced on social media during the 2019 General Election campaign, concerning the JLM's actual source of funding. [THREAD = THE DEATH OF DEMOCRACY] [THREAD = THE BATTLE FOR HEARTS AND MINDS]

Jewish Leadership Council (JLC): [Read firstly the entry for "The Lobby."] Founded in 2003 by lawyer Henry Grunwald [Wikipedia biography], the Jewish Leadership Council (JLC) [Wikipedia briefing; Charity No. 1115343 (see last filed accounts)] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for briefing against Jeremy Corbyn in the 2015 Labour Party Leadership Election, (b) for then taking a leading part in the antisemitism offensive against same during his substantive leadership 2015-2019, and (c) for continuing with this offensive - to fatal effect - during the 2019 British General Election Campaign.

JFKAIC: See under Larry Howard.

Jiang Jieshi: See the entry for Chiang Kai-Shek.

JM/WAVE: CIA codename for the facilities in and around Florida from where Ted Shackley oversaw both military and psychological operations against the Castro Regime and other Central American players [Wikipedia briefing]. The facilities were centred on the disused Richmond Naval Air Station, 15 miles or so southwest of downtown Miami, but included many rural and coastal training areas. All up, JM/WAVE formed the largest CIA base outside of CIAHQ at Langley, MD. Indeed, intelligence services seem to have been Florida's largest industry at the time.

Joannides, George Efythron: [codenames "Howard" and Walter Newby] At the time of the assassination CIA C/PW [=Chief of Psychological Warfare], Miami, George Joannides [Wikipedia biography] was financing the anti-Castro front organisation Directorio Revolucionario Estudiantil (DRE), a group which, in turn, had significant prior contact with LHO as part of the LHO Patsification Thread. Joannides subsequently acted as the CIA's liaison officer on the House Select Committee on Assassinations, making sure that said operation remained in the shadows.

ASIDE - "TRUTH" VS. "WHOLE TRUTH": In his 2013 (e)book "Not in Your Lifetime" Anthony Summers uses the Joannides case to make an historically fundamental point about honesty and the way the world is run. Joannides got up at the House Select Committee on Assassinations and testified that he had been unable to "find any records indicating the name of the DRE's control officer" (p435). This simple "truth" concealed the fact that that officer was he himself (which had been the question put to him), and that he had already had anything incriminating removed from the archive before his search!

ONE OF THE FIRST JFK CONSPIRY AUTHORS "Notorious Marxist well-poisoner" (His Gestapo file)

Joesten, Joachim: German-born American [Spartacus Educational biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been a Gestapo-monitored Communist activist in Germany in the late 1920s/early 1930s, (b) for managing to escape to the U.S. in 1940 via Sweden, (c) for earning a living as a Newsweek journalist, (d) for acquiring a reputation as a quite prolific modern historian, with such works as (1960) "Nasser: The Rise to Power" [Amazon] and (1963) "They Call It Intelligence: Spies and Spy Techniques Since World War II" [Amazon], (e) for focusing these investigative skills in the fact-packed (1964) book "Oswald: Assassin or Fall Guy" [Amazon], one of the first wave of works to challenge the conclusions of the Warren Commission [in advance, in fact, for the book came out six months before the Commission Report - Ed.] …

CAMEO - JOESTEN'S 1964 ASSASSINATION THEORY: Joesten's contribution to JFK Conspiracy Theory was (1) to argue that the killing was far too complex to have been the work of any "lone nut", (2) to
point to a veritable procession of contradictions as the law enforcement and intelligence communities covered up weeks of individually bungled fragments of a colossal frame-up, (3) for highlighting Texan right-wingers such as General Edwin Walker and his henchmen as likely conspirators, (4) for drawing attention to the far-too-good-to-be-true Ruth Paine, (5) for raising doubts as to the Mannlicher-Carcano as murder weapon, (6) ditto the number of shots fired, and the wounds inflicted, (7) for a lengthy critique of the official account that Patrolman J. D. Tippit had been an innocent victim of circumstance, (8) for emphasising LHO's likely links to both the CIA and the FBI (the whole of Chapters 14 and 15, respectively), and (9) for noting the interests of Texas oilmen such as H. L. Hunt in terminating the Kennedy presidency.

(f) for continuing in like vein with (1967) "Marina Oswald" [Amazon], (1967) "The Garrison Enquiry" [Amazon], and (1968a) "How Kennedy Was Killed" [Amazon] ...

CAMEO - JOESTEN'S 1968a ASSASSINATION THEORY: Joesten's 1968a contribution to JFK Conspiracy Theory was (10) to emphasise the part played by the aforementioned H. L. Hunt in funding right-wing activist groups, and (11) for highlighting the part played by Larry Crafard [see own entry] as an LHO Look-Alike.

and (g) for following on with (1968b) "The Dark Side of Lyndon Baines Johnson" [Amazon] ...

CAMEO - JOESTEN'S 1968b ASSASSINATION THEORY: Joesten's 1968b contribution to JFK Conspiracy Theory was (12) for noting the potential role of LBJ in any underhand dealings by his friend and backer H. L. Hunt.

Every single one of Joesten's 12 points has been regularly revisited by later Conspiracy Theorists.

John Birch Society: Founded 9th December 1958 in Indianapolis by Robert W. Welch and Revilo Oliver, the John Birch Society [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context (a) as a class-defining example of a conservative advocacy group supporting anti-communism and limited government [think California F-Scale, and then some - Ed.], (b) for being named after military intelligence officer John Birch [Wikipedia biography], killed in action behind enemy lines in China 25th August 1945, whom they regard as the first American casualty of the Cold War, (c) for being pronounced "un-American" by J. Edgar Hoover in 1959, and closely monitored as a result, (d) for being frequently mentioned in the assassination literature as one of the cluster of right-wing organisations with a claim to have organised the assassination of JFK, and (e) for still going strong - see Homepage, campaigning to "awaken sleeping patriots" and take the United States out of the United Nations.

John Neely Bryan Pergola: This famous Dallas structure [Wikipedia image] was erected in 1940 during the broader remodelling of Dealey Plaza.

Johnson 30.06 Semi-Automatic Rifle: We refer here to the particular Johnson M1941 [Wikipedia briefing] semi-automatic rifle, with Bushnell Hunting Scope [readily browsable], which in "late January" 1963 was given as collateral against a $100 loan made by slightly murky Los Angeles private investigator Richard Hathcock [see own entry] to INTERPEN commander Gerry Hemming. Hemming had purchased the weapon in Miami in 1961 [see Timeline 1st April 1961], and had reputedly used it on raids into Cuba, including the April 1961 Bay of Pigs Invasion (Twyman, 1997). The weapon was strip-inspected and test fired by Hathcock's assistant Roy B. Payne [see own entry], whose technical opinion was as follows ...

"I would say that this weapon properly sighted in would put a hole in a dime at 500 yards. The bullets would be fired as fast as one could pull the trigger. Ten seconds, ten rounds, or less" (Roy Payne, HSCA affidavit, 9th March 1977).

YouTube a test firing here
And another
Bushnell Scope demonstration
In her (2016) book "Pieces of the Puzzle" [Amazon] forensic historian Gayle Nix Jackson adds that the weapon had been "modified by weapons expert Mitch WerBell, III, 'specifically to lay down long-range, accurate cover fire during the Bay of Pigs Invasion" (p328). The weapon was subsequently redeemed 18th September 1963 by Loran Eugene Hall "and 'a fat Mexican fellow' (almost certainly Lawrence Howard)" (Hancock, 2010, p381). Assassination theorists have therefore quite regularly placed this rifle in the hands of a hypothetical connoisseur sniper in Dealey Plaza, especially following the 1975 discovery of a 30.06 cartridge case on the roof of the County Records Building!

Johnston, Gladys J.: Dallas cafe-owner Gladys Johnson [no convenient biography] was LHO's landlady at 1026 North Beckley Avenue between 14th October 1963 and 22nd November. ASIDE: Do not confuse with Earlene Roberts, who was the housekeeper at that address, and employed as such both for the owners and the roomers. Both ladies testified to the Warren Commission. Her 40-year-old daughter Fay Puckett [Dallas Morning News obituary, 2008], a photographer with studios across the street from the Texas Theater, witnessed LHO's removal from the scene after his arrest. Her 11-year-old granddaughter Patricia Puckett used to play with LHO [see separate entry for details]. Mrs. Johnson's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony (as "Mrs. Arthur Carl Johnson") [read it now].

Johnson, Lyndon Baines: Texas businessman-politician LBJ [Wikipedia biography] was VPOTUS until 1438hr, 22nd November 1963, whereupon he was sworn in as POTUS. He has been cited as a major conspirator in many alternative theories of the assassination [see, for example, Barr McClellan].

Johnson, Marvin: DPD Detective Marvin Johnson [no convenient biography] was out making an unrelated arrest at the time of the shooting, but became free to attend the TSBD by about 1300hr, joining others already searching TSBD6. Here he saw the three cartridge cases discarded under the east-most window. Also a heavy brown paper sack nearby "about the same shape as a rifle case would be". Also the debris from a chicken lunch over at the western end, second window. Johnson's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now]. Browse the Heavy Paper Wrapping Thread to accumulate all the fragments of this story.

Johnson, Robert Emmett: [several aliases and noms-de-plume] Korean War veteran (U.S.M.C. Press Attaché) and long time Miami-based CIA operative and hitman now on Castro's case Robert Emmett Johnson [Spartacus Educational biography] entered the assassination narrative as a probable member of INTERPEN after the failure of the Bay of Pigs Invasion. However, his deeds would remain very "dark" until his name started to be mentioned in the early 2000's by researcher James Richards as a potential Dealey Plaza shooter.

Johnston, [Sir]1896 Henry ['"Harry"'] Hamilton ['"Little"]: British explorer turned colonial administrator (Nyasaland [=part modern Malawi and Zambia]) [Sir]1896 Henry Johnston [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been identified by Quigley (1949) as one of the high-level Circle of Initiates in Cecil Rhodes' 1891 Society of the Elect [see own entry], that is to say, Britain's late-19th-Century deep state. According to Quigley (1949), he fell from his master's grace in 1894 for refusing to support a Jameson-like raid into the Manyika region of Portuguese East Africa.

Joint Press Reading Service: Founded in or before July 1951, the Joint Press Reading Service [no convenient briefing but much to reward the determined browser] seems to have been an intelligence service support group responsible for translating technical and popular written material from behind the iron curtain - see specimen output from the CIA website.

Joint Vision 2020: [Frequently abbreviated as JV2020.] On 30th May 2000 the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff released a Department of Defense strategy report under the title "Joint Vision 2020: America's
Military - Preparing for Tomorrow” [full DTIC text online]. The report profiled the geopolitical landscape in 2020, and dovetailed this with estimates of the U.S. military's appropriate response. The core thesis of the resulting 20 year imperial war plan was the call for the U.S. to aim for "full-spectrum dominance" on any foreseeable battlefield by being simultaneously "persuasive in peace, decisive in war, [and] preeminent in any form of conflict". One of the main strategic objectives was then to achieve "information superiority", defined in the report as "the capability to collect, process, and disseminate an uninterrupted flow of information while exploiting or denying an adversary’s ability to do the same". No specific adversaries were mentioned, and the authors were identified by office not name. The CJCS at the time was General Henry H. Shelton [Wikipedia biography]. Among the authors contributing anonymously to the report either directly or by way of their earlier writings were Paul Wolfowitz [q.v.] and Scooter Libby [q.v.] (Scott, 2007).

Jones, Robert E.: Based in Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, the Commanding Officer of the Texas administration of the 112th Military Intelligence Group, Colonel Robert Jones [no convenient biography], had between eight and twelve plain-clothed intelligence officers in Dallas on the day of the assassination, who would, if challenged, be able to show Secret Service IDs. The 112th's own file on LHO (which was opened as a perceived counterintelligence risk after his Fair Play for Cuba Committee activity in August) linked him to the name "A. J. Hidell", and Colonel Jones informed the FBI of this straight away.

***** VERY MUCH ONE OF THE GOOD GUYS *****

****** EXPERT ON SKYSCRAPER COLLAPSE DYNAMICS ******

Jones, Steven Earl: [Go firstly to the entry for Architects & Engineers for 9/11 Truth and work your way through the STUDENT EXERCISE - HOW TO DEMOLISH A SHOW TOWER ESSENTIAL PRIOR SKILL.] American nuclear physicist (Brigham Young University) Steven E. Jones [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for his specialist contribution to the work of the international Truther movements Architects & Engineers for 9/11 Truth (AE911) [see own entry ESSENTIAL CONTEXT] and Scholars for 9/11 Truth & Justice [ditto]. His particular forté has been in (a) developing the 9/11 Thermitic Demolition Theory [see own entry and Timeline 22nd September 2005], and (b) defending same in the face of full-ferocity propaganda and intelligence services ops designed to discredit the idea. His most recent social media appearance seems to be in the 2019 video entitled "Nanothermite" - YouTube it here ESSENTIAL VIEWING.

TECHNICAL ASIDE - HARD SCIENCE vs LEGAL PROOF: There is literally zero doubt in scientific terms that many tonnes of Nano-Thermite were set off in the four-dimensional vicinity of the World Trade Center on 11th September 2001. However it could be argued that the chemical residues came from an as-yet-unknown coincidental source, as, perhaps, if miscreant residents of at least one of the buildings the residues are in the dust which carpeted Lower Manhattan, but that dust came from the three towers combined, so there is no proof that all three towers produced it - Ed.] had been illegally storing Nano-Thermite. This is all legalistic squirming, of course, for the prima facie common sense explanation is that all three towers were deliberately brought down by the stuff, and moreover that of the half-dozen superpowers possessing the technology only the United States itself would have had the required level of sustained security access.

Jones, Thomas: Rhymney-born civil servant and for a period "one of the six most important men in Europe", Tom ["T. J.".] Jones [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been Deputy Secretary of the Cabinet under four prime ministers between 1916 and his retirement from the post in 1930, and for having recorded (as much as he was allowed to) these experiences in his "Whitehall Diary" (Jones, 1969, 1971). Rose (2000) also has him as a repeated visitor to Nancy Astor's Cliveden House events in the late-1930s during the various attempts to reach a peaceful accommodation with Adolf Hitler, and so by virtue of the timing here we may count Jones as a peripheral member of the Cliveden Set [see own entry].

Jones, William Penn, Jr: Texas local newspaper editor Penn Jones [Wikipedia biography] was editor/owner of the Midlothian Mirror, one of the first journals to carry material beyond the officially approved narrative. His researches soon convinced him that the assassination had involved a large team of professional assassins, and that the wet work had then extended to any inconvenient witnesses.
"... then they very rigorously, very quickly placed charges" (@1:25 in the video)

Jowenko, Danny: [Go firstly to the entry for Architects & Engineers for 9/11 Truth and work your way through the STUDENT EXERCISE - HOW TO DEMOLISH A SHOW TOWER ESSENTIAL PRIOR SKILL.] Dutch demolition engineer Danny Jowenko [no convenient biography but a great deal to reward the determined browser] is noteworthy in the context of the 9/11 Inquiries (a) for a 22-minute interview to camera in early 2007 ...

YouTube it here

[The "linear cutter charge" referred to at 2:10 could be taken as referring EITHER to a high brisance explosive shaped charge OR to a low-brisance, and therefore more precisely focused, Nano-Thermite shaped charge.]

(b) for confirming his judgement in a follow-up audiotaped telephone conversation 22nd February 2007 [YouTube it here], (c) for clips from these interviews regularly being incorporated into subsequent documentaries, and (d) for his death in a car accident 16th July 2011 [official verdict accidental death, but, hey, you know conspiracy theorists ...].

Judge, John Patrick: Investigative journalist, "tireless activist for open government", and "exemplar earthing" John P. Judge [no convenient obituary] delivered the 9th September 2004 conference presentation entitled "The 9-11 Omission Report", an alternative take on the then recently published 9/11 Commission Report, in which many alleged deceptions within the earlier document were laid bare - YouTube it now.

July 26th Movement: Founded in late 1955 in Mexico by Fidel Castro, Raul Castro, Che Guevara, Juan Almeida, and a couple of dozen other exiled Cuban dissidents, the July 26th Movement [Wikipedia briefing] was so named to commemorate their movement's failed 26th July 1953 attack on the Moncada Army Barracks [Wikipedia briefing]. They regrouped and then made their way back to Cuba aboard the M.Y. Granma, landing 25th November 1956. Government troops were waiting for them and all but 18 of the rebels were either killed in the ensuing firefight or captured and later executed. The 18 escaped up into the remote Sierra Maestra mountains, from where they mounted a series of guerrilla operations so well targeted against government corruption that the rebels soon had the Cuban populace onside and saw their support starting to grow. By the end of 1958 a full-scale revolution was in progress and on 1st January 1959 President Batista fled the country along with seven years' takings.


Kaack, Milton R.: New Orleans FBI Agent Milton Kaack [no convenient biography] was described in the La Fontaines' 1996 book "Oswald Talked" as having been asked by Dallas Agent James Hosty on 29th July 1963 to try to locate LHO in New Orleans. Kaack made a number of on-foot calls on 5th August, finally discovering that LHO was now at 4905 Magazine Street. This search was not brought to the notice of the Warren Commission.


Kaiping Coal Field Fraud of 1898-1901: Centred roughly 70 miles east of Tientsin/Tianjin, the Kaiping Coal Field [Wikipedia briefing; Google maps] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having employed some 100,000 workers (20,000 directly and 80,000 indirectly) at the turn of the 20th
Century (making it the biggest single commercial enterprise in China), and (b) for having been the object of some extremely one-sided Western redevelopment negotiations between 1898 and 1901 - see 20th March 1898ff. It is worth of the order of £5 Billion in today's money, and is owned by the Chinese Crown. Leading the Western predators is Bewick, Moreing and Company (see own entry), and those whom that company represents ...

"Others besides Moreing and his British associates knew the value of the Kaiping Mines. The Rothschild interests had agents in China on the look-out for mineral concessions, and numerous German and Belgian scouts also were in the field" (Liggett, 1932, p73).

Kaiser, David: Assassination researcher David Kaiser [no convenient biography] was author of the 2009 book "The Road to Dallas", which includes an analysis of Central American (that is to say, not merely Cuban) power politics in the years leading up to the assassination.

Kale, Samuel: See the entry for George de Mohrenschildt.

Kantor, Seth: WW2 (U.S.M.C.) veteran turned Dallas Times Herald journalist Seth Kantor [Spartacus Educational biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for associating professionally with Jack Ruby for his underworld savvy, (b) for being in one of the press coaches in the 22nd November 1963 motorcade, (c) for staying hot on the tail of the presidential limousine in its desperate race to Parkland Hospital, (d) for there chatting briefly with Ruby, who also happened to be there, while history unfolded around them, (e) for being but a few feet from LHO at the instant Ruby silenced him 24th November 1963, (f) for testifying to both these encounters 2nd June 1964 to the Warren Commission [read it now], and (g) for then being told by the Warren Commission Report that he must have been mistaken about the Parkland encounter, because Ruby - whose memory was patently more reliable - had assured the investigation that he had not been there.

Karamessines, Thomas Hercules: New York born lawyer and WW2 OSS Greek Desk veteran Tom Karamessines [Wikipedia biography] was CIA Chief of the Athens Station until 1953, and then Chief of the Rome Station from 1959 until - according to Jefferson Morley's 2016 book "CIA and JFK" - he was appointed in January 1963 to the newly formed SAS [= "Special Affairs Staff"] in the Directorate of Plans. Morley asserts that his duties there were to ensure the plausible deniability of all CIA operations. SAS were thenceforth copied in to all substantive communications, including his protégé George Joannides' project to "make some use of Oswald" as it unfolded in August 1963 in New Orleans.

Karine A Incident: See the entry for Operation Noah's Ark.

"The most esteemed journalists are precisely the most servile. For it is by making themselves useful to the powerful that they gain access to the 'best' sources."


Katzenbach Memorandum: See the entry for Nicholas Katzenbach.

Katzenbach, Nicholas: Deputy Attorney General Nicholas Katzenbach [Wikipedia biography] would be responsible for the 25th November 1963 secret briefing to LBJ's advisor William Moyers. This briefing, now known as the Katzenbach Memorandum, famously recommended that it was in the national interest to pin the crime on LHO, no matter that he had been innocent. Here are some of the exact words ...

"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" (Katzenbach Memorandum, as cited in Kurtz, 1982/1993, p24).
The upshot was the creation of the entirely with-prejudice Warren Commission four days later.

**Katz n' Jammer's Bar:** See 544 Camp Street.

**Kay, Everett:** Miami Police lieutenant Everett Kay [no convenient biography] was the officer who set up William Somerset's wire sting against right wing conspirator Joseph Milteer in Miami, the result of which was that the route of JFK's motorcade through Miami on 18th November 1963 was significantly altered.

**Keeler, Christine Margaret:** Christine Keeler [Wikipedia biography] was the lure procured for MI5 by Stephen Ward [q.v.] in July 1961 for its honeytrap operation against Russian Embassy naval attaché Yevgeny Ivanov [q.v.], but who then simultaneously conducted an affair with Secretary of State for War John Profumo [q.v.]. She remained a minor celebrity until her death in 2017.

**Keith, James:** Assassination researcher Jim Keith [no convenient biography] was the author of the 1997 book "Mind Control, World Control", a work which includes the transcript of an interview with the mysterious David Bucknell.

**Keith, Minor Cooper:** Railroad engineer cum plantation owner Minor Keith [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been involved from 1871 with the construction of the San José-Limón Railway in Guatemala [see 18th August 1871]. The line was not fully completed until 7th December 1890, but by then Keith had diversified into banana plantations, using the railway to get his product down to the coast. He is also noteworthy for merging his trading company with the Boston Fruit Company [see own entry in 1899 to create the United Fruit Company (UFCO) [see own entry].

**Kellerman, Roy H.:** Secret Service Agent Roy Kellerman [Wikipedia biography] was one of two SS agents riding the front of Limo #1 (i.e., Motorcade #2, counting from the pilot vehicle) in the Dallas motorcade (passenger's seat). He was Acting SAIC [=Special Agent in Charge] of the SS White House Detail, in the absence of Jerry Behn.

**Kelley, Thomas J.:** Secret Service Inspector Thomas Kelley [no convenient biography] was responsible for the effective performance of the Presidential SS bodyguard. Kelley's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [Part #1; Part #2]; House Select Committee on Assassinations testimony [read it now].

**Kelly Case:** See the inset in the entry for Dimitre Dimitrov.

**Kenen, Isaiah Leo:** Canadian -American lawyer and journalist Isaiah L. Kenen [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being inspired by his Ukrainian-born father Emmanuel to actively promote the Zionist cause in America, (b) for representing the newly founded State of Israel at the United Nations in the late 1940s, and (c) for founding the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) in the early 1950s.

**Kennan, George:** American explorer George Kennan [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been one of the surveyors for the Russian-American Telegraph Company, spending 1864-1866 in the wilds of Siberia, (b) for earning, from this and similar expeditions, a reputation as an authority on Russia, (c) for becoming a campaigner against Tsarist autocracy between 1886 and the 1917 October Revolution, and (d), having forgotten to be careful what you wish for, continuing to campaign against Bolshevik autocracy thereafter.

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**Kennan, George Frost:** Career diplomat in the U.S. Foreign Service (the field service arm of the State Department) George Kennan [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having
spent 1931-1933 in Riga, Latvia, studying the Soviet Union and learning to speak Russian, (b) for having then transferred to Moscow under U.S. Ambassador William C. Bullitt [see own entry], (c) for relocating to the Berlin Embassy in 1938, (d) for relocating to the Lisbon Embassy - a known intelligence hub - in 1942, (e) for relocating to the London Embassy - another intelligence hub - in 1944, (f) for relocating to the Moscow Embassy - yet another intelligence hub - later in 1944 to work under W. Averell Harriman [see own entry], (g) while in Moscow for producing the 1946 "Long Telegram", the 1946 paper "The Sources of Soviet Conduct", and the 1947 "X-Article", which - taken together - describe the United States' Cold War policy of "Containment" of the Soviet Union, (h) for relocating to the National War College, Washington, in around 1947 to advise Secretary of Defense James Forrestal [see own entry], and (i) for having been the author in 1950 of the Kennan Memorandum [see own entry], to the effect that South American dictators were, in short, more acceptable that South American communists. He died in 2005, aged 101 years.

Kennan Memorandum: Internal State Department memorandum produced 29th March 1950 by security adviser George F. Kennan [see own entry] on the question of United States best strategy in Latin America given the rise of communist influence there. Click here to study a transcript - some interesting points, thoughtfully argued.

Kennedy, Joseph Patrick: American entrepreneur-politician-diplomat Joseph Kennedy [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for early success in motion picture production and distribution, (b) for early success when diversifying into the Merchandise Mart concept [Wikipedia briefing], (c) for having very skilfully played the stock market during the 1929 crash and in the early 1930s, shorting stocks due to receive bad news and buying alcohol as Prohibition came to a close.

(d) for having reinvested some of his gains as campaign donations to Franklin D. Roosevelt during the 1932 presidential, (e) for having been rewarded by FDR in 1934 by being appointed Chairman of the newly created Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) [the agency responsible for searching out the very market loopholes Kennedy had so effectively been exploiting - Ed.], again in 1937 as Chairman of the U.S. Maritime Commission, and yet again 18th February 1938 as U.S. Ambassador to Britain, (f) for getting in with the Cliveden Set [see own entry] while in Britain, and for playing the stock market with diplomatically privileged inside information in the run-up to WW2, (g) for pulling strings and greasing palms in getting his son JFK into Harvard in 1936, elected to Congress in 1946, and elected to the Senate in 1952, (h) getting friendly with J. Edgar Hoover and Allen Dulles during a period on President Eisenhower's Intelligence Advisory Board, and (i) pulling more strings and greasing more palms in getting JFK the Democratic Party's 1960 presidential nomination.

**** DEEP STATE ARCH-CONSPIRATOR, WW1 ****

**** DEEP STATE ARCH-CONSPIRATOR, RUSSIAN CIVIL WAR ****

**** CLIVEDEN SET ARCH-CONSPIRATOR, WW2 ****

Kerr, Philip Henry, [11th Marquess of Lothian]1930: High-born British colonial administrator turned statesman's aide turned journal editor turned minor statesman turned major diplomat Philip Kerr [Lord Lothian]1930 [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having worked in the South African civil service during the 1900s and for thereby becoming a member of Milner's Kindergarten [see own entry], (b) for thereby becoming involved between 1905 and 1910 in moves to create a Union of South Africa out of the patchwork of erstwhile colonies (not least, Transvaal, for it sat upon a pile of gold and diamonds), (c) for helping to set up the Round Table Movement [see own entry] upon his return to Britain in 1910, and for serving between 1910 and 1916 as the first editor of...
the Round Table Journal, (d) for a subtly inflammatory 1910 article therein entitled "Anglo-German Rivalry", (e) for being headhunted as a private secretary to Lloyd George in 1916, a post he would retain until 1921 [the secretariat was housed in a marquee in the gardens of 10 Downing Street - Ed.], (f) for thereby getting to be part of the British delegation to the 1919 Versailles Peace Conference [see own entry],

ASIDE: Kerr was involved, for example, in the two meetings of the G10 which set the Russia agenda at those talks [see Timeline 16th and 24th February 1919]. Generally he argued for a tough but not vindictive award of reparations against Germany (Rose, 2000). However the sum was talked up by the French negotiators, and Kerr "was burdened by his Versailles guilt-complex ever after" (ibid., p111).

(g) for helping at the same time to give shape to the Versailles Covenant [see own entry] by which the League of Nations [see own entry] as a prototypical world government was created ...

ASIDE: The notion of a supranational world government for the settlement of international disputes was by no means novel at that time, but with the stench of death still drifting in off the battlefields there was at last good reason to sign up to such an experiment. As things unfolded, however, the United States had a change of administration and did not take its place on the League, nor - ultimately - were many wars actually prevented by it.

(h) for helping at the same time to give shape to the British Commonwealth [see own entry] as a sensible federal evolution of the British Empire ...

ASIDE: Many of the ideas of a federated empire had already been run up the flagpole in the early Round Table years, 1909-1911, with the Union of South Africa being held up as a successful paradigm.

(i) at the same time for helping give shape to the Palestinian Mandate [see own entry], (j) for being appointed Secretary to the Rhodes Trust [see own entry] in 1925, a position he would hold until 1939, (k) for being involved in the Commonwealth Relations Conferences of the 1930s, (l) for being involved in the 1934 Ethiopia Crisis [see own entry], (m) for being a major player in the 1930-1938 Appeasement Era Debate [see own entry], (n) for being caught near centre stage in late 1937 when Claud Cockburn [see own entry] turned the spotlight on the "Cliveden Set" [see own entry], (o) for helping the Cliveden Set harden its line on appeasement after the 1939 Nazi Spring attacks [see own entry] had made Hitler's true intentions abundantly apparent, and (p) for being appointed British Ambassador to the United States in June 1939, a position he would hold until his death in December 1940. Quigley classifies Lothian as a member of the Milner Group’s inner core Society of the Elite [see own entry]. Lothian also deserves recognition for finding the time at the height of one crisis to resolve another, namely by helping to found the National Trust [see own entry] in 1937, a wizard wheeze whereby Britain's landed aristocrats could claim Housing Benefit of sorts from the British taxpayer. His Executors duly avoided death duties on his own Blickling Hall when he himself died. [THREAD = BEST KEEP THIS FROM THE COMMON MAN]

Khashoggi, Adnan: Saudi Arabian businessman turned arms dealer Adnan Khashoggi [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) as the brother-in-law of Harrods-famed Mohamed Al-Fayed, and thereby the uncle of Dodi Fayed, the once-for-a-time boyfriend of the Princess of Wales ...

CAMEO - KHASHOGGI AND AL-FAYED: The early years of the Khashoggi/Al-Fayed business empires are described by Mellen (2012) as follows ...

"[Born in Alexandria,] Mohamed Fayed grew up to be a gifted salesman, as he peddled everything from Singer sewing machines to Coca Cola. His fortunes changed when he was rescued from oblivion by Adnan Khashoggi, arms dealer and future billionaire [...]. Khashoggi's father was the personal physician to King Abdul-Aziz Ibn Saud, the founder of modern Saudi Arabia [and for many years a close associate of British spy-diplomat Jack Philby - Ed.]. Khashoggi hired Mohamed Fayed at his company, Al-Nasir [no convenient briefing], ostensibly to make 'furniture deliveries'. Soon Fayed was making 'side deals'. Based in Saudi Arabia, Al-Nasir publicly was a rice and cotton brokerage. In 1963, CIA recorded that Al-Nasir was a ‘cover firm for the Egyptian Intelligence Service’. Mohamed Fayed had become a senior Egyptian intelligence officer, as the Egyptian service mirrored CIA. Just as CIA co-opted commercial enterprises as covers through which to manoeuvre and conceal its activities, as well as to plant its agents, the United
Arab Republic used Al-Nasir for its own illegal transactions, particularly those with France. [...] Among Al-Nasir's 'trading company' projects was the shipment of arms through Suez Canal ports to South Africa for distribution in African countries for use by 'anti-European' (anti-colonial) insurgents" (K2454-2462).

Bower (1998) adds ...

"Fayed's salvation in 1952 was Tousson El Barrawi, a friend whose father manufactured tarbrushes, the red fez hats popular in monarchist Egypt [King Farouk's monarchy had been deposed that summer - Ed.]. Barrawi and a seventeen-year-old friend of his, Adnan Khashoggi, who lived in the apartment above him, had decided to start a business and sought an employee. Fayed's introduction to Khashoggi, a schoolboy from Saudi Arabia, was to change his life. [...] Khashoggi's new business, established in collaboration with his cousin Anas Yassin, required an employee in Jeddah to oversee the importation and delivery of [furniture and luxury goods]. Fayed used his humour, charm, and unobtrusive servility to win the Bedouins's trust” (pp. 9-10).

(b) for falling out with Al-Fayed in 1958 over the latter's unauthorised withdrawal of £100,000 from the business, (c) for then profiting immensely (not least in commissions from the Lockheed Corporation) from Saudi Arabia's soaring oil revenues, indulging himself with the purchase of the 281-foot yacht Nabila, "the most opulent yacht afloat", (d) for being one of the middle-men in the 1984-1985 Iran-Contra Affair, and (e) for then falling from grace during the ensuing decade, being left a mere mono-millionaire by the mid-1990s.

Kiderlen-Waechter, Alfred von: German diplomat-politician Alfred von Kiderlen-Waechter [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been German Foreign Minister at the time of the Agadir Crisis [see 1st July 1911]. The histories now routinely hold him to blame for a diplomatic ploy - the sending of a gunboat to protect economic interests in Morocco - which went badly wrong.

Kiesinger, Kurt Georg: WW2 civil servant Kurt Kiesinger [Wikipedia biography] was a senior radio propagandist for Joachim von Ribbentrop's Foreign Ministry, and thus worked in close core narrative liaison with Josef Goebbels' Propaganda Ministry. After the war he entered politics.

Kilgallen, Dorothy Mae: Having - probably as a dupe, herself - played a part in the "Great UFO Hoax" by spreading dumbed down cover-up stories during the early 1950s, society columnist turned investigative journalist Dorothy Kilgallen [Wikipedia biography] had been publicly exploring flaws in Jack Ruby's testimony when she was found dead from a convenient sedatives overdose on 8th November 1965. Her death is one of 115 more or less suspicious assassination-related deaths listed in Roberts and Armstrong's (1995) book "The Dead Witnesses".

Killion, Charles Lewis: WW2 veteran (U.S. Army) and latterly FBI Special Agent Charles L. Killion [Washington Post obituary] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being duty officer at the FBI's Firearms Lab 22nd November 1963, (b) for receiving from a Secret Service courier a more or less pristine slug which had been recovered from a gurney at Parkland Hospital ...

CAMEO - THE MAGIC BULLET FOUND: This is the notorious "Magic Bullet", recovered not from the President's body at the Bethesda Autopsy but from a public corridor outside the emergency room at Parkland Hospital by Darrell C. Tomlinson and O. P. Wright, senior hospital managers doing post-tornado clear-up. Its all-important "documented chain of evidence" is thus rooted NOT in the crime itself, BUT RATHER in the chaos which followed it. Indeed, the gurney incident will be pointedly dramatised in Oliver Stone's (1991) movie "JFK", wherein the slug is clearly shown being "planted" by Jack Ruby as part of his conspiratorially tick-listed attempt on behalf of persons unknown to frame LHO for the assassination. This would fit nicely with the story told by Hurt (1985 [Amazon]) that accessories before the fact Manuel Rivera and Robert Easterling had harvested a number of used-but-intact Mannlicher-Carcano slugs by firing the weapon into a water butt [see their separate entries].

RESEARCH ISSUE: How interesting it would be should some of the other pre-fired 6.5mm slugs suddenly turn up, all matching the grooving of the murder weapon in the National Archives!!
CAMERO - THE KILLION-SIBERT TELEPHONE CONVERSATION: Sibert was presently at Bethesda observing the Kennedy autopsy. He made the call to the Lab because the pathologists had just discovered that the wound in Kennedy's back was only two-inches deep and contained no slug, leading him to wonder whether an exotic round - specifically, an "ice bullet" - might have been involved. Sibert discusses this on camera in Wim Dankbaar's [see own entry] (2007/2020 re-released) documentary movie "The Grassy Knoll" [see firstly the separate entry, and then view on Amazon Prime STRONGLY RECOMMENDED].

... and (d) for being one of the three-man FBI Lab ballistics team (the others being Robert Frazier and Cortlandt Cunningham) who examined limo #1 after it had been flown back to DC.

Kim, Il-Sung: [Read firstly the entry for Korean War.] Long time resistance leader against the Japanese occupation of Korea Kim Il-Sung [Wikipedia biography] became (at Moscow's behest) the first head of state of the newly constituted Democratic People's Republic of Korea on 9th September 1948, and remained as such throughout the ensuing war and then until his death in 1994.

Kim, Jong-II: This guy ...

North Korean dynastic politician Kim Jong-II [Wikipedia biography] inherited the various roles of presidency on and around the death of his father Kim Il-Sung on 8th July 1994, and remained in power until his own death on 17th December 2011.

Kim, Jong-Un: This guy ...

North Korean dynastic politician Kim Jong-Un [Wikipedia biography] inherited the various roles of presidency on and around the death of his father Kim Jong-II on 17th December 2011, and remains in power at time of writing [March 2018].

King, John J.: [Not to be confused with fellow Denver oilman John McCandish King CEO of King Resources] Denver oilman John J. King [no convenient biography] bought the Mannlicher-Carcano C2766 from Marina Oswald as beneficiary of her husband's Estate for $10,000 down in 1965 (Wheeler, 1965 [full text online]), at a time that the weapon was still in the custody of the authorities. That October, however, the Senate approved, and LBJ countersigned into law, an Act requiring the weapon be kept in the National Archives, where it remains to this day [February 2018]. When sued for possession by King in 1979 the government pointed out that because LHO had ordered the weapon under a false name - an offense under gun law - it was already forfeit as government property when Marina Oswald took King's money. Browse the Mannlicher-Carcano C2766 Thread to accumulate all the fragments of this story.
King, Colonel Joseph Caldwell: Long-standing CIA officer Colonel Joseph King [Wikipedia biography] was author of the 1959 King Memorandum, which see.

King Memorandum: The document now routinely referred to as the King Memorandum [briefing and full text online] was sent 11th December 1959 by Colonel Joseph King in his role as CIA Chief, Western Hemisphere, to CIA Director Allen Dulles, recommending that Fidel Castro needed to be assassinated. Dulles took the suggestion to the NSC who approved Operation 40 to do that very thing. See next Tracy Barnes.

Kinney, Samuel A.: Secret Service Agent Samuel Kinney [no convenient biography] was one of two SS agents riding the front of Limo #2 (i.e., Motorcade #3, counting from the pilot vehicle) in the Dallas motorcade (driver's seat). He had arrived at Love Field in a cargo C-130 at 0605hr, with limo #1, and been briefed by Forrest Sorrels (SS Dallas) and Winston Lawson (SS White House Detail). From his vantage point immediately behind limo #1 he reported seeing gun smoke from the direction of the Grassy Knoll, and [but only by much later hearsay] reportedly confessed to putting a bullet on the stretcher at Parkland Hospital. He was also the agent who washed out limo #1 at Parkland. Kinney's evidential profile is as follows: Initial Report, 30th November 1963 [read it now]; Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED]; Interview to audio, Vince Palamara 1994 [YouTube it now].

Kinsley, Eddie: Ambulance driver Eddie Kinsley [no convenient biography] was one of the two crew of the Dudley M. Hughes Funeral Home ambulance (the other being Clayton Butler) used to recover the body of J. D. Tippit from the 10th Street scene of his murder.

Kintner, William Roscoe: Careerist U.S. Army officer, veteran of both Omaha Beach and Pork Chop Hill, and specialist in Russian Communism William Kintner [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having published the 1950 masterpiece of hypernoia "The Front is Everywhere: Militant Communism in Action" [Amazon] ...

ASIDE: Kintner followed this up with a dozen similar titles through - then in his eighties - to a history of the Israelites in 1996. To see these go to the Amazon link above and click through by author.

(b) for working his way up the command hierarchy in the far-from-Constitutional Foreign Policy Research Institute (FPRI) [see own entry] between 1955 and 1969, and for then serving as its Director through to 1982, (c) for working with the Richardson Foundation's Frank R. Barnett [see own entry] on a 21st May 1960 roadshow presentation in New Orleans [see Timeline that date] at which he made the (possibly downright untrue) observation that Communists were spending as much on propaganda in Latin America as the United States was spending worldwide (Shinley, 1998 [full text online]), (d) for generally preaching that the Cold War strategy of peaceful co-existence with the Soviets needed to be replaced by a greater determination [to use the modern phrase - Ed.] to prevail, (e) for attending the 20th July 1962 "Truth Tapes Dinner" organised by Alton Ochsner's Information Council of the Americas (INCA) (Ibid.), (f) for retiring into the diplomatic service by serving as U.S. Ambassador to Thailand 1973-1975, at the height of the United States' involvement in Indochina, and (g) for being - you could not make it up - appointed 1986 to the board of the United States Institute of Peace (USIP) [see own entry].

Kipling, Rudyard: British journalist turned poet ("If", 1910) and novelist ("The Jungle Book", 1894) Rudyard Kipling [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been one of the many great minds recruited in September 1914 to contribute positive writings to Charles Masterman's War Propaganda Bureau [see own entry].

Klein's Sporting Goods, Inc.: This is the Chicago-based sporting goods shop which mail-ordered the Mannlicher-Carcano C2766 to "A. Hidell" at P.O. Box 2915 in Dallas. The FBI duly had them going through their paperwork early on 23rd November 1963. See next William Waldman for the
details of the ordering process, and Mitchell Scibor for what happened to the microfilmed documentation.

Kline, Milton V.: See the entry for Projects Bluebird and Artichoke.

Klines, Thomas Gregory: See the entry for Thomas Clines.

KMAG: See Korean Military Advisory Group (KMAG).

KMT: See the entry for Kuomintang.

Knebel, Fletcher: Ohio born journalist turned author Fletcher Knebel [Wikipedia biography] was author of the 1962 national security thriller "Seven Days in May" (subsequently filmed under the same name in 1964 [IMDB entry]). Knebel is on record as claiming to have got the idea of a pro-war U.S. military coup in an interview with General Curtis LeMay in late 1962, at which time he got the distinct impression that LeMay judged JFK a dangerous coward. According to Douglas Horne in his 2013 book "JFK's War with the National Security Establishment", JFK read a personally gifted copy when it first came out, agreeing that "it could happen", but "not on my watch". He underestimated the hawks amongst his Chiefs of Staff. [See also Burris Memorandum and "Doctor Strangelove"].

Kocache, Moukhtar: Lebanese-born, Paris-raised, Hebrew-speaking Muslim, and (in 2001) six years or thereabouts a New Yorker Moukhtar Kocache [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context as the officer responsible for a succession of Lower Manhattan Cultural Council (LMCC) [see own entry] artists' residencies programs in the period 1997 to 2001. In lieu of a formal biography, here is one of Kocache's own About-the-Author paragraphs from a 2012 online piece entitled "Setting the Record Straight" ...

"Moukhtar Kocache was Program Officer at the Ford Foundation until January 2012. Born in Lebanon and raised in France, he lived for almost fifteen years in the USA before joining the Foundation in 2004 and moving from New York to Cairo. He works on the development and sustainability of arts and cultural spaces, networks, and service infrastructure. His grantmaking supports small to mid-sized organizations and focuses on creativity, discourse, arts education and cultural development in Egypt, occupied Palestine and Lebanon with some programming in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region. Moukhtar also programs and manages a cluster of grants that support alternative and emerging media platforms and media reform agendas, as well as a cluster of grants that support the development of local philanthropy in the MENA region. From 1998 to 2004, he was Director of Programs and Services at the Lower Manhattan Cultural Council, a leading arts council in the USA where he ran residencies, public art programs, exhibitions, festivals and support services to artists and arts organizations. He has undergraduate and graduate degrees in political science, art history and nonprofit management. A trained and practicing arts manager and curator, he has lectured and taught at museums, universities and nonprofit venues internationally. His current interests include the sustainability of independent creative platforms, cultural and social justice philanthropy, political philosophy and policy, film as a medium of self-representation, and the stuff that falls through the cracks" (Kocache, 2012 [full text online]).

Koch, Fred Chase: Self-made millionaire Texas oilman Fred C. Koch [Wikipedia biography] was a founding member of the John Birch Society.

Kodak Rochester Archives: When the Kodak Corporation closed down its Kodak Park works in Rochester, NY, it passed its corporate library over to the Kodak Rochester Archives at the University of Rochester [contact details].

... ostensibly to find a photograph of Ruby which the newsmen could use. Senator had been at DPD all afternoon and was no doubt feeling under some strain, but it is not apparent that anything deeply sinister happened on that occasion. Nevertheless within two years the two reporters and one of the lawyers had either been murdered or else died very conveniently. We may safely presume that these three continued to probe just a little too deeply. Koethe was killed 21st September 1964 by a karate chop, and remains officially an unsolved murder. His death is one of 115 more or less suspicious assassination-related deaths listed in Roberts and Armstrong’s (1995) book "The Dead Witnesses".

**Korean Military Advisory Group (KMAG):** KMAG [Wikipedia briefing] was the U.S. advisory force (including a G-2 intelligence presence) to the Republic of Korea's military between 1948 and 1950, at which point it was absorbed into equivalent Eighth Army HQ structures.

**Korean War:** [For best effect read firstly the entry for Chinese Civil War.] The Korean War, 1950-1953 [Wikipedia briefing] was a U.S.-led United Nations police action designed to establish South Korea and - by extension - Formosa [nowadays Taiwan] as U.S. client states in the defence of the Pacific Rim between Alaska to Australia (there being a worrying gap between the established clients, the Philippines and Japan). The official story was that the North Koreans started it with a "surprise attack" across the 38th Parallel on 25th June 1950.

**THE STORY SO FAR:** The Korean peninsular has been much fought over down the centuries. It emerged as a single nation in 676CE as Goryeo [Westernised as Korea]. It was then annexed by Japan in 1910. It remained thus occupied until 1937 when it became the launching pad for the Japanese invasion of Manchuria - China's northernmost province - to the north and west.

**ASIDE:** WW2 is often seen as beginning in 1937 with the Japanese invasion of China, but that invasion can only be properly understood in the context of the then-ongoing Chinese Civil War - hence the read firstly above. The Japanese never made a concerted effort against the Chinese heartland to the south and west, preferring to secure Manchuria and turn their imperial ambitions southward toward Indo-China and the Philippines - thus exposing their left flank to the U.S. forces centred on Pearl Harbour, Hawaii. By mid-1945, however, Stalinist Russia - having defeated Nazi Germany - was able to mount a strong Far Eastern offensive, and arrived overland in Korea from the north at much the same time that the U.S. amphibious forces arrived from the south. With significant input from Dean Rusk, the 1945 ceasefires duly established a border between the two armies of occupation along the 38th Parallel, and the respective military administrations then turned their efforts to preparing right-thinking civilian administrations to take over. The right-thinking (i.e., Stalinist) Democratic People's Republic of Korea was formally established north of the 38th Parallel on 9th September 1948, headed by the Kim family. The first head of state was Kim Il-Sung [q.v.].

**ASIDE:** Kim Il-Sung remained in power until his death in 1994, whereupon he was replaced by his son Kim Jong-II (who famously puppet-starred in the 2004 movie "Team America"), who remained in power until his own death in 2011, whereupon he was replaced by the present [March 2018] leader Kim Jong-Un.

The right-thinking (i.e., pro-U.S.) Republic of Korea was formally established south of the 38th Parallel on 15th August 1948, headed by the Rhee family. The first president was Syngman Rhee [q.v.]. For the ensuing two years what happened in the north-south confrontation in Korea simply followed the broader Washington-Moscow confrontations of the world at large. Except that meanwhile ...

**ASIDE:** To the south-west, in the Chinese heartland, the years 1945-1949 saw the Chinese Civil War turn decisively in favour of Mao Zedong's Communist Revolution, resulting in the corrupt and
unpopular (U.S.-client) Nationalists under Chiang Kai-Shek being driven into exile on the Island of Formosa (Taiwan). More significantly, however, with Stalin withdrawing his armies from North Korea and Manchuria this meant that the lands across the Yalu River from North Korea now became not Japanese, not Soviet, but Chinese again; and Maoist to boot! And in many U.S. eyes that constituted even more of a threat than Stalin had been! Note, however, that the timing was such that the post-occupation government in North Korea remained much more influenced by Moscow than Beijing.

Now read on ...

Here, from Bruce Cumings's Preface to the 2014e re-release of Isidor Stone's 1952 book "The Hidden History of the Korean War", is a fuller summary of the official narrative ...

"[The official story] presents the war as a simple sequence: in June 1950 the North Koreans, at Stalin's order, suddenly attacked an innocent and defenceless Republic of Korea; the Truman administration responded by invoking the collective security procedures of the United Nations in a 'police action' designed to restore the status quo ante [...] General Douglas MacArthur accomplished that task by the end of September, after a brilliant amphibious landing at the port of Inch'on. Thereafter, things went awry, as MacArthur sought to unify Korea through a march into the North, soon bringing Chinese 'hordes' into the fighting; Truman [dismissed] his recalcitrant field commander in April 1951. Ceasefire talks soon began, but seemingly minor issues, like prisoner of war exchanges, kept the war going until July 1953. It ended in a stalemate that left Korea divided into two states, as it had been before the war began" (§185).

The official story is far from being the whole truth and nothing but the truth. For that we must turn instead to the "model of honest inquiry" given in Isidor Stone's 1952/2014e book "The Hidden History of the Korean War". Here, inserted in the form of editorial corrections into a draft manuscript, are Stone's main criticisms ...

"[The official story] presents the war as a simple sequence: in June 1950 the North Koreans, at Stalin's order, suddenly [it was seen coming] attacked an innocent [not entirely] and defenceless [not entirely] Republic of Korea; the Truman administration [led by a core of hawkish conspirators] responded by invoking [railroading would be a better description] the collective security procedures of the United Nations in a 'police action' designed to restore the status quo ante [not so - South Korea henceforth a U.S. frontier state] [...] General Douglas MacArthur accomplished that task [nobody is really sure what MacArthur took his task to be] by the end of September, after a brilliant amphibious landing at the port of Inch'on. Thereafter, things went awry, as MacArthur [but working to whom??] sought to unify Korea through a march into the North, soon [by careful calculation] bringing Chinese 'hordes' [not an accurate military assessment] into the fighting; Truman [dismissed] his recalcitrant field commander in April 1951. Ceasefire talks soon began, but seemingly minor issues, like prisoner of war exchanges, kept the war going until July 1953. It ended in a stalemate that left Korea divided into two states, as it had been before the war began [need to state the human costs]" (§185).

Stone, indeed, saw his history of the war not as chronicling the war per se, but rather as "a study in war propaganda" (§394). We have developed this aspect of the war in the entry for Korean War Dirty Tricks, which see.

Korean War Dirty Tricks: [Read firstly the entry for Korean War.] In his 1952/2014e book "The Hidden History of the Korean War" the investigative journalist Isidor Stone chronicled the selective truths and downright lies by which the U.S. duped the United Nations into supporting what was, initially, no more than the long-standing war between the U.S. political right and Stalin's Soviet Union. The opening confrontation with Soviet proxy North Korea then rapidly evolved into an out-and-out intervention on the side of Chiang Kai-Shek's Nationalists in the Chinese Civil War [q.v.]. Here are the two specific dirty tricks by which this was all brought about ...

(1) The North Korean "Surprise Attack", 25th June 1950: The North Korean "surprise attack" of 25th June 1950 was no surprise to the U.S. intelligence community. For example, the South Korean Defence Minister told a press conference on 10th May 1950 that North Korean troops were gathering north of the 38th Parallel "and that there was imminent danger of invasion" (op.cit., §502). However this and a dozen similar warning signs were simply suppressed [Stone calls it "the Silence of Seoul"], thus allowing the semblance of surprise to be claimed before the United Nations when their political and military assistance was sought. Moreover,
when the fighting started the State Department simply supported the surprise narrative by reading from a pre-scripted set of notes (Senate Appropriations Committee minutes, 5th June 1951). It therefore only took two days for the U.S. Seventh Fleet to be ordered (27th June) into the Straits of Taiwan to protect the Chinese Nationalists. The U.N. placed its contingents under a U.S.-led "Unified Command" on 7th July.

(2) North Korean Invincibility: The U.S. position on the initial North Korean advance was that the north was externally resourced (i.e., by the Soviet Union), and was attacking in such strength that there was no alternative but for the U.N. to fall back to a defensible "perimeter" around the port of Pusan, at the very southern tip of the Korean peninsula. In truth, there was an orderly withdrawal (a) to overstretch the north's lines of communications and (b) to allow reinforcements time to arrive. The counter-attack against those lines of communication at Inch'on in September Wikipedia briefing duly brought about a rapid northern collapse, followed by a more or less total rout which saw U.N. forces sweep northward through North Korea all the way to the Chinese border by late October.

A second wave of dirty tricks then brought the Chinese Communists into the war early in November, thus ...

(3) Communist Chinese "Hordes": Washington had been directly supporting the Chinese Nationalists in their civil war against the Chinese Communists - the People's Liberation Army (PLA) - since early 1942 [see the entry for American Volunteer Group ("The Flying Tigers")], and had - as noted above - moved its Seventh Fleet into position to protect the Nationalists on 27th June 1950. The narrative throughout October was then that Chinese "hordes" were gathering in Manchuria to come to the aid of the collapsing North Koreans. Factually, the PLA did indeed enter North Korean territory from mid-October onward, in order to throw a defensive perimeter around the many economically vital hydroelectric complexes along the Yalu River. These movements were deemed sensible and reasonable by the individual United Nations contingents as a "buffer zone". Nevertheless U.S. contingents repeatedly bombed and attacked into this buffer zone (North Korean territory) and northward across the Yalu River (Chinese territory). There followed "one of the most offensive acts of international lawlessness of historic record" (General MacArthur, 6th November 1950) when the PLA fired back. The U.N. then fell back before the hordes until the line re-established itself on 38th Parallel in late December.

RESEARCH ISSUE - HOW MANY HORDES MAKE A DIVISION?: Contemporaneous propaganda made much of the PLA's profligate use of infantry - the famous "hordes". These were consistently characterised as illiterate, poorly trained, conscripts hurled willy-nilly against U.N. defence lines. The memoirs of those westerners who actually fought them reveal a significantly different picture. In Brian Parritt's (2011) book "Chinese Hordes and Human Waves" the frontal attack is explained as a battalion-level assault tactic not un-akin - mutatis mutandis - to the German WW1 development of shock troops. The companies in question were brought very close to the objective in secret, often by tunnel, and focused their attack on a single high-value position. They were well supported by mortars and artillery (to the extent that it was available), and included organically integrated teams of assault engineers. The use of bells and whistles at the last moment was to break the defenders' morale. The truth, as Parritt witnessed it at first hand, is that the PLA infantryman was "a first class soldier", in an army which had been continually in action for over twenty years. Parritt's job as an artilleryman was to have his guns pre-registered on the likely attack points, with an ammunition supply chain backing him up at a moment's notice whenever circumstances demanded. His people did their job with ruthless efficiency and the Chinese likewise. Those who wrote and published the propaganda, on the other hand, slept in scented sheets well out of harm's way.

Kostikov, Valeriy Vladimirovich: Vice-Consul Valeriy Kostikov [no convenient biography] was the official at the Soviet Embassy in Mexico City to whom LHO or an LHO Look Alike spoke on 27th and 28th September 1963 in an attempt to obtain a Soviet visa. It would later be alleged that Kostikov was an officer of the KGB's Department 13, that is to say, the department responsible for direct action projects such as sabotage and assassinations [think CIA but with higher cheekbones]. [Our verdict - take away the oh-so-predictable newspaper retrospectives of quite recent date, and all the secondary authors, and there's actually not a lot on Kostikov out there. So we have to decide whether (a) LHO or Look Alike was one of Kostikov's assassins receiving instructions, or (b) the visit was simply to allow deep cover LHO to conveniently mention his contact with "Comrade Kostin" in his self-incriminating letter to the Soviet Embassy in Washington, DC., or (c) the visit was to allow LHO Look Alike to frame LHO with an equally faked follow-up letter. We shall run with (c) until corrected.]
Kriebel, Hermann: WW1 veteran (Bavarian Army) turned right-wing coupster (in Hitler's failed Munich Putsch, 1923) turned Nazi diplomat Hermann Kriebel [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been one of the German delegation to the Versailles Peace Conference (see 18th January 1919), (b) for having reportedly departed Versailles mumbling - in effect - "Don't think you've heard the last of this!", (c) for having taken over from Max Bauer [see own entry] on the 1927-1938 German Military Mission [see 27th November 1927], and (d) for having been German Consul in Shanghai between 1933 and WW2.


Kristol, William: Classified within Ron Paul's List of Neocons [q.v.] under "Leo Strauss students and philosophical adherents", and described as a "key player in designing our new strategy for preemptive war", Bill Kristol [Wikipedia biography] was an influential Neocon [q.v.] in the early years of the George W. Bush administration.

Krock, Arthur: [Read firstly the entry for Operation Mockingbird.] Commentator for the New York Times and "Veteran CIA-mouthpiece and messenger-boy".

Kroll, Inc.: This was the WTC security firm appointed after the 1993 bombing and still in place at the time of the 9/11 False Flag Attacks [q.v.].

Kroll, Jules B: Businessman Jules Kroll [Wikipedia biography] was Chief Executive of Kroll, Inc. [q.v.] during its 1993-2001 provision of security services for the WTC.

Kruk, Victor Harold ["Brute"]: Careerist U.S.M.C. officer and veteran of the China Station (1937-1939), WW2, the Korean War, and Vietnam General Victor Krulak [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for serving in Shanghai 1937-1939, (b) for likewise during WW2, (c) for likewise during the Korean War, (d) for taking over Marine Corps training 1956-1959, (e) for being elevated to the Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) shortly after the Bay of Pigs Invasion (Prouty, 1992, p139), as Special Assistant for Counterinsurgency and Special Activities, (f) for personally briefing Bradley Ayers [see own entry] in early 1963 as to the requirements of his "sensitive undercover operation" against Fidel Castro, thus ...

"In the fall of 1963, Krulak oversaw a programme whereby Army officers were assigned to the CIA to help train Cuban exiles in southern Florida. [...] Also working with those exiles was a 'Col. Roselli' - actually mob boss Johnny Roselli, who was working on the CIA-Mafia Castro assassination plots at the time for Miami CIA Operations Chief David Morales. [... He told them:] "You will have to sever all ties with the Army [...]. You will become undercover agents for the Central Intelligence Agency" (Waldron, 2005, pp85/582).

(g) for undertaking a fact-finding tour of Vietnam 6th-10th October 1963, thus getting to advise JFK and later LBJ on Vietnam policy, (b) for serving as Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force Pacific (FMFPAC) 1964, and (i) for retiring 1968 to head the allegedly CIA-asset (source) Copley News Service [Wikipedia briefing], and to write. His (1984) book "First to Fight: An Inside View of the U.S. Marine Corps" [Amazon] was a best-seller in its genre.

Kubek, Anthony ["Taiwan Tony"]: [Read firstly the entries for Robert Morris and Larrie Schmidt.] WW2 veteran (U.S. Navy, Far East) turned Dallas academic Anthony ["Taiwan Tony"] Kubek [no convenient biography but much to reward the determined browser] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for WW2 service in the U.S. Navy in the Pacific, (b) for submitting advisory papers to the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee in the early 1960s, generally critical of past and present attempts to stem what he saw as the spread of Communism, (c) for being one of the Dallas hard right contacts arranged for Larrie Schmidt by
Robert Morris during winter 1962-1963, and (d) for authoring the (1963) book "How the Far East Was Lost: American Policy and the Creation of Communist China, 1941-1949" [Amazon], in which he blames firstly the Institute of Pacific Relations (IPR) [see own entry] for having been riddled with Communists during the critical years before and during WW2, secondly General George Marshall in the late 1940s for allowing himself to be persuaded by political pressure from above not fully to resource Chiang Kai-Shek against Mao's Communist Revolution, and thirdly politicians like JFK for going "soft" on Communism in the early 1960s.

Kuhn, Loeb and Company: Founded in New York City in 1867 by Abraham Kuhn [Wikipedia biography] and Solomon Loeb [Wikipedia biography], Kuhn, Loeb and Company [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context as one of the three principal conspirators in moves 1906-1913 toward an American central banking system, and as a major participant in the 1910 Jekyll Island Conference [see 20th November 1910].

Kuomintang (KMT): Founded as an anti-Western Chinese Nationalist Party in the dying years of the Chinese Emperors, the KMT [Wikipedia briefing] lost its progressive wing to the break-away Communist Party of China (CPC) in 1927 and within weeks the two sides had begun the Chinese Civil War [q.v.]. For the ensuing 21 years the KMT was Chiang Kai Shek's gradually diminishing administration until - despite significant U.S. financial and military support, it was eventually driven into the sea to take up exile on the island of Formosa [modern Taiwan]. The KMT remains one of the main political parties in the modern Republic of China on Taiwan.

Kurtz, Michael L.: Historian Michael Kurtz [Wikipedia biography] was the author of the 1982/1993 book "Crime of the Century", a review of the Warren Commission and the House Select Committee on Assassinations investigations, and of the competing conspiracy theories. In what he described as the first "full-length scholarly study" of the assassination he identified three assassins, and three, perhaps four, shots. He suggested that Fidel Castro had been the prime mover. In 1982, he wrote in 1993, he had been strongly pro- conspiracy; and what he had discovered during the intervening 11 years had made this conviction even stronger.

Labour Friends of Israel (LFI): Founded in 1957 at the Labour Party Conference, Labour Friends of Israel (LFI) [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context as an advocacy forum "seeking to strengthen the bond between the Labour Party and the Israeli Labor Party" [Wikipedia briefing]. Its membership presently [=November 2019] includes about 80 past or extant Labour M.P.s. Unsurprisingly, therefore, it has since 2015 followed the path carved out by other pro-Israel pressure groups in campaigning and briefing against the rise of Jeremy Corbyn. For much of this period anti-Corbynite Labour M.P. Joan Ryan was in the forefront [actually mistyped foremost, but this makes better sense in fact - Ed.] of the attack. FURTHER READING: For recent negative comment see, for example, Asa Winstanley's [see own entry] 13th June 2017 piece for the (pro-Palestinian) The Electronic Intifada entitled "How Labour Friends of Israel Tried to Undermine Jeremy Corbyn" [full text online]. For recent positive comment see Lee Harpin's [see own entry] 28th September 2019 piece for the Jewish Chronicle entitled "Labour Friends of Israel pull Labour conference promotional stand over security fears" [full text online].

Labour's Longest Days: [Read firstly the entry for Shadow Cabinet Mass Resignations.] Here we are referring to the more or less daily maliciously engineered crises which between June and September 2016 saw Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn installed more firmly rather than less as leader of the parliamentary party that at any point since his election to that post 12th September 2015 [see Timeline that date, and then follow the <Corbynism> sub-thread]. It also saw a spontaneous awakening of grassroots Labour Party membership, with more than 100,000 new members joining en masse. FURTHER READING: For more on these events see Mark Perryman's (2019) collection of edited papers entitled "Corbynism From Below" [Amazon].
The report was quickly recognised as political dynamite once allegations started to emerge that senior Constituency Labour Party (CLP) staffers had exploited empty allegations of antisemitism as convenient ammunition against the previous leader of the Parliamentary Labour Party (PLP) Jeremy Corbyn, even to the extent of deliberately "throwing" - secretly sabotaging - the 2017 and 2019 General Elections. The clip continues ...

"The report claims McNicol and staff in the governance and legal unit 'provided timetables for the resolution of cases that were never met; falsely claimed to have processed all antisemitism complaints; falsely claimed that most complaints received were not about Labour members and provided highly inaccurate statistics of antisemitism complaints'".

By midday Easter Sunday 12th April 2020, the party rank and file (who pay the CLP's wages and canvass tirelessly in all weathers to elect as strong a PLP as possible) had predictably gone into meltdown, and were leaving the party in as-yet-unreported numbers. Starmer's only response was to announce an inquiry into the leaking of the report of the first inquiry, and to enlist the very best libel lawyers to ensure that neither libel nor data protection law had been transgressed. Amongst those whose political reputations were going to need rescuing were Starmer himself, Iain McNicol, Tom Watson, Emelie Oldknow, and various top teamers from the Unison and GMB trade unions. One of the holders of a leaked copy of the report was political columnist Owen Jones, whose preliminary judgement was that "I can honestly say I've rarely read anything more shocking". Footnote: The report also confirmed that "Brickgate", the suspected political False Flag Attack 12th July 2016 in Wallasey constituency, was now confirmed as exactly that. We have therefore added Wallasey to the list of examples in the entry for False Flags, Poor Lulus, and Other Operational Entrapments, which see.

Lafayeedney, Daniel: [STUB ENTRY] [Previously Daniel Edney] British intelligence consultant Daniel Lafayeedney [no convenient biography but much to reward the determined browser] is noteworthy in the present context as one of the founders of the Institute of Statecraft and Governance (IfSG) [see own entry], nowadays one of Britain's foremost purveyors of state-funded right-wing propaganda and disinformation.

La Fontaine, Ray and Mary: [Jointly, the La Fontaines] Researchers-Authors of "Oswald Talked: The New Evidence in the JFK Assassination", first published 1996. Their key proposals are as follows (roughly in Chapter order)...

(1) That on the basis of some hitherto overlooked arrest records the Three Tramps were entirely innocent hoboes, specifically Gus Abrams, Harold Doyle, and John Gedney. [Because it has since transpired that there were TWO sets of three tramps, we assess this line of evidence as a deliberate counterintelligence operation to take the heat off the other - very, very, suspicious - three, namely Charles Harrelson, Chauncey Holt, and Charles Rogers - follow the Three Tramps Thread.]
(2) That during the late evening of 22nd November 1963 LHO had confided to fellow prisoner John Elrod that he had seen another inmate before, in a motel room, where he had received cash from a certain Jack Ruby to drive a blue Ford Thunderbird loaded with stolen guns. At a stroke, this evidence made the lone nut assassination theory totally untenable.

(3) That there were major inconsistencies in the contents of LHO's wallet and his use of the Hidell alias.

(4) That George de Mohrenschildt and Ruth Paine had been setting LHO up for a year prior to the assassination.

(5) That the goings-on in New Orleans had indeed been pivotal, just as Jim Garrison had been saying since 1969. Also that John Masen and Jack Ruby were not just bit part players in the flow of illegal arms out of U.S. military armouries and into anti-Castro hands: rather, they were in it up to their necks. Also that the July 1963 Pontchartrain Raid had really put the spark of murder into Cuban exile eyes. Also the part played by Silvia Odio.

(6) That we still had a lot to learn about FBI Agent James Hosty's interest in the Oswalds, not least because after two of the occasions that Hosty got in touch with LHO he went straight out and did significant things involving P.O. Boxes. On the first occasion he went and ordered a Mannlicher-Carcano using a box he had opened in late 1962, and on the second occasion, on 1st November 1963, he opened a new box and immediately mailed self-patrioting letters to the American Communist Party and the American Civil Liberties Union. See the entries for P.O. Box 2915 and P.O. Box 6225, respectively - WELL WORTH THE DIVERT.

(7) That LHO was not merely an FBI informer (as has often been claimed), but that - in his eyes at least - he was acting as an FBI asset - a sort of "Junior Crimestopper" (p163). Also that LHO had, via James Hosty, got a warning through to J. Edgar Hoover in DC, who had duly issued a national alert to "all SACs" [=Special Agents in Charge] in the early hours of 17th November 1963. Also that this had all subsequently been meticulously suppressed.

Lala, Michael: New Orleans newsman Mike Lala [Legacy.Com obituary] conducted the WDSU-TV radio interview with LHO which helped establish the pro-Communist LHO during the latter's time in NOLA. Browse the LHO Patsification Thread to assemble the various parts of the story.

Lamanna, Carl: Research microbiologist Carl Lamanna [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context(a) for working at Louisiana State University 1942-1943, (b) for moving on to perform highly classified biological warfare research at Camp Detrick 1943-1948 ...

ASIDE: PubMed lists 10 publications to <Lamanna C> in these years on the topic of botulism toxin, so we guess that it must be poisonous, no?

(c) for moving on to Johns Hopkins' School of Hygiene and Public Health 1948-1957 [two more publications on botulism and one on anthrax], (d) for moving on to Berkeley's Naval Biological Laboratory 1957-1961 [many more on both botulism and anthrax, including Lamanna (1959), under the title "The Most Poisonous Poison"], (e) for becoming an advisor to the Army Research Office, Arlington VA, 1961-1974 [a few more on botulism and anthrax, plus some new ones besides], and (f) for moving on to the Food and Drugs Administration, Washington, 1975-1985 [three more on botulism, and one each on diphtheria and cholera].

A NOTE OF REASSURANCE: Nervous readers will be reassured to learn that the weaponisation of bioscience is for civil defence purposes, that is to say, in case the other guy uses it first. Nervous readers will not, however, be pleased to learn that the same was once said of gunpowder.

Lamont, Corliss: Civil liberties activist Corliss Lamont [Wikipedia biography] had been an enthusiastic supporter of the Castro Revolution since 1959, and was the author of the pamphlet "The Crime Against Cuba", a copy of which was in LHO's possession during his interview with Special Agent John Quigley on 13th August 1963.

Lamont, Thomas W.: Journalist turned banker Thomas Lamont [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been one of the participants in the 1910 Jekyll Island Discussions [check it out], during which it was conspired to introduce a central bank into American finance. The following year he became a partner in J. P. Morgan and Company [check them out].
La Motta, Gino: According to Mac Kenzie (and Hooke), Gino la Motta [no convenient biography] was an underworld hitman-cleaner, skilled, so it is reported, in disposing of gangland cadavers into fairground hotdogs! More mustard, anyone?

Landis, Paul: Secret Service Agent Paul Landis [no convenient biography] was one of four SS agents riding the running board of Limo#2 (i.e., Motorcade #3, counting the pilot vehicle) in the Dallas motorcade (right side, rear). His evidential profile is as follows: Agent's Report, 22nd November 1963 [read it now]; Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED].

Lane, Mark (JFK Researcher): Arguably the grandfather of JFK research Mark Lane's [Wikipedia biography] best-selling 1966 analysis of the flaws in the Warren Commission's investigations was entitled "Rush to Judgement". For a taste of his style (fighting for his professional life against hostile questioning) follow the link in the entry for William F. Buckley.

Langelle, Russell A.: See the entry for Popov's Mole.

***** CIA MASTERMIND IN DEALEY PLAZA *****

***** MISUNDERSTOOD HERO OR VERY CLEVER VILLAIN?? *****

Lansdale, Colonel Edward Geary: WW2 OSS veteran and senior CIA staffer since the early 1950s Colonel Edward Lansdale [Spartacus Educational biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for learning his craft with OSS during WW2 and in the Philippines 1945-1953, (b) for transferring to Indochina in 1953, as an advisor to the French in their war against the Vietminh, (c) for thereby being appointed chief of the CIA's Saigon Military Mission (SMM) [see own entry] 1st June 1954, (d) for directing SMM's program of counterinsurgency operations 1954-1957 ...

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED VIEWING: Lansdale speaks to camera in two vignettes in Episode 3 of the 1997 PBS American Experience documentary "Vietnam: A Television History" - YouTube it now [Lansdale speaks at 08:55 and 12:05 - Ed.]. Made in the long-departed era of well-resourced and balanced telejournalism, this multi-part documentary is a fascinating and highly informative source not just on the tragedy of Vietnam but on the Cold War in general.

(e) for transferring to Washington in 1957 as Deputy Assistant Director for Special Operations, (f) for being assigned to General Maxwell Taylor's Special Group (Augmented) (SGA) [see own entry] shortly after the Bay of Pigs Invasion, and for thereby being appointed 11th May 1961 as Operations Officer for Operation MONGOOSE [see own entry], the 4th November 1961 plan to topple Fidel Castro by covert operations - assassination if necessary - now that frontal assault had failed, (g) for initiating Operation NORTHWOODS [see own entry] 5th March 1962, (h) for retiring 31st October 1963, eased out, he would later submit, by political enemies, (i) for observing developments in Saigon 1st-2nd November 1963 from his vantage point in Washington ...

CONTROVERSY #1 - THE 1963 NGO DINH DIEM COUP: The President of South Vietnam, Ngo Dinh Diem, was executed by his own generals in an armed coup 1st-2nd November 1963. There is little doubt (i) that the coup was encouraged locally by Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge together with senior CIA officer Lucien "Lou" Conein [see own entry], or (ii) that Diem could have been extracted alive had the will existed to do so. See the Timeline for the fuller narrative. In this telling of the story (for example, by Boot, 2018), Lansdale was completely left out of the loop, and actually mourned the loss of an old friend (he and Diem went back to 1954).

and (j) three weeks later, for being photographed in Dealey Plaza minutes after the JFK assassination, studiously trying not to look suspicious - check it out [it is Lansdale, but of course this photo could have been faked by the Rochester boys - Ed.] ...

CONTROVERSY #2 - THE 1963 JFK COUP: Enter Chief of Operations for the Joint Staff 1962-1963, Fletcher Prouty [see own entry], who had (i) openly been promoting a coup d'état explanation of the JFK
assassination since 1975, and (ii) significantly influenced Oliver Stone during the making of his 1991 movie "JFK". In the movie itself and during the ensuing public outcry, Prouty repeatedly describes Lansdale (who had died in 1987 and could not defend himself) as masterminding attempts not just on Castro's life, but Kennedy's as well. The establishment - most recently in Boot (2018) - has since generally pooh-poohed the very thought.

So insofar as Lansdale is concerned, the JFK jury remains out, and the decision we must each make is whether this life-long political tarantula had in 1963 suddenly decided to correct its ways, or whether it had simply grown so wily, so meticulously scheming, that it could do what it liked, with impunity.

***** THIS MAN HELPED FASHION OUR PRESENT HELL ON EARTH *****

Lansing, Robert: American lawyer-politician Robert Lansing [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for practising international law in the early 1900s, (b) for becoming an adviser on same to President Wilson in 1914, (c) for being made Secretary of State 24th June 1915 in the wake of the sinking of RMS Lusitania [see Timeline 7th May 1915], (d) for setting up the State Department's Bureau of Secret Intelligence [Wikipedia briefing] on or around 14th August 1916 ...

ASIDE: It may or may not be entirely coincidental that Lansing's nephews were Allen Dulles and John Foster Dulles. The former pops up rather conveniently in the U.S. Embassy in Berne, Switzerland, speaking to Lenin on the telephone only hours before the latter's Kaiser-friendly return to Petrograd [see Timeline 8th April 1917], and then went on to more or less single-handedly dominate American intelligence for the ensuing four full decades. The latter was protégé of Wilson's financial adviser Bernard Baruch (Spence, 2017 [Amazon]), and went on to become one of the primary architects of the Korean War and a dozen political coups in South and Central America, Indochina, and the Middle East [see Timeline 18th June 1954].

,, (e) guided by reports from his new intelligence network, for presiding over American foreign policy through to his retirement in 1920 ...

POLITICAL SOCCER (FINAL SCORE) - LANSING 2, DAY 1: Whereas an earlier Secretary of State, William R. Day [Wikipedia biography], had presided over the kerching! dismembering of the ancestral Spanish Empire during the Spanish-American War [see Timeline 10th December 1898], Lansing easily bested him. In his period of tenure the United States masterminded the dismembering of (1) the ancestral Habsburg Empire, and (2) the ancestral Ottoman Empire (including Palestine). A third endeavour - the dismantling of the Russia Empire - was attempted, but the game had to be abandoned because all 22 players (and millions more besides) had been done to death. We allude here to America's support for the Whites on both the Western and Eastern fronts of the 1918-1922 (locally 1925) Russian Civil War - see the insets in the entries for John L. Magruder and DeWitt Poole for detailed context. Every single one of the White nations was laid waste by war, disease, and starvation during the Civil War, and has been played in proxy confrontations ever since. At time of writing (= January 2021) the Western buffer states are (from north to south) Finland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Belarus, and the Ukraine. All six are either full or "interoperating" members of NATO. The southernmost two presently enjoy a particularly "strained" relationship with the neighbouring Russian Federation.

Lansing died in 1928, aged 64.

Lansky, Meyer: Havana based until the 1959 fall of Batista Meyer Lansky [Wikipedia biography] thereafter ran the Lansky Syndicate from Las Vegas.

Lanuza, Jose Antonio: Anti-Castro Cuban exile Jose Lanuza [no convenient biography] was a DRE activist in the Miami area. Along with Carlos Bringuier in New Orleans, Lanuza helped disseminate LHO's PRO-Castro credentials to the mainstream media in the late afternoon of 22nd November 1963, hitting the national headlines the following morning. This places him firmly on the LHO Patsification Thread.

***** AND THE MORAL OF THE TALE IS??? *****

Lardner, George, Jr.: Careerist Washington Post journalist George Lardner, Jr. [Investigating Power biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being the last person known to have spoken with David
Ferrie prior to his death at time and in manner unknown during the night of 21st-22nd February 1967 ...

**ASIDE:** Lardner had arrived in New Orleans on the evening of 20th February, on an assignment to interview Ferrie concerning his part in the ongoing Jim Garrison Investigation [see Timeline 17th February 1967]. His testimony would be that he arrived at Ferrie's house by taxi without an appointment at around midnight 21st-22nd February 1967, was let in, and did not leave until just before 0400hr. At that time Ferrie seemed to be "in good spirits". Lardner initially reported seeing a pill bottle on top of Ferrie's piano, but failed to mention a large number of others clustered in plain sight on the coffee table in front of him. Judyth Vary Baker accordingly finds his testimony "fishy", doubting that he ever gained access and noting that the Coroner ended up having to adjust his medical opinion as to time of death in order to fit Lardner's account [for the full and precise reasoning here, see Baker (2014, pp 418, 423-425 and 488-490) - Ed.].

**ASIDE - ON UNWITTING ACCESSORIES TO MURDER:** Lardner's movements in his 30 or so hours in New Orleans prior to midnight 21st February are unrecorded. Remember that false witnesses are not overly difficult to obtain in advance of a staged event, provided that they can be bribed, blackmailed, spun a national interest line, or otherwise induced. They frequently "just happen to notice" some pivotal piece of "salted" evidence. Some are then quickly eliminated after they have done their bit, in order to ensure their silence. The remainder - not surprisingly - stay remarkably quiet once it dawns upon them that if they put one word out of place they might well be next for the chop.

(b) for thereby being one of the first journalists to get the news of Ferrie's death into print [the story went out on the wire just before 2100hr 22nd February, to hit the morning editions on the 23rd - Ed.], (c) for concluding in a follow-up article 24th February (already an expert after fully three days on the case) that in his opinion Garrison had been conducting a "witch hunt" against Ferrie and the other alleged JFK Conspirators, (d) for engaging in a high-class slanging match with Oliver Stone in the early 1990s, concerning the accuracy of the latter's movie "JFK", and (e) for winning one of the 1993 Pulitzer Prizes for his work investigating his own daughter's 1992 murder in Boston at the hands of an abusive ex-boyfriend.

**ASIDE - "THE STALKING OF KRISTIN":** Tragically, Lardner was destined to experience at first hand the all-too-real consequences of a justice system abandoned - precisely as it had been in New Orleans - by honest men; where the guilty simply assembled a bodyguard of liars [apologies to Winston Churchill and Anthony Cave Brown - Ed.] while the innocent (save for a brave-foolhardy few) turned the other way. On 30th May 1992 his 21-year-old daughter Kristin was murdered by an abusive ex-partner, who should by rights have been behind bars at the time. Driven by parental grief he dug into the background of the murderer's case, eventually unearthing a fatal sequence of dozens of justice system deficiencies or mistakes. He set down these findings in his 1995 book "The Stalking of Kristin" [Amazon], and then undertook a personal crusade against the "disjointed system of justice" that left her murderer free to stalk her. The moral of the case is very clearly stated in his book, and should concern us all ...

"Our tolerance of crime, particularly violent crime, seems to know no bounds. We shrug it off until it happens to us. And when society is confronted with too much of it to ignore, it blames itself more than the perpetrators. It talks of long-range solutions, of saving the next generation with the same kind of social programs that failed to save the present one. We look for excuses to do anything but hold people accountable for their conduct. In the process, we normalize criminal behaviour. Instead of being outraged by it, we learn to live with it" (Lardner, 1995; bold emphasis added).

Lardner retired from journalism in 2004. Judyth Vary Baker's "Ferrie" - a book which might just as reasonably have been entitled "The Stalking of David" - appeared in 2014.

**Lashbrook, Robert Vern:** [a.k.a. Robert V. Wittstock] CIA careerist Robert Lashbrook [no convenient biography but a great deal to reward the determined browser] is noteworthy in the present context (a) as Assistant Director of the CIA's Chemical Branch in the early 1950s (Albarelli, 2013), and (b) as the (ranking) travelling companion of biochemist Frank Olson on the latter's fateful last business trip ...

**CAMEO - LASHBROOK ON THE 12TH FLOOR:** Lashbrook features centrally in Olson's highly suspicious death in the early hours of 28th November 1953 - for the full story see Olson's own entry.

**Lateer, James W.:** Forensic historian James W. Lateer [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context as author of the (2017) book "The Three Barons" [Amazon - HIGHLY RECOMMENDED], an analysis
of the part played by three high-born European immigrants (to wit the Barons George de Mohrenschildt, Charles A. Willoughby, and Werner von Braun) in bending the foreign policy of the United States to their own ends. The work is particularly innovative in that it performs complex statistical content analyses of the best-selling JFK histories, thereby enabling works of disinformation to be named and shamed and estimates of the relative likelihood of competing conspiracy theories to be drawn up.

**Lawrence, Jack:** Dallas used-car salesman Jack Lawrence [Spartacus Educational biography] was - in his version of events - on his way to work at the time of the shooting, but late, and then further delayed by the post-shooting traffic jams. He would become one of the assassination's pendulum shooters, swinging from innocent to guilty in successive theories. He first entered the narrative in the early afternoon on 22nd November 1963. He had been absent, along with a demonstrator car, during the morning, and when he finally turned up at about 1300hr fellow workers reported strange behaviour on his part to the police. The car was later found in the parking lot behind the Picket Fence. He may or may not have been a visitor to the Carousel Club and a friend of Jack Ruby's flatshare George Senator.

**Lawson, Winston George:** Trained in counterintelligence work at the CIC Counterintelligence School, Fort Holabird, MD, [Wikipedia factsheet] and with experience interrogating Korean War prisoners, SS Special Agent Winston Lawson [Spartacus Educational biography] was in charge of the SS White House Detail operations on the ground in Dallas. In this role he organised offloading of limo #1 at Love Field, assigned the agents to their positions, and was personally driver of the motorcade pilot car. Lawson's evidential profile is as follows: Report, 23rd November 1963 [read it now]; Warren Commission testimony [read it now].

**Leavelle, James Robert:** WW2 veteran and experienced DPD officer Jim Leavelle [Wikipedia biography] was the right arm escort to LHO (the one in the light suit) when Jack Ruby murdered him at 1121hr 24th November 1963.

**Lechuga, Carlos:** Journalist turned diplomat Carlos Lechuga [Spartacus Educational biography] was Cuban Ambassador to the United Nations at the time of the Attwood Mission [q.v.].

**Ledeen, Michael Arthur:** Classified within Ron Paul's List of Neocons [q.v.] as an "Other", historian and long-standing security agency advisor Michael Ledeen [Wikipedia biography] was the author of the 1999 book "Machiavelli on Modern Leadership" and strongly involved with the American Enterprise Institute (AEI) [q.v.] in the 1980s. Quotations from Ledeen's writings featured extensively as assertions worthy of opprobrium in Ron Paul's 10th July 2003 speech to Congress on Neoconservatism.

**Ledezma, Antonio:** Venezuelan lawyer-politician Antonio Ledezma [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been Mayor of Caracas between 2008 and 2015, representing the anti-Chávez Fearless People's Alliance [Wikipedia briefing]. He was arrested 19th February 2015 on suspicion of conspiring with US agents provocateurs to stage a coup against President Maduro, but escaped his house arrest late in 2017 and flew into exile in Madrid.

**Lee, Arthur Hamilton [Baron Lee of Fareham]1918 [1st Viscount same]1922:** British soldier-politician Arthur Lee [Lord Lee]1918 [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been military attaché at the British Embassy in Washington in 1899, marrying money while there and getting on famously with Theodore Roosevelt, (b) for entering parliament in 1900 as member for Fareham, a seat he would hold until 1918, (c) for gifting his home - Chequers - to the nation for the enjoyment of the incumbent prime minister, (d) for becoming Secretary to Lloyd George in 1915, and (e) for being mentioned in Chapter 26 of Jim Macgregor [see own entry] and Gerry Docherty's [see own entry] 2017 book "Prolonging the Agony" [see own entry]. In this particular chapter the authors are making the case that the ousting of Asquith's Liberal Party administration in September 1916 was
more a Secret Elite coup than a simple party political victory for Bonar Law's Conservative Party opposition. It was at Lee’s Westminster home, they note, that the plotters used to meet!!

"Lee, Harvey": Possibly LHO or LHO Look Alike. See the entries for Richard Margeson and Lawrence Howard.

Lee, Vincent Theodore ["Ted"]: [Read firstly the entry for the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC).] Centre-left activist Vincent Lee [no convenient biography, but believed detailed in ARRB archive] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for establishing the Tampa chapter of the FPCC in mid-1960, (b) for then moving to NYC to take over the head office of said committee from Richard Gibson [see own entry], (c) for thereby being the official who signed LHO's membership card on 29th May 1963 following the latter's letter dated 26th May 1963 asking for membership and (although already printing his own) requesting distributable literature, and then (d) for effectively disowning LHO a fortnight or so later because he was distributing his own literature in the name of a New Orleans chapter which had not yet been approved centrally. Lee's evidential profile is as follows: Affidavit, 20th May 1964 [read it now]; Warren Commission testimony [read it now].

Lees-Smith, Hastings Bertrand: British Liberal Party politician Hastings Lees-Smith [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been the Member of Parliament who on 30th July 1917 read out in the House of Commons Siegfried Sassoon's famous "statement of wilful defiance of military authority", one of the first attempts to draw public attention to the empty sacrifice of frontline soldiers in WW1 [see Sassoon's entry for the full story].

LeMay, General Curtis Emerson: Hero of the WW2 U.S. strategic bombing offensives against Germany and Japan - including the Pax Atomica attacks on Hiroshima and Nagasaki - and father of the post-war Strategic Air Command, USAF General Curtis LeMay [Wikipedia biography] was reportedly in Canada at the time of the shooting. He despised JFK as an appeaser (apparently he liked to mumble under his breath at meetings that it was "Munich all over again"), and is known in the histories for his concept of the "Sunday Punch" first strike.

Le Mesurier, James Gustaf Edward: Retired British Army officer, turned mercenary, turned Mother Teresa of the blessed kevlar, James le Mesurier [no convenient biography] was the founder in 2014 of the White Helmets [q.v.], for which selfless act he would be honoured by the Queen with an OBE in 2016.

Lemnitzer, Lyman Louis: General Lyman Lemnitzer [Wikipedia biography] was Supreme Allied Commander for NATO at the time of the shooting.

"Leon": Possibly LHO under cover or perhaps an Oswald Look-Alike doing patsification. See the entry for Silvia Odio.

Leopold II of Belgium: King Leopold II of Belgium [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having initiated the construction of the Brialmont Rings at Liège [see 5th August 1914] and Namur [see 20th August 1914], and the "National Redoubt" at Antwerp [see 16th August 1914], (b) for placing Belgian banks front and centre in the Kaiping Coal Field Fraud [see own entry; see 20th March 1898ff], and (c) for having been the CEO and only shareholder in an entire country - the Congo Free State - which, modern opinion holds, he pillaged with little moral restraint.

"Leopoldo": See the entry for Bernado de Torres.

Leveson Inquiry and Report, 2011-2012: Announced 13th July 2011 by Prime Minister David Cameron, the Leveson Inquiry [Wikipedia briefing] was a response to a serious of serious failings by elements of the British MSM in the mid-2000s, culminating in the 2007 News of the World phone
tapping scandal [Wikipedia briefing]. The inquiry was headed by Sir Brian Leveson [see own entry], and the resulting 2000-page Leveson Report [Executive Summary online - LENGTHY BUT RECOMMENDED] contains 92 specific recommendations, sub-divided into recommendations for press self-regulation (47 items), enhancements to data protection law (27 items), relationships with police (7 items) and politicians (3 items), and matters of "few hands" ownership (8 items).


Lewis, David Franklin: Bit-part player in the JFK conspiracy David Lewis [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for working occasionally as gopher for Guy Banister, often paired with Jack Martin, (b) for helping to defend the United States by working as a baggage handler on the Mexico Arrivals stand at New Orleans bus station ...

Aside - How so?: Surprising though it might seem, he was being paid by the government to note the baggage-tag name and address of any suitcases which felt unduly light, for these were likely to belong to smugglers, black marketeers, or Cuban spies (Baker, 2010). How clever was that!

c) for being introduced to/dining with LHO and Judith Varv Baker 28th April 1963, shortly after Baker's arrival in New Orleans, and (d) for giving a televised interview to NBC News 19th February 1967 - YouTube it now. RECOMMENDED READING: Check out his entry in "Nodule 24" [full text online].


Liddy, George Gordon Battle: FBI Agent (1957-1962) turned lawyer G. Gordon Liddy [Wikipedia biography] would feature in the 1972 Watergate Affair. He becomes relevant to the JFK assassination because Frank Sturgis' deathbed confession asserts that he killed J. D. Tippit as part of a conspiracy to incriminate LHO.


Liggett, John Melvin: For whatever reason, "highly skilled embalmer" John Liggett [no convenient biography but lots of value here] was called away from a family funeral at Restland Cemetery, Dallas, at about 1330hr on 22nd November 1963 and taken aboard Air Force Two. His life then took a turn for the worse: his wife divorced him, he was arrested on 28th March 1974 for attempted murder, and then - perhaps conveniently - shot while attempting to escape custody on 14th February 1975.

Liggett, Walter William: American investigative journalist Walter Liggett [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having set up the American Committee for Russian Famine Relief (ACRFR) [see 3rd December 1921] because he believed that Herbert Hoover's government sponsored committee was deliberately withholding aid from Soviet centres of need, and (b) for then being author of the 1932 grudge-publication "The Rise of Herbert Hoover" [full text online] [it oozes grudge, but
it is nevertheless supremely well referenced - Ed.). He was done to death 9th December 1935 in a drive-by execution commissioned by one of the villains he was then investigating.

**Ling Electronics:** Avionics manufacturer based in Anaheim CA, and now part of the Data Physics Corporation. Noteworthy in the present context as one-time workplace of JFK assassin Mac Wallace.

**Lintorn-Orman, Rothea Beryl:** Comfortably born British dogmatiste Rothea Lintorn-Orman [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for pre-WW1 involvement in the creation of the Girl Guides as a worthy adjunct to the Boy Scouts, (b) for war service in the Women's Voluntary Service and British Red Cross, including, for a period, supporting the Salonika Front [see 5th August 1915, then as threaded] ... 

**LEST IT BE OVERLOOKED:** Hard evidence is predictably difficult to come by, but it was reported that Red Cross ambulances in WW1 used to take ammunition "up the line" every time they were sent to collect the wounded - see the entry for Jerome K. Jerome, volunteer ambulance driver, who confesses to doing exactly that. Similarly with W. Somerset Maugham [see own entry], who spent time as a Red Cross ambulance driver on the Western Front before transferring to Petrograd as a very senior intelligence operative. Humanitarian/state propagandist Hugh Walpole [Wikipedia biography] was another Red Cross volunteer with a covert brief.

... (c) for drifting into right-wing politics after the war, eventually setting up the British Fascisti [see own entry] in 1923 by way of tribute to Benito Mussolini's Italian fascists, and (d) for refusing to merge into Oswald Mosley's British Union of Fascists (BUF) [see own entry] hard on its formation in 1932, because - she complained - it was not fascist enough for her liking. She died in 1935, aged just 40.

"Little Lynn": See the entry for Karen Carlin.

**Little, Malcolm:** Birth name of the human rights activist Malcolm X.

**Livingstone, Harrison Edward** Assassination researcher Harrison E. Livingstone [no convenient biography] was the author of the 1993 book "Killing the Truth: Deceit and Deception in the JFK Case".

**Livingston, R. W. ["Rusty"]:** DPD Crime Lab Detective Rusty Livingston [no convenient biography] spent the afternoon/evening of 22nd November 1963 in DPDHQ, busily booking in and collating new items of evidence as they arrived. This included maintaining safe copies of documents and photographs. This forensic archive would then remain largely undiscovered for 30 year, until finally it came to the notice of his nephew Gary Savage, who helped him present it in their jointly authored 1993 book "JFK: First Day Evidence".

"Lobby, The": This eight-part series of half-hour current affairs documentaries under the title "The Lobby" [IMDB entry] was made by the Al-Jazeera Media Network [Wikipedia briefing], and first broadcast in January 2017. At the time of writing [= December 2019] the full series is available as a single three hour piece on YouTube - View it now - or, if you browse carefully, as separate parts. Presented/narrated by ex-U.S.M.C. Clayton Swisher [see own entry], Al-Jazeera's head of investigations, the series is noteworthy in the present context for making public a lot of secretly filmed encounters between wired up undercover reporter "Robin Harrow" [nom-de-guerre] and various players in the circle of influence of political officers based in Israel's London Embassy ...

**KEY VOCABULARY - "BDS MENTALITY":** On behalf of the State of Israel's Ministry of Strategic Affairs [Wikipedia briefing], and sanctioned also at presidential level, the Israeli Embassy in London has of late been legitimately concerned with how young Britons regard Israel. This meant countering any what they term "BDS Mentality" in British public opinion, that is to say, any calls to "Boycott, Divest, and Sanction" Israel, Israeli tourism, Israeli products, Israeli cultural contacts, etc.
Here, listed in alphabetical order of surname, are all those focally featured in the documentary, either in the interviews, Swisher's coordinating narrative, or the supporting graphics ...

AIPAC: Luke Akehurst; BICOM: Richard Brooks; City Friends of Israel: the Fabian Society; Jewish Labour Movement (JLM); Labour Friends of Israel (LFJ); Jeremy Newmark; the Pinker Centre; Ella Rose; Michael Rubin; Joan Ryan; Adam Shapira; Union of Jewish Students (UJS); Robbie Young

Appearing for the plaintiff are the highly respected commentator Peter Oborne [see own entry], who speaks for (what is left of) Britain's unaligned Establishment, and pro-Palestinian investigative journalist Asa Winstanley [see own entry]. In Oborne's view "it is outrageous interference in Britain's politics". Embassy political officer Shai Masot [no convenient biography but much to reward the determined browser] tirelessly promotes his country's case throughout. FURTHER READING: We note "The Lobby" primarily for its coverage of the relationship between the Embassy and (then) Member of Parliament Joan Ryan [see own entry], who has useful-idioted the 2015-2019 campaign against Jeremy Corbyn as if it were her own idea (to pursue the Ryan line of enquiry a little further switch to the companion Timeline and follow the sub-thread <Weaponised Antisemitism in British Politics> [17 entries as at 12th December 2019 - Ed.]). OUR VERDICT: To the present author's ear, "Robin Harrow" is never seriously convincing, and, if he'd conversed with us the way he converses with each of his "marks", we would have smelt "set up" within seconds and started casually looking for the hidden camera. So Masot, definitely, and perhaps several of the other marks must have known they were being grilled, yet played along anyway. That is the way of these things, we suppose. Treat the documentary as suspicious, therefore, in all respects.

Lockhart. [Sir]1943 Robert Hamilton Bruce: Scottish [self-proclaimedly, "there is no drop of English blood in my veins"] diplomat-spy turned journalist-propagandist [Sir]1943 Robert Lockhart [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for serving as Vice-Consul 1912-1915/Consul 1915-1917 in Moscow, (b) for thereby being headhunted in January 1918 to bolster Britain's diplomatic presence in Bolshevik Petrograd, in which capacity he doubled as a high-level intelligence operative, (c) for being accused of conspiring with famed state assassin Sidney Reilly [see own entry] in mid-1918 to assassinate Lenin, only to be spy-swapped before his trial [see Timeline 14th August 1918]; the trial of accessory conspirators began 25th November 1918; Lockhart and Reilly were sentenced to death in absentia - Ed., (d) for trying his hand in banking in the mid-1920s, (e) for turning instead to Beaverbrook journalism in 1928, and (f) for publishing the best-selling "Memoirs of a British Agent" [Amazon] in 1932. He is also noteworthy, although it is difficult to be precise as to years, for having sufficiently briefed his son Robin Bruce Lockhart [Wikipedia biography] for the latter to profit from the father's exploits from a later generation of readers (not to mention TV viewers to the present day), under the "Reilly, Ace of Spies" franchise [Amazon (book); Amazon (video)].

Lodge, Henry Cabot, Snr.: Well born and of independent means lawyer-politician Henry Cabot Lodge, Snr. [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for earning Harvard's first ever doctorate in political science in 1876, (b) for having been a close associate of Theodore Roosevelt [see own entry] in their early careers as politicians (although for his part he later confessed that he "hated political conventions"), (c) for having "a brutal streak" (Thomas, 2010), (d) for coining the term "Large Policy" as a euphemism for Imperialism, (e) for his anti-British stance in the Venezuela Affair [see Timeline 2nd July 1895], (f) for NOT being selected to accompany President Wilson to the Versailles Peace Conference [see Timeline 13th December 1918], and for thereby being able to devote his full attention to briefing against that delegation's handling of progress in general, not least the Russian Intervention and the League of Nations negotiations, and (g) for leading the attack against the former in mid-February 1919 [see Timeline 14th February 1919] and against the latter later that same month [see Timeline 26th February 1919]. He died in 1924, aged 74. His grandson, Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr. [Wikipedia biography], will feature large in Senatorial and diplomatic roles during the Cold War.

***** 'TWIXT OIL AND UNDERWORLD *****

Logue, Lester Lloyd: Geologist turned millionaire Texas oilman Lester L. Logue [no convenient biography but much to reward the determined browser] is noteworthy in the present context (a) as a member of the John Birch
Society, (b) for being an associate of Californian Bircherite Congressman John Rousselot as well as international man of mystery and CIA asset George de Mohrenschildt, (c) for very possibly being close to the Texas Army Reserve Military Intelligence units whose role in the JFK assassination has still to be more than hinted at, (d) for reportedly being associated in some capacity with the very shady Thomas Eli Davis, III, gun-runner (and close, therefore, to Davis' bagman, Jack Ruby) ...

CAMEO - LOGUE (PER ALBARELLI): In his (2013) book "A Secret Order" [Amazon] Hank P. Albarelli notes that Davis "did some work" for Logue ...

"Lester L. Logue according to FBI documents, was a Dallas, Texas-based petroleum geologist who became a multi-millionaire in the oil business. That [Thomas] Davis, who claimed to have performed 'field geology work', would know Logue is not the least surprising. However, that Logue also had extensive dealings with other soldiers of fortune deeply enmeshed in today's accounts of JFK's assassination, and who were acquainted with Davis, tells an entirely different story" (op. cit., K5746).

(e) for funding the mercenary team of Loran Eugene Hall and Gerry Hemming during their 1963 black ops against Cuba, and for on occasions safehousing their weapons (Gayle Nix Jackson, 2016), (f) for being one of the six businessmen visited by Hall 17th October 1963, at which meeting he was famously offered (and apparently declined) $50,000 to "blow Kennedy's ass off", and (g) for alleging that Hall was in Dallas on the day of the assassination (ibid.).

Lomax, James A.: DPD Officer James Lomax [no convenient biography] was patrol partner to Earle Brown, but seems content to have let his partner to do the talking, and he was not openly quizzed as to the issue of smoke seen or smelled, despite that being an "inconceivable omission" (McLaren, 2013). Lomax's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED].

Long, John Davis: Lawyer-politician John Long [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been Secretary of the Navy at the time of the Spanish-American War [check it out]. As a lawyer he freely confessed that he did not know the front of a ship from the back, and so left the technical aspects of the job to Assistant Secretary of the Navy Theodore Roosevelt [q.v.].

López Arellano, Oswaldo Enrique: Right-wing Honduran soldier-businessman-politician President[1963-1971; 1972-1975] Oswaldo López [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having come to power in a coup the year after the previous incumbent had tried raising taxes on the United Fruit Company.

Lopez Report: So named after its senior author Edwin Juan Lopez [no convenient biography], this is the informal title for those sections of the 1978 House Select Committee on Assassinations Report relating to LHO's trip to Mexico City - check out full text online (with some redactions).

Lord Beaverbrook: See the entry for Max Aitken.

Lord Cecil: See the entry for Gascoyne-Cecil, Edgar.

Lord Harlech: See the entry for Ormsby-Gore, William.

Lord Lothian: See the entry for Kerr, Philip.

Lord Norwich: See the entry for Alfred Duff Cooper.

Lord Revelstoke: See the entry for the Baring Family.

Lord Salisbury: See the entry for Gascoyne-Cecil, Robert.

Lord Selborne: See the entry for William Palmer.
Lorenz, Ilona Marita: One time lover of Cuban revolutionary leader Fidel Castro but based in Miami since 1960 Marita Lorenz [Wikipedia biography] had been touted by Frank Sturgis in 1961 on behalf of the CIA to poison Castro. She then came forward in 1977 with stories of LHO's involvement with Sturgis in summer 1963, testifying as such to the House Select Committee on Assassinations.

Lorenzo-Luaces y Vilaseca, Enrique: Cuban exile turned CIA asset Enrique Lorenzo-Luaces y Vilaseca [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being a member of the influential Lorenzo-Luaces family, dispossessed and exiled by the Castro Revolution, (b) for later stating in a January 1964 interview with U.S. Army intelligence that in May 1961 he met fellow CIA asset Robert Taber [see own entry] in a bar in Havana, Cuba, and was introduced to LHO. This event is rarely mentioned in the literature. Even the highly reliable Peter Dale Scott only manages the following 15 words in his (2013) book "Oswald, Mexico, and Deep Politics" [Amazon] ...

"FBI #836: Enrique Lorenzo-Luaces y Vilaseca saw Robert Taber of FPCC with Harvey Oswald"

... to which Simpich (2009 [full text online]) adds ...

"Meanwhile, during that same month [=May 1961], something very odd was going on in Havana. Dr. Enrique Lorenzo Luaces told Army Intelligence that Taber introduced him to 'Lt. Harvey Oswald, an arms expert' while having drinks at Sloppy Joe’s, better known as the 'Sardi’s for spies'. When the FBI interviewed Taber, he denied knowing Oswald. A popular position to take, especially since the common wisdom is that Oswald was continuously in the USSR between 1959 and 1962."

RESEARCH ISSUE: The source document is on the Mary Ferrell Database at pages 88-89 of FBI 62-109060 JFK HQ File, Section 43 [check it out]. It is dated 28th January 1964 and refers to an "enclosed army communication" for the original detail. Sadly the enclosure is NOT included in the archive copy. Anybody?? A "Lorenzo Luaces" is also listed in the National Archives as a member of the President's Committee on Ethnic Affairs 2nd October 1976 but no address or affiliation is offered.

Louis Janin Mining Consultants [no convenient briefing, but see Spence (1996 [full text online])], a mine surveying partnership headed up by Louis Janin, Snr. [see own entry] and regularly used by "the Rothschilds and the Guggenheims" (Liggett, 1932 [full text online], Chapter 4).

Loveland, William Nolan: 26-year-old one time receiver of a stolen gun Billy Lovelady [Spartacus Educational biography] was at the top of the steps of the TSBD front entrance, being clearly identifiable in the background of the Altgens6 photograph (by virtue of which he is sometimes referred to as “Doorway Man”).

ASIDE: There was a major controversy during the 1970s as to whether Doorway Man was Lovelady or LHO, and whether Altgens6 had been doctored. In this controversy it became important to know what colour/pattern shirt both men had been wearing at the time. David Lifton has recently (2012) discussed this case online and reminds everyone (a) that both men appear in a snippet of newsreel taken on the 3rd Floor of DPDHQ at 1403hr 22nd November 1963 (LHO having just been arrested a few minutes previously at the Texas Theater), (b) that this film shows what they were wearing, and (c) that the House Select Committee on Assassinations had taken this evidence into account in 1977 when judging that Doorway Man was Lovelady. He also reminds modern readers that only SUSPECTS were processed at DPDHQ; the WITNESSES were processed at the County Sheriff's Office.

Loveland died 14th January 1979. His evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now].

Lovestone, Jay: One time head of the Communist Party of the U.S.A. (1919-1929) Jay Lovestone [Wikipedia biography] abandoned the left in 1929 and joined forces with David Dubinski [see own entry] in the 1930s promoting a just-left-of-centre form of trade unionism. In 1943 he became director of Dubinski's International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union (ILGWU) [see own entry], and in 1944
joined the Free Trade Union Committee (FTUC) [see own entry], from where he worked with Irving Brown [see own entry] to mastermind many field operations in France and Italy during and after the war, with a view to keeping Stalinists out of their trade union hierarchies, and generally peripheralising [read "beating up"] far-left influence. FURTHER READING: For much more of the detail see Hugh Wilford’s (2008) book "The Mighty Wurlitzer: How the CIA Played America" [Amazon], using the many index entries.

Lower Manhattan Cultural Council (LMCC): Founded in 1973, the Lower Manhattan Cultural Council (LMCC) [Homepage history] is the outcome of a philanthropic collaboration between David Rockefeller Sr [see own entry], Chase Manhattan Bank, and various New York State and City civic agencies, whose common mission was/is "to serve, connect, and make space for artists and community". The Council was headquartered in the low-rise Building #5, [Old] World Trade Center, between the late 1990s and 11th September 2001, when the adjacent high-rise Building #1 - the North Tower - collapsed on top of it. At the time of the 9/11 Attacks, one Liz Thompson [no convenient biography] was Executive Director, and one Moukhtar Kocache [see own entry] was program director, both of whom were involved in granting residencies to artists and performers wanting to use WTC spaces and resources. For example, the "World Views" [see own entry] project offered space in the unoccupied 91st and 92nd Floors of the North Tower.

Luce, Henry Robinson: Media magnate, long-standing Skull and Bones member, and willing ally of Western intelligence movers and shakers since WW2 and of the CIA specifically since the Cold War, Henry Luce [Spartacus Educational biography] had owned the Time Magazine/Life Magazine stable since the 1930s, and must be presumed to have approved Charles Jackson’s purchase of the Zapruder Film.

***** FAKER OF FAKE NEWS *****

***** ACCESSORY TO GRAND THEFT (BULLION) *****

Lugard, [Dame]¹⁹¹⁸ [Lady]¹⁹²⁸ Flora Louise: [Née Shaw] British children's author and pro- Establishment propagandist [Dame]¹⁹¹⁸ [Lady]¹⁹²⁸ Flora Shaw [Lugard]¹⁹²⁸ [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being Colonial Editor of The Times during the 1890s, spending much time in South Africa and Britain's other "white" colonies, (b) for generally extolling the virtues of the British Empire under the by-lines "F. Shaw" or "Miss Shaw", (c) for thereby gaining Cecil Rhodes’ confidence to the extent that she knew of the 1895 Jameson Raid months in advance, and had been sexing up her reportage to exaggerate (and even totally invent) the "grievances" of the Transvaal Uitlanders (Quigley, 1949), (d) for testifying before, but being exonerated by, the ensuing Parliamentary Select Committee, (e) for duly being assessed by Quigley (1949) as "probably a member of the Rhodes secret society" (p101) and a member of the Milner Group outer circle, (f) for marrying Sir Frederick Lugard [see own entry] in 1902, and (g) for founding the War Refugees Committee [see own entry] in August 1914, and for leading the necessary fund-raising thereafter. [THREAD = WW1 INSIDER TRADING AND PROFITEERING] [THREAD = CALLERS OF INNOCENTS TO WAR]

Lugard, [Sir]¹⁹⁰¹ Frederick John Daltry [1st Baron Lugard]¹⁹²⁸: Veteran of the Afghanistan (1878-1880), Sudan (1884-1885), and Burma (1885) wars, and subsequently colonial adventurer-diplomat in the service of trading companies across Africa, [Sir]¹⁹⁰¹ Frederick [Lord]¹⁹²⁸ Lugard [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been High Commissioner of Nigeria between 1897 and 1906, Governor of Hong Kong between 1907 and 1912, and Governor of Nigeria between 1912 and 1919, (b) for enthusiastically supporting the work of Chatham House after 1920, and (c) for being the Milner Group man on the Permanent Mandates Commission between 1922 and 1936, generally stonewalling any attempts to restrict Zionist influence (Quigley, 1949).

Lundahl, Arthur ["Art"] Charles: WW2 veteran (U.S.N.), CIA photoreconnaissance expert since 1953 and founder of the CIA’s National Photographic Interpretation Center (NPIC) [Wikipedia briefing] in 1961 Art Lundahl [Wikipedia biography] was still Director at NPIC when, at some time mid-afternoon of Saturday 23rd November 1963, he was asked to produce Briefing Boards of still images from the
recently acquired Zappruder Film. He immediately called his Bulletin Board man, Dino Brugioni, asking him to get a small team together. Browse the Zappruder Film Thread to accumulate all the fragments of this story.

Lusk Committee: See the entry for Archibald Stevenson and/or the Timeline for 26th March 1919.

Luxemburg, Rosa: Polish-German left wing political activist Rosa Luxemburg [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being radicalised as a Marxist in the early 1890s as a student (of politics and stock market crashes) in Zurich, Switzerland, (b) for becoming part of the editorial team which in 1893 founded the Sprawa Robotnicza [Polish = "The Workers' Cause"] Newspaper [Wikipedia briefing], with the editorial intention of radicalising the Polish working classes, (c) for co-founding the Social Democratic Party of Poland and Lithuania (SDKPIL) [Wikipedia briefing] in 1893, and for closely aligning it with the Social Democratic Party of Germany (SPD) [Wikipedia briefing], (d) for consistently arguing in those years that Poland would only achieve independence if leftist defeated capitalistic imperialism in Germany, Austro-Hungary, and Russia simultaneously, (d) for relocating in 1898 to Berlin, and consistently preaching against German militarism as exploiting those who had to do the dying, (e) for therefore being heartbroken when, in Summer 1914, it proved so perfectly easy to persuade the German working classes to go to war, (f) for therefore co-founding Die Internationale [Wikipedia briefing] in April 1915, writing seditious anti-war pamphlets which went out under the signature "Spartacus" (because he famously liberated slaves), and for naming their group the Spartacus League [Wikipedia briefing], (g) for being imprisoned for these ideals in June 1916, (h) for being freed 8th November 1918, and playing her part in the early weeks of the German Revolution [see Timeline 16th December 1918, then as directed], and (i) for being trapped by a government mob during one of these demonstrations, and bludgeoned to death [see Timeline 1st June 1919].

***** VERY MUCH AN EXTREMIST'S EXTREMIST *****

Lynch, Charles Conley ["Connie"]: [1912-1972] Texan-born WW2 veteran (U.S. Army, cook) turned evangelising pastor, turned West Coast protofascist turned fully-fledged Klansman and all-round white supremacist Charles Lynch [no convenient biography but much background in his Findagrave obituary, which see] IS noteworthy in the present context (a) for being ordained into the Church of Jesus Christ - Christian after the war, (b) for helping to promote the National States' Rights Party (NSRP) in 1958, (c) for making himself thoroughly at home in the uncompromising - and often downright murderous - politics of that era, thus ...

"A rabidly, avowed anti-African-American and anti-Jewish fiery spokesman and chieftain of the United Florida Ku Klux Klan, Lynch gained nationwide notoriety for his hate-filled, fanatical, violence-provoking speeches to hostile white racist mobs amidst hotbeds of racial turmoil in the Southern United States during the Civil Rights Era of the late-1950s and 1960s. Lynch was also a member of the now-defunct Christian Defense League, the paramilitary Minutemen and a state organizer for the NSRP. A sinister-impish-featured man with a somewhat cleft chin, he often wore a black Kentucky colonel bow tie and a Confederate flag vest with his suit or Klan robe. He called himself a 'war hero' and a 'Jap killer.' 'I believe in violence!,' he once told a white crowd in 1964, 'All the violence it takes to scare the niggers (African-Americans) out of the country or to have 'em all six feet under!'" (from his Findagrave obituary).

and (d) for being arrested July 1964 for complicity in the St. AugustineFF Riots [Wikipedia briefing].

Lynch, Grayston: WW2, Korean War, and Laotian War veteran (U.S. Army special forces, retired 1960) turned CIA asset Grayston Lynch [Spartacus Educational biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for joining the CIA in 1960, being based at the JM/WAVE Station in Miami and contributing to projects such as Operation Mongoose, (b) for being in the first wave of attack craft in the April 1961 Bay of Pigs Invasion, (c) for subsequently helping to spread the opinion that the invasion would not have failed had JFK not vetoed air support (Hersh, 1997, p275), (d) for generally fading back into the shadows until being one of the nine persons identified by Bradley Ayers in 1994 as having
"intimate operational knowledge" of how the JFK assassination was put together, and (e) for writing the (1998) book "Decision for Disaster: Betrayal at the Bay of Pigs" [Amazon].

Lyttelton, Alfred: Well-born British politician and colonial administrator Alfred Lyttelton [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been Secretary of State for the Colonies between 1903 and 1905.

Mabley, Jack Arnold: WW2 veteran (U.S. Navy) turned journalist turned local radio show host Jack Mabley [Wikipedia hagiography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for arranging that Glenview Naval Air Station, Chicago, should host the 1960 five-day convocation of Fred Schwarz's Christian Anti-Communist Crusade (CACC), (b) for publishing articles in the Chicago Daily News 25th and 26th July 1960 criticising the John Birch Society for rather extremely accusing President Eisenhower of being some sort of closet Communist, and (c) for being a "close friend" of Chicago mobster and significant JFK conspirator Richard Cain. FURTHER READING: Despite his association with Cain, Mabley is rarely mentioned in the assassination histories: indeed, most of what there is to see is in Peter Dale Scott's (2015) book "Dallas '63" [Amazon - RECOMMENDED].

Mabra, W. W. ["Mo"]: Dallas County Sheriff's Deputy Mo Mabra [no convenient biography] was standing with Orville Smith on Main Street outside the Criminal Court at the time of the shooting. He then ran to the railway yard and parking lots beyond the Grassy Knoll intending to search the area, but was told by a DPD officer that "Nobody came this way". He then escorted a witness to the Sheriff's Office and stayed there. Mabra's evidential profile is as follows: Initial Report, 27th November 1963 [read it here]; Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED].

Macarthur, General Douglas: WW1 and WW2 veteran, production manager for the first ten months of the (First) Korean War, and fanatical anti-Communist General Douglas Macarthur [Wikipedia biography] had met with JFK in 1961, at which meetings he had criticised the Bay of Pigs Invasion and counselled against any build up of U.S. forces in South Vietnam.

Macarty, Senator Joseph Raymond: WW2 veteran (U.S.M.C.) and Senator from Wisconsin since 1947 Joseph Macarthy [Wikipedia biography] had been the political and media cheerleader for the anti-Communist movement in the U.S. during the early 1950s. His "witch hunts" set the scene for the Cold War over the ensuing decade.

Macgregor, Jim: Scottish physician turned forensic historian Jim Macgregor [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context as co-author (with Gerry Docherty [see own entry]) of two alternative histories of WW1. The first, published 2013, is entitled "Hidden Histories" [Amazon], in which the part played by a select and highly discrete coterie of American, British, French, and Russian bankers, industrialists, aristocrats, and royalty in railroading the world into WW1 during the famous 1914 July Crisis [see 28th June 1914]. The second, published 2017, is entitled "Prolonging the Agony" [Amazon] and describes the part played by bankers and industrialists [those whom we know today as "the military industrial complex" - Ed.] in deliberately prolonging that war once started.


Machen, John Gresham: See the entry for Carl McIntire.

Mac Kenzie, Roderick A. ["Mac"], III: [a.k.a. Ward Alexander] Printer-forger turned circus artiste turned emergency room auxiliary and, when not thus occupied, gun-runner to Cuban mercenaries, mobile Id Card workshop, and "wet worker" for the underworld Rod Mac Kenzie [no convenient biography] hit the headlines in 2016 with the publication of his memoirs in Mac Kenzie( and Hooke) [YouTube extracts of the man himself promoting same]. He was trained in Id Card forgery at the "CIA Seals and Flaps School" [Buy the Manual!!], Fort Dietrich, MD, and proudly asserts that his Id Card forgeries were the best you could get. He applied the skills acquired during a period supplying false Id Cards for DISC.

ASIDE: We may therefore confidently assume that any Grassy Knoll conspirators with CIA credentials were carrying false Rod Mac Kenzie identities. And they seemed to have worked flawlessly - see the entries for Gordon Arnold, Bernard Barker, Roger Craig, and Mo Mabra.

After the assassination (if not earlier!) he made himself a new identity - as one Ward Alexander - before going very dark for 50 years. He remains active on FaceBook (under his real name) to this day [December 2017].

MacLean, Donald Duart: British diplomat but Cambridge-raised Soviet spy Donald MacLean [Wikipedia biography] began feeding secrets to the Russian intelligence service from his position in the U.K.'s Paris embassy in around 1938. He then did the same from Washington, DC, between 1944 and 1948. After three further years with the Foreign Office in London he defected to the Soviet Union in 1951.

MacNeil, Robert Breckenridge Ware: Montreal born NBC journalist Robert MacNeil [Wikipedia biography] was in the motorcade Press Bus at the time of the shooting. Upon hearing the shots he ran firstly to the Grassy Knoll, and then on to the TSBD, where, at around 1233hr, he asked a man where the nearest telephone was, receiving the reply, "Better ask inside". It will later be suggested that the man was LHO making good his escape from the building - YouTube the fuller story.

MacQueen, Graeme: American philosopher-engineer and expert witness on the stability of high-rise steel structures in fires Graeme MacQueen [AE911 promotion] is noteworthy in the present context (a) generally for a number of contributions to 9/11 Truther documentaries, and (b) specifically for going first author to Tony Szamboti [see own entry] on the 2009 paper "The missing jolts: A simple refutation of the NIST-Bazant collapse hypothesis" [see Timeline 14th January 2009], in which attention is drawn to the absence in the frame-by-frame video analyses of all three of the World Trade Center towers of the joltings and hesitations characteristic of accidentally falling structures.

MACS-9: Acronym for Marine Air Control Squadron 9 [Wikipedia briefing]. This is the U.S.M.C. unit, stationed between 1955 and 1971 at Santa Ana and El Toro, CA, where LHO was assigned upon returning in late 1958 from his deployment to Atsugi, and where, probably in the first half of 1959, he reportedly got to know fellow Marines David Bucknell and Kerry Thornley.

Maddow, Rachel: Contemporary MSNBC political commentator Rachel Maddow [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context as a useful example of a 21st Century opinion former - utterly mainstream but apparently radical. Click here to see her at work.

"Never in the history of gunfire has there been a bullet this ridiculous"("JFK", the movie)

Magic Bullet: [a.k.a. CE-399] This is the everyday name for Warren Commission Exhibit CE-399, the more or less undamaged 6.5mm Mannlicher-Carcano slug which was - but only in Arlen Specter's official story, not in reality - recovered from the gurney used to transport Governor John Connally from limo #1 into the emergency room at Parkland Hospital. Discarding the official line that the Connally bullet had already passed through JFK's body, and then guided by the alternative narrative in Josiah Thompson and Gary Aguilar's "The Magic Bullet" (and other sources as shown), here is a step-by-step account of bullet XCE-000, the true projectile, which starts with the rifle which fired it, traces it through Connally's body all the way to the FBI Labs at DC, and ends with CE-399 the
bullet in the National Archives. Problems and inconsistencies - and there are many - are highlighted [THUS] as soon as they occur ...

**STEP 1**: At Z235 a shooter on TSBD6 [identified in recent accounts as Mac Wallace] fires bullet XCE-000 from a still unidentified rifle [in recent accounts a .30-06 scopeless bolt-action rifle], hitting JC in the back, spinning, axially stable (i.e., not "toppling"), and undeformed. It passes through him demolishing his 5th rib and lacerating his right lung on the way, and then exits his front with reduced velocity, unknown spin, some instability (toppling), and undeformed [IT SHOULD BE DEFORMED]. However, being undeformed, at least it leaves no metal fragments in the chest [THERE ARE FRAGMENTS IN THE CHEST].

**STEP 2**: XCE-000 then hits JC's right wrist, shattering the radius bone, and then exits with only residual velocity, unknown spin, significant instability, and undeformed [IT SHOULD BE DEFORMED]. However, being undeformed, at least it leaves no metal fragments in the wrist [THERE ARE FRAGMENTS IN THE WRIST].

**STEP 3**: XCE-000 then strikes JC's left thigh about six inches above the knee, being stopped by, but not fracturing, the femur. It is still largely undeformed [IT SHOULD BE DEFORMED]. Because the leg muscles at this point are at their thinnest, the bullet is quite loose and ready to fall out spontaneously.

**STEP 4**: Mrs. Connally comforts her husband all the way to Parkland Hospital where he is taken out, put on a gurney, and wheeled to the emergency room where he is transferred onto the operating table. JC later recalls hearing the sound of something hitting the floor during this latter manoeuvre [HENCEFORTH WE ARE ASSUMING THAT THIS IS XCE-000] and then seeing a nurse pick whatever it was up and put it in her pocket [WE CAN JUST ABOUT RELY ON CONNALLY'S RECOLLECTION DESPITE THE GRAVITY OF HIS WOUNDS BECAUSE IT WILL EVENTUALLY BE GIVEN WITH GREAT CERTAINTY].

**STEP 5**: This nurse - whom, for reasons which will shortly become apparent, we are going to name as NOT Audrey Bell - shows XCE-000 to bystanding Dallas County District Attorney Henry Wade, no less, who will later recall "I told her to give it to the police". [SHE MAY OR MAY NOT AT THIS PRECISE JUNCTURE SEAL IT IN AN EVIDENCE ENVELOPE]. She collars bystanding JC aide Bill Stinson, presently talking to uniformed Texas Ranger Bobby Nolan, and Stinson says "Give it to him" (i.e. Nolan) [BY THIS JUNCTURE THE ITEM IS SEALED IN AN EVIDENCE ENVELOPE].

**STEP 5A**: Nolan in due course returned to DPDHQ, and handed the envelope in to Captain Will Fritz's office. He reports "They told me it was a bullet" and initialled and dated the evidence envelope. If this envelope actually contained the true projectile then this was the last anyone would see of it.

**STEP 6**: Back at Parkland, the gurney is recycled to a corridor, and left. Shortly afterwards passing maintenance engineer Darrell Tomlinson tidies the gurnies and sees XCE-001 fall onto the floor [BEING UNSURE WHETHER THIS IS XCE00 WE HAVE INTRODUCED A NEW ID].

**ASIDE**: At this point we note the hearsay confession of Sam Kinney that he found a bullet in limo #1 and placed it on a gurney for when everybody was less busy.

**STEP 7**: Tomlinson gives XCE-001 to nearby Parkland security officer O. P. Wright, who later recalls that it is not greatly deformed and has a pointed tip [CE-399 DOES NOT HAVE A POINTED TIP; .30-06 ROUNDS DO]. Persons unknown at the FBI and the Warren Commission later deliberately suppress this contradictory evidence.

**ASIDE**: Because of Geneva Convention rules against dum-dum bullets most rifles can fire either "military load" - full metal jacketed rounds which pass through bodies with reduced deformation - or "hunting load" - soft point jacketed rounds which fragment within the target the better to take it down. The "stopping power" of any firearm is maximised when all the kinetic energy in its projectiles is expended within the target.

**STEP 8**: Wright handed XCE-001 on to SS Agent Richard Johnsen, who later passed it up his chain of command to head of the White House SS detail, Jerry Behn, who later passed it up to SS Chief James Rowley [MIGHT BE SWITCHED HERE], who later passed it to FBI Agent Elmer Todd, who initialed it, and sent it to the FBI Lab's ballistics man Robert Frazier. By the time it arrived, the pointed XCE-001 had either already, or soon would, become the round-nosed CE-399.

**STEP 9**: During June the following year, with the Warren Commission busily accumulating the papers it wished to see, the FBI conducted an internal audit of the chain of possession outlined in **STEP 8** above, summarising their findings in a formal Memorandum dated 7th July 1964. This memorandum deliberately
overstated Tomlinson's, Wright's, and Nolan's identifications, ignored all references to pointed rounds, and included reassuring reports apparently from an investigating agent named Bardwell Odum.

MEANWHILE, back at Parkland ...

STEP 10: Senior Nurse Audrey Bell came out of Trauma Room One, where JFK had now been pronounced dead, and attended JC's ongoing treatment. One of her jobs was to place into evidence envelopes any projectile fragments from wounds. This she did, passing fragments from chest and wrist (but not thigh) to the aforementioned Elmer Todd, who passed them to the aforementioned Robert Frazier (who needed them because the total weight of all the fragments should equal the known factory weight of the round in question).

STEP 11: When interviewed long after the event, Tomlinson, Wright, Nolan, Bell, and Odum [see their separate entries] all gave less than totally confirmatory (and in some instances directly contradictory) accounts to that put forward in the aforementioned FBI Memorandum, exposing it as nothing short of precisely targeted case-pivotal institutional perjury [BUT WE DO NOT KNOW THE CHAIN OF DECEPTION FROM THIS POINT UPWARD].

For a quick visual accompaniment to this story - YouTube Bob Harris now. Then browse the Magic Bullet Thread to accumulate all the fragments of this story (the total weight of which does not - sadly - yet equal the truth).

***** ENTER SMART MUNITIONS OF THE SOUL *****

Maginn, Simon: Horror author turned social media commentator Simon Maginn [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context as an example of a middle-of-the-road justice-for-all threat-to-nobody leftist British intellectual who was smeared in his home country by the propaganda forces of a foreign power. His offence? Nothing more than to have spoken his mind entirely within the boundaries of Britain's very precise laws against Inciting Ethnic or Racial Hatred [Wikipedia briefing]. His punishment? To be "taken out" with the same dispassionate precision as any drone strike on a Taliban commander [Wikipedia briefing]. So which of our enemies was it? Russia? China? Nothing so straightforward, for it was the State of Israel, long-believed to be a friend! For the details see Timeline 27th November 2019.

***** THIS MAN HELPED FASHION OUR PRESENT HELL ON EARTH *****

"The debate over 'who lost China' was partisan and bitter" (Yu)

Magruder, John L.: American WW1 veteran (artillery, Western Front) turned careerist staff officer John L. Magruder [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for transferring to the China station after WW1, where he served 1920-1924 and 1926-1930 as associate (later substantive) military attaché at the American Legation in Beijing ...

ASIDE – 1925, ONE HELL OF A GAP YEAR: Magruder spent 1925 doing similar work at the American Embassy in Bern, Switzerland. This was more than just a pleasant Alpine break, however, for Bern was in those years the United States' principal anti-Bolshevism special ops hub. It was, for example, the Embassy where, eight years previously, a young duty officer had taken a call from a Russian dissident named Vladimir Ilyich Ulyanov, better known to history as Lenin ...

CAMEO - AN OPPORTUNITY MISSED: The United States declared war on the Central Powers on Friday 6th April 1917, driving floods of stranded Americans - tourists, businesspeople, diplomats - out of Germany and Austria-Hungary into neutral Switzerland. It was accordingly all hands to the pumps at the Visa Desk in Bern. But it was Easter Weekend, and by the Sunday the Embassy officials needed a break. Therefore when the official in question took a phone call from Lenin seeking an immediate interview, he refused to make the time available out of hours (the fact was, he would later explain, that he had a hot date). Only years later would it emerge that Lenin then turned for help to the German Embassy instead, who rapidly approved his transit to St. Petersburg. In hindsight, it was an historically expensive missed opportunity for the Allies, because once in St. Petersburg Lenin helped bring about the Russian Revolution, and - as Germany had hoped that it would - took Russia out of the war against them. That duty officer was none other than Allen Dulles, future Director of the CIA 1953-1961, enemy of John Fitzgerald Kennedy, and approver of truth as a member of the Warren Commission 1964-1966. His brief encounter with Lenin was a story Dulles "never tired of repeating" (Helms, 2003, p59),
By 1925, Bern and Beijing faced identical problems, namely that the Reds had defeated the Whites in the broader Russian Civil War [see Timeline 16th July 1918, and then as directed]. Lenin had died the previous year, the Bolsheviks were mopping up the remnants of the White Russian collapse, and Beria, already making a name for himself in Georgia, would soon be put in charge of the OGPU secret police and throw his weight behind the most ruthless of the Politburo contenders, Joseph Stalin. Magruder duly found himself defending Communists than their 1931-1937 military level. His mission was explicitly "[to] advise the Chinese Government in all military matters, particularly in the use of Lease Lend credits or Lease Lend material", but also more open-endedly to cultivate the strategic relationship between the two countries (Yu, op. cit. inf.). Again, this will have meant keeping tabs on the White Russian fascists in the Far East, especially where they had been recruited by expansionist Japan and China, after the White collapse. Indeed, their senior surviving commander, Semyonov, would go on to aid the Japanese against the Chinese in the early 1930s (Stewart, 1933/2009).

It may or may not be relevant that an earlier European fugitive - a certain Baron Adolf Tscheppa-Weiendenbach [Wikipedia biography] - had emigrated to the United States early enough to have anglicised his name as Charles Willoughby and have a distinguished career in the A.E.F. during WW1. After the war he transferred to intelligence work, eventually becoming theatre G-2 to Douglas Macarthur from the fall of Japan through the Korean War. White Russians, too, including dispossessed landowners like our old friend George de Mohrenheitschild, ended up in homes away from home in the United States, loudly peddling their anti-Communist credentials. One such White Russian enclave was in the Dallas area, where they were placed under observation by intelligence assets including Ruth Paine, who famously even learned to speak Russian for that very purpose.

... (b) for posting and duties unknown 1931-1937 (that is to say, during the first six years of the Sino-Japanese War [see Timeline 18th September 1931 and forward pointers], a period which includes the Jouett Mission [see own entry] to strengthen the Nationalist Chinese Air Force - see the several sidenotes in the entry for John M. Birch), (c) for posting and duties unknown 1937-1941 (the period of all-out war between Japan and China and of Claire Chennault's AVG's undeclared war between the United States and Japan [see Timeline 3rd June 1937]), (d) for being selected by the Combined Staff in September 1941 to command the newly authorised American Military Mission to China (AMM or telegraphic AMMISCA) [see own entry and Timeline 3rd July 1941], ostensibly to administer the Lend-Lease negotiations between China and the United States ...

CAMEO - THE MAGRUDER BRIEF: Magruder's terms of reference were carefully phrased at the highest politico-military level. His mission was explicitly "[to] advise the Chinese Government in all military matters, particularly in the use of Lease Lend credits or Lease Lend material", but also more open-endedly to cultivate the strategic relationship between the two countries (Yu, op. cit. inf.). Again, this will have meant keeping tabs on the White Russian fascists in the Far East, especially where they had been recruited by expansionist Japan as their "Manchurian Mafia" (Stephan, 1978, p63).

... (e) for arriving in theatre at the beginning of October 1941, quickly establishing an intelligence collection and collation office in the Nationalists' fall-back capital at Chungking which quickly came on stream after the Pearl Harbour attack, (f) for reporting in early 1942 that the Nationalists were not just poorly prepared for their wars in general, but often seemed more interested in fighting their 1927-2021 [ongoing – Ed.] civil war against the Chinese Communists than their 1931-1945 war against the Japanese, (g) for spending time back in Washington alongside OSS chief William ["Wild Bill"] Donovan during 1943, (h) for being the man in the hot seat when Captain-chaplain John M. Birch, OSS operative, was killed by Communists during the competitive land grab which followed the mid-August surrender of the Japanese, (i) for being promoted head of the new-but-short-lived Strategic Services Unit (SSU) [Wikipedia briefing] as OSS was rapidly demobilised in late 1945...
CAMEO - FROM OSS TO CIA, 1945-1947: Basically, the task of intelligence analysis went to the State Department, and Magruder's field agent and special ops structures went with him back to the War Department. A major new overseas headquarters was set up in Frankfurt-am-Main, Western Germany, in preference to Bern.

... (j) for then helping to turn the SSU into the more permanent Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) in 1947, (k) for being in the audience at the 1950 Berlin Conference at which WW2 British propaganda operative Arthur Koestler [Wikipedia biography] called for a crusade against international Communism (Saunders, op. cit. inf.). Magruder died in 1958, aged 70. FURTHER READING: For more of the detail see Maochun Yu's (1996) "OSS in China: Prelude to Cold War" [Amazon ESSENTIAL READING]; for more on the theatre of war itself see Michael Schaller's (1976) "The Hump" [Google Books]. For more on White Russian shenanigans in the Far East see John J. Stephan's (1978) "The Russian Fascists" [Amazon]. For the "communising" of China, the right-wing position is admirably set out in Charles Willoughby's (1952) "Shanghai Conspiracy" [Amazon]. For more on the 1950 Berlin Conference see Frances Stonor Saunders' (1990) "Who Paid the Piper" [Amazon]. For an alternative telling of the Dulles-Lenin encounter see Richard B. Spence's (2017) "Wall Street and the Russian Revolution" [Amazon]. For more on Barons Willoughby and de Mohrenschildt as immigrant paragons of >> American << patriotism see James W. Lateer's (2017) "The Three Barons" [Amazon (we are not here concerned with the third of Lateer's expatriot fascists, Werner von Braun - Ed.),]. And for more on the work of the Bern station - now headed by Dulles - during WW2 see Douglas Waller's (2011) "Wild Bill Donovan" [Amazon].

Maguire, James Rochfort: British-Irish lawyer-politician J. Rochfort Maguire [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been identified by Quigley (1949) as Cecil Rhodes' "most intimate friend" (p48) during their time together at Oxford, and therefore almost certainly a member of his 1891 Society of the Elect [see own entry], that is to say, Britain's late-19th-Century deep state, and (b) for having been a director of the British South Africa Company [see own entry] between 1898 and his death in 1925.

Mahan, Alfred Thayer: Civil War veteran and career U.S. Navy officer Alfred Mahan [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for his tireless promotion of the navy as the foremost instrument of the nation's geopolitical and economic development. Specifically, he produced a book and a number of highly influential papers during the 1890s, playing to the Expansionist ears of politicians such as James Blaine and Theodore Roosevelt [q.v.]. His writings on Hawaii [check it out] will help justify the United States' annexation of that hitherto independent kingdom in 1893 [check it out], and his later writings on Cuba [check it out] and Panama [check it out] uncannily presage not just a series of U.S. armed interventions in those exact same places (Cuba in 1898, Panama in 1903), but also the entirety of the so-called Banana Wars [check it out]

Maheu, Robert Aime: Maine-born businessman and lawyer with FBI and CIA credentials, and "no-good dishonest son of a bitch" (Howard Hughes) Robert Maheu [Wikipedia biography] was appointed by the CIA is September 1960 to liaise with mobsters Johnny Roselli and Sam Giancana and Santos Trafficante in organising mob resources against Fidel Castro. Much of what is now known about these arrangements came from Maheu's 1975 testimony before the Church Committee.

Malcolm, [Sir]1938 Dougal Orme: British civil servant [Sir]1938 Dougal Malcolm [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having worked in the South African civil service during the 1900s and for thereby becoming a member of Milner's Kindergarten [see own entry], (b) for being tempted away from the Diplomatic Corps in 1912 to join the British South Africa Company; a Rhodesian mining company.

***** CAUTION *****
POSSIBLY SUSPICIOUS CONVERSION OF WAR HERO AND INTELLIGENCE OFFICER TO COMMUNIST POLITICIAN
Malone, Cecil l'Estrange: WW1 veteran (Royal Navy), turned Centrist politician, turned WW1 peace negotiator, turned WW1 (Extra Time) international diplomat, turned East End Communist politician Cecil Malone [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been one of the pre-war Royal Navy's pioneer seaplane pilots, (b) for his wartime promotion to command the seaplane carriers HMS Engadine [Wikipedia shipography] and HMS Ben-my-Chree [see inset below], (c) in the latter role for having masterminded history's first successful air-dropped torpedo attacks, ...

**ASIDE:** Browse <seaplane> in the Companion Resource for an indication of Malone's involvement in the Gallipoli Campaign

(d) for having rounded off his military career with no little flourish with a spell in the Planning Department of the Admiralty in 1918, followed by another as Air Advisor in the British delegation to the 1919 Versailles Peace Conference [see 18th January 1919], receiving a swift O.B.E. for his troubles, (e) (just after his months at the Admiralty) for having diversified into politics as Liberal Party M.P. for Leyton East following the General Election 14th December 1918, (f) (just after his months at Versailles) for having in late 1919 participated in a fact-finding tour of the Russian Civil War zone, meeting such Soviet commanders as Leon Trotsky, and (g) for having been so impressed by this latter experience that he turned pro-Communist and "crossed the House" to became Britain's first Communist Member of Parliament. Not everyone, neither at the time nor since, believed his "conversion" to have been genuine.

**ASIDE:** Changes of political affiliation by British intelligence community operatives are extremely rare. Indeed the only other case we can think of is that of Erskine Childers [see own entry], who ran guns for the Irish Volunteers in between periods of intensely loyal service to the Empire [see 26th July 1914]. Coincidentally (or not) both Childers and Malone ate in the same wardroom during the Gallipoli Campaign [see 10th June 1915]. Childers, indeed, was the central (visible) player in the 1914 Howth Gun-Running [see 26th July 1914, an incident viewed by Docherty and MacGregor (2012 [Amazon]) as a deliberately staged Secret Elite [see the entry for Cecil Rhodes] pretext for a pre-emptive British declaration of war against Germany, only rendered unnecessary at the last minute by the German invasion of Belgium.

Mamantov, Ilya Alexander: Russian WW2 refugee, turned research geologist with various Texas oil companies, and part-time Russian tutor for the local community, Ilya Mamantov [Spartacus Educational biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been Marina Oswald's translator from the afternoon of the assassination. He therefore had to think about every question put by the interrogator, and every answer given by Mrs. Oswald. He also had to repeat the whole thing when the written statement was presented for signature. He had been called in by 488th MID's Jack Crichton [see own entry] at around 1655hr, having just spent 25 minutes on the phone to the FBI reporting that he had been acquainted with TV suspect LHO.

Mandelson, Peter [Baron Mandelson]2008: [Often, disparagingly, the Prince of Darkness] Political spin doctor, campaign manager, and politician in his own right [Lord]2008 Peter Mandelson [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for serving Labour Party leader Neil Kinnock as Director of Communications 1985-1991, allowing the Labour Party to make some improvement in the 1987 General Election, (b) for entering Parliament as the member for Hartlepool in the 1992 General Election, (c) for masterminding Labour's highly successful 1997 General Election campaign, being promoted to Cabinet level in Tony Blair's first administration, (d) for serving as European Commissioner 2004-2008, (e) for pronouncing that the Labour Party had become unelectable again after Jeremy Corbyn's September 2015 Leadership Election victory, (f) for campaigning as a Remainer in the 2016 Brexit Referendum, and (g) for being mentioned in BBC whistleblower John Sweeney's [see own entry] 4th November 2019 letter [see Timeline that date].

Mannlicher-Carcano C2766: At the time of writing [February 2018] the official version of the assassination narrative remains as it has always been, namely that JFK was killed by LHO firing a 41-inch-long variant of a 6.5mm Mannlicher-Carcano [Wikipedia technical briefing] with item stamp C2766. An article by Keith Wheeler in the 27th August 1965 edition of Life Magazine entitled "Cursed Gun - The Track
of C2766” [online at Google Books - FASCINATING] goes through this weapon’s provenance in some detail, from Italy to Louis Feldsott’s Crescent Firearms, Inc. (and, indeed, through to its 1965 owner). And here's a curious thing ... "Another curious point is the failure by investigators to find a single Mannlicher-Carcano cartridge other than those, including a live round still in the rifle, discovered at the scene. No extra cartridge was ever found on Oswald or in his possessions. No evidence was found that he ever purchased ammunition at all. If he was the assassin, his only ammunition was at the scene - the cartridge shells lined up as evidence in the assassin's lair. There is no official explanation as to where Oswald supposedly got his four cartridges" (Hurt, 1985, p384).

Other missing elements are gun-oil and pullthrough [small rectangles of cloth for oiling and chimney sweeping the barrel - Ed.] (Summers, 2013e). Browse the Mannlicher-Carcano C2766 Thread to accumulate all the fragments of this story.

Mannlicher-Carcano Charger Clip: A charger clip is a metal pressing designed to hold rifle cartridges - in the case of the Mannlicher-Carcano six of them - in readiness for rapid loading into a weapon's magazine. When needed, the bolt is drawn back and the clip pushed into the magazine from above, by which action it will compress a feeder spring beneath the lowermost round. When the bolt is returned to the firing position it pushes the topmost round out of the clip into the breech. When the bolt is re-opened, a claw at the front of the bolt brings the spent cartridge case with it until it hits a stop, whereupon it is flipped clear of the weapon (that is to say, "ejected"). The feeder spring, meanwhile, pushes the next round to the top of the charger clip so that the process can be repeated. When all the cartridges have been fired the empty clip can be dropped out for re-charging. YouTube a demonstration here. Over the years many histories have asserted that no clip was found with Mannlicher-Carcano C2766, which would - if true - have reduced it to being a manually fed weapon rather than a magazine fed one, with a firing rate of maybe one shot every 5 seconds. For the likely resolution of this debate, click here.


Manning, [Cardinal] Henry Edward: British Roman Catholic clergyman [Cardinal] Henry Manning [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been identified by Quigley (1949) as one of the high-level Circle of Initiates in Cecil Rhodes' 1891 Society of the Elect [see own entry], that is to say, Britain's late-19th-Century deep state. However, he died the following year having never been an active member of it.

Mao, Zedong: [previously transliterated as Mao Tse-Tung] Leader of the Communist Party of China (CPC)'s People's Liberation Army for all but the first few days of the Chinese Civil War [see 12th March 1925ff], Mao Zedong [Wikipedia biography] would become head of the replacement-state People's Republic of China (PRC) on 1st October 1949, and stay in post until his death on 9th September 1976.

***** "I had the son of a bitch killed" *****

Marcello, Carlos: Arriving in the U.S.A. as a 1-year-old Carlos Marcello [Wikipedia biography] worked his way down in the New Orleans underworld until, in the late 1940s, he got to the very bottom as the local Godfather. LHO knew of him as a boy because his mother Marguerite Oswald had once dated his driver. David Ferrie was often his pilot. He reportedly became a sworn enemy of the Kennedys during interrogation by RFK in 1959, and many theories - not least his own (as a sick old man), Davis (1990), and Blakey and Billings (1993) - credit him with ordering the JFK hit.

Marchetti, Victor L.: When consulted by Grover Proctor for his (from-)1980 research into "Oswald's Raleigh Call", one time CIA Assistant Deputy Director Victor Marchetti [Wikipedia biography] identified
the telephone numbers on LHO's DPD telephone call slip as a field agent's emergency contact numbers. Browse the [Raleigh Call Thread](#) to accumulate all the fragments of this story.

Marcus, Harold Stanley: "Businessman-intellectual" Stanley Marcus ([Wikipedia biography](#)) was president of Dallas' well-respected Neiman-Marcus department store and member of the [Dallas Council on World Affairs](#) (Jackson, 2016).

Margeson, Richard Monroe: Richard Margeson ([no convenient biography](#)) was the FBI informant who reported on 14th April 1975 having associated on and off with Lawrence Howard, Jr. ([q.v.] in Los Angeles, CA, during 1962 - check out [full text online](#). At the time Howard was raising funds for anti-Castro purposes, and on one occasion came accompanied by "a hit man, in his late '20s, 5'6" - 5'9", slender, 135 pounds, former military and a rotten disposition", who went by the name "Lee Harvey".

Markham, Helen Louise: Oak Cliff resident Helen Markham ([Spartacus Educational biography](#)) was the only full-facial witness to the shooting of Patrolman J. D. Tippit. She then fainted, was taken to Parkland Hospital to recover, and then to DPD, where she identified LHO as the assailant in a (procedurally flawed) line-up. Inconsistencies in her testimony were soon detected by Mark Lane - [YouTube his derision now](#). Markham's evidential profile is as follows: Interview to camera ([YouTube it now](#)); Warren Commission testimony ([1st try](#); [2nd try](#); [third and most important try](#).

****** Candidate JFK Footsoldier and Shooter *****

[Targeted to silence LHO; killer of Officer Tippit; went very dark 1963-2007]

Marlow, Gary Eugene: [d. 2007] Highly obscure JFK player Gary Marlow ([no convenient biography but much to reward the determined browser](#)) is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being a friend of #1 Candidate JFK assassin [head shot with a fragrable bullet from the Grassy Knoll - Ed.] James Files - see photograph of the two together, (b) for being tasked with executing Patsy LHO as he arrived at the prearranged rendezvous point - the Texas Theater - to await extraction, (c) for somehow crossing paths with, and killing, DPD Patrolman J. D. Tippit, (d) for being profiled as such - but not named - by Files in a 2003 interview with researcher Wim Dankbaar, and (e) for being identified and named online in 2007, shortly after his death.

Marlowe, Vaughn: [A.k.a. Vaughn Snipes] Korean War veteran (U.S. Army Intelligence) turned (perhaps feigned) left-wing activist Vaughn Marlowe ([no convenient biography](#)) is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being the Secretary of the Los Angeles chapter of the [Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC)](#), and (b) for featuring in Dick Russell's (1992) book "The Man Who Knew Too Much" [Amazon] as an occasional contact of Richard Nagell.

Marrs, James Farrell, Jr: Crusading journalist and best-selling conspiracy author Jim Marrs ([Wikipedia biography](#)) lent his investigative skills to the JFK conspiracy movement in his 1989 book "Crossfire: The Plot That Killed Kennedy". Amongst the key areas of disagreement were ...

Doubts as to LHO's involvement in the death of Patrolman J. D. Tippit.
The role of oilmen angered by JFK's plans to withdraw the oil-depletion allowance.
The role of the military-industrial complex eager to milk a future war in Vietnam.
The role of the CIA irritated by JFK's refusal to back the Bay of Pigs Invasion.

The fact that a near word-perfect manuscript was rejected by all the major publishing houses, one after another, just about says all that needs to be said! Marrs died 2nd August 2017, but not before he had delivered a 5th September 2015 lecture, coincidentally in Dallas, in which he sorted the 9/11 cover-up as well. Sure it was a conspiracy, he said, the biggest in history; but it was conceived, enacted, and concealed by the U.S. government with the pre-assured connivance of the mainstream media. Just like 1963 - [YouTube it now](#).
Marshall, Henry H.: Just doing his job good guy Henry Marshall [Spartacus Educational biography] was an investigator for the Agricultural Administration Agency (AAA), and was murdered 3rd June 1961 for getting too close to the truth in Billie Sol Estes' Cotton Allotment Scam, allegedly on the orders of LBJ, and allegedly by Mac Wallace.

Marsh and McLennan Companies, Inc.: This was the financial services and management consultancy whose data centre and forensic accountants were unlucky enough to have been struck by a direct hit by "American Airlines Flight 11" [q.v.].

Marsh Crisis Consulting: This was the subsidiary of Marsh and McLennan Companies [q.v.] managed from WTC2 by Paul Bremer [q.v.].

Martello, Francis L.: New Orleans police lieutenant Francis Martello [no convenient biography] was the officer who interrogated LHO on 10th August 1963 following his arrest the previous day. It was during this interrogation that LHO requested to speak to an FBI agent - see the entry for John Quigley. Martello's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony (includes a long extract from Quigley’s report) [read it now].

Martens, Layton Patrick ["Kid"]: [a.k.a. Kid Layton] 20-year-old jazz musician Kid Martens [various online obituaries available] was a roommate of David Ferrie at the time of the assassination, having met him while in his Civil Air Patrol squadron in 1958. He was also acquainted with Clay Shaw and Guy Banister, but had not heard of LHO until the assassination. He was subsequently indicted by Jim Garrison for perjury [charges later dropped]. He became an actor in the late 1980s and died of somewhat convenient heart failure on 18th March 2000, aged 57 years, while apparently researching his own book on the New Orleans tales.

Martí Pérez, José Julián: Cuban poet, political activist, author, and - so it is said - unwitting lyricist for the song Guantanamera, and grandfather of the actor Cesar Romero, José Martí [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been "The Apostle of Cuban Independence" between 1881 and his death in battle in 1895. He is instrumental in starting the Cuban War of Independence in 1894 [check it out] only to be killed in action 19th May 1895 at the Battle of Dos Ríos [check it out], aged 42 years. His writings will inspire a later Cuban revolutionary - Fidel Castro.

Martin, Patrolman Billie Joe: DPD motorcycle outrider B. J. Martin [no convenient biography] was riding outside-left of the four DPD motorcycles attached to limo #1, and, after the shooting, stayed with the limo all the way to Parkland Hospital. Officer Martin's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now]; Testimony at the trial of Clay Shaw, 14th February 1969 [read it now].

Martin, Captain (DPD) Frank M.: Police Captain with the DPD's Juvenile Bureau Frank Martin [no convenient biography] was on crowd control in the basement of DPDHQ at the time of the Jack Ruby murder, but was not a close witness. Captain Martin died from cancer 17th June 1966, aged 56 years. His death is one of 115 more or less suspicious assassination-related deaths listed in Roberts and Armstrong's (1995) book "The Dead Witnesses". His evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it here].

Martin, Jack: New Orleans private detective Jack Martin [Spartacus Educational biography] was an associate of Guy Banister and David Ferrie. As such he was destined to become one of Jim Garrison's most important early informants in unravelling at least some of the threads of the JFK assassination conspiracy.

Martin, James: Dallas attorney Jim Martin [no convenient biography] was one of Jack Ruby's lawyers.

Martin, Nancy: Archivist for the Kodak Rochester Archives at the University of Rochester.
Martin, Shirley: [Néé Harris] Oklahoma-based Shirley Martin [Spartacus Educational biography] became an assassination researcher by volunteering her time to Mark Lane. She carried out a number of early witness interviews, including Jean Hill (but not Mary Moorman because she was at the time too scared to talk), Marguerite Oswald, Ruth Paine, and Acquila Clemons. She met with Vincent Salandria in 1965. She finally toned down her researches after her daughter Victoria Martin died from injuries sustained in a perhaps convenient road traffic accident on 8th September 1967.

Martinez, Eugenio: Cuban exile since the Castro Revolution Eugenio Martinez [Spartacus Educational biography] seems to have taken part in Operation Tilt in June 1963 and is mentioned in some theories as having been a spotter for shooter Virgilio Gonzalez in a Dal-Tex Building shooting team.

Martinez Gomez, Reinaldo: Cuban exile Reinaldo Martinez Gomez [no convenient biography] was interviewed in 2007 at age 81 by Anthony Summers and G. Robert Blakey, and named one Herminio Diaz Garcia as having been involved in some way on the day.

ASIDE: We have seen it rumoured that the Cuban exile shooting team was based at the Dallas Trade Mart, and therefore took part in the main event.

Martinez, Ruth Anne: [Sometimes the "girl in the polka dot dress"] In Rod Mac Kenzie's 2016 analysis of the assassination CIA-accredited hit-woman and reportedly a Black Widow in bed Ruth Martinez [no convenient biography] was the radio operator for Mac Wallace's shooter team on the 6th floor of the TSBD. Sample and Collom (1995) suggest she was synchronising with the shooters at the picket fence. Browse the Collins Radio Thread and the Shooter Teams Thread to accumulate all the fragments of Martinez' story.

Martino, John: Middle management mobster John Martino [Spartacus Educational biography] had established a niche for himself looking after Havana's gambling machines in the late 1950s and was therefore vehemently anti-Castro. On 29th July 1959 he was arrested by Fidel Castro's security police and imprisoned for three years. When released in October 1962 he relocated to Miami and actively supported the anti-Castro movement, making contacts with William Pawley, Gerry Hemming, Felipe Vidal Santiago, and Frank Sturgis. One of his first propaganda operations was to work with Operation Mockingbird journalist Nathaniel Weyl [q.v.] to produce the 1963 "media sensation" book "I was Castro's Prisoner". In June 1963 he also took part on the ground in Pawley's Operation Tilt [q.v.]. On 1st October he was in Dallas promoting his book. In January 1964 he and Weyl published an article claiming (a) that LHO had been to Cuba and met Castro, and (b) that he was acting on Castro's behalf in assassinating JFK. Shortly before his death in 1975 Martino would confess to Miami Newsday reporter John Cummings that this had all been a deliberately planted story. Instead, he claimed, he had been peripherally involved in a Cuban exile assassination plot in which the shooters had been Herminio Diaz Garcia and Virgilio Gonzalez. In his 2006/2010e book "Someone Would Have Talked" Larry Hancock suggests that it was LBJ who decided not to pursue the Castro-Oswald connection, primarily because he was by then more interested in expanding the Vietnam War.

Marvin, Daniel: Korean War veteran Daniel Marvin [Spartacus Educational biography] underwent special forces training during the late-1950s and would go on to lead a Green Beret team in high impact operations from 1964. He speaks on camera in Wim Dankbaar's [see own entry] (2007/2020 re-released) documentary movie "The Grassy Knoll" [see firstly the separate entry, and then view on Amazon Prime STRONGLY RECOMMENDED].

***** MOSSAD'S MAN IN NASSER'S PALACE *****
***** "ACER" EVEN THAN REILLY, ACE OF SPIES *****

Marwan, Ashraf: Egyptian socialite cum intelligence agent turned palace mole turned London business tycoon Ashraf Marwan [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for taking the first
step on the ladder to success by marrying President Nasser's daughter in 1966, getting a job in the Presidential office 1968-1976 as dowry, firstly under Nasser and then from 1970 under his successor President Sadat, (b) for becoming Sadat's personal envoy to Saudi Arabia and Libya ...

ASIDE - MARWAN AND THE YOM KIPPUR WAR: Marwan is nowadays widely believed to have passed information to the Israelis in the run-up to the October 1973 Yom Kippur War [Wikipedia briefing], turning his country "into an open book". The primary sourcework for this particular conspiracy theory is Uri Bar-Joseph's (2017) book "The Angel: The Egyptian Spy Who Saved Israel" [Amazon]. It is, of course, standard counterintelligence practice (and one of the mainstays of Shakespearian literature) to sow seeds of doubt in enemy minds as to which of their friends is plotting against them behind their back, however on this occasion we are happy to take the Israeli account at face value.

(c) for relocating to London after Sadat's assassination in October 1981, entering the even nastier war-zone of high finance ...

ASIDE - MARWAN AND TINY ROWLANDS: Marwan features on no less than 23 pages of Tom Bower's (1998) biography of Mohamed Al-Fayed, being heavily involved on the Tiny Rowland "side" in the 1980s battle to acquire the Harrods shopping empire.

(d) for engaging in a little illegal arms trading into Libya, and (e) for being executed 27th June 2007 by being pushed from the balcony of his fifth floor London apartment.

Masen, John Thomas: Dallas gun-dealer John Masen [no convenient biography] was alleged by the La Fontaines in their 1996 book "Oswald Talked" to have mixed gun running with his legitimate gun dealing. It was Masen, for example, who had set up the failed Thunderbird Drop and who knew how to coax arms out of the various military armouries dotted around Texas. He was also one of only two arms dealers in the Dallas-Irving area which stocked the rather obscure 6.5mm ammunition (the other being John Brinegar). His involvement has recently been discussed by Dick Russell in his 2008 book "On the Trail of the JFK Assassins", where, on the subject of the Mannlicher-Carcano C2766, it is noted that Masen had purchased about ten boxes of 6.5mm Mannlicher-Carcano ammunition from Brinegar in early 1963, although he could not subsequently recall to whom it had been sold. The histories also tell that when ATF investigator Frank Ellsworth saw LHO for the first time at DPDHQ on the afternoon of 22nd November 1963 he remarked that Masen would have made a good LHO Look Alike. Browse the LHO Look Alike Thread to accumulate the various fragments of this story.

Masferrer Rojas, Rolando Arcadio: 45-year-old anti-Castro warlord and racketeer Rolando Masferrer [Wikipedia biography] had been associated with Santos Trafficante since arriving in Miami, and, as a disenfranchised Batistiano with money, supported the anti-Castro operations from the shadows. In his 2009 book "The Road to Dallas" David Kaiser suggests that Masferrer wanted to topple the regimes in Haiti and the Dominican Republic in order to make military adventures against Cuba that much easier.

Mason, Theodorus Bailey Myers: Career U. S. Navy officer and intelligence specialist Theodorus Mason [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for persuading Secretary of the Navy William Hunt of the value of centrally collated political and technical intelligence. Hunt will respond by setting up the Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI) and appointing Mason as the new agency's first Chief Intelligence Officer.

Massey, Charles Vincent: Well-born [into Massey tractor money - Ed.] Canadian lawyer-diplomat Vincent Massey [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having graduated from Oxford in 1913 and for having lectured in history at Toronto University until 1915, (b) for marrying the daughter of George Parkin [see own entry] in June 1915, (c) for serving as a staff officer in the Canadian Army during WW1, (d) for entering the Canadian civil service after the war, being promoted to cabinet level in 1924, (e) for undertaking various diplomatic assignments through until 1937, including
attendance at the 1926 and 1937 Imperial Conferences and the 1933 Commonwealth Relations Conference, and (f) for then serving as Canadian High Commissioner in London between 1935 and 1946. Quigley (1949) describes him as leader of the Canadian branch of the Milner Group during the 1930s.

Masterman, Charles Frederick Gurney: British essayist turned Liberal politician turned master-propagandist Charles Masterman [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having entered parliament in 1906 as member for West Ham North, a seat he would hold until 1910, and then again between 1911 and 1914 for Bethnal Green South West, and (b) for having in September 1914 been put in charge of the War Propaganda Bureau [see own entry] at Wellington House, St. James's, a position he would hold until November 1918. [THREAD = WW1 ESPIONAGE AND INTELLIGENCE] [THREAD = CALLERS OF INNOCENTS TO WAR]

Mather, Carl Amos: [Read firstly the entries for T. F. White and Wes Wise.] Collins Radio employee Carl Mather [no convenient biography] was at work at Richardson at the time of the assassination. He was a close neighbour and friend of J. D. Tippit, and the owner of a car with the same registration number as that jotted down by T.F. White at around 1400hr on 22nd November. This latter fact did not emerge, however, until after Wes Wise took the White sighting to the FBI in December 1963. But it transpired (a) that Mather's car was a light blue over medium blue 1957 Plymouth (which did not match the one sought), and (b) that he personally had a high security clearance as a Collins Radio employee (he maintained the installation aboard Air Force Two!). This line of investigation was soon dropped, only to be re-examined by the 1976-1978 House Select Committee on Assassinations under the heading "The Wise Allegation" (HSCA, Volume XII), whereupon it was adjudged that White must have taken the car number down wrongly.

Matlack, Dorothe Kerans: Civil service intelligence analyst Dorothe Matlack [see Quinn (2013)] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for starting off her Department of Defense career in 1951 as a data entry clerk, (b) for being promoted 1954 to intelligence analyst, (c) for thereby getting to play a part in the debriefing of some 37,000 Hungarian refugees displaced by the 1956 Hungarian Revolution, (d) for using that experience to help lay down standard procedures for debriefing defectors and refugees, (e) for using said procedures to good effect in 1962 to help confirm the presence of Soviet missiles in Cuba, and (f) for meeting Haitian banker Clémard Charles [see own entry] and international man of mystery and CIA asset George de Mohrenschildt 7th May 1963 pursuant to an ongoing operation to depose Haiti's President "Papa Doc" Duvalier (HSCA testimony; Le Fontaine and Le Fontaine, 1996, p197; Douglass, 2008, p404).

Matthews, Francis Patrick: [Read firstly the entry for Korean War.] Lawyer, politician, and doyen of the Roman Catholic "Religious Right" [q.v.], Francis P. Matthews [Wikipedia biography] was Secretary of the Navy between 1949 and 1951. He was therefore well-positioned to add his weight to those preaching a pre-emptive attack into North Korea following the latter's summer campaign reverses in the south. He is specifically noteworthy in the present context for his infamous "Aggressors for Peace Speech" [q.v.] in Boston, MA, on 25th August 1950.

Matthews, Russell Douglas: WW2 veteran, Cuban bar owner 1958-1959, Dallas bookmaker, and street-named the "stealthy enforcer" Russell Matthews [no convenient biography, but see Smith (2013) [full text online] had been a "not close" associate of Jack Ruby and knew Lewis McWillie. Matthews' evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED]; House Select Committee on Assassinations testimony [read it now].

Maugham, William Somerset: British writer-spy Somerset Maugham [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) as another example [c.f., Jerome K. Jerome - Ed.] of a patriotic Briton who, being too old for the armed forces, volunteered in 1914 to drive Red Cross ambulances behind the lines, (b) for being recruited in September 1915 as an SIS [=the modern M.I.(6)] agent, and assigned - ostensibly to write - in Switzerland, there to spend eight months monitoring a German black operations network
busily fomenting anti-British feeling in India, (c) for crossing to New York City in October 1916 for discussions with Sir William Wiseman, SIS station chief in that city ...

See the entry for Sir William Wiseman before proceeding

(d) for enjoying a six month cruise of the Pacific islands between November 1916 and April 1917, in company with a (same sex) lover, (e) for returning to marry his (different sex) fiancée in New Jersey a month after getting back, (f) for getting an urgent call from Wiseman in July asking him to act as emissary to Petrograd/St. Petersburg, "on a confidential mission with a view to putting certain phases of the Russian situation before the public in the United States" ...

ASIDE: The situation in Petrograd was especially tense, because Menshevik leader Alexander Kerensky had just replaced Prince Lvov as head of the Provisional Government, signalling a lurch to the left.

(g) for travelling to Petrograd via San Francisco, Yokohama, and the Trans-Siberian Railway (11 days on the train), arriving late August 1917 and finding the city in turmoil, (h) for being granted audiences with Kerensky, finding him sick and "on edge", but grateful to be offered an informal alternative channel of communication, thus ...

"For Kerensky the Englishman was becoming an increasingly crucial contact in his dealings with the Allied powers. The American Ambassador [...] rarely put his head over the parapet, while His Britannic Majesty's representative [=Sir George Buchanan] was proving impossibly obdurate [...] leaving the Russian leader with no direct line to Downing Street other than that provided sub rosa [=secretly] by Somerset Maugham. [...] His briefings were highly rated by Wiseman [...] as both accurate and politically astute" (e4386).

(i) for establishing close contacts with Tomáš Masaryk [see own entry] and his Czech Press Bureau, "recognising its importance as a front for anti-German propaganda as well as for more covert operations" (e4403), (j) for being recalled as at risk of capture in mid-22nd October 1917, just before the Bolshevik success in the October Revolution, and (k) for then retiring on health grounds and enjoying the life of a writer once again. For the fuller story we strongly recommend Hastings (2009 [Amazon]).

**** AN "OUTSTANDING" ANTI-SEMITE (George de Mohrenschildt) *****
Maydell, Berend Rudolph Konstantin von: White Russian émigré from (presumably) the early 1920s, Count Constantine Maydell [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) as sometimes (wrongly) being recorded as a distant cousin of Dimitri and George de Mohrenchildt, (b) for reportedly heading a pro-Nazi film distribution company called Film Facts, Inc. ...

ASIDE: In her (2012) book "Our Man in Haiti" [Amazon - RECOMMENDED], historian Joan Mellen writes as follows ...

"'Film Facts, Inc.' [...] had been organised by Pierpont Morgan Hamilton, a grandson of J. Pierpont Morgan. Film Facts was being run by a 'fifth cousin' of de Mohrenchildt named Konstantin Maydell, who in fact was no relation at all. Maydell's archives contained 'many films of a pro-Nazi nature’” (K427).

Lateer (2017) adds a note to the effect that Hamilton went on to become a U.S.A.F. intelligence officer in 1942, thus implying that Maydell's activities as media propagandist were perhaps under official scrutiny even as they happened.

(c) for promoting in 1939-1940 the fascist propaganda film "Spain in Arms" [see 16th August 1939 flyer, courtesy of D. Anthem AbeBooks vendor] …

***** A MINOR MASTERPIECE OF FASCIST PROPAGANDA *****
CAMEO - MAYDELL AND "SPAIN IN ARMS", 1939: "Spain in Arms" [no IMDB entry] was an English language sub-edit of Spanish President Franco's celebratory (1938) film "España Heroica" [IMDB entry], a film which - being in the Leni Riefenstahl tradition - had already made it to Hitler's Germany as "Helden in
"Spanien" ([filmportal.de entry](http://filmportal.de)). The film is highly noteworthy in the present context for what it tells us about international political propaganda in 1940. The relevant context for June 1940 is as follows ...

1. Britain was already at war with Nazi Germany, and both France and Poland had been overrun.
2. The United States was still a neutral country, with a significant electorate of German extraction.
3. The British wanted the United States on their side and ran subtle propaganda operations aimed at Americans of British extraction. The Germans wanted the United States to remain at least neutral and regularly emphasised Nazism's role in fighting Communism. "Spain in Arms", by showing Franco's defeat of the International Brigade in the Spanish Civil War, was part of this latter charm offensive.

(d) for being interned on Ellis Island 1942-1945 as a "dangerous enemy alien", and (e) for offering his skills to the OSS during the Cold War once Nazism had been rehabilitated by [Operation Paperclip](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Operation_Paperclip), working for a while to Reinhard Gehlen on the CIA's "Russian émigré programs" (Brussell, 2014, pp27-28).

**Mayne, Vicki/y Diane**: [Née Vicki/y Diane Hester; Vicki/y Diane Imhoff, 1968-1970; Vicki D. Mayne] 18-year-old student/lab assistant Vicki/y Mayne ([no convenient biography, but see obituary](http://www.cnn.com/2014/WORLD/americas/05/15/vicki.mayne.obituary)) was apparently interviewed by researcher Harrison Livingstone for his 1993 book "Killing the Truth". She had - Harrison reported - assisted her parents Robert and Pat Hester [q.v.] when reprinting the Backyard Photographs and developing both the Parkland Photographs and the Zapruder Film. Browse the Zapruder Film Thread to accumulate all the fragments of this story.


**McCarrell, Dee**: 20-year-old Dallas County Courthouse staffer Dee McCarrell ([no convenient biography](http://www.cnn.com/2014/WORLD/americas/05/15/vicki.mayne.obituary)) was spectating from her place of work at the time of the shooting. She heard four shots, all/many from the direction of the Grassy Knoll, and was one of the crowd of bystanders who ran in that direction to assist as best. When LHO's name hit the headlines she recalled that the FBI had called the Courthouse about a week before the shooting enquiring for any records in his name. Staff duly located "a couple of documents" and rang them back with the details. She also observed Jack Ruby spending most of 21st November 1963 on Courthouse premises, ostensibly waiting for the County Clerk to come in. Her evidence [that is to say, the four shots, the direction of fire, the Ruby link, and the official foreknowledge of LHO] was not called by the Warren Commission. She was, however, interviewed 15th May 1992 by researcher Tom Meros, who ensured that her evidence made it to the 1994 ARRB enquiry - [YouTube that interview now](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VQc15CtPLgQ).

**McClellan, Oliver Barr**: Texas-born businessman and lawyer Barr McClellan ([Wikipedia biography](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Barr_McClellan)) was author of the 2003 book "Blood, Money, and Power: How LBJ Killed JFK", in which he claimed that LBJ effectively commissioned the assassination, with assistance from Edward Clark.

**McCloy, John Jay**: WW1 veteran (Meuse-Argonne Offensive) turned corporate lawyer in the 1930s (incl I.G. Farben) turned WW2 Republican Party aide and Assistant Secretary of War John J. McCloy ([Wikipedia biography](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_J._McCloy)) is noteworthy in the present context (a) for serving on the 1941 committees which established the OSS and built the Pentagon, (b) for becoming American High Commissioner for Occupied Germany between 1949 and 1952, (c) for serving as Chairman of Chase Manhattan Bank, 1953-1960, and (d) for being selected by LBJ 29th November 1963 to sit on the Warren Commission, thus ...

"President Lyndon Johnson also asked John J. McCloy to serve on the Warren Commission. No less than nine presidents had called on the Wall Street lawyer for special assignments, yet he was little known to the public. McCloy said he entered the investigation 'thinking there was a conspiracy', but left it convinced that Oswald acted alone. 'I never saw a case that was more completely proven,' he asserted" (Brussell, 2014, pp25-26).
McCone, John Alexander: Prominent industrialist [John McCone, Wikipedia biography] had replaced Allen Dulles as Director of the CIA on 29th November 1961.

McCurley, A. D.: Dallas County Sheriff's Deputy A. D. McCurley [no convenient biography] ran to the Grassy Knoll after the shooting, where he spoke to a railman who told him that he had seen smoke from the Picket Fence area. McCurley's evidential profile is as follows: Sheriff's Office Notes, 23rd November 1963 [read it now]; Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED].

McDonald, Maurice Neal ["Nick"]: 35-year-old DPD officer Nick McDonald [no convenient biography] was the officer who arrested LHO in the Texas Theater after Julia Postal had reported the presence of a suspicious character in the balcony of the theater at around 1345hr 22nd November 1963. He was quickly to the back of the theater, where he was let in by John Brewer and Warren Burroughs, who then pointed to where LHO was sitting at the back of the auditorium (not the balcony). Officer McDonald's story is now best finished off in his own words, YouTube narrative to camera and YouTube Re-Enactment on camera.

McFarland, Bryan and Meryl: Bryan and Meryl McFarland were the Liverpool, U.K., tourists engaged in conversation by LHO on the Continental Trailways Bus 5133 trip to Mexico City, 26th September 1963 - see their Warren Commission affidavit for what LHO told them he was up to.

McGann, George: "Gambler, con man, hit man?" (Hughes, 2007) George McGann [no convenient biography] was husband of Babushka Lady Beverly Oliver, and associate of Charles Harrelson.

McGuire, James Rochfort: Irish/South African businessman and Westminster politician J. Rochfort McGuire [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been friend and aide to Cecil Rhodes between 1883 and 1902, (b) for being private secretary to Leander Starr Jameson [see own entry] in 1904, and (c) for being director of the British South Africa Company [see own entry] through to 1925. Quigley (1949) has him as being friendly with Lord Milner but as too old to be counted in Milner's Kindergarten [see own entry].

McHugh, General Godffrey T., USAF: White House Aide Godffrey McHugh [Wikipedia biography] was one of several customary Presidential close escorts (he had, for example, been stationed in the Presidential limo four days previously in Miami) consigned in Dallas to further back in the motorcade. General McHugh's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED].

"God's Angriest Man"

McIntire, Charles ["Carl"] Curtis, Jr.: [Read firstly the entry for Evangelism and Evangelistic Preachers.] Presbyterian fundamentalist preacher turned backroom I-know-bester Carl McIntire [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for helping to promote Presbyterian ministries 1936-1941, helping his mentor John Gresham Machen [Wikipedia biography] to found the Orthodox Presbyterian Church [Wikipedia briefing] in the mid-1930s, (b) for founding the American Council of Christian Churches (ACCC) [see own entry] in 1941, (c) for complementing his physical ministry in 1957 with a daily radio sermon and magazine entitled The Twentieth Century Reformation Hour [YouTube a specimen], railing against such issues as peaceful coexistence with the Soviet Union and the fluoridation of the water supply, (d) for networking with (of like mind) General Edwin Walker and Guy Banister in the early 1960s (Mellen, 2005), and (e) for employing Edgar Eugene Bradley as his representative in California (ibid.).

McIntyre, William T. ["Tim"]: Secret Service Agent Tim McIntyre [no convenient biography] was one of four SS agents riding the running board of Limo#2 (i.e., Motorcade #3, counting the pilot vehicle) in the Dallas motorcade (left side, rear). Agent McIntyre's evidential profile is as follows: Initial Report, 29th November 1963 [read it now]; Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED]; Interview to Camera with Vince Palamara, 1994? [YouTube it now].
McKinley, William: Civil War veteran turned lawyer-politician President\(^{25th, \ 1897-1901, \ \text{Rep.}}\) William McKinley [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been the sponsor of the not universally acclaimed 1890 McKinley Tariff [check it out], and (b) for having been President during the Spanish-American War [check it out].

McKinnon, Cheryl: [Not to be confused with Doris Mumford] Journalism student Cheryl McKinnon [no convenient biography] was speculating the motorcade from the Grassy Knoll. She perceived the shooting as coming from the top of the slope and, upon turning, saw "puffs of white smoke" still hanging in the air. Twenty years later [read it now] she would remain "absolutely sure" that "at least two" of the shots did not come from the TSBD.


\textbf{ASIDE:} While we do not personally subscribe to the Hickey Theory (at worst he would still only be one of three or four shooters involved) we commend McLaren's work to students for its academic thoroughness, its straightforward unambiguous style, and its sustained distrust of lawyer-assisted truths. Remember also that our standard caution to students is that 1992-1993 was a period of significant Establishment obfuscation and counter-conspiracy funding in the wake of the success of Oliver Stone's movie "JFK".

McMahon, Homer: Photographic expert at "Lundahl's Palace" (the CIA's NPIC Lab in Washington, DC), Homer McMahon [no convenient biography] was interviewed 14th July 1997 by Doug Horne concerning his department's involvement with the Zapruder film on the weekend of 24th-25th November 1963. He was called mid-afternoon on Sunday 24th by his boss Art Lundahl, and asked to get a team into the lab in short order because an SS courier was bringing a rush job in. He duly rounded up Ben Hunter, and went in to work. In due course SS Agent "Bill Smith" arrived with an "unslitted" positive of the Zapruder Film which, he said, had just been developed at Hawkeye.

\textbf{TECHNICAL ASIDE:} The then popular "Double 8" range of home movie cameras actually contained a 25-foot spool of 16mm film, only one 8mm track of which was exposed at a time. The spool was then turned over at end, and the return 8mm track exposed. The development process was thus (a) to fix a 16mm negative, (b) to produce a 16mm positive, (c) to split the 16mm into two 8mm longitudinal halves, and (d) to splice those two halves together end-to-end giving a 50-foot spool of 8mm film for projection. \textit{[Bearing in mind that we have already identified this version of the film as having been doctored by Hawkeye to fit the lone gunman theory (see the entry for Dino Brugioni) we presume that Hawkeye were in such a hurry to get Agent Smith on the road (and were making further positives from their negative anyway) that they dispensed with (c) and (d) on this occasion.]}

NPIC's task was to study the film and produce three sets of Briefing Boards, each mounting 28 selected 4" x 5" still blow-ups, for consideration and analysis elsewhere in the interested agencies. It is one of these [doctored - Ed.] boards which today graces the National Archives. In his 2006/2010e book "Someone Would Have Talked" Larry Hancock adds that while viewing the film together McMahon told the SS man that he had been a trick shooter in his youth and was skilled at spotting shooting positions from bullet impacts. In his opinion, he said, the Zapruder Film evidenced six to eight shots, taken from three directions. Browse the Zapruder Film Thread to accumulate all the fragments of this story.

McMillan, Priscilla Johnson: [Née Priscilla Johnson] Possibly an on-and-off CIA operative (Summers, 2013e) Priscilla McMillan [Spartacus Educational biography] had been Moscow correspondent for the North American Newspaper Alliance at the time of LHO's defection. She interviewed LHO in Moscow in 1959, and may have set up Aline Mosby's patsification interview (she herself promoted the view that he was "the stuff of which fanatics are made"). After the assassination she befriended Marina Oswald, whose story she would subsequently tell in her 1977 "fairy story" (unimpressed
Amazon reviewer) "Marina and Lee". McMillan's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony (as Priscilla Johnson) [read it here]; Assassination Records Review Board testimony [read it now].

**INSET:** Having once applied to work for them, the CIA's assessment of Johnson was that she "can be encouraged to write pretty much the stories we want" (Summers, 2013c, p167), and that she was on "official business" at the time of the 1959 interview. Her book "Marina and Lee" closely follows the Warren Commission party line, and therefore, knowing what we now know about Operation Mockingbird [q.v.], the diligent researcher will automatically need to exclude the possibility that it is a sponsored counter-conspiracy work.

**McNamara, Robert Strange:** Robert McNamara [Wikipedia biography] was Secretary of Defense between 21st January 1961 and 29th February 1968.

**McWillie, Lewis:** Professional gambler Lewis McWillie [Spartacus Educational biography] was an associate of Santos Trafficante and Meyer Lansky, and manager of the Tropicana Casino in Havana, Cuba, in the late 1950s. Deported by Fidel Castro he is put in charge of the Tropicana Casino, Las Vegas. On 17th November 1963 he was seen with Jack Ruby in Las Vegas, at which time some theorists believe he gave Ruby the mob's share of the assassination expenses.

**Meagher, Sylvia:** Assassination researcher Sylvia Meagher [Spartacus Educational biography] was author of the 1967 book "Accessories After the Fact", the first large-scale and systematic documenting of the flaws in the Warren Commission's conduct and conclusions.


***** ACCESSORY TO CONSPIRACY, WW1 *****

**Mears, Sir Edward Grimwood:** British lawyer [Sir] Edward Mears [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context for being mentioned in Chapter 12 of Jim Macgregor [see own entry] and Gerry Docherty’s [see own entry] 2017 book "Prolonging the Agony" [see own entry]. In this particular chapter the authors are questioning the true motives for the Anglo-French move against the Dardanelles in Spring 1915 [see entire thread from 1st January 1915], suspecting that the whole thing was a deliberately engineered piece of political theatre designed to keep the Russians in the war by promising them Constantinople. Mears, they note, acted as Secretary to the subsequent whitewash, the Dardanelles Commission [see own entry]. [THREAD = BEST KEEP THIS FROM THE COMMON MAN]

**Medical International Cooperation Organisation (MEDICO):** See the entry for Thomas A. Dooley.

**Meinertzhagen, Richard:** Well-born British banker turned careerist British Army officer turned intelligence officer turned Zionist lobbyist Richard Meinertzhagen [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being military intelligence chief in Nairobi, East Africa, for the period 1915-1916, (b) for being transferred to Cairo in early 1917, there to incorporate information coming in from Aaron Aaronsohn’s [see own entry] Palestinian intelligence network into the plans for General Allenby's ultimately successful Holy Land Campaign [see 31st October 1917], (c) for being part of the British delegation to the 1919 Versailles Peace Conference, (d) for serving as Allenby's Chief Political Officer during the creation of the Palestinian Mandate [see sub-thread beginning 28th June 1919], but (e) for being officially criticised in the 1920 Palin Commission Report [see 1st July 1920] for allowing "a definite anti-Arab bias and a prejudice in favour of Zionism" in failing even-handedly to control the Arab Riots that Spring [see 4th April 1920].
Melville, George Wallace: Civil War veteran (U.S. Navy) and career navy officer Commodore George Melville [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been appointed Chief of the Bureau of Steam Engineering by President Grover Cleveland on 9th August 1887. He will stay in post until retiring as Rear Admiral in 1903, during which 15 years he will ease the introduction of fuel oil to replace coal - check it out. As the navy's resident expert on coal it is surprising that he was neither called to serve on, nor give evidence to, the Sampson Inquiry Board into the sinking of USS Maine [see 21st March 1898]. His own considered opinion on that sinking was that it was, indeed, bunker-related.

Menninger, Bonar: Assassination researcher Bonar Menninger [Spartacus Educational biography] was author of the 1992 book "Mortal Error", in which the case was made that one of the SS agents in limo #2 accidentally killed JFK with his AR-15. After a court case for libel the claim went quiet, only to resurface in 2011 in online documentaries. To save backtracking let us repeat here what we said in the entry for the SS agent in question, George Hickey ...

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: We see no value whatsoever in this particular line of argument. Indeed, in pure counterintelligence terms, the more crackpot ideas you can get into the discussion space, the more effectively you will be subconsciously discrediting the genuine workers.

Indeed the story is worthy of the CIA's Mr. Disinformation himself, George Joannides, for it has worked all too well.

Mentensana, Charles Ernest: Dealey Plaza spectator Charles Mentesana [no convenient biography] took home movie footage of the police search some time after the shooting - YouTube it now.

Mentorn Media: Founded in 1985 and presently with offices in London and Glasgow, Mentorn Media [Website; LinkedIn entry] is noteworthy in the present context for having been mentioned in Marcus Moore's [see own entry] (2018) article "BBC's 'Churnalism'' - read it now - as being the contractual provider to BBC Question Time of the audience production services of Alison Fuller/Pedley [see own entry].

Mentzel, William Duane: DPD patrol sergeant (Car 84) William Mentzel [no convenient biography] was on lunch break in Luby's Cafeteria at 430 West Jefferson Boulevard at the time of the assassination. [TIMESLIP AT THIS JUNCTURE] He may then well have been one of the two officers sent (although not by the DPD Despatcher) to Oak Cliff on a BOLO for an assassination suspect [see the entry for Edgar Tippit]. He then attended a "Signal 7" (road traffic accident) at 817 West Davis Street at 1311hr, and stayed there until just before receiving the call to the scene of the J. D. Tippit shooting. Mentzel's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED].

Mercer, Julia Ann: 23-year-old employee of an automat distributor Julia Mercer [no convenient biography] had been driving at about 1100hr in the slow lane of Elm Street, heading west, when - in one version of the story - she had been brought to a halt at about "40 or 50 feet east" of the Elm Street arch of the triple underpass by a "green Ford" "pickup truck" half up the kerb, with its bonnet open as though broken down. She had seen a man at the wheel whom she later identified in an apparently well-conducted photo-identity session as Jack Ruby. She had also seen a second man reach into the back of the pickup and remove "what appeared to be a gun case" "3½ to 4 feet long". She had then properly frowned up the driver as she passed the pickup [as you do when others force you to change lanes - Ed.]. Her evidential profile at this stage is reasonably straightforward: Affidavit, 22nd November 1963 [read it now].

WHAT HAPPENED NEXT: From now on, confusion, sloppy research, lazy authoring, and perhaps even a counter-conspiracy intelligence operation get to work. Here are some of the anomalies which presently [February 2018] corrupt the Internet version of this narrative: (1) Mercer made a second affidavit on 23rd November to the FBI which may or may not have included a photo-matching session. (2) The stopping point is sometimes moved beyond (west of) the underpass. (3) In any event Jack Ruby has already been recorded by Jerry Coley as being in the offices of the Dallas Morning News at the time in question. (4) The other man
becomes identified as LHO. (5) Jim Garrison reported - and perhaps overplayed - further interrogations. (6) Oliver Stone perhaps overplayed the incident in his 1991 movie "JFK". (7) The Internet commentators descend into total chaos. We shall therefore leave this one on the Unsolved Riddles Thread.

On the positive side, DPD despatcher's records confirm the blockage being reported at 1107hr and cleared shortly afterwards, which is just as well because the vehicle was blocking the motorcade route and they were about to tow it.

Meros, Tom: Historian of rock and roll, campaigner for honest justice, and about the coolest assassination researcher out there Tom Meros [Homepage] has conducted important interviews with Dee McCarrell, Buell Frazier, and Patricia Puckett (this latter one raising the spectre that LHO - already under severe pressure to get to the scene of the J. D. Tippit murder in time to actually do the killing - wasted a minute of valuable shooting time waiting at the bus stop outside 1026 North Beckley Avenue). Meros' evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED]; Assassination Records Review Board testimony, 1994 [read it now].

Mertz, Michel Victor: See the entry for Jean Souetre.

***** Not all researchers accept that the close sequence of *****
***** the following two entries can be as coincidental as *****
***** was officially claimed when it first came to light *****

Mexican Tourist Card 824084: Card affording short term travel permission in Mexico, issued 17th September 1963 to CIA officer William Gaudet at the Mexican Consulate, New Orleans.
Mexican Tourist Card 824085: Card affording short term travel permission in Mexico, issued 17th September 1963 to LHO at the Mexican Consulate, New Orleans.

Meyer, Cord: WW2 veteran (front-line U.S.M.C.) and CIA staffer on and off since 1949 Cord Meyer [Wikipedia biography] had been involved with Operation Mockingbird in the early 1950s and was the CIA's Head of Covert Action at the time of the assassination. E. Howard Hunt would claim in his famous deathbed confession that Meyer plotted the assassination with LBJ to avenge his ex-wife's affair with JFK.

Meyer, Mary: Artist and society beauty Mary Meyer [Wikipedia biography] had been married to CIA man Cord Meyer from 1945 to 1958, and from 1961 had an apparently intense affair with JFK. She died 12th October 1964, shot to death while out jogging. Peter Janney makes much of these occurrences in his 2013 book "Mary's Mosaic".

Michell, [Sir]1902 Lewis Loyd: [sometimes incorrectly Lloyd and/or Mitchell] South African financier (Standard Bank of South Africa) and real estate specifier [Sir]1902 Lewis Michell [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context for being Cecil Rhodes' banker, a director of the British South Africa Company, and a Rhodes Trustee.

Mickelson Siegfried ["Sig"]: CBS news chief Sig Mickelson [no convenient biography but lots to reward the determined browser] is noteworthy in the present context for generally helping his boss William S. Paley [see own entry] align CBS field and editorial resources in support of covert CIA operations across the globe.

Mif, Pavel: [Pseudonym for Mikhail Alexandrovich Fortus] Ukrainian Bolshevik Pavel Mif [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been Rector of Sun Yat-Sen Chinese University [Wikipedia briefing] in Moscow from 1925 to the early 1930s, and for having thereby helped sow Russian Communist ideals in the minds of Chinese students such as Wang Ming [see own entry] and the 28 Bolsheviks [see own entry]. He also spoke to Chinese affairs on the Central Committee of the Comintern [see own entry] only to be embarrassed in 1929 by Wang's failure to swing China into the Russian political camp. Modern Chinese Communism instead went on to follow the home-grown model developed by the likes of Zhou Enlai [see own entry] and Mao Zedong [see own entry].
Milam, Wallace: Assassination researcher Wallace Milam [no convenient biography] was one of the investigators for both the House Select Committee on Assassinations 1977-1978 and the Assassination Records Review Board 1993-1994. For a selection of his writings, click here.

Milchan, Arnan: See the entry for "The Medusa Touch".

Military-Industrial Complex: See the entry for Dwight D. Eisenhower. Browse the Military-Industrial Complex Thread to accumulate all the fragments of this story.

Military Intelligence Branch (MIB) [U.S.]: Founded in February 1918 by re-organising an earlier "Military Intelligence Section", the Military Intelligence Branch (MIB) [mentioned in Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context as the U.S. Army's intelligence arm in Spring 1918, at the time the United States first fell out of love with the Bolsheviks in Russia. The unit will be re-organised again in June 1918 to create the Military Intelligence Division (MID) [see next entry].

Military Intelligence Division (MID) [U.S.]: Founded in June 1918 by re-organising the antecedent Military Intelligence Bureau [see preceding entry], the Military Intelligence Division (MID) [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context as the beating heart of U.S. military intelligence operations between the wars - see, for example, the entry for John L. Magruder. The unit will be re-organised in its turn in March 1942 to create the Military Intelligence Service (MIS) [see next entry].

Military Intelligence Service (MIS) [U.S.]: Founded in March 1942 by re-organising the antecedent Military Intelligence Division [see preceding entry], the Military Intelligence Service (MIS) [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context as the U.S. Army's intelligence arm during WW2. The unit will be re-organised in its turn in 1946 into the modern U.S. Military Intelligence Corps [Wikipedia briefing].

Miller Doctrine: This is the principle adopted on the international stage in 1950 by Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs in the Truman Administration Edward Miller [check him out]. It states that the United States is prepared to intervene unilaterally in errant Latin American countries if faced with "Communist political aggression", but only if collective action is not an option.

Miller, Edward G., Jnr.: Lawyer-politician with sugar industry interests Edward Miller [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs in the early 1950s, and for having formulated, and on occasions applied, the Miller Doctrine [see own entry].

Miller, Lawrence Reginald: As recorded in the La Fontaines' 1996 book "Oswald Talked", Lawrence Miller [no convenient biography] was passenger and senior villain in the gun-running Stolen Thunderbird when it crashed in Dallas while attempting to evade arrest on the evening of 18th November 1963. He was still sporting a "smashed-up face" when he was led into the holding area at DPDHQ on the evening of 22nd November, past the cell triplex containing Daniel Douglas, John Elrod and LHO. See the entry for John Elrod for the continuation of this story.

***** DEEP STATE ARCH-CONSPIRATOR, WW1 *****

***** DEEP STATE ARCH-CONSPIRATOR, NEW WORLD ORDER *****

Milner, [Sir]1895 Alfred, [Baron Milner]28th May 1901 [1st Viscount Milner]1902; Lawyer, turned journalist, turned (failed) politician, turned foreign service diplomat, and between 1897 and 1901 British High Commissioner for Southern Africa, Lord Milner [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for his business interests in mining companies and banks, (b) for founding the Round Table [Wikipedia briefing] and generally serving the early New World Order conspirators [see the entries for Cecil Rhodes, Milner's Kindergarten, and Milner-Rothschild Conspiracy], (c) for having been one of Lloyd...
George's 1916 War Cabinet, and (d) for having produced the definitive version of what went on to be the 1917 Balfour Declaration [see 2nd February 1917]. The circumstances surrounding this last were explained 20 years later to the House of Commons by Colonial Secretary William Ormsby-Gore [see own entry], thus ...

"This further fact should be known, that the draft as originally put up by Lord Balfour was not the final draft approved by the War Cabinet. The particular draft assented to by the War Cabinet, and afterwards by the Allied Governments, and by the United States, expressed in the Resolution of Congress and finally embodied in the Mandate, happens to have been drafted by Lord Milner. The actual final draft had to be issued in the name of the Foreign Secretary but the actual draftsman was Lord Milner" (Hansard, 21st July 1937 [full text online]).

Milner's Ginger Group: [A.k.a. The Monday Night Cabal] This is the name often given to the sub-group of Lord Milner's co-conspirators who were brought together at some time in mid-1915 to provide unofficial direction to Asquith's constitutionally founded WW1 War Cabinet (which with some justification they regarded as "22 gabbers round a table with an old procrastinator in the chair"). Many of its members had previously been through Milner's Kindergarten [see own entry], whilst others were just ideologically sympathetic senior members of the British Establishment. Here are some of the names regularly mentioned in the literature as having been involved ...

Leopold Amery [see own entry]; Waldorf Astor [see own entry]; Lord Carson [see own entry]; Geoffrey Dawson [see own entry], editor of The Times; Philip Kerr, Lord Lothian [see own entry]; Leander Starr Jameson [see own entry]; Lloyd George [see own entry]; Lord Milner himself; F. S. Oliver [see own entry]; General Sir Henry Wilson [see own entry].

When the Asquith government finally fell 6th December 1916 it was simplicity itself to move key personnel out of the darkness and into the light. Lloyd George became prime minister, of course, that same day, Milner became a Minister without Portfolio, Carson became First Lord of the Admiralty, and General Wilson became Lloyd George's personal military advisor. The phrase "Monday Night Cabal" was coined by historian Alfred Gollin in 1964.

***** DEEP STATE ARCH-CONSPIRATORIAL COVEN *****
***** THE NEW WORLD ORDER CONSPIRACY *****

Milner's Kindergarten/Milner Group: This phrase was coined by forensic historian Carroll Quigley [see own entry] in his microscopically precise 1949/1981 book "The Anglo-American Establishment" [Amazon], originally to describe a couple of dozen bright young civil servants working for the High Commissioner for the emerging South Africa, Lord Milner, who were not just good at their jobs but shared Milner's dream of the British Empire as a suitable backbone for a New World Order presided over by Cecil Rhodes' Society of the Elect [see own entry]. Described sometimes as a "Round Table of Empire Loyalists", they grew increasingly influential during the 1900s only to find themselves surplus to requirements with the formation of the Union of South Africa in 1910. They therefore drifted back to Britain and put their energies instead into the Round Table Movement [see own entry]. The members usually listed by historians are as follows (all have their own entries) ...

Leo Amery; Basil Blackwood; Lord Robert Brand; John Buchan; Lionel Curtis; Geoffrey Dawson; John Dove; Patrick Duncan; Richard Feetham; Sir John Hanbury-Williams; Lionel Hitchens; Philip Kerr, Lord Lothian; and Fabian Ware.

As the Kinder got older they became the seniors of the Milner Group of the 1920s and 1930s, but they remained essentially an Oxford University old boys' network, much like Skull and Bones [see own entry] in the United States. "One chum drew in another" (Rose, 2000, p47), and many went on to be active members of the Cliveden Set.


Milteer, Joseph Adams: No spontaneous historic deed is ever complete without someone saying that it cannot have been truly spontaneous because they, for one, knew
about it in advance; and for the JFK assassination one of several such someones was this right-wing extremist ...

Georgia-born Joseph Milteer [no convenient biography but much to reward the determined browser] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being a member of the far-right white supremacist National States' Rights Party [Wikipedia briefing] and a number of similar (to use the modern term) neo-Nazi organisations ...

LEST IT BE OVERLOOKED: We have remarked elsewhere that little is known about the deep psychology of zealots of the sort who take the law into their own hands with terrorist acts - see the entry for Personality, Authoritarian and Ethnocentric. For obvious reasons, research into the process(es) of Terrorist Radicalisation [Wikipedia briefing] is receiving a lot of attention nowadays.

(b) for thereby coming to the attention of federal investigators investigating such groups at that time, and for being duly targeted by undercover agent William Somersett [no convenient biography] for a tape-recorded encounter 9th November 1963, in which Milteer boasts that JFK is about to be assassinated, and furthermore gives details as to how it will be done ...

YouTube audio extracts and background.

(c) for being in Dealey Plaza 22nd November 1963 on the eastern sidewalk of Houston Street watching his prediction come true ...

ASIDE: Milteer is one of the six JFK-haters photographically placed in Dealey Plaza by Eaglesham and Schallhorn (2000 [full text online - STRONGLY RECOMMENDED]). We find their photographic evidence pretty compelling, but please check for yourself.

(d) for therefore becoming one of the must-includes of Conspiracist narratives such as Jim Marr's (1989) "Crossfire" [Amazon] and Robert Groden's (1993) "The Killing of a President" [Amazon], and (e) for being killed 9th February 1974 in a mysterious heating stove explosion. His death is one of 115 more or less suspicious assassination-related deaths listed in Roberts and Armstrong's (1995) "The Dead Witnesses".

Ministry of Blockade: The British government's Ministry of Blockade [National Archives briefing] was founded 23rd February 1916 as one of Lloyd George's New Broom Initiatives [see own entry]. For the backstory here, start with the inset to the entry for Maurice Hankey and follow as many of the onward links as you can stomach.

"The damnedest collection of blabbermouths, paranoids, ding-a-lings, and fuckups you have ever seen" (from its era, cited in George and Wilcox, 1996, p224)

Minutemen: Founded in 1960 by professional paranoiac Robert DePugh, the Minutemen [Wikipedia briefing] are noteworthy in the present context for popularising the notion that if the Cold War ever got "hot" there would be a need for a nationwide network of armed guerrilla bands of patriots. From the outset, the Minutemen were billed as "America's last line of defence against Communism". Here, from historians John George and Laird Wilcox's (1996) book "American Extremists" [Amazon], is how the organisation was structured ...

"... the basic unit of the organisation is the squad. The individual squads, composed of between five and twenty-five members, were to have no knowledge of each other. Only the state commanders knew who the squad leaders were, and no records were to be kept of the individual members. The national organisation had no control over the squads, each one of which was to operate as a little army. The only real function of the national organisation was to recruit members through the distribution of literature and to generate publicity for the organisation. […] In reality, most Minutemen members were quickly known to the authorities often within days of their recruitment. The primary reason for this was their own indiscretion coupled with government infiltration and neutralisation. The kind of individual attracted to such a marginal enterprise was often the typical compulsive extremist […]. Whenever individual Minutemen were in trouble with the authorities, which was fairly often, they usually tried to buy their way out by telling everything they knew. Inasmuch as the organisation affected the image of a mixture of James Bond, green beret, and western sheriff, it tended
to attract individuals profoundly moved by authority figures. 'Flip a badge on these guys and you can't shut them up. What most of them want to be is a policeman,' one federal agent said" (George and Wilcox, *op. cit.*, p223).

Unlike the similarly focused (but far more generously bankrolled) John Birch Society, the Minutemen were "always a one-man show with a small following" (*ibid.*, p222), with probably well under a thousand members.

**RESEARCH ISSUE - THE PSYCHOLOGY OF EXTREMISM (AGAIN):** George and Wilcox argue that extremists tend to have a paranoid conviction that they are the only ones holding back their chosen enemy, be they Communist or Fascist (note that it is perfectly possible to have rightist anti-left and leftist anti-right covens vying for the same backwoods in the same county). Extremists like to see themselves as "very important in shaping the forces of history" (p84). They want to believe in their particular guru's claims because, ultimately, those beliefs are part of them, regardless of whether they are true or not, and in the final analysis they "need something on which to blame their lack of personal satisfaction" (*op. cit.*, p84). (George and Wilcox refer back to Richard O. Curry and Thomas M. Brown's (1972) book "Conspiracy: The Fear of Subversion in American History" [Amazon], which was a pioneering exploration of a sensitive research area.) Unfortunately, there is as yet no widely accepted theory of human identity, and so neither is there any professorial agreement on how things might be improved.

The Minutemen were one of the right-wing organisations infiltrated after the 19th December 1961 Reuther Memorandum prompted RFK to instruct the FBI to extend their anti-left COINTELPRO program (active since 1956) to include right-wing targets as well …

**LEST IT BE OVERLOOKED:** COINTELPRO was the program which the FBI used to turn the pro-Castro Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC) into an anti-Castro operation, simply by collecting the names of its members. And in New Orleans, of course, it famously involved none other than LHO, who, as Turner (2001, pp174-175) puts it, was "conducting a dangle operation to identify Castro sympathisers.

The movement was broken intellectually and financially by the FBI offensive, atrophied during the 1970s, and was finally wound up in 1983. Despite claims by DePugh of a 25,000 membership, George and Wilcox cite several usually reliable sources indicating it was well under a thousand.

**Minyard, Frank:** Pathologist Frank Minyard [no convenient biography but several online snippets available to the determined browser; note the occasional accusations of covering up police brutality (although we guess this is all part of the Medical Examiner's typical day)] IS noteworthy in the present context (a) for becoming New Orleans Coroner the day following the 25th May 1968 death of Nicholas Chetta, a position he would hold until retiring 5th May 2014, aged 84 years, (b) for eventually gravitating toward the view that the death of David Ferrie - judged suicide by Chetta - was more probably a murder by the forced ingestion of drugs, possibly his own prescription medicine, (c) for attempting to open a Coroner's inquiry into the 15th August 1974 death of Clay Shaw, only to back off on the grounds that the deceased had been under the active medical care of Dr. Hugh Batson in the preceding hours (Baker, 2014) ...

**ASIDE:** There is no doubt that Shaw was in the final stages of terminal cancer. Coroners exist to explain sudden deaths, and are typically not needed when a patient passes away in the care of an attending physician capable in their own right of deciding cause of death.

and (d) for being told by film-maker Oliver Stone that he could not have a bit part as a doctor in "JFK" because he did not look the part :-) (Mellen, 2005).

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"Mister B": According to ex-Marine David Bucknell, "Mister B" [no convenient biography] was a shady middle echelon CIA recruiter-organiser for operations against Fidel Castro and his Soviet advisers in around 1959. He was described by Bucknell as "a Hispanic man in civilian clothes with a flat-top
haircut". He recruited both LHO and Bucknell [see the Bucknell entry for more on this], and perhaps also Kerry Thornley [see the Thornley entry for more on this].

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MKULTRA: [variously MK/Ultra, MK-ULTRA, etc.] Code name for a top secret CIA "spychiatrist" program [Wikipedia hagiography], spawned in 1953 and not officially acknowledged until 1977. The research effort was distributed amongst 162 separate universities and military centres on a need to know basis, and one of its strategic aims was to create "Manchurians", that is to say, human robots - programmable killers. Another line of research was Sidney Gottlieb's work on poisons and psychoactive drugs at Randolph AFB, San Antonio, TX.

Model, F. Peter: Assassination researcher F. Peter Model [no convenient biography] was the the co-author with Robert Groden of the 1975 book "JFK: The Case for Conspiracy".

Mofaz, Shaul: Six-Day War veteran Shaoul Mofaz [Wikipedia biography] was Chief of Staff of the Israeli armed forces at the time of the 18th January 2002 Defense Policy Board meeting in Washington, DC, at which the Israelis' 1982 Yinon Plan [q.v.] was substantially resurrected.

Mohrenschidt, George/Jeannine de: See under de Mohrenschidt.

Moncada, José María: Nicaraguan centrist politician President[1929-1933] José Moncada [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for maintaining a relatively independent Nicaragua in the years 1929 to 1933. His period in office coincided with his USMC advisors beefing up the Nicaraguan National Guard under the command of Anastasio Somoza, Snr. [see own entry].


"The Mond companies made great profits during the prolonged war. In 1915 Britain sent twelve times the amount of Nickel to Sweden than it had in 1913. There it was either manufactured into war materials and sold to Germany, or re-exported in its raw state. [... Nevertheless] Alfred Mond ended his career as Lord Melchett of Landforth. It's too true to be believed" (Macgregor and Docherty, 2017, p472"

For the full details of the failure of the British blockade to save British lives on the battlefield see either the entry for Admiral Montagu Consett or else that for Ministry of Blockade, following the onward links in either case. [THREAD = THE WW1 FINANCIAL AND ARMAMENTS INDUSTRIES] [THREAD = WW1 INSIDER TRADING AND PROFITEERING]

Mondoloni, Paul: Corsica born but Montreal based mobster Paul Mondolini [Wikipedia biography] has recently been linked to a suspected Corsican shooting team. Browse Corsican Hit Team Thread to bring together the parts of this story.

Monroe, James: President[5th, 1817-1825, Dem.Rep.] James Monroe [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been the architect of the Monroe Doctrine [check it out].

Monroe Doctrine: A statement of principle made by President James Monroe in his 2nd December 1823 State of the Union Address, to the effect that the independent states of Central and South America "whose independence we have [already] acknowledged" are no longer "to be considered as subjects for future colonisation by any European powers". This doctrine was quoted by JFK in 1962 as grounds for his stand against the Soviets in the Cuban Missile Crisis.
Montego Bay: Montego Bay is a popular holiday paradise at the north-western tip of Jamaica, where many old plantation estates have been reborn as holiday destinations. For example, check out the Tryall Resort.


Montgomery, L. D.: DPD Homicide Bureau detective L. D. Montgomery [no convenient biography] was despatched to the TSBD and in assisting the search of TSBD6 found the empty paper sack later believed to have transported a rifle. Montgomery's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [Part #1; Part #2].

Mooney, Deputy Luke: Dallas County Sheriff's Deputy Luke Mooney [no convenient biography] was one of the law officers who entered the TSBD a few minutes after the assassination. For the primary account of the ensuing search, see the entry for Harry Weatherford. Mooney's evidential profile is as follows: Sheriff's Office Notes, 23rd November 1963 [read it now]; Warren Commission testimony [read it now].

"A very nice fellow"

Moore, James Walton: Mid-echelon CIA officer J. Walton Moore [Mary Ferrell Foundation database entry] is noteworthy in the present context as LHO's Domestic Contact case officer in Dallas in the period 1962-1963. Specifically, it was he who arranged for international man of mystery and CIA asset George de Mohrenschildt to befriend LHO as "babysitter" in the period October 1962 through March 1963. FURTHER READING: There are some interesting references to him (under the name "Walter Moore") in de Mohrenschildt's Warren Commission testimony - check it out [incls the banner quotation above].

Moorman, Mary Ann: At the time of the shooting 31-year-old Mary Moorman [Spartacus Educational biography] was standing with her friend Jean Hill on the south kerb of Elm Street looking north toward the John Neely Bryan Pergola. At Z315 she took a photograph with her Polaroid camera which showed Jackie Kennedy beginning to lean concernedly toward JFK, and had the full Grassy Knoll in the background. The character Badge Man would later be seen in the shadowy background.

Moral Majority: Founded in 1979 by right-wing activist Paul Weyrich and evangelist Jerry Falwell, the Moral Majority [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context as a major force within America's modern Religious Right.

***** HE KILLED SO MANY, THEY REWARDED HE ...*****

Morales, David ["Diddy"] Sánchez: [A.k.a. El Indio; Codename Hector] U.S. Army veteran turned careerist CIA contractor David Morales (Wikipedia biography) is noteworthy in the present context (a) for learning his craft as a young man with the Allied Occupation Forces in post-WW2 Germany, (b) for making sufficient impression with the executive action people of that era to get him contracted into the CIA in 1951, (c) for taking part in the 1954 Operation PBSUCCESS against President Árbenz of Guatemala [see 18th June 1954], (d) for moving on to Caracas, Venezuela, between 1954 and 1958, there becoming the CIA's top assassin in Latin America, (e) for then moving to Cuba in 1958 to help rid President Batista of some of his more turbulent priests, (f) after Batista's 1959 ouster by Fidel Castro for being head-hunted by William Harvey to JM/WAVE, the CIA's giant Miami Station, where he remained during 1961’s Bay of Pigs Invasion and 1962's Cuban Missile Crisis ...

ASIDE: Here, of course, he was the ideal recruit for Operation Mongoose operations in general and ZR/RIFLE in particular, targeting Castro.
(g) having already contributed toward the deposing of one president, for naturally becoming of intense interest once authors started to place him in the crowd on Dealey Plaza on 22nd November 1963 (at the back of the Altgens6 photograph) ...

**ASIDE:** Morales would be one of the nine persons identified by Bradley Ayers [see own entry] in 1994 as having "intimate operational knowledge" of how the JFK assassination had been put together. Eaglesham and Schallhorn (2000 [full text online - STRONGLY RECOMMENDED]) show we-think-damning photographic evidence, but please check for yourself.

(h) for allegedly returning to Cuba in 1965 during for an operation against Che Guevara, (i) for following Ted Shackley to Laos in 1966 to perform similar services in the Laotian Civil War, (j) for allegedly taking a break in June 1968 to assist the assassination of RFK, (k) ditto for Vietnam in 1969, (l) ditto for Chile in 1970, where he helped Augusto Pinochet overthrow President Allende in September 1973, (m) also in 1973 for famously remarking to a friend during a conversation about JFK that "Well, we took care of that SOB, didn't we!", (n) for retiring to an advisory position in Washington as consultant on Operation Condor [see own entry], and (o) for being assassinated himself by slow-acting poison during a May 1978 visit to Washington.

**RESEARCH ISSUE:** We have remarked many times elsewhere that little is known about the deep psychology of people capable of cold-blooded murder for financial reward, either in or out of uniform and with or without some specious political justification. Were they denied a fulfilling breast as infants, for example? Or cruelly beaten by a father or denied all sense of self-worth by a mother's unremitting put-downs? Did they see too many war films or browse into the wrong websites? Did they mix unwisely with people on the wrong side of the tracks? Are they narcissistic [Wikipedia briefing]? Anally retentive [Wikipedia briefing]? Overly impulsive [Wikipedia briefing]? Inherently sadistic [Wikipedia briefing]? Sociopathic [Wikipedia briefing]? Psychopathic [Wikipedia briefing]? Or are they just plain evil? Are their minds so shrivelled for want of genuine human warmth that they start out in life as arrogant little shits and go downhill from there? What, in other words, puts the meme into their heads that their allocated victim is just a stick to be broken? **RECOMMENDED READING:** Check out the Hare Psychopathy Checklist [Wikipedia briefing] for some of the answers, and - sadly - a shipload more questions.

Moreing, C. Algernon: British mining engineer C. Algernon Moreing [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been senior partner in minerals brokerage Bewick, Moreing and Company [see own entry] in the period in which Herbert Hoover [see own entry] made a dozen killings.

J. P. Morgan Family (Bankers) at a Glance: The Morgan banking dynasty began when young Boston businessman Junius Spencer Morgan I [Wikipedia biography] met British-based New Englander George Peabody [see own entry] in 1864 and became partner in his London-based investment bank George Peabody and Company. When Peabody retired, Morgan renamed the partnership J. S. Morgan and Company and continued to operate from London. His son John Pierpont Morgan [Wikipedia biography] joined him in the business in 1857, based in New York City, and they reportedly made a lot of money during the American Civil War by knowing the outcome of each battle before the rest of the London Exchange. J. P. Morgan then took over the firm when his father died in 1890, moving its headquarters to the New York City end of the trans-Atlantic telegraph cable. Morgan is noteworthy in the present context (a) for helping to resolve the Panic/Collapse of 1893 [check it out] and the Panic of 1907 [check it out], (b) for helping to expand the American steel industry in the early 1900s, (c) for acquiring International Mercantile Marine Company [Wikipedia briefing] (and with it the famous White Star Line) in 1902, and (d) for his role in the establishment of the Federal Reserve Bank [check it out] in 1913. He also appears in (e), the conspiracy theory that he somehow arranged the 1912 sinking of RMS Titanic in order to murder opponents to his Federal Reserve project and/or defraud the ship's insurers. When J. P. Morgan died in 1913 the company vested in his son John Pierpont Morgan, Jnr. [Wikipedia biography], and evolved over the decades into the modern JP Morgan Chase [Wikipedia factsheet], Morgan Stanley [Wikipedia factsheet], and Deutsche Bank [Wikipedia factsheet]. Because many of John Pierpont, Snr.'s decisions were actually pushed through by partners and/or close business associates, we need also to note the following "Morgan Men": Richard Olney [see own entry], William C. Whitney [see own entry], Henry Davison [see own entry], and Thomas W. Lamont [see own entry].
Morgan, John Tyler: Civil War veteran (C.S. Army), "racist", "Klansman", "ex-slave trader", and Expansionist, lawyer-politician John Morgan [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having tasked himself with ensuring the illegal annexation of the Hawaiian Islands, and for doing exactly that [see 26th February 1894], and (b) for having done exactly the same with Cuban intervention [see 4th May 1897]. He has recently been described as "the most prominent and notorious racial ideologue of his day" (Adams, 2004).

Morgan, Robert Burren: WW2 and Korean War veteran (U.S.N.) Senator Robert Morgan [Wikipedia biography] concluded, on the strength of his work with the Church Committee in 1975, that Fidel Castro had personally masterminded the assassination in retaliation for the CIA's constant attempts on his own life.

Morgan, William Pritchard: "Charismatic and controversial adventurer" (Evans, 2015), Liberal M.P. for Merthyr Tydfil (1888-1900), gold mine entrepreneur, and masonic brother to many in the Edwardian jet set William Pritchard Morgan [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been involved with the Sons of Gwalia Mine [see 13th May 1897] from its development in the mid-1890s to the time Herbert Hoover [see own entry] brokered its sale to Bewick, Moreing and Company [see own entry].

Morissette, Denis: Assassination researcher at the JFKAssassinationFiles website Denis Morissette [no convenient biography] has placed a large portfolio of excellent archive newsreel online - Not least this one - THOROUGHLY RECOMMENDED.


Morris, Errol Mark: Film producer Errol Morris [Wikipedia biography] is reputedly the source of the saying "film is lies twenty-four times a second" (cited in McBride, 2013).

Morris, Robert, Jnr.: Destined to be billed as the "founding father" who financed the War of Independence, British-born merchant-revolutionary Senator[1789-1795] Robert Morris [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been (a) signatory to both the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution, and (b) Chairman of the Second Continental Congress' Secret Committee [see 10th May 1775] during said war. In this latter respect, he worked with long-term business partner Thomas Willing [see own entry] to set up a certain William Bingham [see own entry] as front-man for an offshore commodities exchange cum pirates' lair on the French-owned Caribbean island of Martinique, from where, under the noses of the blockading Royal Navy, American products were exchanged for European munitions and military supplies. After the war he became "Superintendent of Finance" in the nascent U.S. Treasury, and his first task was to set up the new Bank of North America [see own entry]. Retiring from the Treasury in 1789 he mixed senatorial politics with real estate speculation, succeeding only at the former. He was caught over-extended in the Panic of 1797 and imprisoned for debt ($3 million in 1797 money; George Washington reportedly dined with him in his cell occasionally).

***** SENATOR JOSEPH McCARTHY'S MOLE *****

Morris, Robert John: Lawyer, WW2 veteran (U.S. Navy) turned lawyer turned committed right-wing activist Robert Morris [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for a wartime career in U.S. Navy Counterintelligence in the Far East, with experience in leaflet propaganda and interrogation, (b) for acting as counsel to the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Internal Security for the periods 1951-1953 and 1956-1958, working behind the scenes to feed potential scandal to Senator
Joseph McCarthy's anti-Communist witch-hunts, (c) as author of the 1958 post-McCarthy piece "No Wonder We Are Losing" [Amazon], thus ...

"[Morris's (1958) book] was the precursor of all the ultra-paranoid, right-wing rhetoric regarding the missile-gap mania. [...] The publisher, Bookmailer, was run by a former CIA agent, turned Bircher and right-wing extremist, Lyle Munson [no convenient biography but a great deal to reward the determined browser]" (Bevilaqua, 2013, K760).

(d) for being a governor of Dallas University 1960-1962, growing close to Texas right-wing extremists like H. L. Hunt and Generals Edwin Walker and Charles Willoughby, (e) for founding the right-wing pressure group Defenders of American Liberty [see own entry] in 1962, stepping immediately to the aid of General Walker following his arrest September 1962 for inciting racial unrest at the University of Mississippi, (f) for giving the green light to Larrie Schmidt's idea of the 22nd November 1963 Welcome Mr. Kennedy Ad, and (g) for avoiding the post-assassination fallout by taking cover in special needs education 1964-1977.

Mosby, Aline: UPI's Moscow correspondent at the time of LHO's "defection" Aline Mosby [Spartacus Educational biography] had interviewed him at the time, and was then quick to feed her recollection through to the mainstream media after the assassination - YouTube the clip now. Peppered with helpful comments such as "a young boy full of bitterness and hate" who "had indoctrinated himself" she therefore stands accused as part of a coordinated LHO patsification narrative.

Moseley, Thomas: At the time of the assassination, undercover ATF [=Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms] informant Thomas Moseley [no convenient biography] was in the process of reporting to the SS that on 21st November 1963 he had been negotiating an illegal arms deal with Cuban exile Homer Echevarria when the Cuban had told him that the deal would go ahead as soon as JFK had been "taken care" of. The SS passed this report on to the Warren Commission, who included it in their Appendices, but the FBI did not pursue the lead. Browse the ATF Thread to accumulate the various fragments of this story.

"He has no political judgement" (Nicolson, Diaries, 2nd November 1931)

Mosley, [Sir]1928 Oswald Ernald: [Read firstly the entry for Personality, Authoritarian and Ethnocentric, and take the online California F-Scale assessment ESSENTIAL CONTEXT.] British politician and closet authoritarian [Sir]1928 (as baronet) Oswald ["Tom"] Mosley [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for an early career as Conservative Party (later Independent) M.P. for Harrow 1918-1924, followed by a drift leftward to become Labour Party M.P. for Smethwick 1926-1931, (b) for founding the New Party [see own entry] 1st March 1931, only to get a drubbing in the 27th October 1931 General Election (the party fielded 24 candidates, including Mosley himself and senior Versailles diplomat, now journalist, Harold Nicolson [see own entry], but failed to win a single seat [22 of the 24 lost their deposits - Ed.]) ...

YouTube one of Mosley's election speeches here

... (c) for moving back to the right in January 1932, following a study trip to Rome with Nicolson to observe Mussolini's Fascisti at work ...

CAMEO - MOSLEY AND NICOLSON DO ROME: Here is part of Nicolson's recollection of the trip ...

"January 6, 1932, Rome: Spent most of the day reading fascisti pamphlets. They certainly have turned the whole country into an army. From cradle to grave one is cast in the mould of fascismo and there can be no escape. [...] It is certainly a socialist experiment in that it destroys individuality. It destroys liberty. Once a person insists on how you are to think he immediately begins to insist on how you are to behave. [...] [Mosley] cannot keep his mind off shock troops [...] He is a romantic. That is his greatest failing. [The next day:] [Mosley] off to Mussolini. He finds him affable, but unimpressive [and is advised] not to try the military stunt in England" (Nicolson, 2004, pp99-100).

... (d) for going on to become the best-known of all the British fascist politicians and activists during the 1930s ...
ASIDE - MOSLEY THE PRO-NAZI: As we have already explained in the entry for the Cliveden Set [see the entry for Nancy Astor and as thereafter directed], Adolf Hitler was quite a favourite of the Anglo-American Establishment for most of the 1930s, only finally falling from favour in around 1938.

STUDENT EXERCISE - MOSLEY ON THE CALIFORNIA F-SCALE: Read now the entry for Personality, Authoritarian and Ethnocentric, and the provenance of the psychometric test known as the California F-Scale. Alternatively just go straight to the relevant link ...

TEST YOURSELF NOW: How much of a fascist are you? Take an online derivative of the F Scale now - just click here. [RELAX, IT'S ACTUALLY QUITE FUN!]

As an exercise in self-knowledge and 1930s political understanding, readers should complete the self-test TWICE, once as themselves, and then again taking the part of Mosley. Note carefully the questions where you and Mosley agree, and those where you differ.

... (e) for being interned May 1940 as a security risk, and then released on medical grounds into house arrest in November 1943, (f) for an unsuccessful return to politics after the war, calling, for example, in a 1959 election campaign for the forced repatriation of Caribbean immigrants [the idea will be revisited by Home Secretary Priti Patel 2020-2021 - Ed.], and (g) for finally retiring in 1966. He died in 1980, aged 84.

***** "By Deception Thou Shalt Make War" *****

Mossad: [Hebrew = The Institute] Israel's National Intelligence Agency since 1949 [Wikipedia briefing], responsible for intelligence collection, covert operations, and counterterrorism, and thus the equivalent, give or take an Uzi or two, of America's CIA and Britain's MI6.

***** "By Deception Thou Shalt Make War" *****

Mossad Did It Theory of 9/11: This is one of the more intriguing of the 9/11 conspiracy theories. It states, in essence, that Israel prepared the Twin Towers for demolition months before the attacks proper, probably by infiltrating a special operations team into the program of artists' residencies offered by the Lower Manhattan Cultural Council (LMCC) [see own entry]. They then flew remotely controlled drones into the buildings and masked the demolition charges in the ensuing fire and smoke. This explanation has been consistently promoted in the writings of investigative journalist Christopher Bollyn, but gains considerable traction when considered alongside the much-less-circumstantial evidence that the famous 9/11 dust cloud contained tons of post-ignition residues of state-of-the-art nanothermitic demolition materials requiring weeks to put in place and quite unavailable to amateur terrorists. For a quick introduction to the case to answer check out Bollyn's own "Who Really Did 9/11?" or The Corbett Report's "9/11 Suspects" [Corbett is the more easily verifiable of the two - Ed.].

Mower, Dennis Patrick: [1945-2013] [A.k.a. many aliases; criminal record 1964-1967] [Read firstly the entry for the Turner Memorandum.] California-based right-wing activist cell leader, Lutheran and (alleged) Satanist Pastor, and likely Klansman Dennis Mower [Zodiac Suspects datasheet - FASCINATING] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being head of the Southern California chapter of the Minutemen, (b) for being mentioned very briefly by name 16th February 1968 in the Turner Memorandum ...

CAMEO - MOWER IN THE TURNER MEMORANDUM: Here is what the Turner Memorandum had to say about him ...

"Mrs Aydelotte said that a former Minuteman by the name of Dennis Mower [address given] was approached by [Edgar Eugene] Bradley in 1960 when Kennedy was a candidate and visited Los Angeles on a campaign tour. She said that at this time Bradley had the blueprints and plans of the storm drain system of the Sears Department Store Complex and Shopping Center on Laurel Canyon Road [map] in Van Nuys, and that Bradley was trying to induce Mower to hide in part of this system and take a shot at Kennedy when he came by" (pp1-2).

FURTHER READING: There is a wealth of additional detail in a 1999 FOIA'd FBI dossier on Mower's part in the Southern California Freedom Councils - read it here STRONGLY RECOMMENDED.
Moyers, William: White House press secretary Bill Moyers [Wikipedia biography] was the aide who passed on Nicholas Katzenbach's 25th November 1963 suggestions for an assassination cover-up to LBJ.


Mulkey, Charles: Dallas Morning News employee Charlie Mulkey [no convenient biography] was the colleague who went out with Jerry Coley at around 1130hr to get a good spot from which to spectate.

Mumford, Doris: 36-year-old Richardson woman Doris Mumford [no convenient biography] was only recognised as "Sunglasses Woman" in 1973? when her daughter recognised her in a snippet from one the 1963 spectator film clips which had been incorporated into the assassination scene of the 1973 movie "Executive Action" [YouTube it now (Mrs Mumford is at 3:01)]. She had been spectating from the north kerb of Elm Street level with target area, and then fell to the ground where she can still be seen some minutes later in the same state of distress. Sunglasses Woman had until then been mis-identified as Cheryl McKinnon.

Mumford, Pamela, and Winston, Patricia: Pamela Mumford [Warren Commission testimony] and Patricia Winston were Australian tourists engaged (until Monterey) in conversation by LHO on the Continental Trailways Bus 5133 trip to Mexico City, 26th September 1963. See the Warren Commission link above for what LHO told them he was up to.

Murchison, Clinton Williams, Sr.: Archetypal Texas oil baron and long term financial backer of LBJ Clint Murchison [Spartacus Educational biography] was accused in 1988 by Madeleine Brown of holding (in effect) a conspirators' celebration on the evening of 21st November 1963, at which those present included J. Edgar Hoover, Richard Nixon, H. L. Hunt, George Brown, and John McCloy. It has since been reliably established that he had long used the services of the Hotel del Charro, La Joya, CA, to entertain and reward influential people such as Nixon, Hoover, and mobster Carlos Marcello. Browse the Texas Oil Thread to accumulate all the fragments of this story.

Murdoch, [Sir] Keith Rupert: Australian WW1 war correspondent and later newspaper proprietor Keith Murdoch [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having visited Britain in 1907-1909 complete with a letter of introduction from Australian Prime Minister Alfred Deakin, (b) for having returned to Australia in 1910, developing contacts with the new Prime Minister Andrew Fisher, (c) for being selected by Australia's United Cable Service in 1915 to represent them in London, (d) for stopping en route to check out conditions amongst the ANZAC troops in Egypt and Gallipoli, in which assignment he was assisted by a second prime ministerial letter of introduction, this time from Fisher, (e) for delivering a searing exposé of British command incompetence in the form of the Murdoch Affair [see 21st September 1915]. After the war Murdoch would go on to acquire the Melbourne Herald/Sydney Sun newspaper group during the 1920s, expanding it during the 1930s to create the News Limited [Wikipedia factsheet] radio and newspaper group. This period saw the open use of mass media to influence not just the Australian political process, but also - as the price of the group's endorsement - the shaping of party political manifestos and agendas accordingly. Upon his death in 1952 control of his company passed to his son K. Rupert Murdoch [see own entry] who has successfully continued the family tradition.

1ASIDE: This nickname from the 1920s is, of course, intended to contrast him with another equally forthright newspaperman, Lord Northcliffe [<=8th July].

Murdoch, Keith Rupert: [See firstly the entry for Keith Arthur Murdoch, his father.] Australian-American media mogul Rupert Murdoch [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for creating and figure-heading what is presently [April 2018] MSM "Big Six" player 21st Century Fox [q.v.].
Murgado, Angelo: Cuban born Angelo Murgado [Spartacus Educational biography] emigrated to the U.S. in 1956, and played an active part in the expatriot anti-Castro movement in the early 1960s, being present as a Brigade 2506 member during the 1961 Bay of Pigs Invasion. This work brought him to the attention of Manuel Artíme, then setting up Operation40, and Murgado was given the task of monitoring pro-Castro groups in New Orleans for evidence of an operation in the opposite direction against JFK. As he conducted his enquiries in Summer 1963 he came across LHO's activities, only to be reassured that he was an undercover FBI informant [which reassurance was reportedly fed back to RFK]. He eventually met LHO in person on 25th September 1963, shortly before his (Oswald's) return to Dallas. Browse the LHO's Movements 1963 Thread to accumulate all the fragments of this story.

Murphy, Audie Leon: Much-decorated WW2 infantryman turned filmstar Audie Murphy [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for the part he plays in the Gary Wean narrative [q.v.].

Murphy, David Edmund: See the entry for Popov's Mole.

Murphy, Joseph: Three-wheeler DPD motorcyclist [i.e., not motorcade escort - Ed.] Joe Murphy [no convenient biography] was one of three similar units securing the Triple Overpass area, having been instructed "to keep anyone and everyone off of the overpass and to keep traffic moving until the motorcade arrived". He was thus in close proximity to Officers Earle Brown [q.v.] and James Lomax. He would report that there were two uniformed policemen on the eastern overpass, together with 8-10 presumed railway employees. He heard the first shot - "it sounded like a shotgun" - followed by three further shots "more like a rifle". Murphy's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now].

Murret, Charles ["Dutz"]: New Orleans born some time boxer, shipping clerk, and bookmaker Dutz Murret [Spartacus Educational biography] was Marguerite Oswald's brother-in-law (and thus LHO's uncle), and loose associate of Carlos Marcello.

"Well, they're watching Oswald like a hawk, and this guy Nagell is the guy who's doing it" (Jim Southwood, 1962, quoted in Russell, 1992, p457).

Nagell, Richard Case: Korean War veteran (U.S. Army) turned counter-intelligence officer and some time CIA operative Richard Nagell [Spartacus Educational biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for an impressive career in Korea, where he excelled as lieutenant in command of a rifle platoon, (b) for graduating 12th August 1955 from the Counter Intelligence Corps (CIC) School at Fort Holabird, Maryland, later recalling as follows ...

"We opened the mail of civilians with a postal inspector standing right next to us" (quoted in Twyman, 1997, K15515).

RESEARCH ISSUE: We have remarked elsewhere on the rather mysterious Dallas postal inspector, Harry Dean Holmes [see own entry - VERY IMPORTANT], who not only oversaw LHO's mail order rifle delivery but was one of the last to interview him, and for nigh on two hours. The interview finished a mere eleven minutes before Jack Ruby silenced LHO's debriefing for ever. The precise nature of the relationship between the U.S. Mail and military intelligence therefore sorely needs to be documented.

(c) for being posted 5th May 1956 to what had (until his retirement) been General Charles Willoughby's brainchild Field Operations Intelligence (FOI) [no convenient briefing] in the Far East, (d) for claiming to have worked on parallel assignments with LHO centred on Tokyo's Queen Bee nightclub in "late 1957 or early 1958", (e) for retiring from the Army in 1959 to become an agent for the California affiliated office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF) ...
f) for then being contracted by the CIA's Director of Domestic Operations Tracy Barnes [see own entry] to investigate the Cuban exile community in the southern States, looking particularly (he claims) for the risk of backlash against JFK for his not being sufficiently supportive during the Bay of Pigs Invasion ...

ASIDE: These duties required him to monitor the activities of anti-Castro Cuban groups such as Alpha-66 [see own entry].

(g) for being further contracted by the CIA during summer 1963 to check up on Marina Oswald's reported desire to return to the Soviet Union, and LHO's involvement with the FPCC; and for then conducting an unspecified operation in Mexico City in mid-September 1963, during which he seems to have learned something that gave him the proper wind up ...

ASIDE: During these activities Nagell potentially learned of a plot not just to assassinate JFK, but to do it under the false flag of a simulated pro-Castro operation (the same as would later feature in Gary Wean's 1987 book "There's a Fish in the Courthouse"). He may also have concluded that he was being cultivated as a Patsy. Note that LHO's famous week in Mexico City lasted from 25th September to 3rd October, by which time Nagell was in jail in El Paso [see below].

(h) for self-reportedly sending a letter 13th September 1963 to J. Edgar Hoover warning of an assassination plot, (i) for faking a bank robbery in El Paso TX 20th September 1963 [as soon as he got back across the border from Mexico - Ed.], thus giving himself a perfect can't-Patsy-me alibi for the period of the Assassination ...

ASIDE: In his possession at the time of his arrest (and yet to be satisfactorily explained) was a copy of LHO's Department of Defence DD1173 ID Card N4,271,617, identical in most respects - name, number, date of birth, etc. - but with a different picture, the signature "Lee H. Oswald" in a different handwriting, and lacking the two official over-frankings.

ASIDE: Jim Garrison in 1967 to ensure that the Assassination plot to author Noel Twyman only days before suffering a convenient fatal heart attack 1st November 1995 ...

"In a nutshell, Nagell claimed that the plot was a 'domestic inspired, domestic-formulated, domestic conspiracy' to assassinate the president. He said that the CIA-mob plots to assassinate Fidel Castro had some connection to what happened to Kennedy, 'but to assume that the KGB or the CIA or the Mafia did it was a bunch of crap'. Nagell also claimed that the CIA had 'absolutely nothing to do with the assassination,' which 'is not to say that some of their ex-employees were not involved.' This could be a significant statement and evidence of what many have long believed - that the CIA, as an organisation, was not involved in the Kennedy assassination except in the cover-up" (Twyman, 1997, K15592; emphasis added).

Nagell would in due course be named (in our view wrongly) in Richard Sprague's 1985 book "The Taking of America" [Amazon] as one of the dozen or so outer sanctum conspirators in the JFK assassination [sure he was out amongst them, but under deep cover, and that would mean talking their talk and walking their walk - Ed.]. He would also feature in Jim Garrison's 1988 book "On the Trail of the Assassins" [Amazon], and as the eponymous subject of Dick Russell's 1992 book "The Man Who Knew Too Much" [Amazon]. Most recently of all, Stephen Hager describes Nagell in his 2017 book "Killing Kennedy" [Amazon] as "one
of the few trustworthy spooks” (p138), and concludes that on the balance of probabilities he was more likely deployed as a "rabbit hole" - a deliberate counter-intelligence red herring - thus ...

"Nagell died of a heart attack in Los Angeles on November 1st, 1995, and since he lived longer than any other whistleblower, and since nothing substantial ever emerged from any of his revelations, I think it's safe to say at this point Nagell was a rabbit hole and not a true whistleblower. But that's how it goes in the wilderness of mirrors where up is down, and left is right” (p126).

Our Verdict: Just as an experiment, we are going to put our faith in Fort Holabird and General Willoughby's FOI, and treat Nagell as the skilled counter-intelligence operative he had been trained to be. Here, as an exercise in counter-counter-intelligence, are the back-stories and ALT-truths (if any) for each of points (a) through (l) above ...

Reverse (a): We see nothing suspicious in (a), and therefore take Nagell's Korean War experience at face value. Note, however, that no mention is made of intelligence operations in Korea, which is precisely how intelligence officers like it.

Reverse (b): We see nothing suspicious in (b), and therefore take Nagell's CIC training at face value. Indeed it would not surprise us if many of his subsequent constructions were not straight out of Fort Holabird's training manual.

Reverse (c): We see nothing suspicious in (c), and therefore take Nagell's FOI experience at face value. Readers are reminded that Nagell was, during this period, very much in harm's way in one of the Cold War's most active sectors of confrontation. The mere fact that he survived bears witness to how good he was at his work.

Reverse (d): We see nothing suspicious in (d), and therefore take Nagell's Queen Bee experience at face value. The Queen Bee story has been out there since Mark Lane's early works - compare the entry for David Bucknell - but has often been over-played in deliberately disinformative works such as Edward Epstein's "Legend: The Secret World of Lee Harvey Oswald" [Amazon].

Reverse (e): We see nothing suspicious in (e), and therefore take Nagell's ATF experience at face value. Note, moreover, that most of what would have been relevant to an ATF investigation would also have been of interest to military intelligence, so we must presume that Nagell kept his former colleagues in the loop.

Reverse (f): Aside from the bit about backlash (which is just a touch too slick) we see nothing suspicious in (f), and therefore take the original at face value. Readers are reminded that the Gulf of Mexico had by now joined the Far East and Indochina as flashpoint sectors in the Cold War, running alive with Castro's very effective listening network, and so Nagell's duties were again taking him very much into harm's way.

Reverse (g): We see nothing suspicious in (g), and therefore take the original at face value.

Reverse (h): The counter-narrative here would be that Nagell simply invented the bit about the FBI letter [it has certainly never appeared in any of the subsequent document releases - Ed.], using the <Ignored Prior Warning> trope as a way of guaranteeing him a ready audience. The counter-narrative wins - there was no such letter.

Reverse (i): Everything about (i) is suspicious, but the counter-narrative - getting yourself locked up for no good reason - makes no greater sense. Either way, the authorities clearly took it very seriously because a hanging judge (friend since boyhood of President Johnson and conceptual architect of the Warren Commission) - Homer Thornberry [see own entry] - was parachuted in to impose an extraordinarily harsh custodial sentence. So the counter-narrative wins but still requires a lot of work.

Reverse (j): We see nothing suspicious in (j) because Big Oil was already one of the culprits of choice. Nagell is simply reinforcing a well-established earlier counter-narrative, and adding nothing new! Note, in passing, that he has been released from prison early, and so he must be back in his old job.

Reverse (k): The counter-narrative here is that Nagell is investigating Garrison and not the other way around. But so, too, was half the Establishment as it happens, not least Hugh Aynesworth! So this counter-narrative wins hands down!

Reverse (l): The counter-narrative to (l) is, of course, that the CIA had absolutely everything to do with the assassination. This counter-narrative wins, because there are simply too many major loose ends which can only be resolved if the Agency was involved! Returning to the false flag attack mentioned above, here is a scenario which would explain, for example, why Edward Lansdale had a full CIA coup d'état crew in Dealey Plaza at the appointed hour ...

***** READ THE ENTRY FOR LANSDALE BEFORE PROCEEDING *****
THE WEAN-RUSSELL FALSE FLAG SCENARIO: Lansdale was strictly speaking an "ex-employee" of the CIA, having been promoted into the Pentagon in 1957 as Deputy Assistant Director for the Office of Special Operations Office (OSO). This was an inter-agency position, created to ensure that CIA operations were resourceful and supported logistically by the military. By mid-1961 he had become staffer to General Maxwell Taylor's Special Group (Augmented) (SGA), and been appointed Operations Officer for the CIA's Operation Mongoose. Lansdale, in short, was the CIA's best friend in Washington (Boot, 2018). He had retired (theoretically at least) 31st October 1963 only to turn up in Dealey Plaza in platoon strength. We have never been convinced that Lansdale and his team were there to assassinate Kennedy in the literal sense, but a near-miss which could be blamed on Castro would be another thing! (Which is why the first shot was always reported as sounding like a firecracker - it was.) You just needed a few pro-Castro villains - preferably dead ones - and it would be the Maine again [see Timeline 15th February 1898]. Except the word got out and some real assassins joined the jamboree. Had Nagell stumbled onto a straightforward assassination he would have been liquidated: for the false flag he was allowed to live. The sourceworks on the false flag theory are Wean (1987/1996) and Russell (1992).

***** The next two entries are not related *****


Nagy, Imre: Long-standing communist activist in Hungary between the wars Imre Nagy [Wikipedia biography] was well-positioned to enter Hungarian politics once the country had been occupied by the Soviet Union in 1945. He quickly rose through the ranks of government, becoming head of state between 1953 and 1955. However on 18th April 1955 he was ousted by Moscow for being too liberal. He was thus a natural candidate to be called back into office in 24th October 1956 when the anti-Soviet Hungarian Insurgency [q.v.] needed a suitable figurehead. However the Soviets had already sent in troops to help the official government suppress the uprising and by 4th November Nagy had been arrested. He would be executed for treason two years later.

Namier, [Sir]1952 Lewis Bernstein: [Previously Niemirowski] Polish-British trench fighter turned WW1 propagandist turned Zionist activist [Sir]1952 Lewis Namier [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having served at Wellington House [see own entry] between 1915 and 1918 as what we nowadays know as a spin-doctor, (b) for having then moved across to the Foreign Office's Political Intelligence Bureau to work alongside the likes of Arnold Toynbee [see own entry], (c) for thereby being in the British delegation to the 1919 Versailles Peace Conference [see own entry], advising on Polish issues, (d) for serving the Jewish Agency in Palestine [see own entry] between 1929 and 1931, (e) for taking an anti-appeasement line against the Nazis for the rest of the 1930s, (f) for lobbying Nancy Astor in early 1939 to help find posts in British universities for Jewish academics fleeing the rise of Nazism (Rose, 2000), and (g) for involving Jack Philby [see own entry] later that year in a £20 million pay-off scheme to buy Saudi Arabian support for Jewish settlement rights in Palestine.

Narkomzdrav: See next entry.

Narodny Kommissariat Zdrav (Narkomzdrav): Founded in July 1918 to help coordinate the Bolshevik Government's fight against the diseases of massed armed forces and displaced populations, the People's Commissariat for Public Health [no convenient briefing] is noteworthy in the present context for having led the unequal struggle against the 1918-1919 Typhus Epidemic in Russia. For further detail see the inset in the entry for Hans Zinsser.

Nasser, Gamal Abdel: Commissioned into the Egyptian Army in 1938, nationalist firebrand Gamal Abdel Nasser [Wikipedia biography] rose quickly through the ranks, performed with distinction during Egypt's unsuccessful contribution to the Arab-Israeli War of 1948, and was part of Egypt's armistice negotiation team in 1949. Humiliated by Egypt's defeat and inspired by the concurrent CIA-backed coup in Syria, he helped found the Free Officers' Association with input from the Muslim Brotherhood, the Egyptian Communist Party, and CIA officer Miles Copeland [q.v.]. A fully-
fledged coup against King Faisal then followed on 22nd July 1952, and when the Egyptian Republic was declared on 18th June 1963 he was made Deputy Prime Minister. Following further internal power struggles he became Prime Minister on 18th April 1954, and then President on 23rd June 1956. He survived the Suez Crisis of October 1956 - when a coalition of Britain, France, and Israel attempted to occupy the Canal Zone by force - thanks to the military build-up being overflown by President Dwight D. Eisenhower's new U-2 spy plane.

National Alliance of Russian Solidarists (NTS): [STUB ENTRY] Founded in Belgrade, Serbia, in 1930 by a cadre of White Russian anti-Communists, the NTS [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context for being headed for a while by Texas White Russian Paul Raigorodsky [see own entry].

National Commission on Terrorism: [a.k.a. Bremer Commission] The National Commission on Terrorism [Wikipedia briefing] was set up in 1999 to assess the risk from international terrorist groups after the 1998 U.S. Embassy bombing. There were ten commissioners in all, headed by Paul Bremer [q.v.] and including Fred Iklé [q.v.] and R. James Woolsey, Jr. [q.v.]. The report was presented to the House Select Committee on Intelligence on 8th June 2000 under the title "Countering the Changing Threat of International Terrorism" [full text online].

National Committee for a Free Europe (NCFE): The NCFE [Wikipedia briefing] was the CIA's first attempt at a front organisation. It was founded on 1st June 1949 in a suite of offices on the Third Floor of the Empire State Building, with DeWitt C. Poole [see own entry] as Director, and many high profile sponsors. The NCFE spearheaded its campaign to win over the hearts and minds of the war-displaced or Soviet-occupied peoples of Europe using the Radio Free Europe (RFE) [see own entry] propaganda station, and funded this effort by running incessant appeals for donations back home. FURTHER READING: For more of the detail, see Hugh Wilford's (2008) book "The Mighty Wurlitzer: How the CIA Played America" [Amazon].

National Monetary Commission: In the aftermath of the Panic of 1907 [check it out], the non-partisan National Monetary Commission [Wikipedia briefing] was set up by the Aldrich-Vreeland Act [Wikipedia briefing] on 30th May 1908. It deliberated for four years under the chairmanship of Nelson Aldrich [see own entry] and with academic input from Abram Andrew [see own entry]. It was tasked with stabilising and expanding the economy, and its findings, set out in 30 reports in the period 1909-1912, helped shape the creation of the Federal Reserve System [check it out] in 1913.

National Photographic Interpretation Center (NPIC): [a.k.a. "Lundahl's Palace"] See the entry for Art Lundahl.

***** Do not confuse the next two entries *****

National Security Agency (NSA): Established in 1952 and headquartered at Fort Meade, MD, the NSA [Wikipedia briefing] deploys up to 40,000 personnel and reports to the Director of National Intelligence within the Department of Defense. It has Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) [q.v.] field agents operating globally alongside the CIA, but, of the two, is - theoretically, at least - more concerned with military fact than geopolitical structure and stance.

National Security Council (NSC): Established in 1947, the NSC [Wikipedia briefing] is the White House forum collating multi-agency inputs pertaining to U.S. geopolitical security.

***** How the Cold War Started *****

National Security Council (NSC) Report #68 (NSC-68): NSC-68 [Wikipedia briefing] was a report from a U.S. National Security Council study group presented to President Truman on 7th April 1950, and then debated in full NSC session on 12th April. It recommended both indirect and direct action to rollback the perceived Stalinist and Maoist threat, rather than merely containing it. Although not
immediately implemented, it did much to create the era of mutually assured nuclear destruction, and has set the tone of international politics ever since.

**RESEARCH ISSUE**: NSC study group reports contain merely the advice and recommendations of the persons and departments who draw them up. It therefore requires an extraordinarily wise and determined President to ensure that the final debate takes all options into account, and not just those presented. The authors of NSC-68 (listed in the briefing above) were therefore in a position of significant pre-executive influence and history has yet to determine what pressure groupings they respectively represented, and what qualifications they possessed above the actually quite narrow qualifications bestowed by the gold braid on their shoulders.

**National States' Rights Party (NSRP)**: Founded in Knoxville TN in 1958 by ("one step removed from being insane") Edward Reed Fields [Wikipedia biography], the NSRP [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context for providing a spiritual home to the likes of Jesse B. Stoner and Charles Lynch as they promoted segregationist and antisemitic politics during the heyday of the American civil rights struggles. The movement was eventually dissolved in 1987.

**National Students' Association (NSA)**: This entirely legitimate students' support association is noteworthy in the present context for having been the subject of a 1967 exposé by Sol Stern [q.v.] in *Ramparts*, to the effect that it had been infiltrated by the CIA for Establishment counterintelligence purposes [compare Wilford (2008) concerning "citizen groups" in the "state-private network"].

**National Trust**: [Read firstly the entry for Octavia Hill] Originally established in 1893 to divert charitable funding to the protection and development of otherwise unadopted recreation areas and beauty spots, the National Trust [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context for having allowed itself to become an income stream instead to British aristocrats fallen on hard times. Thus in the early 1930s the case started to be made that the National Trust could do more than simply preserve Britain's beauty spots for posterity. Built beauty was also crying out for assistance, thus ...

"In the wake of the 1929 stock market crash, England had suffered an agricultural depression that ruined many landed families, with land prices falling to less than 10 per cent of their value 60 years previously. [...] During the war increases in income tax and death duties made it harder to maintain or inherit large stately homes ..." (Livingstone, 2015, p494).

As a result, in 1936 the Trust established a Country House Committee to upkeep distressed properties out of legacy income and charitable giving, without requiring the owner to move out. One James Lees-Milne [Wikipedia biography] was appointed Secretary of this committee, and spent his time roaming the country assessing claims and raising funds. The situation then deteriorated further during WW2 ...

"Faced with these challenges, the owners of country houses increasingly turned, in the early 1940s, to the National Trust. The Trust had run a country-house program since the 1930s, but there had been few donations during the early years. [...] While the acquisition of country houses was undertaken by the Trust in the interests of 'the nation', the program also served - and in many cases saved - struggling owners. As Lees-Milne wrote in 1943, the scheme was "first conceived by owners for their own benefit as well as of their historic houses” (Livingstone, 2015, pp494-495)

The nation has since been regularly reassured that there is a subtle difference between the payment of state benefits to the poor, and bailing out the owners of country estates. Should anybody out there be able to explain what that difference is please contact the author, for at the moment we stand with the *Punch* satirical cartoonist of 22nd January 1947 - check it out - on this issue. (Also, since Octavia Hill was quick to berate any tenant late with their rent, we should be grateful to be pointed to similar hectoring of an aristocrat.) Among the most notable properties gifted by the National Trust to hard up b/millionaires were Clivedon House [see the entry for Cliveden Set] and Blickling Hall [see the entry for Philip Kerr].

National War Aims Committee (NWAC): Set up in July 1917 as part of Lloyd George's New Broom Initiatives [see own entry], the National War Aims Committee (NWAC) [Parliamentary briefing 13th November 1917] is noteworthy in the present context for being a truly pivotal event in the entire history of humankind, specifically, for marking the beginning of the systematic government manipulation of a nation by defining its citizens' best interests for them (no matter that it might cost them their lives), and by generally equating residency with consent ...

**ASIDE:** Hitherto, public opinion had been mercilessly exploited by tub-thumping journalists and political orators, of course, but with NWAC the lying and the manipulation became systematised, made science, made part of the apparatus of government. So if you have the sense that GCHQ, the CIA, or Mossad [and it's probably all three - Ed.] reads your emails and social media postings, this is where it all began.

Modern interest in the NWAC was stirred by Liverpool University's David Monger's (2012) book "Patriotism and Propaganda in First World War Britain", thus ...

"The NWAC deserves greater significance in the history of British wartime society. Its propaganda deployed a complex and flexible narrative of patriotism informed by pre-war patriotic motifs but adapted to the requirements of a war-weary civilian society [...] NWAC propaganda remained a recognisable descendant of the pre-war 'language of patriotism'" (p13).

Navis, Al: Assassination researcher Al Navis [no convenient biography] corresponded for a time with North Tower eyewitness Lee Bowers, and surfaced in 1994, long after the latter's did-he-fall-or-was-he-pushed death. Bowers had, he said, seen more than he said he had seen, and lived in fear as a result. Specifically, he said, Bowers had told him he had directly observed two Picket Fence shooters both in DPD uniform - compare the entry for Walter Rischel.

Needham, Noel Joseph Terence Montgomery: This entry will be found in the COVID encyclopaedia.

Neil, Andrew Ferguson: [Nom-de-Hislop="Brillo"] [Read firstly the entries for National War Aims Committee (NWAC) and "Churnalism"]; British broadcaster Andrew Neil [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context primarily for being one of those named in Marcus Moore's [see own entry] (2018) article "BBC's 'Churnalism'" - read it now - as having helped transform the BBC from somewhat independently-minded state broadcaster to shameless government town cryer [our metaphor - Ed.]. His particular role was stated by Moore as follows: "the BBC's high-profile political presenter, Andrew Neil, is well known as a right-winger, having worked for the Conservative Party before making his name in Murdoch enterprises".

Nelson, Ronald C.: DPD patrolman Ronald Nelson [no convenient biography] was one of the two officers (the other being J. D. Tippit) apparently assigned by DPDHQ to Oak Cliff at 1245hr 22nd November 1963 as "outermost units". However, according to Richard Gilbride's 2009 book "Matrix for Assassination", Nelson was actually heading in the opposite direction - toward Dealey Plaza - at the time, and at 1247hr reported in as he passed the GloCo Gas Station [where he must have seen Tippit's patrol car presently monitoring traffic in and out of town across the Trinity River viaducts]. By 1321hr [although only an 8 minute drive] he was at the Dealey Plaza crime scene. He would be on duty again on 24th November 1963, guarding the basement car park at DPDHQ against unauthorised bystanders like Jack Ruby being let in with a mind to silence. Nelson's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED].
Neocon/Neoconservative: The political ideology of Neoconservatism [Wikipedia briefing] first emerged under that name in the 1970s as a handy description for liberals who had - by whatever form of conversion - become more conservative than the conservatives they had previously opposed; or as one leading Neocon put it, a neocconervative is a "liberal, mugged by reality" (Kristol, 1995).

RESEARCH ISSUE: Psychologically speaking the liberal-conservative question is fundamental, for it has long been argued that non-liberalism - culminating in outright "fascism" - is a basic personality trait. We all have that trait to some extent or another, and it can be measured. So potentially the "liberals" mentioned above were simply fascists all along until - like the human chameleons in the 1984 TV series "V" [YouTube one now] - they eventually showed their true colours. For details of the relevant psychology see the entry for Personality, Authoritarian and Ethnocentric.

Neocon political philosophy has been traced back by many authors to the writings of the University of Chicago Zionist academic Leo Strauss [q.v.]. However the term took on a new and generally negative connotation in the aftermath of the 9/11 False Flag Attacks [q.v.], and - curiously - it made no difference whether you were a conspiracy theorist or not. Thus if you were politically middle of the road (and especially if you were a Libertarian), then you viewed the punitive Iraq War, 2003 [q.v.] as both economic stupidity and militarily unjustified. If, on the other hand you were left- (or just plain suspicious) then you viewed the entire 9/11 affair as a Deep State conspiracy. Either way, you laid the blame at the door of those who had by fair means or foul engineered the whole thing, and from that moment onward "Deep State" and "Neocon" became effectively synonymous. See next the entry for Ron Paul.

Newbold, John Turner Walton: British intellectual socialist J. Walton Newbold [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having joined the Independent Labour Party (ILP) [see own entry] in 1910, (b) for having followed the ILP party line in promoting conscientious objection during WW1, (c) for having organised the ILP's fact-finding into the shadowy world of the WW1 arms trade and for authoring the resulting 1915 pamphlet "The War Trust Exposed" (Newbold, 1915 [full text online]), (d) for having become a member of the newly founded Communist Party of Great Britain (CPGB) [see own entry] in 1921, (e) for having become Britain's first elected-as-such Communist Member of Parliament in the 1922 General Election (alongside crossed-the-House Cecil Malone [see own entry]), and (f) for supporting the 1929-1931 Macmillan Inquiry into Banking [see own entry].

New Broom Initiatives: By this phrase we include any of the major changes brought in by Lloyd George in the three months following his replacing Asquith as Prime Minister in December 1916 following the Asquith Resignation Coup [see own entry]. These changes include (a) reorganising the propaganda services by promoting John Buchan and creating the National War Aims Committee (NWAC), (b) tightening up on the rules on war contraband with a new Ministry of Blockade [see own entry] under Lord Cecil, (c) setting up a Cabinet Secretariat under Maurice Hankey, and (d) setting up an Imperial War Cabinet to include representatives from the colonies.

New Labour: Founded 21st July 1994 by newly elected Leader of the Labour Party Tony Blair, New Labour [Wikipedia briefing], is the marketing brand name for the neoliberal takeover of the Labour Party founded in the early 20th Century by the likes of Kier Hardie [see own entry]. The brand was very successfully promoted by the right-of-party lobbying group Progress [see own entry], and won a landslide in the 1997 General Election. It then fell into disrepute when Blair took Britain into the unpopular (in Britain at least) 2003 Iraq War. The socialist heart of the party lives on nowadays [see own entry], although it remains for the 2019 General Election (GE2019) to decide whether, and to what extent, this will remain the case.
Newman, John M.: Retired U.S. Army intelligence officer and assassination researcher John Newman [Spartacus Educational biography] was the author of the 1992 book "JFK and Vietnam" and the 1995 follow-up "Oswald and the CIA". He is also noteworthy for the network of personal contacts which allowed him to deliver to the Assassination Records Review Board on 17th November 1993 a hitherto unknown (but now famous) photography from about 1955 showing David Ferrie at a Civil Air Patrol Chow down, with a young LHO clearly visible in the background - Check it out. More recently, he helped organise the 2016 research symposium entitled "The Warren Report and the CIA" - YouTube it now.

***** MOSLEY STARTS MOVING TO THE RIGHT *****

New Party: The New Party [Wikipedia briefing] was founded 1st March 1931 by [Sir]1928 (as baronet) Oswald Mosley [see own entry], unaligned M.P. for Smethwick [he had resigned the Labour Party whip only the day before - Ed.], and is noteworthy in the present context as the transitional stage in Mosley's metamorphosis from self-opinionated Centrist to autocratic (and thug-assisted) Fascist demagogue. Amongst those initially attracted to the movement - whose political positioning was a confused amalgam of soft-left and hard right manifesto objectives - were three other lapsed Labour M.P.s, and the senior Versailles diplomat (now Lord Beaverbrook journalist) Harold Nicolson [see own entry]. The party fielded 24 candidates in the 27th October 1931 General Election (including both Mosley and Nicolson) but won not a single seat (22 of the 24 actually lost their deposits - Ed.). Nicolson edited the New Party's house journal for a short period but resigned when it became apparent to him that Mosley's ideas were "divergent" from his own (Nicolson, Diaries, 2nd November 1931). Nicolson further explains ...

"[Mosley] has no political judgement. He believes in fascism. I don't. I loathe it. And I apprehend that the conflict between the intellectual and the physical side of the New Party may develop into something rather acute" (op. cit., p96).

Nicolson gave his staff their redundancy papers on 23rd December 1931, and the party was formally dissolved in April 1932.

News Corp[oration]: See the entry for 21st Century Fox.

Nichols, H. Louis: President of the Dallas Bar Association H. Louis Nichols [Wikipedia biography] took it upon himself on the afternoon of 23rd November to attend DPDHQ and offer his services as representative for LHO. His offer was not taken up.

Nicol, Joseph D.: Ballistics expert Joseph Nicol [no convenient biography] carried out the forensic tests on the four slugs removed from J. D. Tippit's body, finding that only one was sufficiently undistorted to process. This one matched LHO's .38" Smith and Wesson on sufficient points to be admissible as evidence. Nicol's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now].

***** DEALEY PLAZA SHOOTER *****

Nicoletti, Charles ["The Typewriter"] Anthony: Capone-trained Chicago mobster Chuck Nicoletti [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having reputedly been Sam Giancana's favourite hitman ...

ASIDE: The legend goes that he cleverly devised a package of modifications by which an ordinary motor car can be fitted out with secret compartments and other gizmos suited to a contract executioner.

(b) for being recruited as a front-line assassin in October 1963, as part of the Mafia's contribution to Operation AM/WORLD ...

LEST IT BE OVERLOOKED: Readers are reminded that one of the leading theories of the JFK Assassination is that "what appeared to be CIA-Mafia plotting in Miami about killing Castro, was actually the Mafia finalising their plans to kill JFK" (Waldron 2005/2006, p584).
ASIDE: MacKenzie and Hooke specifically credit him with firing the shot at Z202 which hit the chrome trim of limo #1.

and (d) for being murdered 29th March 1977 (three shots to the back of the head), in all likelihood to prevent him from testifying to the House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA). His death is one of 115 more or less suspicious assassination-related deaths listed in Roberts and Armstrong's (1995) book "The Dead Witnesses" [Amazon - SPECULATIVE BUT MUCH FOOD FOR THOUGHT].

Night Fright Show: Online current affairs broadcaster - check 'em out.

NIST-Bazant Collapse Hypothesis[of 9/11]: See the Timeline entries for (the hypothesis) 1st October 2008 and (its refutation) 14th January 2009.


Nix, Orville Orhel: Air-conditioning engineer Orville Nix [Wikipedia biography] was on the north-western corner of Main and Houston, taking an 8mm home movie of the motorcade. As limo #1 took the left onto Elm he ran westward along Main and when clear of the water feature recommenced filming across the median in the direction of the Grassy Knoll. His film was developed by the Dynacolor laboratory at 3221 Halifax Street, who allowed him to view the results but then had to hand the material over to the FBI for the next few days. It returned missing two or three critical seconds - YouTube it now. Nix's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED]. The Nix family is still pursuing return of the clipped footage. For a much fuller telling of the story, see (Nix's grand-daughter) Gayle Nix Jackson's 2016 book "Pieces of the Puzzle".

Nixon, President Richard Milhous: Yet to become 37th POTUS Richard Nixon [Wikipedia biography] was in his "wilderness years" at the time of the assassination. He was one of those alleged by Madeleine Brown to have been at a meeting of senior conspirators said to have taken place on the evening of 21st November 1963 at the home of Clint Murchison, Sr.

Noel, James: The CIA's Chief of Station, Havana, James Noel [no convenient biography] had produced an analysis in late 1959 concluding that Fidel Castro would soon be spreading his revolutionary (that is to say, anti-American) ideas to other countries, and needed to be dealt with.

***** STILL A LOT TO BE LEARNED ABOUT THIS MAN *****

Norberg, Charles R.: WW2 veteran (USAAF intelligence) turned lawyer, CIA asset, and specialist fixer within the United Nations Charles Norberg [no convenient biography but much to reward the determined browser] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being an asset of George Hunter White during WW2 (Albarelli, 2013, K6018), (b) for having been an inaugural member of President Truman's June 1951 Psychological Strategy Board [see own entry], helping thereby to develop the theory and practice of psychological warfare, (c) for likewise promoting the CIA's Human Ecology Foundation [see own entry] a couple of years later, helping thereby to develop the theory and practice of brainwashing and subtle interrogation, thus ...

"Dulles was continually impressed with Norberg's positions on biological warfare as a psychological weapon, as well as Norberg's proposal to establish within every U.S. embassy a psychological operations officer under the cover of working as a State Department political officer" (Albarelli, 2013, K6034).
and (d) for bringing all those skills together when representing White Russian émigré and CIA asset **George de Mohrenschildt** in "a series of complex Haiti-based oil and geological business ventures, some of which [...] involved the [...] services of **Thomas Eli Davis III**" (Albarelli, 2013, K6018).

**Norman, Harold ["Hank"]**: 25-year-old TSBD stockpicker Harold Norman [Spartacus Educational biography] was with **Bonnie Ray Williams** and **James Jarman** at the TSBD5 window directly under the **Sniper's Nest**, it not being possible to safely access TSBD6 because it was being re-floored by outside contractors at the time. He heard shots from "directly above" him, and even heard "the expended cartridges" hitting the floor. Norman's evidential profile is as follows: Secret Service Affidavit, 4th December 1963 [read it now]; Warren Commission testimony [read it now].

**Norstad, General Lauris**: WW2 senior commander (U.S.A.F.) General Lauris Norstad [Wikipedia biography] had just been replaced as Supreme Allied Commander in Europe by Lyman Lemnitzer.

**North Knoll**: Synonymous with, but less commonly used than, Grassy Knoll.

**North, Oliver Laurence**: Vietnam veteran Colonel (USMC) Oliver North [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been the member of the National Security Council (NSC) who devised and oversaw the **Iran-Contra Affair** [see own entry] in the mid-1980s, and (b) for having squirmed so entertainingly [YouTube him now] when quizzed about it by the 1987 Congressional Committee Hearings. North is nowadays a political commentator on the interview circuit - [YouTube him now]. As explained by **Peter Dale Scott** in his 2015 book "Dallas '63", North was a COG [see own entry] officer in the NSC's National Program Office, and therefore privileged to the Flashboard [see own entry] emergency communications network.

**North Tower**: The control tower in the Union Terminal Company railyard north-west of the TSBD [see arrowed aerial view]. Usual workplace and location of witness **Lee Bowers** at the time of the assassination.

**Norton, Charles D.**: Banker Charles Norton [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been a partner of First National Bank of New York [Wikipedia briefing] during the 1900s, when he supported moves to create the Federal Reserve System [check it out].

**Nosenko, Lt. Col. Yuri Ivanovich**: Colonel Yuri Nosenko [Spartacus Educational biography] was a senior KGB officer who defected to the West in January 1964. His position meant that he would have been well aware of how the KGB had managed LHO during his time in Russia. There is a suspicion that the final tranche of Government records, that is to say those expressly withheld in November 2017, may throw light upon this still grey area.


**Novel, Gordon Michael Dwayne**: Electronics engineer turned event promoter turned private investigator Gordon Novel [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been one of the core team involved in **Guy Banister**'s munitions "liberation" from the Houma LA premises of oil exploration giant Schlumberger Corporation [see Timeline 22nd August 1961], (b) for operating an publicity agency in New Orleans as a CIA front in the early 1960s, (c) for setting up an agency specialising in electronic eavesdropping for the well-off, (d) for thereby cleverly getting a job as Jim Garrison's head of security during the Garrison Investigation, when actually a mole for Garrison's enemies, (e) for unsuccessfully suing Jim Garrison and Playboy Magazine following aspersions made in his October 1967 interview (Garrison, 1967 [full CIA "sanitized" text online; also quoted in Baker, 2014, p90; we recommend the CIA copy because other online copies appear to have been edited down]), (f) for testifying to the HSCA that the ...
aforementioned Houma Heist was a pick-up sanctioned by the government in some way, and not a theft at all, and (g) for eventually being portrayed by researcher Lisa Pease in her 27th September 2014 lecture entitled "James Angleton and the Warren Commission" [YouTube it Now] as one of Angleton's Singletons.

Novotny, Mariella: [Born Stella Capes, Sheffield, England] "Sexual athlete" and high society hooker Mariella Novotny [Spartacus Educational biography] moved in the same social circles in London as masseur-to-the-rich-and-famous Stephen Ward [q.v.]. According to Anthony Summers and Stephen Dorrell's (1989/2013e) book "The Secret Worlds of Stephen Ward", she was in New York City in January 1961 and provided professional services to President-Elect JFK. She was also Ward's first choice for the MI5 honeytrap operation against Yevgeny Ivanov [q.v.], but - having only recently escaped the FBI - turned the opportunity down.

NSAHQ: See the entry for National Security Agency (NSA).

Oak Cliff International Airport (OCX): This is the present author's description-of-convenience for the mile-long strip of floodplain on the southern bank of the Trinity River between the Cadiz Street viaduct [now the I35E] and the Corinth Street viaduct, which in some theories saw the escape by air of the LHO Look Alike and his driver. The IATA three-letter code OCX was unused when we earmarked it [February 2018]. Browse both the Balcony Arrest Thread and the LHO Look Alike Thread to accumulate the various fragments of this story, and see the entry for Robert Vinson for a Google Earth view along the "runway".

Oakes, Mark A.: Assassination researcher Mark Oakes [no convenient biography] has been on the job since 1971, regularly contributes to conferences, tours, and discussion groups, and has uploaded some primary source material onto YouTube - check this out, for example.

***** "A MAN'S GOT TO DO WHAT A MAN'S GOT TO DO" (trad. sources) *****

Obeid, Kamal S.: American structural engineer Kamal Obeid [YouTube feature] is noteworthy in the present context for risking professional martyrdom [or worse: JFK witnesses were terminated by the dozen, remember, either literally or by targeted whispering campaign - Ed.] by standing alongside the University of Alaska at Fairbanks's veteran civil engineer J. Leroy Hulsey [see own entry ESSENTIAL READING] during his recent figurative "Gunfight at the O.K. Corral", simply because it was the right thing to do. The "gunfight" on this occasion was the release of Dylan Avery's (2020) documentary entitled "Seven" [Amazon ESSENTIAL VIEWING], an account of a four-year-long research programme in Hulsey's department into the collapse of WTC7, the conclusion of which - meticulously documented in the Hulsey Report [full text online] - was that there had been a simultaneous failure (Hulsey uses the term "global failure") of every core column in the building (24 of them) on fully eight out of the building's 47 floors. This precision of time and place could - of course - not just happen, meaning (a) that the 9/11 Attacks had been an inside job, and (b) that if the 9/11 Inquiry said otherwise it was deliberately covering something up.

TECHNICAL ASIDE - HARD SCIENCE vs LEGAL PROOF: There is literally zero doubt in scientific terms that many tonnes of Nano-Thermite were set off in the four-dimensional vicinity of the World Trade Center on 11th September 2001. However it could be argued that the chemical residues came from an as-yet-unknown coincidental source, as, perhaps, if miscreant residents of at least one of the buildings (the residues are in the dust which carpeted Lower Manhattan, but that dust came from the three towers combined, so there is no proof that all three towers produced it - Ed.) had been illegally storing Nano-Thermite. This is all legalistic squirming, of course, for the prima facie common sense explanation is that all three towers were deliberately brought down by the stuff, and moreover that of the half-dozen superpowers possessing the technology only the United States itself would have had the required level of sustained security access.

Others who nobly stood at great personal risk alongside "Doc" Hulsey that fateful day were Roland "Alameda" Angle, Ed "Three Rivers" Asner, and "Randolph" Scott Grainger [see own entries, one and all].
Ochsner, Alton: Renowned cancer surgeon Dr. Alton Ochsner [Spartacus Educational biography] had founded the Ochsner Clinic just outside New Orleans in 1942, and had for a while led research into the link between tobacco smoking and lung cancer. He was a passionate anti-Communist with since-acknowledged links to government agencies. On 15th May 1961 he had, with financial help from Clint Murchison, founded the Information Council of the Americas (INCA) to promote the anti-Castro case. The Ochsner Clinic has since been identified as one of the 162 separate universities and military centres funded by the MKULTRA program, its particular forte being giving people cancer rather than curing it - the "weaponisation" of cancer, in other words. This research employed Mary Sherman [q.v.], and involved lots of laboratory mice. These lab mice were kept and "processed" by out-stationed workers such as Judyth Vary Baker [q.v.], girlfriend of LHO.

***** THE NEW ORLEANS CONNECTION EXPLAINED!! *****

Ochsner Bioweapon: [Read firstly the entry for Operation Mongoose ESSENTIAL READING.] In some of the recent tellings of the Kennedy story, the "Ochsner Bioweapon" appears as one of the many bizarre assassination techniques prepared by the special potions people at Camp/[Fort]1956 Detrick in the period 1961-1963 for use against Fidel Castro. Readers will need to study the following separate entries to piece together for themselves exactly what might have happened. We present the links in alphabetical order, so you may need to go through the list a couple of times to resolve all the cross-references (all names have their own entries, and all are ESSENTIAL READING) ...

Judyth Vary Baker (lab scientist on the fringes of the Ochsner project and girlfriend of Lee Harvey Oswald in the summer of '63); David Ferrie (accessory to the Ochsner project and a major player in CIA operations against Castro, silenced in 1967, star of the movie "JFK", wherein he is played by Joe Pesci); Edward Haslam (expert on the deep state's assassination of Mary Sherman in 1964 for threatening Clay Shaw's operations in New Orleans); Alton Ochsner (New Orleans celebrity physician with high-level deep state contacts); Lee Harvey Oswald (deep cover military intelligence agent with FBI contacts, penetrated the CIA's New Orleans operation only to be rumbled and set-up as a patsy by exploiting - note the irony - his own cover story persona as a Lone Nut Marxist); Jack Ruby (mobster and CIA-Mob liaison via David Ferrie, LHO hitman); Clay Shaw (New Orleans based CIA high-roller, organised the execution of Mary Sherman, star of the movie "JFK", wherein he is played by Tommy Lee Jones); Mary Sherman (innocent research physician, expert in transferrable cancers, employed both Baker and Ferrie in the summer of 1963, only to be silenced with a very big keraunopathic bang in 1964).

FURTHER READING: For more on David Ferrie's part in all the above, advanced students may be interested in the long and detailed entry for "Ferrie's Medical Treatise" in this Companion Resource.

O'Connor, Michael: New Orleans reporter Mike O'Connor [no convenient biography] was the WWL-TV cameraman who filmed LHO handing out leaflets in New Orleans on 16th August 1963, which publicity helped establish the LHO's pro-Communist persona. Browse the LHO Patsification Thread to assemble the various parts of the story.

Odessa Committee: Brought together by Jewish radical Leon Pinsker [see own entry] in 1890 to counter the excesses of the Tsarist persecutions of the preceding decade, the Odessa Committee [Wikipedia briefing] was one of the few officially sanctioned support organisations for Russian Jews seeking to migrate to the Holy Land (even if, in those years, that would entail living among Arabs). One aspect of its operation was the routing of Zionist charitable giving into the purchase of suitable real estate in Palestine. The work was gradually handed over to the Zionist Congress after 1897. For more of the details, see Chapter 1 of Derek J. Penslar's (1991) book "Zionism and Technocracy: The Engineering of Jewish Settlement in Palestine, 1870-1918" [online at Google Books].

Odio del Torro, Silvia: 26-year-old Cuban exile with contacts in the anti-Castro Junta Revolucionaria Silvia Odio [Spartacus Educational biography] had a meeting in Dallas on 25th September 1963 with three men offering to arrange the assassination of Fidel Castro. One of these - "Leon" - she later suspected of being LHO, although he could just as easily have been an Oswald Look-Alike being used as part of
a patsification exercise. However we are happy to accept Judyth Vary Baker's assurance (Me and Lee, Chapter 24) not only that it was LHO himself, but also that he was already rapidly becoming convinced that he was being set up for something.

O'Donnell, Kenneth Patrick: 39-year-old Presidential Special Assistant Kenny O'Donnell [Wikipedia biography] had arrived in Dallas aboard Air Force #1 and at the moment of the shooting was monitoring the progress of the motorcade from limo #2. He heard two shots from the Grassy Knoll area, but subsequently admitted going along with the official line. O'Donnell's I'll-say-what-you-want-me-to-say evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now].

Odum, Bardwell ["The Bard"] DeWitt: FBI Special Agent Bardwell Odum [no convenient biography] was on TSBD6 when the rifle was found and subsequently accompanied Lieutenant J. C. Day (DPD) when he took it and the shells to DPDHQ. He also claimed to be at the Texas Theater to witness the arrest of LHO (but the timings do not match well). He had also been well acquainted with Ruth and Michael Paine, in the months prior to the shooting, and was one of those who interviewed Silvia Odio after it. He would later deny having seen CE-399 as asserted in the FBI Memorandum of 7th July 1964 (see the entry for the Magic Bullet), thus doing much to discredit that document as a deliberate attempt by the FBI to falsify evidence. Odum's evidential profile is as follows: Affidavit, 10th April 1964 [read it now].

Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI): Formally created on 23rd March 1882 by Secretary of the Navy William Hunt, and with Theodorus Mason as its first Chief Intelligence Officer, the Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI) [Wikipedia factsheet; 2018 website] will be responsible for collating political and technical intelligence pertaining to all matters of naval warfare.

Office of Policy Coordination (OPC): Founded in 1948 on the advice of the National Security Council (NSC) with Frank Wisner [q.v.] as Assistant Director, and managed as a department of the CIA between 1950 and 1952, the OPC [Wikipedia briefing] was a "covert psychological operations and paramilitary action organisation". On 1st August 1952 it was merged with the CIA's Office of Special Operations (OSO) into the Directorate of Plans.

Office of Special Operations (OSO): Founded in 1946 and managed as a department of the CIA between 1950 and 1952, the OSO [CIA briefing] was responsible for "all organised Federal espionage and counterespionage operations outside the United States and its possessions". On 1st August 1952 it was merged with the CIA's Office of Policy Coordination (OPC) into the Directorate of Plans.

Ofstein, Dennis Hyman.: Employed as a cameraman at Jaggars-Chiles-Stovall, Dennis Ofstein [no convenient biography] was in the same department as LHO during his time there (12th October 1962 thru 6th April 1963), and helped show him the ropes. In his 1998/2013e book "Not in Your Lifetime" Anthony Summers points out that Ofstein had previously worked in the Army Security Agency. Ofstein's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now].

O'Hare, John Adrian: CIA hitman with many aliases John O'Hare [no convenient biography] has been placed by some theorists in Dealey Plaza, near the corner of Main and Houston - YouTube him in Dealey Plaza now.

Oliver, Beverly: 17-year-old singer at (lately) the Carousel Club, taught to shoot handgun by Jack Ruby himself (including the hitman's trick of using the middle finger as trigger finger because it stiffened the wrist against evasive action), and once introduced by Ruby to a certain "Lee Oswald of CIA" Beverly Oliver [Spartacus Educational biography] was (as likely as not) the famous Babushka Lady, seen filming the motorcade from as near Ground Zero as anyone could get without losing their headscarf! She came forward to be interviewed by researcher Gary Shaw in 1970, and then testified formally in 1994 to the ARRB, claiming that her film had been confiscated by the FBI. She published her
memories in 1994 under the title "Nightmare in Dallas". Oliver's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED]; Assassination Records Review Board testimony (as Beverly Oliver Massegee) [read it now]; Interview to camera, 2016 [YouTube it now].

Oliver, [Sir]2016 Craig: [Read firstly the entries for National War Aims Committee (NWAC) and “Churnalism”.] British journalist [Sir]2016 Craig Oliver [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context primarily for being one of those named in Marcus Moore's [see own entry] (2018) article "BBC's 'Churnalism'" - read it now - as having helped transform the BBC from somewhat independently-minded state broadcaster to shameless government town cryer [our metaphor - Ed.]. His particular role was as Director of Communications for Prime Minister David Cameron 2011-2016.

Oliver, Frederick Scott: The Scottish businessman and political theorist F. S. Oliver [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been a partner in the highly successful drapery firm of Debenham and Freebody, (b) for being recruited into Milner's Kindergarten [see own entry] in the late-1900s, (c) for attending many of the meetings of the Round Table Movement [see own entry] in the early 1910s, contributing significantly to their literature, and (d) for being promoted into Milner's Ginger Group [see own entry] in 1915 to help point Britain's official government in the right direction.

***** JFK FALSE FLAG HINTED AT IN 1981 *****

!!!! ANTISEMITISM AND HOLOCAUST DENIAL ALERT !!!!!

Oliver, Revilo Pendleton: WW2 code breaker with William Friedman's Signal Intelligence Service turned "spook propagandist" (Hager, 2017, p64) Revilo Oliver [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being one of the dozen or so founders of the ultra-conservative John Birch Society on 9th December 1958 [he was, he complained, the only one of the founders who was not wealthy - Ed.], (b) for developing a niche as ultra-right-wing polemicist in the early 1960s, forcibly promoting anti-Communist politics through to the 1980s, and (c) for falling out big-time with fellow-founder Robert W. Welch in 1966, as he now explains ...

"After the conference between Welch and myself in November 1965, I [...] embarked on a difficult, delicate, and prolonged investigation. I was not astonished, although was pained, by the discovery that Welch was merely the nominal head of the Birch business, which he operated under the supervision of a committee of Jews, while Jews also controlled the flow, through various bank accounts, of the [...] money that was extracted from the Society's members by artfully passionate exhortations to 'fight the Communists'. As soon as the investigation was complete [...], I resigned the Birch hoax on 30 July 1966" (Oliver, 1981, K6281).

Oliver is also noteworthy for being one of the first to suggest a full conspiracy in the JFK assassination, thus (note the hint of False Flag motivation) ...

"Oswald's function had been to fire shots that would cover the sound of shots fired by experts. And despite an enormous amount of misinformation and disinformation industriously disseminated, it is now clear that the assassination was an operation of the CIA, apparently carried out in the spirit of the Jews, who bomb their own synagogues so that they can screech intimidatingly at persons who wickedly refuse to believe whatever they are told by Yahweh's Master Race" (op. cit, K3092).

Oliver's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now]. FURTHER READING: For more from the man himself see his (1981) book "America's Decline" [Amazon]. CONTENT CAUTION: We have skimmed this book and judge it, from the outset, to be clearly the work of an out-and-out antisemite, full of gratuitous insults, stereotypical ethno-religious over-characterisation, and words-of-one-syllable holocaust denial. Proceed, therefore, at your own risk.

Olney, Richard: Lawyer-politician Richard Olney [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for being Secretary of State at the time of the Venezuelan Dispute, and, within that, of being the author of the Olney Note [check it out].
Olsen, Barbara Kay: Lawyer and CNN journalist Barbara Olsen [Wikipedia biography] was missing-presumed-killed on 11th September 2001 as one of the passengers aboard hi-jacked Flight 77. A 12th September CNN report of two telephone calls from the doomed airplane to her husband, Solicitor-General Ted Olsen, has since been withdrawn as resulting from mis-reporting, but not before the use of box-cutters by the hi-jackers had become common "knowledge" worldwide [no other source mentioned them (Griffin, 2008 [full text online])].

Olsen, Eric G.: One "Eric G. Olsen" is credited by conspiracy theorist John Bevilaqua in his (2010) book "JFK - The Final Solution" [Amazon] as the "researcher extraordinaire" who tracked down the 19th March 1968 Boxley Memorandum [full text online], thereby helping to explain the sheer breadth of the Garrison Investigation. We have been unable to locate an "Eric G. Olsen" and so, by shared subject area, we presume Bevilaqua was referring to Eric Olsen [specimen output], staff writer for the America's Most Haunted website [check them out].

Olsen, Harry N.: DPD patrolman Harry Olsen [no convenient biography] was on light duties on the day of the assassination, and guarding premises on 8th Street, Oak Cliff. That midnight he went to see "Johnny", the manager of a parking lot at Jackson and Field, where they were joined by Jack Ruby, whom he had known some three years, and his (Olsen's) girlfriend Kay Coleman, and they talked for two or three hours about the assassination. Researchers have recently implicated both Olsen and fellow officer Bobby Joe Dale in the protection of an illegal gambling den at 425?? East 8th Street, which would seem to be the premises mentioned above. Olsen's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now].


Olsen, Frank Rudolph: Bacteriologist and Camp Detrick [see own entry] biological warfare expert Frank Olsen [Wikipedia biography] was the U.S. government research scientist who on 28th November 1953 jumped out of a New York City hotel window in an apparent suicide ...

ASIDE - OLSON AT CAMP DETRICK: Olsen seems to have worked for Theodor Rosebury [check him out] in the Air-Borne Infection Division of the Chemical Warfare Service (CWS) at Detrick, specialising in "special operations". He is mentioned twice in the Rosebury entry, once as third author (out of 12) on the (1947a) monograph "Experimental Air-Borne Infection" [Amazon], and then again as having given technical assistance on research into disinfecting incoming clouds of meningitis and psittacosis germs (Rosebury, et al., 1947b [full text online]).

However it would eventually transpire that 10 days before his death he had been spiked a dose of LSD by Sydney Gottlieb [see own entry] himself, and could therefore have been in a drug-induced state of psychotic confusion. Or just pushed. For a fuller telling of this tale (and the 40-year campaign by his son Eric to clear his father's name) we recommend both the 2002 documentary "Biological Weapons and Experimentation" - YouTube it now and Hank P. Albarelli, Jr's (2009) book "A Terrible Mistake" [Amazon].

Oltmans, Willem Leonard: [Read firstly the entry for Reinhard Gehlen.] Dutch investigative journalist Willem Oltmans [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being arrested in 1944 by the Allgemeine SS [Wikipedia briefing], aged 19 years ...

ASIDE: Younger readers will need to note that from its headquarters on Prinz-Albrecht Strasse, Berlin, the Allgemeine SS was the Nazi Party's primary guardian of political correctness (whereas the Waffen SS was the elite and resource-pampered Nazi field army which fought alongside the less politically intense Wehrmacht). Working sometimes in concert with the famed Gestapo, the Allgemeine SS maintained internal security using networks of informers. Many of those "arrested by" the Allgemeine SS in occupied territories such as the Netherlands, ended up collaborating with them (or never being seen again), and many collaborators - especially those with sound anti-Communist credentials - ended up in the United States after the war, along with (and often at the direct recommendation of) Reinhard Gehlen [see own entry].
(b) for being lucky enough to make it to a place at Yale University 1948-1950, where he associated with **Skull-and-Bones** member and all-round right-winger **William F. Buckley, Jr.**, (c) for getting employment as a journalist with UPI in the early 1950s, (d) for being granted American citizenship in 1958, (e) for developing a reputation as a radical journalist by travelling to Communist countries such as Cuba and North Vietnam for his copy, (f) for being particularly involved (as a Dutchman trying to resolve the problems of what had once been the Dutch East Indies) in the **1961-1963 Indonesian Crisis** ([Wikipedia briefing]), (g) for undertaking "dozens of trips" to the Soviet Union 1971-1983, to the extent that he was even flagged up as a risk by the FBI, (h) for interviewing a number of key figures in the JFK assassination story, including **Marguerite Oswald** and **Jeanne and George de Mohrenschildt** ...

**ASIDE:** The interview with Marguerite Oswald was not pre-planned, and took place 9th March 1964 in the lounge at NYC's JFK Airport. It was a coincidence encounter, he claimed.

(i) for thereby acquiring sufficient insight to be called as witness before the **House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA)** in April 1977, (j) for using this accumulated material in his (1979) book "**Reporting on the Kennedy Assassination**" [Amazon]. (k) for being sufficiently influenced by what the de Mohrenschildts had told him, that he became more vocal with accusations of a deep state conspiracy to murder JFK (in fact, he brought nothing but disinformation to the table, and is therefore best regarded as part of said conspiracy - Ed.), and (l) for being invited to play the (non-speaking) part of George de Mohrenschildt in Oliver Stone's (1991) movie "**JFK**".

**Olympia Rally:** See the entry for **British Union of Fascists (BUF)**, clicking through to the **Timeline** and supporting video if interested.

**O'Malley, John:** Some time alias of Chauncey Holt.

**O'Neal, Birch Dilworth:** [Read firstly the entries for **Pyotr Popov** and **Popov's Mole.**] CIA senior official and Head of Station in Guatemala at the time of the 1954 CIA-assisted coup **Birch O'Neal** [no convenient biography but see 1995 obituary] was Chief of CI/SIG (=Special Investigations Group) in the years immediately prior to the JFK assassination. He entered the JFK narrative in April 1958 when Popov, a CIA mole in the East Berlin GRU (=Soviet offshore military intelligence), reported that the KGB (=Soviet homeland military intelligence) knew more about the U-2 high-altitude spyplane program than they could have learned through conventional espionage techniques. Assistant Director for Counterintelligence **James Angleton** [q.v.] duly set SIG the task of finding the source of the leaks. Assisted by administrator **Ann Egerter** [q.v.] O'Neal implemented a program of counterespionage ploys, including numerous mole-catching **bifurcations** as described in the entry for **Peter Dale Scott** [q.v.].

**O'Neill, Francis X., Jr.:** [Read firstly the entries for **James Sibert** and the Sibert-O'Neill Report **ESSENTIAL PRIOR READING**] FBI Special Agent **Francis O'Neill** [Spartacus Educational biography] was one of two FBI agents (the other being **James Sibert** [see own entry]) who were sent to Andrews AFB, Maryland, by **J. Edgar Hoover** on the afternoon of 22 November 1963 with explicit instructions to keep tabs on JFK's body once it arrived from Dallas, and even more explicit instructions to maintain the "chain of evidence" in respect of the ballistics and the corresponding wounds. The two agents duly accompanied the body to **Bethesda** and stood in on the subsequent autopsy [O'Neill was present the whole time, but Sibert had to exit the room at one point to make a telephone call to the FBI Firearms Lab - Ed.]. Their "FD-302" report on what they observed - now known as the **Sibert-O'Neill Report** [see own entry] - indicated that no slugs could be found in the president's body, but that a lot of metal fragments had been splashed into his brain cavity. **FURTHER READING:** O'Neill was interviewed by the **ARRB** in the mid-1990s, and his 12th September 1997 ARRB deposition may be read as a detailed adjunct to the 1963 report [read it here VERY HIGHLY RECOMMENDED].

**Open Source Intelligence (OSINT):** OSINT is the use of publically available information - media, internet, literature, government minutes, etc. - as intelligence. A Deep State might therefore OSINT
its own citizenry in order to keep itself deep, or a state might OSINT another country. Interestingly, there could be no counter-OSINT effort to worry about intra-nationally, because one's own citizens are traditionally difficult to convince that they are under attack.

**Operation 40:** Approved personally by Allen Dulles to bring about the downfall of the Castro Regime on the ground after a successful Bay of Pigs Invasion, operatives for the CIA's Operation 40 [Spartacus Educational briefing], including David Atlee Phillips and E. Howard Hunt, met for early discussions in January 1960. When the Bay of Pigs Invasion failed in April 1961 and JFK refused to authorise a second attempt, the operation became one to kill the Cuban leader by just about any other means. Liaison man Richard Nixon subsequently recruited George H. W. Bush and Jack Crichton to help gather the necessary funding. Although Castro survived, of course, Operation 40 seems to have been responsible for a magnetic attraction of money, arms, mercenaries, and mobsters into Miami, Dallas, and New Orleans during 1962 and 1963, with the perhaps inevitable outcome.

**Operation Anadyr:** The codename for the Soviet Russian ballistic missile transport fleet into Cuba at the time of the Cuban Missile Crisis [Wikipedia briefing].

**Operation Bow Tie:** [Read firstly the entry for the Profumo Affair.] Operation Bow Tie [FBI briefing] was a U.S.-internal FBI drains-up report on the security implications of the March-April 1963 Profumo Affair, the principal recommendation of which was that the U.K. was far too leaky to be trusted with U.S. secrets and should therefore either (a) be kept out of the intelligence loop altogether, or (b) be firewalled with cover stories.

***** THE NEW BANANA REPUBLICS *****

**Operation Condor:** [Read firstly the entry for the Banana Wars interventions - see Timeline 13th February 1903ff ] Around for decades but finally systematised and coordinated 25th November 1975 [see Timeline that day] Operation Condor [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context as a prime example of "a United States-backed campaign of political repression" by six right-wing administrations in South America against "dissidents and leftists, union and peasant leaders, priests and nuns, students and teachers, intellectuals and suspected guerrillas" (Op. cit.) ...

**LEST IT BE OVERLOOKED:** The Wiki author has the good grace to confess that the bit about "guerrillas" was added "as an excuse", that is to say, to mislead. Guerrillas were "never substantial enough to control territory [...] or otherwise threaten national security" (Op. cit.). As for the other categories of people, they are the common clay folk who in 1776 made the American Revolution such a breath-of-fresh-air success. They are the beating intellectual and moral heart of any civilised nation; except under Banana Republic rules, where their innocent aspirations have been redefined as subversive and "freedom" has become whatever your Establishment says it is and woe betide you if you dare to disagree.

Operation Condor is estimated as having carried out as many as 80,000 political murders.

**Operation Cyclone:** This was the covert operation [Wikipedia briefing] executed during the 1980s to provide arms to the Mujahideen in Afghanistan as proxy warriors against the Soviet occupation. As such it was probably the longest and most expensive CIA operation ever conducted.

**Operation Desert Shield:** Authorised as a response to Saddam Hussein's 2nd August 1990 invasion of neighbouring Kuwait, Operation Desert Shield [Wikipedia briefing] was the military build-up phase of a number of interlocking overt and covert operations designed to remove Iraqi forces from that country and thus neutralise their collateral threat to Saudi Arabia. As such the operation occupied the first five months of the overall Gulf War, 1990-1991. On 17th January 1991 the build-up became hot war with the initiation of the follow-on Operation Desert Storm [q.v.].
Operation Desert Storm: Following on from the Operation Desert Shield [q.v.] military build-up, Operation Desert Storm [Wikipedia briefing] was initiated on 17th January 1991 as the six-week combat phase of the Gulf War, 1990-1991 [q.v.]

Operation Eagle Claw: See the entry for 4th November 1979.

Operation Enduring Promise (2018): See the entry for USNS Comfort and the onward link therein.

Operation Gladio: Active between November 1956 and July 1990, Operation Gladio [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context as the "stay-behind" element of NATO-CIA joint planning for the continuance of both defensive and offensive intelligence work and sabotage in the event of the Warsaw Pact invading European NATO states, or, until such an invasion materialised, political interference and malevolent black ops in the meantime ...

CAMEO - GLADIO AND ELECTORAL INTERFERENCE IN GREECE, 1967: The 21st April 1967 CIA-assisted military coup d'état in Greece reportedly used the covert resources put in place for Greece's Gladio, codenamed Sheepskin (Ganser, 2005).

More surprisingly, however, the coordinating theme of these Europe-wide black ops seems to have been a deliberate deep state strategy which came to be known as the Strategy of Tension.

FURTHER READING: For more of the detail see Daniele Ganser's (2005) book "NATO's Secret Armies: Operation Gladio and Terrorism in Western Europe" [Amazon].

Operation Midnight Climax: [Read firstly the entry for Operation MK/ULTRA.] Active between 1954 and 1963, Operation Midnight Climax [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context as the field testing element of the broader Operation MK/ULTRA which famously operated the surveillance laboratory-cum-brothels in NYC and San Francisco in the mid-1950s. For some of the juicier details, see the entry for George Hunter White.

Operation MONGOOSE: Initiated 17th March 1960 by President Eisenhower as a comprehensive (but at that time unnamed) attempt to bring about the downfall of the Castro Regime, Operation MONGOOSE [Spartacus Educational briefing] took greater shape and was given its codename after the failure of the Bay of Pigs Invasion in April 1961, specifically, at a White House meeting of JFK and his military circle on 4th November 1961. At this meeting JFK insisted - and the hawks among the military violently disagreed - that only covert operations would henceforth be allowed. Hawk Edward Lansdale (later to be photographed strolling across Dealey Plaza 22nd November 1963 in the aftermath of the shooting) was put in charge. The operation was then directed locally by JM/WAVE, the CIA station in Miami, with Sidney Gottlieb [see own entry] being asked to develop a poison package of some sort in case someone could get close enough to Castro to deliver it. An associated operation codenamed Operation NORTHWOODS [see own entry] preferred to contrive False Flag incidents as a pretext for official military intervention.

Operation Mockingbird: In 1948, the CIA's Director of Plans Frank Wisner implemented a program of subtle (and constitutionally illegal) interference with the mainstream media such that public opinion would henceforth automatically be in line with covert action. Wisner gave this far-reaching program the name Operation Mockingbird [Spartacus Educational briefing] and by the mid-1950s the U.S. mainstream media was spouting the CIA party line on foreign affairs and being repaid by a stream of high impact snippets from secret files designed to raise believability (and sales).

Operation Noah's Ark: This was the Israeli special forces operation which boarded the freighter Karine A in the Red Sea on 3rd January 2002 and unloaded some $15M worth of arms and munitions [Wikipedia briefing] allegedly destined for Palestinian paramilitaries in the Gaza Strip. The incident has since been occasionally suggested online to have been an Israeli false flag operation or related sting.

Operation Northwoods: A CIA proposal dated 9th March 1962 to false flag the Castro Regime, such that public (not to mention Presidential) opinion would swing behind military action to remove him. Six options were identified, as follows ...  

(1) A false flag attack on the Guantanamo Bay Naval Base.  
(2) A false flag atrocity against a U.S.N. vessel, like that on the USS Maine.  
(3) False flag terrorist attacks in Miami or DC.  
(4) A false flag attack on an airliner.  
(5) A staged shoot down of a suitably made up drone, reported as an airliner.  
(6) Faked distress messages and flotsam.

The plan was submitted to JFK by Lyman Lemnitzer and rejected outright. However as both the Pentagon's 1st May 1963 Briefing to Maxwell Taylor, and Joseph Califano's 1997 "Califano Papers, clearly indicate, the false flag notion would never totally go away.

Operation Paperclip: [Initially Operation Overcast] Operation Paperclip [CIA briefing] was the post-WW2 U.S. effort to migrate some 1600 Doctor Strangeloves into American Cold-War atomic, aerospace, and biological weapons programs.

Operation PBSUCCESS: CIA code name for their 1954 Guatemalan Coup [see 18th June 1954].

Operation Tilt: [occasionally alternatively Operation Red Cross] Operation Tilt [Spartacus Educational briefing] was a small-scale CIA operation to extract two potential Soviet defectors from Cuba. A small commando including long-standing CIA operative William D. Pawley and [Operation Mockingbird?] journalist Dick Billings was landed on 8th June 1963, only to be withdrawn shortly afterward having failed to locate the personnel concerned. The dozen or so Cubans in the deep penetration squad were never seen again. According to Robert K. Brown [q.v.] and Miguel Acoca's 1976 article "The Bayo-Pawley Affair", the point of the operation was to obtain evidence that the Soviets had retained a covert missile presence on Cuba in the wake of the Cuban Missile Crisis, which, if proven, would have seriously damaged JFK politically.


Oratory: Although it is politely defined merely as "the art or practice of formal speaking in public" O.E.D., and although it was highly prized as a necessary life skill by well-born Greeks and Romans, Oratory [Wikipedia briefing] is to Homo sapiens what bared-tooth attack is to alpha-male troop societies such as chimpanzees, baboons, and wolves. It is just another way of bending people to your will. Indeed, the skill actually becomes quite ethnically perturbing if allowed to deteriorate into Evangelism and Evangelistic Preaching [see own entry], whereupon all pretence at fine phrasing or rational argument is cast aside, to be replaced by easier-to-digest slogans and calls for hallelujah.

O'Reilly, William James: Journalist and author Bill O'Reilly [Wikipedia biography] was first author (with Martin Dugard) of the 2012 JFK best-seller "Killing Kennedy: The End of Camelot".

Organisation Armée Secrète (OAS): Founded in January 1961 by a disaffected clique of French Army officers opposing moves to grant independence to French Algeria, the Organisation Armée Secrète (OAS) [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context for a two-year binge of right-wing terrorist
attacks both in France and French North Africa, during which some 2000 people were killed and a further 4000 wounded. Since one of these attacks was an (unsuccessful) attempt 22nd August 1962 on the life of President de Gaulle, the OAS provides a convenient parallel for those who suspect right-wing involvement in the assassination of JFK 15 months later.

"... maintaining and protecting essential services" (OMS duties)

Organisation for the Maintenance of Supplies (OMS): Announced in The Times 25th September 1925, the Organisation for the Maintenance of Supplies (OMS) [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context as a way of recruiting volunteer strike-breakers from local communities when threatened with a general strike. The OMS was administered on behalf of the government by a committee chaired by Sir Arthur Hardinge [see own entry]. Day-to-day control was in the hands of General [Sir] Robert McCalmont [Wikipedia biography], and the committee was well-stiffened by retired admirals and generals. The scheme was duly acclaimed by Harold Harmsworth/Lord Rothermere's [Wikipedia biography] The Daily Mail as a "Defence Against the Reds" (Pugh, 2005), and just as predictably denounced by the left. McCalmont proceeded to take the names of some 85,000 middle-class do-gooders during the winter 1925-1926 as worker-master confrontations became increasingly acrimonious. However, when eventually the 1926 General Strike was called [see Timeline 4th May 1926], OMS volunteers proved to be physically unsuited to heaving coal and the like, and only some 5000 volunteers were actually called upon. Blue identity cards were issued to those of the volunteers doing "protecting" rather than "maintaining", because these were often protofascist bully boys.

Orlov, Lawrence: [1899-1989] Massachusetts-born to recent Jewish immigrant parents "of Russian or Polish ancestry" (Lateer, 2017, p63), WW1 veteran (U.S. Army, Headquarters administrator), Harvard graduate, and WW2 veteran (U.S. Army, military intelligence), turned we know not what Colonel Lawrence Orlov [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for re-enlisting in 1942 at age 43, making Colonel by 1945 (Lateer, 2017, p212), (b) for being a very deep operative at something 1948-1961, (c) for then settling in Dallas, becoming "closely tied" to J. Walton Moore, the CIA's careerist in that city, (d) for thereby being asked to accompany George de Mohrenschildt on his first encounter meeting LHO and Marina Oswald in June 1962, and (e) for NOT being pursued by either Warren Commission or the Garrison Investigation. FURTHER READING: For more of the detail see James Lateer's (2017) book "The Three Barons" [Amazon - RECOMMENDED], Chapter 19.

***** SENIOR MILNER GROUP ASSET *****

Ormsby-Gore, William George Arthur [4th Baron Harlech]1938: High-born British aristocrat William Ormsby-Gore [Lord Harlech]1938 [Wikipedia biographies] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for entering parliament in 1910 as member for Denbigh Boroughs, a seat he would retain until 1918; thereafter as member for Stafford until 1938, (b) for serving 1914-1915 in Egypt, transferring in 1916 to the Arab Bureau [see own entry] as an intelligence officer ...

ASIDE: Fromkin (1989) notes that during his time with the Arab Bureau Ormsby-Gore controlled the Palestinian spy network run by Aaron Aaronsohn [see own entry].

(c) for converting personally to Judaism at around this time, and being befriended by arch-Zionist Chaim Weizmann [see own entry], (d) for returning to Britain in 1917 to serve as one of the three Cabinet Secretaries in the Lloyd George administration ...

ASIDE: Fromkin (1989) has it that Ormsby-Gore, in concert with fellow-secretary Mark Sykes [see own entry], "converted the War Cabinet Secretariat to Zionism" (p293).

(e) for serving March to August 1918 on the Palestine Mission, before returning to Britain to prepare for ... (f) attending the 1919 Versailles Peace Conference as the British delegation's expert on the Middle East in general and Zionism in particular, (g) for helping to found Chatham House in 1920,
(h) for serving on the **Permanent Mandates Commission** between 1921 and 1923, and (i) then as Colonial Secretary for explaining to the House of Commons 21st July 1937 who had actually been the author of the **Balfour Declaration**, thus ...

"This further fact should be known, that the draft as originally put up by Lord Balfour was not the final draft approved by the War Cabinet. The particular draft assented to by the War Cabinet, and afterwards by the Allied Governments, and by the United States, expressed in the Resolution of Congress and finally embodied in the Mandate, happens to have been drafted by **Lord Milner**. The actual final draft had to be issued in the name of the Foreign Secretary but the actual draftsman was Lord Milner" (**Hansard**, 21st July 1937 [full text online]).

**Ortega Saavedra, José Daniel**: Nicaraguan freedom-fighter and politician **President**[1985-1990, 2007-ongoing] **Daniel Ortega** [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having survived the Contra terrorist insurgency directed against him between 1979 and 1984, during which time he was one of the five members of the Junta of National Reconstruction, (b) for having won the 1984 presidential elections with 67% of the vote, and (c) for then losing out in the 1990 elections to **Violeta Chamorro** [see own entry]. He also lost out in the elections of 1996 and 2001, but was re-elected in 2006, 2011, and 2016. As incumbent president he still [2018] speaks critically about United States foreign policy, and his support for Iran led to a break in diplomatic relations with Israel in 2010 (reinstated 2017).

**STOP PRESS**[19th October 2018]: 2018 has been an unsettled year in Nicaraguan politics, with student demonstrations violently suppressed by armed police - [YouTube Report](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=example). On 19th October 2018 Wikipedia summarised the situation thus ...

"As of July 3, 2018, the Death Toll has reached 309 people. With no peaceful solution in sight, Ortega clings to power despite the growing unrest."

**Orthodox Presbyterian Church**: See the entry for **Carl McIntire**.

**Orwell, George**: [Nom de plume of Eric Arthur Blair] British novelist **George Orwell** [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context as the author of the dystopian novels "**Animal Farm**" (1945) and "**Nineteen Eighty-Four**" (1949) [see 8th June 1949].

**Osanic, Len**: Len Osanic [commercial homepage] is anchor for the online broadcaster **Black Op Radio** [commercial homepage], self-styled as "the voice of political conspiracy research".

****** DEFINITELY MORE TO THIS MAN THAN MEETS THE EYE ******

**Osborne, Albert Alexander**: [a.k.a. **John Howard Bowen**] Possibly 75-year-old Grimsby (UK) born "missionary" and possible British or Soviet spy ...

**LEST IT BE OVERLOOKED**: Academic historian **Matthew Sutton**'s [see own entry] (2019) book "**Double Crossed: The Missionaries Who Spied for the United States During the Second World War**" [Amazon] informs us that American intelligence services were not averse to playing the patriot violin and using missionaries as cover for espionage and covert operations during WW2. **Hugh Wilford**'s (2008) book "**The Mighty Wurlitzer: How the CIA Played America**" [Amazon] further explains how the practice then went on to become a veritable industry under the CIA during the Cold War.

... **Albert Osborne** [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having become acquainted during the afternoon of 26th September 1963 with either **LHO** or an **LHO Look Alike** - take your choice - on the final leg of the Houston-Mexico City bus transit, (b) for being eventually named in **Richard Sprague**'s 1985 book "**The Taking of America, 1-2-3**" [full text online at https://ratical.org/ratville/JFK/ToA/ToAchp5.html] as a member of the assassination squad proper, and (c) for also being linked to an every-conspiracy-has-one call to a British newspaper warning of the assassination attempt 25 minutes before it actually happened. **RECOMMENDED READING**: The most detailed mainstream account is in Kaiser (2008, pp264-266). Osborne, it seemed, gave the FBI a merry dance
between January and March 1964, before J. Edgar Hoover finally decided that he was nothing but a con-man and dropped him from the investigation.

Osborne, Captain (U.S.N.) David Paul: Captain (later Admiral) David Osborne [Wikipedia biography] was Chief of Surgery at Bethesda, and ex officio attended JFK's autopsy on the evening of 22nd November 1963. He would later complain to the House Select Committee on Assassinations that the whole affair was conducted in a get it over with quick fashion. More confusingly, the HSCA reports tell us ...

(84) In a committee telephone interview with Admiral Osborne, another issue arose. He stated that he thought he recalled seeing an intact slug roll out from the clothing of President Kennedy and onto the autopsy table when personnel opened the casket and removed the clothing from the body of the President.

However he would later plead psychological suggestion of some sort, thus (same document) ...

(88) Following this investigation, the committee recontacted Admiral Osborne and informed him that the body of the President had not arrived in any clothes, but was wrapped in sheets,(116) and that no one else recalled anything about the discovery of a missile.(117) Admiral Osborne then said that he could not be sure he actually did see a missile and that it was possible the FBI and Secret Service only spoke about the discovery of a missile. He did say he was positive only one bullet was ever recovered, whether it was discovered at Bethesda Hospital or Parkland Hospital.

Oswald, Lee Harvey: Simply accumulate the 500 or so references to "LHO" in this glossary and you will have a decent entry for Lee Harvey Oswald.

Oswald, Marguerite: Recently widowed, struggling, but essentially noble and hard-working Marguerite Oswald [no convenient biography] entered the JFK story on 18th October 1939 when she gave birth to LHO. Now simply accumulate the other 20 or so references to this lady in this glossary and you will have a decent entry for the senior Mrs Oswald.

Oswald, Marina Nicolayevna: Born 17th July 1941 Marina Oswald [Wikipedia biography] moved in 1957 to live with her uncle in Minsk, in what had until 1922 been non-Communist White Russia, in order to continue her studies. She entered the JFK story on 17th March 1961 when she was introduced to a young American defector named LHO. They married 30th April 1961, and returned to the U.S. in June 1962. Now simply accumulate the other 20 or so references to this lady in this glossary and you will have a decent entry for the junior Mrs Oswald.

Oswald, Robert Edward Lee: Korean War veteran Robert Oswald [no convenient biography, but lots of profile below] was LHO's brother, and therefore became newsworthy from the moment of LHO's identification until his own death in 2017. His evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now]; Early interview to camera [YouTube it now].

Oswald, Vada Marie: Vada Marie Oswald [later Mercer] was the wife of Robert Oswald, and thus sister-in-law of LHO. She is noteworthy in the present context only for an 8mm home movie taken on 29th November 1962 in which LHO (settee, centre-right) and (occasionally) Marina Oswald (settee arm, far right) can be seen doing family things. YouTube it now. Vada Oswald's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED].

Oswald's Wallet: [Read firstly the entry for Paul Bentley.] According to the initial official reports, DPD detective Bentley, in the back seat of the police car bringing LHO in from his arrest at the Texas Theater, watched by detective Gerald Hill in the front seat, removed a wallet from LHO's hip pocket. On 24th November 1963 Captain Will Fritz provided FBI Special Agent James Bookhout with
photographs of the following items from the wallet, together with a contents list, which jointly then became Commission Exhibit 1986. Here is our summary of that list ...

1. Membership card for the Fair Play for Cuba Committee, New Orleans, name of L. H. Oswald, signed <Lee H. Oswald>, dated 15th June 1963, authorised by A. J. Hidell, "Chapter President".
2. Membership card for the Fair Play for Cuba Committee, New York, name of Lee H. Oswald, signed same, dated 28th May 1963, authorised by V. T. Lee, Executive Secretary.
3. Two sided Certificate of Service, name of Lee Harvey Oswald, 1653230.
4. Two sided DoD ID Card N4,271,617, name of Lee H. Oswald, bearing photograph of same and signed same. Expired 7th December 1962.
5. Two sided Dallas Public Library ID Card, name of Lee Harvey Oswald, signed <Lee H. Oswald>.
7. Ditto baby.
8. Social Security Card, name of Lee Harvey Oswald.
9. Two sided U.S. Forces in Japan ID Card, name of Lee H. Oswald, signed same.
10. Photograph of Marina Oswald.
11. Two sided street map from Ga-Jo-Enkanko Hotel. [Elsewhere referred to as the "Enlisted Man's Kanko Hotel, Tokyo" - Ed. check it out now] 
12. Two sided Selective Service Card, name of Alek James Hidell, bearing photograph of LHO, signed <Alek J. Hidell>.
13. Two sided Certificate of Service, name of Alek James Hidell.
14. Two sided Selective Service Notice of Classification, name of Lee Harvey Oswald, dated 2nd February 1960.
15. Two sided Selective Service Certificate, name of Lee Harvey Oswald, signed <Lee H. Oswald>, citing d.o.b. 18th October 1939.
16. Slip of paper bearing address of Soviet Embassy, Washington, DC.
17. Slip of paper bearing addresses of two left-wing periodicals.

*************** STILL TO BE SOLVED ****************

The big mystery with the wallet (as opposed to the various big mysteries with the many cards it contained) is that it had already been recovered (and LHO's name officially noted) in the presence of FBI Agent Bob Barrett ON CAMERA - YouTube it now - at the scene of the J. D. Tippit shooting half an hour before it was taken from LHO's pocket by Officers Hill and Bentley. The research community is still [February 2018] arguing over how this could be. Browse the Oswald's Wallet Thread to accumulate the various fragments of this story.

Othon Pacho, Felix Guillermo: Cuban exile Felix Othon Pacho [no convenient biography] had been appointed Dallas' delegate to the DRE by Manuel Salvat, and would later be interviewed by the FBI in the case of Silvia Odio.

Owens, Calvin Bud: DPD Lieutenant Calvin Owens [no convenient biography] entered the assassination narrative when he Code Three'd to the scene of the J. D. Tippit shooting, along with Captain Bill Westbrook and Assistant District Attorney Bill Alexander. He was then involved in the Ron Reiland filming of the Oswald Wallet - YouTube it now - although this fact will hyper-conveniently not get mentioned by the time the Warren Commission takes its testimony. Owens’ evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now].

Oxford, J. L.: Dallas County Sheriff's Deputy J. L. Oxford [no convenient biography] was in the general gathering of deputies outside the Sheriff's Office as the motorcade went by. When the shooting started he headed across Elm Street, and up the Grassy Knoll to the Picket Fence, where someone told him they had seen smoke. Mid-afternoon he was sent to the Paine House to assist the search there.

Pacillo, Lorenzo: See the entry for Loran Hall.

Page, Walter Hines: American newspaperman-journalist-diplomat Walter Page [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been U.S. Ambassador to Britain between 1913 and
1918, and (b) for having involved Herbert Hoover in dealing with the pre-war refugee panic at London's U.S. Embassy.

Paine House, The: The house at 2515 W. 5th Street, Irving, TX, where Ruth Paine was looking after Marina Oswald and her two small children, and which LHO would visit most weekends. Ruth Paine's estranged husband Michael Paine lived elsewhere in Irving, pending finalisation of their ongoing divorce. The Paine House features boldly in the initial report by Harry Weatherford, and then again in the Mannlicher-Carcano C2766 Thread. The Paine House has been a living museum since 2013 - YouTube it now.

Paine, Michael Ralph: New York City born Michael Paine [Wikipedia biography] was married to Ruth Paine and worked at the Bell Helicopter works, Fort Worth. The couple separated, and he moved out in September 1962.

Paine, Ruth Hyde: Texas housewife and - it has been well enough established - CIA asset of some standing Ruth Paine [Wikipedia biography] entered the JFK epic when she invited pregnant Marina Oswald and her daughter to stay with her in February 1963 while LHO sought work in New Orleans and (later) Dallas. In the event Ruth Paine would be massively convenient to the LHO Patsification Thread. Not only did she know George de Mohrenschildt but - possibly at his behest - she befriended the Oswalds, directed LHO to the job vacancy at the TSBD, more or less unwittingly stored the Mannlicher Carcano on his behalf in her garage, collated incriminating papers to be passed to the FBI, and was front and centre for the news cameras when the media wanted to know more about their little guy theory. She also called him a lawyer in the hours after his arrest, and perhaps even loaned out her Chevrolet Bel Air [YouTube it recently being pimped] to a driver unknown to pick up LHO from Elm Street a few minutes after the assassination. She has regularly helped maintain the lone nut narrative ever since. There is therefore much of value in Ruth Paine's evidential profile, as follows: Interview to camera, 1963 [YouTube it now (and read comments!!)]; Warren Commission testimony [Part #1; Part #2; Part #3; Part #4; Part #5]; Clay Shaw Trial testimony, 1969 [read it now]; Dramatised Mock Trial testimony, 1992 [YouTube it now]; Lecture/Q&A to camera, 2013 [YouTube it now]. Now simply accumulate the other 20 or so references to this lady in this glossary and you will have a decent entry for this "friend" of the Oswalds.

Palamara, Vincent Michael: Assassination researcher Vince Palamara [Spartacus Educational biography] was the author of the 2013 book "Survivor's Guilt", in which 20 years' accumulated interviews with secret service men and background witnesses (like porters and nurses) are distilled into a penetrating analysis of the secret service's failure to protect JFK in Dallas. [Lots to be browsed online in both text and video, but difficult to cite in academic papers because the juiciest bits are hearsay evidence.]

Palestine Arab Congress: [Starting at 19th December 1919, read firstly entries I thru X in the thread Zionism After Versailles] This series of seven separate gatherings over a period of nine years between 1919 and 1928 [Wikipedia briefing] was an attempt by the Arab communities in the Holy Land to mitigate the gifting of their homeland to Jewish resettlement in the wake of the collapse of the Ottoman Empire, the principle instrument of this resettlement being, of course, the 1917 Balfour Declaration [see own entry]. The First Congress took place in Jerusalem between 27th January and 10th February 1919, and called upon the Versailles Peace Conference [see own entry] to renounce said Declaration, and to create instead an Arab Union of some sort, "free of any foreign influence or protection". The Second and Third Congresses met in 1920, making similar protests, but were greeted by a statement from Colonial Secretary Winston Churchill that the Declaration was not renegotiable. The Fourth Congress met in Jerusalem 25th June 1921, and was followed up by a six-man delegation to London headed by one Musa Kazim [Wikipedia biography]. Talks duly took place during September, the British line (put by Sir Herbert Samuel [see own entry]) being that Palestinian religious, political, and economic interests were not under threat, so what was all the fuss about. The Fifth,
Sixth, and Seventh Congresses were held in 1922, 1923, and 1928 against a backdrop of public disorder. Resolutions were passed and delegations sent but nothing substantive changed.

Palestine Estimates, 1948: Addressing the likely imminent collapse of the British Mandate in Palestine, the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff produced a 31st March 1948 report entitled "Force Requirements for Palestine", in which it was noted that "Zionist strategy will seek to involve [the U.S.] in a continuously widening and deepening series of operations intended to secure maximum Jewish objectives. [...] All stages of this program are equally sacred to the fanatical concepts of Jewish leaders". The Arab-Israeli War [q.v.] broke out on 15th May that year.

Paley William Samuel: American media mogul of White Russian descent William S. Paley [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for going into the media business in 1927, soon building the Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS) into a nationally significant empire, (b) for deploying CBS assets during WW2 in the service of Allied psychological warfare, (c) for remaining on message after the war, firstly in liaison with the OSS, and then with the CIA (Wilford, 2008), and (d) for permitting his news chief Sig Mickelson [see own entry] to embed CIA agents into field reporting teams (Wilford, 2008).

Palmer, William Waldegrave [2nd Earl of Selborne]1885: British aristocrat-diplomat-politician Lord Selborne [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for entering Parliament in 1885 as member for Petersfield, (b) for having been identified by Quigley (1949) as one of the high-level Circle of Initiates in Cecil Rhodes' 1891 Society of the Elect [see own entry], that is to say, Britain's late-19th-Century deep state, (c) for being appointed Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies in 1895, under Colonial Secretary Joseph Chamberlain [see own entry], (d) for accordingly being deeply involved in both the 1895 Jameson Raid [see own entry] and the 1896 Jameson Raid Inquiry, (e) for thereby being promoted in 1900 to be First Lord of the Admiralty, and for being much influenced by the ideas of his First Sea Lord, Jacky Fisher, (f) for serving as High Commissioner to South Africa between 1905 and 1910, generally adopting the pro-Union views of his predecessor Lord Milner, and (g) for setting down those views in the Selborne Federation Dispatch of 7th January 1907, the document which went on to become the Constitution of the Union of South Africa in 1910.

Parkin, [Sir]1920 George Robert: Canadian schoolmaster [Sir]1920 George Parkin [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having a reputation "as a fanatical supporter of imperial federation" (Quigley, 1949, p8), (b) for thereby being selected as Secretary of the Rhodes Trust [see own entry] between 1902 and 1920, thereby administering the first tranches of Rhodes Scholars.

"Parkland": This 2013 mainstream movie, based upon a 2008 book by Vincent Bugliosi, is a counterintelligence attempt to debunk theorists of medical cover-up. This debunking was then duly counter-debunked in James DiEugenio's 2013 book "Reclaiming Parkland".

Parliamentary Recruiting Committee (PRC): This was the 30-member parliamentary committee established in the early days of WW1 and chaired by Asquith. It was responsible not just for Britain's recruiting campaigns, but also for the domestic propaganda to support same. For examples of its output we recommend the Imperial War Museum's collection - check it out.

Paschall, Patsy: Office worker Patsy Paschal [no convenient biography] was spectating from the 3rd Floor of the Old Courthouse Building (south-eastern corner of Main and Houston), and taking 8mm home movie footage of the motorcade. She successfully filmed the first five cars approaching down Main, taking the right into Houston, and then disappearing behind the County Criminal Courts Building. She then restarted as the same cars come into sight again on Elm after the shooting. YouTube it now. The footage would receive little attention until the mid-1990s.
Patel, Priti: [STUB ENTRY] British Conservative Party politician Priti Patel [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been outed in November 2017 for having held unauthorised meetings with Israelis wanting international aid, and for thereby acquiring the pejorative social media tag <Minister for Tel Aviv>.

***** WHITE RUSSIANS FIGHT FOR BRITAIN *****
***** BRITAIN FIGHTS FOR WHITE RUSSIANS *****

Patterson, John Henry: Born in then-British Ireland, careerist British Army officer John Patterson [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having served with distinction in the Second Boer War, 1899-1902, during which time he got to know The Times war correspondent Leo Amery [see own entry], (b) for wangling a posting to Egypt in early 1915, where he came into contact with Russian Zionist Jews who had fled Ottoman Palestine in fear of persecution for siding with the British, but who lacked the citizenship papers necessary to join the British armed forces, (c) for signing up 562 of these by special dispensation as a service battalion - popularly known as the Zion Mule Corps - and for leading them into harm's way in support of the Gallipoli Campaign, where they earned the reputation as good soldiers, (d) for returning to Britain in early 1916 to organise a line battalion of British-resident Russian refugees, the cadre of the famed Jewish Legion ...

See the separate entry for Jewish Legion

(e) for commanding the first of the Jewish Legion units - 38th Bn., Royal Fusiliers - in General Allenby's successful Holy Land Campaign in late 1917 [see 31st October 1917], and (f) for retiring in 1920 to write his memoirs and to continue lobbying for the Zionist cause in Palestine. For his contribution to the Jewish Legion, he is remembered in 21st Century Israel as the "Godfather of the modern Israel Defence Force". For more of the detail, we recommend Klinger (2015 [online])

Patterson, Richard Cunningham, Jnr.: Career diplomat Richard Patterson [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been American Ambassador to Guatemala between 1948 and 1951, that is to say, during the presidency of Juan Arévalo [see own entry], (b) for having been so diametrically of two minds with his diplomatic host that both of them decided he had to be withdrawn, (c) for then having continued his campaign of anti-Guatemalan vitriol back in Washington at speaking engagements, and (d) illustrating his argument with the now famous "Duck Test" [Wikipedia briefing], to the effect that Guatemala must be a Communist state because it walked, talked, and defecated like a Communist state.

Paul, Ronald Ernest: [Read firstly the entry for Neoconservative.] Retired (in 2013) senior (served 1976-1985; 1997-2013) Republican/Libertarian Congressman from Texas Ron Paul [Wikipedia biography] became noteworthy in the present context when in 1988, speaking as a traditional conservative (liberty, free market, limited government), he accused outgoing President Ronald Reagan of having been "a dramatic failure", complaining that he had doubled the national debt, started unnecessary wars, and broken the law; also that he "supplied terrorists with guns made at taxpayers' expense and lied about it to the American people". Paul was thus in at the birth of the American people's generally unsuccessful revolt against the Neocons of the American Deep State [q.v.]. He made the headlines again - on the same fundamental issue - on 10th July 2003 in a speech to the House in which he boldly identified the leading Neocons by name. This is how he began his speech ...

"Who's really in charge when party changes in elections make no difference to what happens? Someone is responsible, and it's important for those of us who love liberty and resent Big Brother government to identify the philosophical supporters who have the most to say about the direction our country is going" [YouTube the full speech - ESSENTIAL VIEWING].

The list of those identified, now known as Ron Paul's List of Neocons [q.v.], can be seen in the separate entry.
**Pavlick, Richard Paul:** WW1 veteran and retired postal worker Richard Pavlick [Wikipedia biography] had been committed 27th January 1961 to a mental institution for trying to assassinate JFK on 11th December 1960 with an "Old Black Buick" full of dynamite.

**Pawley, William Douglas:** Businessman and career diplomat, millionaire advisor to presidents across the world, and soft conspirator with press barons William D. Pawley [Wikipedia biography] was a long-standing friend of Allen Dulles and had supported a number of major CIA regime change operations during the 1950s. He had been active in the Far East during U.S. clandestine intervention on behalf of Chiang Kai-Shek’s Nationalists in the Chinese Civil War, not least by helping Civil Air Transport (CAT) get off the ground. He had then been instrumental in 1950 in persuading Dean Acheson to support the Nationalists in Formosa/Taiwan in the eponymous "Bayo-Pawley Raid" [see the entry for Operation Tilt]. Unsurprisingly, therefore, Pawley would be profiled by Peter Dale Scott in his 2015 book "Dallas ’63" as "a pre-eminent representative of the American deep state" (§4822).

"A gun expert and a gun nut" (Richard Hathcock)

**Payne, Leroy ["Roy"] Barton:** [Read firstly the entries for Richard Hathcock and Loran Eugene Hall.] Californian private investigator Roy B. Payne [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having committed some historical misdemeanour which would have led to his fingerprints being on FBI records at the time of the assassination, (b) for having been the business associate of Richard Hathcock, who in "late" January 1963 took charge of Gerry Hemming’s pawned Johnson M1941 and Bushnell Hunting Scope [check them out], the sniper's combo which some researchers suspect was used in the JFK shooting, and recovered at the scene, (c) for having stripped down and test-fired same during 1963, leaving his fingerprints on it, (d) for being called into Hathcock’s office mid-morning 23rd November 1963 because the FBI wanted to speak to him urgently, and for there giving his story to Special Agent Jerome K Crowe [see own entry] - check out Crowe’s later-that-day report.

THE ISSUE: At issue here is NOT JUST how a rifle which had made its way to Dallas in the possession of Loran Eugene Hall could be fingerprinted with 100% accuracy back to Mr. Payne unless his prints were already on file, BUT ALSO why the FBI - at a time when every law enforcement agency and agent **on the planet** was in Kennedy Meltdown - thought Payne worthy of an immediate visit. Hence the rumours that the Johnson had been recovered from the crime scene in Dealey Plaza!

and (e) for giving a detailed affidavit to the House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA) 9th March 1977 - read it now.

**Peabody, George:** Massachusetts-born entrepreneur/bond-broker George Peabody [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for building up the international investment brokerage George Peabody and Company (based in Liverpool, England, 1835, then as investment bank in London, 1851), and (b), being childless, passing same onto his 1954 partner Junius Morgan [check him out]. When Peabody retired in 1864 Morgan renamed the partnership J. S. Morgan and Company.

Peacock, [Sir] Edward: Canadian schoolmaster turned banker-kilindustrialist [Sir] Edward Peacock [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being one of the early Rhodes Trustees [see own entry], (b) for there representing the interests of Edward Wood [see own entry], (c) for thereby earning directorships of the Bank of England between 1921 and 1946, Baring Brothers [see own entry] in 1926, and armaments manufacturer Vickers-Armstrong in 1929, and (d) for being the Bank of England’s man in Washington during WW2.

**Pearl Harbour Speech:** This is the 6th June 2001 speech given by Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz [q.v.] at the West Point Class of 2001 graduation ceremony, in which he complained - in essence - that people were remarkably slow to respond positively to warnings given by Deputy Secretaries of Defense, absent some spectacular event like a Pearl Harbour attack.
Pearson, Norman Holmes: According to Russ Baker in his 2008 book "Family of Secrets, one-time boss of James Jesus Angleton Yale Professor Norman Pearson [Wikipedia biography] - having trained as an OSS counterintelligence agent in London during WW2 - helped set up the CIA in the late 1940s before returning to Yale to become one of the Agency's on-campus recruiting sergeants.

Pecora Commission Hearings: See the sub-thread at 4th March 1932ff.

Pedley, Alison Fuller: See the entry for Alison Fuller/Pedley.

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Pedleygate One (2016): In the wake of the against-the-betting Leave victory in the 23rd June 2016 Brexit Referendum, the politics of Brexit quite reasonably came to dominate media outlets, both discursive and interactive, for the remainder of the year. For example, the transmissions of the BBC Question Time programme on 22nd September 2016 (Sutton Coldfield [YouTube it now]), 29th September 2016 (Boston, Lincs [YouTube it now]), and 6th October 2016 (Neath [YouTube it now]) all covered the subject in detail. Moreover, since these programmes went out at the height of the co-occurring Anti-Corbyn Coup [see own entry], full opportunity was taken by speakers and audience alike to attack Jeremy Corbyn...

ALIKE: Non-British readers may be interested to learn that Corbyn was under attack by 172/212 of the parliamentary members **of his own party**, as well as by rival parties and the media, so rarely a good word was said about him. In the streets, however, people loved him, and complained to broadcasting regulators accordingly...

The resulting complaints forced the BBC to look into Question Time's production governance, and two months later it confirmed that it had slapped a few wrists, not least those of the programme's audience production executive Alison Fuller/Pedley [see own entry - COMPULSORY READING], for putting controversy above editorial balance. Here are some short but indicative commentaries...

On 5th December 2016, in a Bella Caledonia piece entitled "BBC Question Time - Fake Audiences??" [full text online], investigative journalist Mike Small made the telling observation that Question Time's audiences "seemed to be like cross-sections of a world you'd just never been in".

On 15th December 2016, in an Open Democracy piece entitled "Is BBC's Question Time's Audience Producer Really a Fascist?" [full text online], investigative journalist Tim Holmes explains how the complaints developed and what they tell us about the editorial standards of the once-trusted corporation...

"A freak Twitter storm engulfed the audience producer of Question Time last week. Alison Fuller Pedley, who picks the BBC panel show's audience, received a hail of online attacks and condemnations. By Tuesday, she had removed her Facebook profile and deleted both Twitter accounts. [...] When Question Time aired from Boston (where Pedley invited the local EDL) people tweeted: 'Since when was the agenda on #bbcqt set by the National Front?' '#bbcqt is the worst I've ever seen, can't watch any more. Vile, racist and disgusting #switchingoff'. This issue can't be brushed under the carpet. The audience producer plays a pivotal role and wields real power. [...] Yet the selection process is a closed box. The BBC claims audiences are representative and balanced, but how does it make sure? In 2010, a member of the public tried to find out through the Freedom of Information Act. The Corporation refused the request."

On 6th December 2016, in a Commonplace piece entitled "BBC reprimands Question Time producer over far right social media posts" [full text online; includes a clickthrough to the impartiality guidelines themselves], investigative journalist David Jamieson wrote...

"The BBC has clear impartiality guidelines covering the use of personal social media - this freelance producer and the rest of the programme team have been reminded of their responsibilities.

Impartiality Guideline (f), for example, recognises that sharing social media posts can often imply endorsement by the corporation as a whole, and recommends that sufficient narrative context be provided to prevent this happening. Guideline (d) advises producers that "You shouldn't state your
political preferences [or] sound off about things in an openly partisan way”. This rebuke seemed to do its job, at least until the announcement on 31st October 2019 of the Brexit Impasse General Election, whereupon good governance was thrown to the wind and provocateurs started to reappear, as explained separately in the entries for Pedleygate Two and Pedleygate Three, which see.

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Pedleygate Two: [Read firstly the entry for Pedleygate One.] We refer here to the some-have-said politically planted appearance of Rob ["The Bullet"] Barber [see own entry] as an audience participant on the 21st November 2019 edition of the BBC Question Time political discussion programme. Innocent enough to start with, within hours the Twittersphere was alight at said programme’s audience producer Alison Fuller/Pedley, thus ...

THE REAL ISSUE: It so happens that the Question Time production team contracts out its audience selection to Mentorn Media’s Alison Fuller/Pedley, and that back in 2016 Ms. Fuller/Pedley had been involved in Pedleygate One [see own entry], following complaints from viewers that the audiences she helped to provide included politically purchasable plants, shills, and agents provocateurs (Moore, 2018). The jury is still out, of course, on the events of 21st November 2019, but in the meantime readers are reminded that it is not easy to interpret glib statistics spouted out in the midst of heated debate. The thrust of Barber's accusation was that he earned over £80,000 per annum, and was therefore one of those slated to pay (a little) extra income tax should a Labour government be elected on 12th December 2019. But his homepage shows that he is also a small businessman, and small businessmen frequently draw only part of their company income as personal income. It may well be, therefore, that the statement "I earn eighty thousand" was in any event innocently untrue, should never have been made, and should certainly not have been left unexplored by the programme's moderator, Fiona Bruce. (Note that a person's tax affairs cease to be a private matter between that person and the Inland Revenue as soon as that person starts to use them to gain political influence.) The lesson, therefore, is that in the Wild West of 21st Century political discussion programs, broadcasters like the BBC are totally at the mercy of those who purchase the "plants, shills, and agents provocateurs" in the first place.

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Pedleygate Three: [Read firstly the entries for Pedleygate One and Pedleygate Two.] We refer here to the some-have-said politically planted appearance of Ryan Jacobsz [see own entry] as an audience participant on the 22nd November 2019 edition of the BBC Question Time political discussion programme. Innocent enough to start with, within hours the Twittersphere was alight at said programme's audience producer Alison Fuller/Pedley, with many accusing her (at best) of failing - yet again - to prevent malicious others from planting agents provocateurs in her audiences, thereby breaching the BBC's overarching requirement to be impartial.

Penkovsky, Oleg Vladimirovich: Soviet intelligence officer Colonel Oleg Penkovsky [Spartacus Educational biography] acted as a double agent for MI6 and the CIA between April 1961 and his arrest in October 1962. He is best known for alerting the West about Soviet plans to station missiles on Cuba, a move which culminated in the Cuban Missile Crisis [q.v.].

Penn, Lovell: Some weeks before the assassination, Dallas housewife Lovell Penn [no convenient biography] heard shooting on her property and had to wave off three men with a rifle. She then recovered a spent 6.5mm cartridge from the ground. When she later saw LHO on the TV, she recognised him as one of the three men, and rang it in.

Pennington, James: Like Roger Craig, passing motorist Jim Pennington [no convenient biography] also reported seeing a man getting into a Nash Rambler station wagon. Browse the LHO Movements 22nd November Thread to accumulate all the fragments of this story.

Peoples, Clinton: Texas lawman Clint Peoples [Spartacus Educational biography] was the Texas Ranger who (a) in 1961 helped challenge the establishment ruling that the death of Henry H. Marshall had been an act of suicide, and (b) teased out many details of the Billie Sol Estes fraud case. In so doing he picked
up evidence tangentially supporting the LBJ Theory of the JFK Assassination, and the Spartacus biography referenced above includes the following snippet ...

"On June 19, 1992, US Marshall Clint Peoples told a friend of his that he had documentary evidence that Mac Wallace was one of the shooters in Dealey Plaza. On June 23rd, Peoples, a former Texas Ranger and a onetime friend of Henry Marshall, was killed in a mysterious one-car automobile accident in Texas."

Perkins, Dean: Dean Perkins [no convenient biography] is sometimes encountered in the histories as Chairman of the Dallas chapter of the Committee for a Free Cuba, and as an associate of Fermin de Goicochea Sanchez.

Perle, Richard Norman: Classified within Ron Paul's List of Neocons [q.v.] under "Leo Strauss students and philosophical adherents", and described as a "key player in designing our new strategy for pre-emptive war", Richard Perle [Wikipedia biography] was an influential Neocon [q.v.] in the early years of the George W. Bush administration.

Permindex: Based in Basel, Switzerland, Permindex [Wikipedia briefing] was a holding company with international connections - for further details, see Linda de Hoyos (1981 [full text online]).

Perrin, Robert Lee: Once gun-runner to General Franco's Spain during the 1930s, Robert Perrin [no convenient biography, but for lots of background value, click here] was reputedly solicited by intelligence operative Colonel Robert Castorr [see own entry] to run guns into Cuba. The bagman for the pay-off was Jack Ruby. However, when Perrin later reneged on the deal he was poisoned to death with arsenic 28th August 1962 (suicidally by voluntary consumption, according to the office of New Orleans Coroner Nicholas Chetta). His widow - Nancy Hamilton [see own entry] - continued to work at Ruby's Carousel Club, and eventually gave testimony to the Warren Commission [under the name Nancy Perrin Rich - Ed.].

Perry, Malcolm Oliver, II: Parkland Hospital physician Malcolm Perry [Wikipedia biography] was on the trauma room team for both the JFK (where he worked on the neck wound) and LHO emergency admissions. His testimony became pivotal when he described JFK's throat wound as an entrance wound, that is to say, impossible from any window on the TSBD. His evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [Part #1; Part #2]; Assassination Records Review Board testimony, 1998 [read it now].

Personality, Authoritarian and Ethnocentric: The émigré German psychiatrist Erich Fromm [Wikipedia biography] was one of the first to extend psychological considerations to the politics of European fascism. He saw authoritarianism as one of several ways for people to avoid achieving true freedom .....
**TEST YOURSELF NOW**: How much of a fascist are you? Take an online derivative of the F Scale now - just click here. [RELAX, IT'S ACTUALLY QUITE FUN!]

**Peston, Robert James Kenneth**: [Read firstly the entries for National War Aims Committee (NWAC) and "Churnalism."] Well-born British print journalist turned TV news commentator Robert Peston [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context primarily for being one of those named in Marcus Moore’s [see own entry] (2018) article "BBC's 'Churnalism'" - read it now - as having helped transform the BBC from somewhat independently-minded state broadcaster to shameless government tout cryer [our metaphor - Ed.]. His particular role was as economics editor for the BBC 2014-2015, although he has since continued to ply his trade on social media and for ITV.

**Peters, [Sir]1952 Rudolph Albert**: British biochemist turned physician [Sir]1952 Rudolph Peters [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having studied at Cambridge under Joseph Barcroft [see own entry], publishing a paper on the biochemistry of haemoglobin in 1912, (b) for qualifying as a physician in 1915, joining the RAMC, and shipping out to the Western Front, where he earned the Military Cross and bar for staying close to the action, (c) for being transferred in 1917 from the RAMC to the rapidly expanding chemical weapons research station at Porton Down [see own entry], where he worked on "phosgene, arsenical smokes, and mustard gas" (Thompson and Ogston, 1983 [full text online]), (d) for returning to Cambridge after the war, before moving on to a Professorship at Oxford in 1923, and (e) for volunteering himself back into war work in 1939, performing research in collaboration Porton Down into antidotes for mustard gas and other blistering agents.

**Phenix, George**: KRLD-TV reporter-cameraman George Phenix [no convenient biography] was stationed initially at the Dallas Trade-Mart, JFK’s next planned stop. When the motorcade simply whistled past he flagged a lift to Parkland Hospital and filmed there. He was then in the basement of DPDHQ on 24th November and was one of two cameramen (the other being Jack Beers) who got a clear view of Jack Ruby firing the fatal shot.

"Kim, the game's up."

**Philby, Harold Adrian Russell ["Kim"]**: [Read firstly the entry for (his father) St. John Philby.] British establishment journalist, intelligence agent, and Cambridge-raised Soviet spy Kim Philby [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being recruited by Russian intelligence in June 1934, (b) for earning a living as a foreign correspondent for The Times 1935-1940, feeding secrets to the Russians while out covering the Spanish Civil War in 1937 from the Nationalist side ...

**ASIDE**: Franco's Nationalist forces viewed Britons with suspicion because so many of their countrymen were fighting for the Republican side with the International Brigade. The information Philby supplied to Moscow included such details as "number of aircraft, type, calibre of artillery, number of rounds fired, composition of attacking infantry force, and so on" (Knightley, 1988, p59).

(c) for returning to London in August 1939, then being sent a few weeks later to the B.E.F.’s headquarters at Arras; for then being unceremoniously dumped back in Britain in May 1940 on one of the last boats out of Boulogne before the Panzers arrived, (d) for being recruited into MI6 counterintelligence in July 1940, working initially to fellow spy Guy Burgess, (e) for being redeployed later that year as an instructor in demolition and propaganda for SOE ...

**ASIDE**: Philby served initially at SOE "Station 17" - Brickendonbury Hall, Hertfordshire [2019 website] - transferring later that summer to Beaulieu, Hampshire [2019 website]. **FURTHER READING**: Both estates have 2019 websites giving details of their wartime adventures. For the general practice of relocating the nation's defence in troubled times from Whitehall out into the shires, see Julie Summers' (2018) book "Our Uninvited Guests: The Secret Lives of Britain's Country Houses, 1939-1945" [Amazon - RECOMMENDED]. For an indication of just how many distributed SOE sites there were, and their particular specialisms, click here.
(f) for being transferred in early 1943 to MI6's Section 5, commuting between its out-of-town headquarters at Glenalmond House, St. Albans and its offices in Ryder Street, St. James', London, and helping to induct the first wave of American OSS officers into the realities of the war in Europe ...

**ASIDE:** Section 5 was the control hub for MI6's counter-intelligence effort. Its job was accordingly to learn so much about the enemy’s intelligence gathering networks that it could - in today's no-nonsense phrasing - fuck with their minds. Networks in Spain and Turkey were consistently in the front line of this war within a war. Philby was put in charge of the *Iberian Desk*, the counter-intelligence effort in Spain and Portugal. One of the Americans - *James Jesus Angleton* - would become firstly Philby's personal friend and later his greatest professional enemy. More on this below.

(g) in late 1944 - with a Cold War already threatening - for carefully wangling the position as head of a new Section 9, coordinating both the gathering of field intelligence within, and conducting counter-intelligence work against, the Soviet Union, thereby becoming the perfect mole ...

"... within eighteen months, he had transformed a one-man, one-room section into a major department occupying a whole floor and employing a staff of more than thirty. In the winter of 1945-6, Philby visited France, Germany, Sweden, Italy, and Greece to brief [MI6] station chiefs on what Section Nine planned to do and what it would require. [... Many new agents] went behind the Iron Curtain and, betrayed by Philby, they vanished" (Knightley, 1988, p127).

(h) for nearly being betrayed by the attempted August 1945 defection of the Russian Vice-Consul in Istanbul and NKVD officer *Konstantin Volkov* [Wikipedia biography] ...

**CAMEO - DEALING WITH VOLKOV:** Volkov walked into the British Embassy in Istanbul 4th September 1945 and told First Secretary *John Leigh Reed* [no convenient biography] that he was an NKVD officer desiring to defect. He could, he said, identify several hundred Soviet spies, including three very senior ones. When Reed's report reached London 10 days later Philby realised that he himself, along with Burgess and MacLean, were at risk. He therefore warned his London contact as to their man's offer and set off as slowly as he could manage to Istanbul to conduct the follow-up contact personally. As a result it was fully three weeks between Volkov's initial contact and the attempted follow-up, during which period Moscow had had its people in Istanbul take him out of circulation. There would be no debriefing. Ever [Wikipedia still shows Volkov as having disappeared in 1945 - Ed.].

(i) for being awarded a CBE [=Commander of the British Empire] in the 1946 New Year's Honours List, as a reward for his war service, (j) for being appointed head of the MI6 station in Istanbul in February 1947, with the following responsibilities (note the bit about Bulgarian exiles - we shall be returning to it shortly) ...

"Turkey has a long border with the Soviet Union and another with communist Bulgaria. In the 1940s Stalin was claiming a slice of eastern Turkey, plus the right to put Russian bases on the Bosphorus and the Dardanelles - main thoroughfares for Soviet shipping. The Turks, to protect their independence, were clamouring for Western military aid. A civil war was raging in nearby Greece, which looked as if it might easily go communist. Istanbul is a city of many communities, including Armenians, Georgians, Bulgarians, and Albanians, all with direct links to the homeland communities behind the Iron Curtain. [...] The Turkish authorities were no problem. They had a simple and straightforward attitude to all the foreign espionage officers: they welcomed the currency that their activities brought to Turkey. [...] Another possible source of information were the exile groups. But they quickly learnt that espionage can be a money-spinner, so nearly every Bulgarian or Romanian exile turned out to have taken the trouble to establish a spy network before he left his country and was willing to put this network at Philby's disposal if the money was right. [...] He recommended to London that he should undertake a long-range photographic reconnaissance of the Soviet frontier, 'Operation Spyglass'. Equipped with a camera 'as big as a tram', and escorted by a Turkish security officer, he started at the eastern end, where the frontiers of the USSR, Turkey, and Iran meet, and worked his way westward, stopping every two or three miles and swinging the camera in a wide panorama" (Knightley, 1988, pp144-146; emphasis added).
(k) for being selected August 1949 [but not in post until 7th October 1949 - Ed.] to head the MI6 station at the British Embassy in Washington, where he liaised closely with his American counterpart James Jesus Angleton ...

**ASIDE - PHILBY AND ANGLETON:** Philby crossed the Atlantic on RMS Caronia, comforted by a crate of champagne given him by his "disgustingly rich" friend in MI5, Victor Rothschild, 3rd Baron Rothschild [Wikipedia biography]. Among the meeters and greeters was his old Section 5 buddy Angleton, now head of the CIA's Liaison Staff A. In due course, Angleton would be one of the first to suspect Philby's bona fides, but initially he seems to have been fooled.

(I) for using information on proposed cross-border insertions to sabotage Allied operations in Ukraine, 1949-1951 ...

**ASIDE:** These were provocateur operations designed to inflame the indigenous population against their Russian occupiers. Philby would later explain in his memoirs that the CIA and MI6 had a policy of not compromising or duplicating each other's operations. This - unfortunately - this required that they told each other the times and coordinates of upcoming insertions. Philby simply passed selected times and coordinates on to Moscow, who arranged a hotter than expected welcome.

(m) for being exposed as a possible mole when associates Guy Burgess and Donald MacLean fled to Moscow 25th May 1951 ...

**ASIDE:** MacLean, it will be recalled, had been the agent - codenamed "Homer" - who had been active in the British Embassy 1944-1945, reporting high-level diplomatic traffic between Washington and London to Moscow. Philby's first act was to go home, gather up his spy camera and other incriminating evidence, and then drive out of town to bury same in woods close to the Potomac River [like Turing's stash of silver they're still out there - Ed.].

**AN INTRIGUING COINCIDENCE - EARLY COLD WAR OPERATIONS IN BULGARIA:** We interrupt the main narrative at this juncture with a story which did not surface until 1991 (in Bulgarian) or 2001 (in English) in the memoirs of one of the aforementioned Bulgarian refugees, a certain Spas Raikin - the man who would later collect LHO and Marina Oswald from the New Jersey quayside as they arrived back from the Soviet Union 13th June 1962. Here is what he has to say about his own period as a Bulgarian refugee in Greece ...

"I want to mention here an incident which took place in Greece while I was a refugee there, Sometimes, in 1952 I believe, the Chief of the Church World Service, Mr. Christopher King [see own entry] asked me to accompany them to show me some monastery or something like that in Athens. There, a gentleman, armed with photocameras, asked me through King to give him permission to take pictures of me. I had no objection and he placed me against a wall and started with his cameras. [...] He was taking close shots, front and profile. Much later, when the affair of the notorious [Kim] Philby came out, I remembered that the man in the newspapers looked very much like the photographer in Athens. I learned that in those days he had been in Athens, 1951 or 1952, that he had been Chief British Intelligence Officer for the Balkans, that he was at the same time agent of KGB, and advisor of the CIA for the Balkans" (Raikin, 1991/2001, p12).

Now Raikin had absconded (aged 28 at the time) from his Bulgarian labour camp 6th May 1951, arriving in Salonika, Greece, 19th June 1951 and moving on to Athens 19th July 1951. At face value, therefore, his dates and Philby's do not permit them to have met. But in the intelligence world, of course, anything is possible, especially if Raikin had made earlier border crossings back in 1947-1949 when Philby (and his camera) were doing the rounds!

(n) being recalled to London 11th June 1951, arriving the following day and being whisked off to MI5 headquarters to help with the drains-up investigations,

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(o) for being himself minutely investigated between 1951 and 1955 as a potential "third man" in the Washington spy-ring, but not brought to trial for want of concrete evidence, (p) for being accused 25th October 1955 in a House of Commons debate [Hansard it now] of "dubious third-man activities", (q) for relocating to the Middle East in 1956 as foreign correspondent for The Observer, (r) for finally
being confirmed as a Soviet double agent by information obtained by Angleton during his early 1962 debriefing of KGB defector Anatoly Golitsyn [see own entry], (s) for confessing his guilt to colleague Nicholas Elliott [see own entry] 10th January 1963 while on assignment in Beirut, Lebanon, (t) for then being spirited out of town late 23rd January aboard the freighter Domatova, destination Odessa, and (u) for spending the remaining 25 years of his life in Moscow, giving occasional interviews and writing his memoirs. He was awarded the Order of Lenin in 1965 as a reward for his war service.

Phiby, Hillary St. John Bridger: [Adopted name Sheikh Abdullah after conversion to Islam] [This entry presumes prior familiarity with the entries for Sir Mark Sykes and the Balfour Declaration.] British colonial service diplomat cum intelligence service asset [potentially even a fully-fledged SIS operative, as alleged below - Ed.] (and father of masterspy Kim Philby), St. John ["Jack"] Philby [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being posted to Lahore, Punjab (modern Pakistan), after graduating from Cambridge in 1908, proud to be “the first Socialist to join the Indian Civil Service”, (b) for being recruited to Basra, occupied Mesopotamia, as a civilian administrator within the 1915 Expedition ...

ASIDE - PHILBY AND ARABIA: Philby's ship anchored at Basra 20th November 1915, and thus began what would become a life-long fascination with "Arabism". Britain's strategic aim was to have the great swaths of Arabian-speaking territory within the Ottoman Empire rise up as allies of Britain and France against their former rulers, thus creating a solidly pro-British Middle and Near East. The Basra bridgehead in Mesopotamia was one of two jumping off points for the resulting offensives, the other being Egypt and the Suez Canal.

(c) for helping to administer the Basra front while the Army fought its way painfully upriver toward Baghdad and greater men than he introduced firstly the 3rd January 1916 Sykes-Picot Agreement and then the 2nd November 1917 Balfour Declaration, (d) for therefore being a natural selection to head Britain's December 1917-January 1918 Ibn Saud Mission ...

CAMEO - PHILBY AND IBN SAUD: The fact and content of the Sykes-Picot Agreement had been kept secret, but was mischievously made public by the Bolshevik Government shortly after its success in the Russian Revolution. Arab tribal leaders such as Ibn Saud were far from impressed, and it was going to take a special person to bring him round, thus ...

"... the two men, the English administrator and the Bedouin chieftain, formed a lasting relationship. Ibn Saud was faced with the tough, argumentative Englishman who was not afraid to speak his mind and who seemed to love the desert as much, if not more, as the Arabs. […] St. John Philby like the austerity, the strict moral code of the Arabs. Their social system, based on a benevolent if autocratic monarchy, appealed to the puritanical side of his personality. And like many other British Arabists. St. John Philby felt that his country behaved with unforgivable duplicity towards the Arabs in the First World War. The British promised them self-determination in exchange for help against the German-Turkish alliance. But these public promises were cynically ignored in the Sykes-Picot agreement (1916), by which Britain and France agreed to divide the Middle East to their own advantage. This duplicity was then confounded by the Balfour Declaration (1917), promising the Jews a national home in Palestine” (Knightley, 1988, p.25).

Ibn Saud's tribal domains would become the modern Saudi Arabia in 1932. FURTHER READING: For more on the betrayal of the Arabs, check out Daniel Silverfarb's (1979) paper "The Philby Mission to Ibn Sa'ud, 1917-18" [full text online (requires JSTOR registration)].

(e) for hosting a royal visit to Britain by Ibn Saud's 14-year-old son Prince Amir [later King] Faisal between October and December 1919, (f) for spending the first half of 1920 feeding briefing papers through to the committees considering how precisely the League of Nations' Palestinian Mandate was going to be implemented, (g) for being recalled to Mesopotamia - now freshly rebranded as Iraq - in August 1920 to help suppress an incipient rebellion, (h) for thereby being a natural selection in late November 1921 to be appointed Chief British Representative to Transjordan, based in Amman, (i) for the next 20 years for dividing his time between business interests in Arabia [possibly a cover identity - Ed.], political missions to the court of Ibn Saud (King of Saudi Arabia after 1932), and publisher-funded travelogue tours of the Arabian Peninsula; even converting to Islam in 1930, (j) for attending the Palestine Round Table Conference [Wikipedia briefing] in February 1939, as well as side talks with
Chaim Weizmann and David Ben Gurion, trying to get an Arab monarch into Palestine in return for increases in Jewish immigration [for a recent Jewish take on these negotiations, see POSTSCRIPT below - Ed.], (k) for becoming increasingly vocal as a pacifist around this time, (l) in the early weeks of WW2, for helping to broker a "Jewish loan" to Saudi Arabia ...

CAMEO - THE PHILBY-NAMIER PROPOSAL: On 29th September 1939 Philby met with another prominent Zionist, Lewis Namier [see own entry], who brokered a further meeting with Weizmann 8th October 1939. Having devised a plan to pay £20 million to Ibn Saud in return for Jewish settlement rights in Palestine, Weizmann was to go to Washington to clear things with President Roosevelt while Philby was to go to Arabia to do likewise with King Saud. Philby met with King Saud 8th January 1940 and was put "on hold", but nothing came of the proposal by the time Philby was taken off the job a few months later.

(m) for being recalled to Britain in August 1940 for pacifist disloyalty, being held in Liverpool's Walton Prison for alleged offences under the Defence of the Realm Act (DORA), not being released until 18th March 1941, (n) for apparently passing the rest of the war as a writer and civilian war worker, and (o) for moving back to Saudi Arabia one more time after the war, meeting occasionally with the now ageing King Saud, researching new travelogues, and watching the kingdom start to grow rich from oil revenues. He died 30th September 1960, aged 75, during a visit to Kim in Beirut.

POSTSCRIPT: In their (1994) book "The Secret War Against the Jews" [Amazon - INTERESTING], authors John Loftus and Mark Aarons summarise the politics of this era as follows ...

EDITORIAL CAUTION: This is a pop-market polemic rather than an academic history. We include its criticisms here for the sake of academic balance.

"In the early part of the twentieth century, the Saudi Arabian king Ibn Saud used the extremist Wahhabi sect as the logical political extension of religion to prop up a tribal dictatorship. It was natural that the isolationist Wahhabi culture would feel threatened by the European Jews who were then starting to move into Palestine. In a bit of revisionism, Ibn Saud placed more emphasis on that part of the Koran that reflected Muhammad's anger toward the Jews, not his respect. The Moslem tradition was artificially rolled back to the ninth century. The gentle Moslem religion was, and continues to be, perverted into an instrument of war, hatred, xenophobia, and above all, ignorance. [...] The Jewish immigrants were, and are, a persistent threat to Arab backwardness and the luxurious lifestyle consequently enjoyed by the Arab dictators and their kin. [...] The accepted British view of history is that England played a charitable role toward Jews in the first half of this century. It was England that gave Zionism, the movement to revive a Jewish state, its first political nourishment. It was England that lobbied the League of Nations for a mandate to govern the new colony of Palestine, England that appointed a Jew to oversee the mandate, England that tried to help the Zionists in the face of American indifference, England that condemned Hitler's racism. [...] But] the British intelligence service undermined such noble notions [and there followed] early covert operations against the Jews. This period, stretching from the end of World War I to just after the end of World War II, was characterised by three very evil men: Jack Philby, a British spy; Ibn Saud, his Arab protégé; and Allen Dulles, an American spy and Wall Street lawyer specialising in international finance. The racist nature of their secret war against Zionism does not appear in the history books for a simple reason. Jack Philby later was paid by Western oil companies to write pro-Arab propaganda disguised as history. [...] Jack Philby's] legacy was far from minor. He is one of the lesser known but most influential persons in the modern history of the Middle East, the renegade British intelligence agent who plucked an obscure terrorist out of the desert and helped to make him the king of Saudi Arabia. [...] Philby stole the information from British intelligence files that engineered Saudi control over the holiest shrines of the Moslem world" (pp20-21).

***** "A man in charge of a lot of hanky-panky" (Summers, 2013e, p340) *****

Phillips, David Atlee: [field identity Maurice Bishop] WW2 veteran (U.S.A.F.) and long-standing CIA officer David Atlee Phillips [Wikipedia biography] was possibly at hand in or near Dealey Plaza at the time of the shooting, although his very existence was not at all well known until he was "outed" at the time of the House Select Committee on Assassinations. Before the assassination he had been working to David Morales at JM/WAVE, and had overseen many of the Alpha 66 operations, including the quite deliberate targeting of Soviet transport ships in March 1963 (Summers, 2013e). He is now routinely believed to have been at least closely monitoring, if not handling in the field agent sense, LHO. He even took LHO with him to meet Alpha 66 commander Antonio Veciana in the Southland Center [now the Sheraton Dallas Hotel], Dallas on or about 8th September 1963. Thus ...
"[David] was accompanied by a young man who gave me the impression of being very quiet, rather strange and pre-occupied. The three of us walked to a cafeteria. The young man was with us ten or fifteen minutes" (Antonio Veciana, quoted in Summers, 2013e, p302).

There is a reasonably convincing one-word deathbed confession out there to the effect that he was in Dealey Plaza on 22nd November 1963, and at least one source places him on TSBD2??

**Picado Michalski, Teodoro:** Costa Rican centre-right politician [President [1944-1948] Teodoro Picado [Wikipedia biography] served as president between 1944 and 1948 and, when his political ally Rafael Calderón [see own entry] was beaten in the 1948 elections, fought and lost a bitter civil war against the centre-left José Figueres [Wikipedia biography] as de facto provisional president. He lived in Nicaragua in exile until his death in 1960.

***** MINOR CONSPIRATOR, WW1 *****

**Pickford, Sir William, [Baron Sterndale]**[1918]: British lawyer [Sir William Pickford [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for being mentioned in Chapter 12 of Jim Macgregor [see own entry] and Gerry Docherty’s [see own entry] 2017 book "Prolonging the Agony" [see own entry]. In this particular chapter the authors are questioning the true motives for the Anglo-French move against the Dardanelles in Spring 1915 [see entire thread from 1st January 1915], suspecting that the whole thing was a deliberately engineered piece of political theatre designed to keep the Russians in the war by promising them Constantinople. Pickford, they note, took over as Chairman of the subsequent whitewash, the Dardanelles Commission [see own entry], after the death of Lord Cromer in January 1917. [THREAD = BEST KEEP THIS FROM THE COMMON MAN]

"Pilot": Episode 1 of the 2001 TV thriller series "The Lone Gunmen" [IMDB entry] is noteworthy in the present context merely for its use of the trope of an airliner being crashed into one of the twin WTC towers. The series was screened by Fox Broadcasting Company for Newscorp, one of the western world's "Big Six" MSM providers.

**Pinsker, Leon:** White Russian [born 1821 in south-eastern Poland, at that time part of the Russian Empire - Ed.] physician and early Zionist activist [Leon Pinsker [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for founding the Odessa Committee [see own entry] in 1890 to support Russian Jews seeking to migrate to the Holy Land in the First Aliyah [see 19th December 1919 (ASIDE)].

**Pioneer Fund:** Founded in 1937 by ultra-right-wing millionaire Wickliffe P. Draper [see own entry], the Pioneer Fund [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context (a) as being modelled on the Nazi German eugenics programs Draper had had the opportunity to observe two years previously, (b) for aiming to direct financial aid toward the children of parents of "unusual value", (c) for funding some famously controversial twin studies over the decades, not least those by J. Philippe Rushton [Wikipedia biography], and (d) for still going strong.

**Pitzer, William Bruce:** WW2 veteran (U.S.N.) Lieutenant Commander [Willaim Pitzer [Wikipedia biography] was the technical services officer at Bethesda at the time of JFK's autopsy. As such he operated that hospital's CCTV facilities, including a medical training viewing room. It would later transpire that he had on his own authority videotaped the autopsy, only to grow increasingly concerned at discrepancies between his tapes and the official records by then being circulated. Pitzer was found conveniently shot to death 29th October 1966 in what many have judged was a contract murder rather than a suicide. [Our verdict - genuine core incident prejudicial to the primary cover-up, followed by CIA execution of the witness and a secondary cover-up by means of pre-scripted autopsy; all followed by a disinfo smokescreen.]

**Plumley, William Robert ["Tosh"]:** Some time pilot for Johnny Roselli, William Plumley [Spartacus Educational biography] was on the South Knoll at the time of the shooting engaged in a CIA abort operation, that is to say, an attempt to disrupt shooting teams wherever they might be located and by whatever
means. However most of his story will not emerge until 1992 and is poorly corroborated. Plumley also claimed to have met LHO in 1959 at the "Illusionary Warfare Centre", Nags Head, NC.

**ASIDE:** Remember that our standard caution to students is that 1992-1993 was a period of significant Establishment obfuscation and counter-conspiracy funding in the wake of the success of Oliver Stone's movie "JFK".

Plumley speaks on camera in Wim Dankbaar's [see own entry] (2007/2020 re-released) documentary movie "The Grassy Knoll" [see firstly the separate entry, and then view on Amazon Prime STRONGLY RECOMMENDED].

### NEXT STORM BREWING

As at 9th February 2020

**Plummer, Francis Allan:** Canadian virologist Frank Plummer [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for a successful 30 year career as an viral epidemiologist, with significant research into such diseases as SARS, H1N1, Ebola, and - until his sudden death on the job 4th February 2020 - Coronavirus, (b) for dropping dead at a virologists' conference at the University of Nairobi, Kenya, and (c) for immediately being the subject of conspiracy theories that he was assassinated as part of a conspiracy on someone's part to develop a weaponised variant of said Coronavirus - check out the theory here. TO BE UPDATED AS DEVELOPMENTS COME TO LIGHT.

**P.O. Box 2915 (Dallas Main Post Office):** This is the box rented by LHO in his own name on 9th October 1962 and closed 14th May 1963. The "Part 3" of the application - the card which states who is approved to collect from a particular box - has never been seen, and was officially explained (a) as having been lost, and (b) of having authorised collections by himself and A. Hidell (otherwise he would not have been able to pick up the Mannlicher-Carcano C2766 ordered under that name at that address). However, LHO insisted on 24th November 1963 that "no one had access to the box other than himself" (Commission Exhibit No. 2064, p180).

**P.O. Box 6225 (Dallas Terminal Annex):** This is the box rented by LHO in his own name on 1st November 1963 and still open at the time of his death. The "Part 3" for this box authorised collections by himself alone. The box had been used as the sending address for letters that same day to the American Communist Party and the American Civil Liberties Union.

**P.O. Box 30016 (New Orleans):** This appears to be a dyslexic typographic error on LHO's part. It is from the overstamp on the stock of Fair Play for Cuba flyers distributed on 9th August, which reads ...

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A J HIDELL
P.O. BOX 30016
NEW ORLEANS, LA
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Oswald's actual box was P.O. Box 30061, see next entry. [We have seen it asserted that there was no box 30016 in New Orleans at the time.]

**P.O. Box 30061 (New Orleans):** This is the box rented by LHO in his own name on 11th June 1963 and closed upon his imminent return to Dallas on 26th September 1963. The "Part 3" for this box authorised collections by himself, Marina Oswald, and A. J. Hidell (and - unlike P. O. Box 2915 - this Part 3 was not discarded after closure - check it out). This box number is a simple transposition error away from P.O. Box 30016 as used on some of the Fair Play for Cuba flyers distributed in August 1963.

**Poe, J. M.:** DPD officer J. M. Poe [no convenient biography] responded initially to the Dealey Plaza Code Three, and helped with crowd control for a few minutes. He was then re-deployed to the scene of the J. D. Tippit shooting where he recovered two of the discarded cartridge cases from the ground, handing...
same to the crime lab officer at hand. Poe's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now].

***** DEEP STATE ARCH-CONSPIRATOR, WW1 *****

Poincaré, Raymond Nicolas Landry: French politician Raymond Poincaré [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been Prime Minister of France between 1912 and 1913, and President between 1913 and 1920. Unsurprisingly, he features large in the 2013 and 2017 writings of Jim Macgregor and Gerry Docherty [see own entries], who very firmly place him close to the ringleaders of the Milner-Rothschild New World Order Conspiracy [see own entry]. Macgregor and Docherty's most damning accusations are (a) that his rise to prime ministerial power in January 1912 as an avowed Revanchist [see 8th April 1904] had been secretly funded with Russian money, the better to keep France and Russia in step against Germany, (b) for undertaking a state visit to Tsar Nicholas II in 1912 in order to strengthen the Franco-Russian stance against Germany and Austria-Hungary, (c) for having overseen the creation of France's 1913 War Plan XVII [see 18th April 1913], one aspect of which was the guaranteed deployment of a British Expeditionary Force to the Belgian frontier, and (d) for undertaking a second state visit to Russia 20th-23rd July 1914 just before the descent into war, when the opportunity was taken [the visit itself had been arranged the previous year - Ed.] to promise French support for the Russians should they mobilise against Austria-Hungary in support of Serbia. [THREAD = BEST KEEP THIS FROM THE COMMON MAN]

Polak, Stuart [Baron Polak]2015: [STUB ENTRY] Lifelong activist on behalf of British Jewry, Baron Polak [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been on the board of Conservative Friends of Israel [see own entry] since 1989, and (b) for reportedly arranging for Tel Aviv to get privileged access in 2017 to the then Secretary of State for International Development, Priti Patel [see own entry].

Policarpo Lopez, Gilberto: Pro-Castro Cuban emigrant (and therefore potentially an informer against the anti-Castro exiles in Florida) Gilbert Policarpo Lopez [no convenient biography] was secretary of the Tampa chapter of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee, and may therefore have had contact of some sort with LHO. Like the House Select Committee on Assassinations in 1978, we are unable to say much else "with confidence".

Political Flouncing: In everyday English, "to flounce" is "to walk with large, noticeable movements, especially to attract attention or show that you are angry" (Cambridge Online Dictionary).

Check out Miss Piggy flouncing

When applied to political assemblies, however, the word also carries the connotation of prior intention; of deliberately "playing to the gallery" or "showboating", making it the nuclear option in otherwise civilised debate. This is because the very act of storming out signifies that you not only disagree with the arguments being presented but also that you no longer respect the personalities presenting them (or even, in extreme cases, the forum itself). As such a political flounce is far more intense a psychological event than simply "cutting off your nose to spite your face" or being "a bit of a diva" (where you are the only person to suffer). Very much the opposite, in fact, because there is invariably a prior calculation that your opponents will suffer far more from your tantrum than you will yourself.

Political Warfare Executive (PWE): Set up in August 1941 under Minister of Information Brendan Bracken [see own entry], the Political Warfare Executive (PWE) [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context for having spearheaded Britain's propaganda offensive during WW2, in the same way that Wellington House [see own entry] led the persuasion industry in WW1. The establishment was transferred after D-Day to the Psychological Warfare Division of SHAEF.
Pompeo, Michael Richard: American soldier-politician Mike Pompeo [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been Director of the CIA between January 2017 and April 2018, and (as at 20th February 2019) the incumbent Secretary of State. As a Trump loyalist he played an important part in early 2019 in promoting the Guaidó/CIA Coup [see 10th January 2019, et seq.] in Venezuela. He is a member of the [ALT] Troika of Tyranny [see own entry].

Pontchartrain Raid: [CAUTION: Sources are very confused on this] On 31st July 1963 the FBI raided a Cuban exiles' training camp on the shores of Lake Pontchartrain twenty miles north of New Orleans in the general vicinity of Covington, recovering stolen weapons and explosives. The La Fontaines, in their 1996 book "Oswald Talked", suggest that this one act alone would have been enough to have the exile community reaching for their sniper rifles.

Poole, DeWitt Clinton, Jr.: American foreign service agent provocateur DeWitt Poole [Spartacus Educational biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for serving as Vice Consul General in Moscow between 1st September and 7th November 1917, liaising closely with British MI6 officers in supporting the Provisional Government [see Timeline 15th March 1917], (b) for stage-managing anti-Bolshevik activities after Lenin seized power in the subsequent October Revolution [see Timeline 7th/8th November 1917] ... 

ASIDE: Poole assisted the Allied/White Russian effort by managing a spy network out of Moscow until recalled to Washington in late 1919. He worked alongside such experienced covert operators as George Rosenblum - more commonly known by his "Ace of Spies" alias Sidney George Reilly, and Robert Bruce Lockhart, in conspiring to overthrow war-weary Lenin and thereby keep Russian troops in the field against Germany. Crucially, these operations gradually escalated into substantive military expeditions which continued beyond the 1918 Armistice with Germany.

(c) for playing a central role in August 1918's Kalamatiano Affair [see Timeline 14th August 1918], (d) for continuing to support the White Russians against the Bolsheviks through to the end of the Russian Civil War in 1922 (received date) ...

ASIDE - RUSSIAN CIVIL WAR: Students of WW1 are often surprised to learn that it did not end in 1918, but continued until 1922 (locally until 1925) as troops from the Western Front were diverted to the Eastern Front. From Archangel in the north to the Ukraine in the south they supported "White" forces - that is to say, anti-Bolshevik ex-Czarist outlying provinces - against the "Red" victors of the 1917 revolution in the Russian heartlands.

DOUBLE ASIDE (1): It is a mere coincidence that the 20th Century's red-white confrontation was fought largely in Belorusussia, a name which translates as "White Russia" but which dates back to the 14th Century when the territory was part of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania.

DOUBLE ASIDE (2): The western insurgency in the Ukraine continues to this day [March 2018].

As a result of this western intervention (political, plus espionage, plus advisors, plus mercenaries, plus aid, plus regularly on the ground), what began in 1917 as an internal matter dragged out into a vicious five-year-long 12-million casualty civil war. The principal architect of the 1918 intervention was Winston Churchill (because he wanted Bolshevism "strangled in its cradle"), but troops were also provided by France, the U.S., Italy, and Japan.

(e) for returning to the diplomatic service 1923-1930, (f) for working at Princeton University's School of Public and International Affairs 1930-1939, (g) for returning to intelligence work with OSS 1941-1945, and (h) for serving as Special Representative of the Secretary of State between 1945 and his death in 1952. In 1949 he was put in charge of the CIA's experimental front operation, the National Committee for a Free Europe (NCFE), remaining in post until January 1951. He then spent a year as Director of the follow-on CIA front operation, the Free Europe University in Exile.

Popov, Pyotr Semyonovich: Major Pyotr Popov [Wikipedia biography] was a GRU [= Soviet offshore military intelligence] intelligence officer during the height of the Cold War, stationed initially in Vienna and later in East Berlin. Having sold his services to the U.S. as early as 1953, he reported in April 1958 that the KGB
knew more about the U-2 high-altitude spyplane program than they could have learned through conventional espionage techniques, indicating that the Soviets had an even bigger mole - referred to herein as Popov's Mole [q.v.] - somewhere in the CIA. Popov was eventually arrested in Moscow on 16th October 1959 (coincidentally the same day that LHO arrived there), and was executed the following year.

**Popov's Mole:** [Read firstly the entry for Pyotr Popov.] This is the name given in Peter Dale Scott's 2015 book "Dallas '63" to the CIA traitor who in April 1958 became suspected of leaking critical details of the U-2 high-altitude spyplane program, and diverse other secrets, to the Russians. The resulting mole-hunt was led by Birch O'Neal [q.v.], Chief of CI/SIG [= Special Investigations Group], and made sustained use of mole-catching bifurcations of the sort described in the entry for Peter Dale Scott [q.v.]. Scott suspects that eventually the prime candidates were Russell A. Langelle [no convenient biography, but much of interest here] and David Edmund Murphy [Spartacus Educational biography]. The investigations are tangentially relevant to the assassination narrative because LHO's case details seem to have been among the documents deliberately bifurcated. Indeed Scott wonders whether LHO's defection might have been staged to turn him into an overnight "legend" capable of generating document traffic for leak-analysis.

**Portal to Texas History:** University of North Texas website containing a searchable digitised archive of Texas historical documents and images, including much of relevance to the JFK assassination. Check them out here.

***** DEATHRACE 20?? *****

**Porton Down:** Initially established in 1916 as the War Department Experimental Station, but then quickly rebadged as the Royal Engineers Experimental Station, Porton Down's [Wikipedia briefing] early work was confined to experiment with the CBW(Chemical) agents encountered in trench warfare. The station was then scaled down after the war, but maintained its strong links to academic physiologists such as (their Chief Physiologist in both wars) [Sir] Joseph Barcroft [Wikipedia biography] of Cambridge University. Barcroft's students - not least Rudolph Peters [see own entry] and Joseph Needham [see own entry] were also involved. In 1936 a government working party headed by Sir Maurice Hankey approved the development of a British CBW(Biological) deterrent, and put yet another Cambridge man - Paul Fildes [see own entry] - in charge of the development team. Spiers (2010) records these events as follows [note the cattle cake weapon - more on this further down] ...

"The British program was defensive until the outbreak of war, whereupon it became increasingly offensive in orientation, both in laboratory research and field testing, pursued partly with Canada and later the United States. Eventually the UK acquired a modest retaliatory capability of five million cattle cakes contaminated with anthrax spores, intended for use against livestock in the event of a biological attack on Britain. [...] All too aware of the UK's vulnerability to BW attack, Hankey secured the approval of the cabinet to undertake offensive BW research in case Britain had to retaliate in kind. Under Hankey's authorisation, Dr. (later Sir) Paul Fildes, who led Britain's BW program at Porton, shared the results of the anthrax tests on Gruinard Island with Canada and the United States in May 1943" (pp55-56; bold emphasis added).

The story of the remote Scottish island of Gruinard, where the field testing of weaponised anthrax (if not more besides) was carried out, actually has a lighter side, thus ...

**ASIDE - GRUINARD ISLAND:** In 1962 the BBC reporter Fyfe Robertson did a six-minute feature on Gruinard, a remote Scottish island which for some reason nobody dared row across to ...

[YouTube it now]

The explanation which subsequently emerged was that Gruinard [Wikipedia briefing] had been requisitioned by the War Office in 1942 for the field testing of anthrax bioweapons on tethered animals, and was still an infection risk [anthrax is a sporing bacillus and can survive potentially for centuries in soil - Ed.]. The story was covered in Parliament 11th March 1968 (see Hansard) and again 12th June 1986 (see Hansard). On the latter occasion some parliamentary wag suggested that the land be gifted for Hippie concerts. The island was returned to the original
During the Cold War, Porton Down continued with its top secret doings, and in 1952 developed the VX nerve agent. It also closely monitored the claims and counter-claims at the U.N. when China accused the United States of using anthrax-impregnated cattle cake against North Korean cattle, also smallpox and other diseases against humans, although this could all, perhaps as easily, have been a false flag operation.

**ASIDE:** It was the aforementioned Joseph Needham - expert on sudden Far Eastern epidemics since 1942 - who confirmed the presence of the anthrax spores.

Coming right up to date, Porton Down continues as Britain's centre of quick extinction excellence, *viz.* its involvement after (if not perhaps also before) the Skripal Novichok poisoning mentioned above. The laboratories are scheduled to relocate in 2024 to Harlow, Essex, where they will be downwind of Westminster rather than upwind.

**PERSONAL ASIDE:** The present author worked as a laboratory assistant at a London hospital in 1966, and held a "cooked meat" culture of the plague bacteria, Pasteurella pestis. He also did a drive-by of Gruinard Island in 1972, and it was just as you see it in the Fyfe Robertson video above.

Posada Carriles, Luis: 35-year-old Cuban exile, one of the founders of S-Force, and CIA agent since the failed Bay of Pigs Invasion (which he had helped to organise), Luis Posada Carriles was being upskilled at the CIA’s expense at Fort Benning at the time of the assassination.

Posse Comitatus: [Latin = "force of the county": named after the practice in American law which empowered sheriffs to deputise townsfolk into a "posse" when circumstances so demanded.] Founded in 1969 by Henry Lamont Beach and William Gale Potter, the Posse Comitatus is noteworthy in the present context (a) for espousing antisemitic conspiracy theories and for joining a number of similar groups preaching the iniquities of America's taxation system, and (b) for operating through until 1984 thanks to "the antics of a few of its members" (George and Wilcox, 1996, p346).

Powell, James W.: Attached to the 112th Military Intelligence Corps Group (explicitly excluded from Presidential security on this visit despite their special protection skills), but on a day off, Special Agent (U.S. Army Intelligence Service) James Powell was one block away from Houston and Elm at the moment of the shooting. When he arrived outside the TSBD bystanders pointed up at the windows and he took a photograph - see it now [possibly cropped]. He then followed the rush of officers into the railway yard. He then returned to the TSBD to alert his C.O., only to be detained by the DPD until his ID could be verified.

Powell, Johnny: Jail inmate Johnny Powell witnessed the shooting from his cell window overlooking Dealey Plaza, clearly noting two men with a gun on TSBD6. Powell's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED].

Powell, Michael: On 3rd November 1997 lawyer Michael Powell was appointed by President Bill Clinton to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) [q.v.]. He was advanced to Chairman of same by President George W. Bush on 22nd January 2001.

Power Cut: We have yet to see it explained why the oft-referred-to TSBD power cut just before 1230hr took place, disabling lights, telephones, and elevators.

Power, Samantha Jane: [a.k.a. "Mother Teresa herself"] Irish born war correspondent, turned human rights lawyer, turned think tank director at Harvard, turned White House advisor, turned U.S. Ambassador to the U.N., turned non-stop yap-dog against "Russian meddling" here, there, and
everywhere (not least in Russia), Samantha Power [Wikipedia biography] accused the Russian Federation on 5th March 2018 of having influenced the Italian General Election.

Powers, David Francis: 51-year-old Presidential Special Assistant David Powers [Wikipedia biography] had arrived in Dallas aboard Air Force #1 and at the moment of the shooting was monitoring the progress of the motorcade from limo #2. He heard two shots from the Grassy Knoll area, but subsequently admitted going along with the official line. Powers' I'll-say-what-you-want-me-to-say evidential profile is as follows: Interview to radio, 30th January 1964 [YouTube it here]; Affidavit, 18th May 1964 [read it now]; Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED].

Powers, Francis Gary, USAF: CIA photoreconnaissance pilot Gary Powers [Wikipedia biography] was the pilot in the false flag operation now commonly known as the U-2 Incident.

Prayer Man: This is the nickname given to a difficult-to-see individual in the doorway of the TSBD several minutes after the shooting. He was given the name because he had his hands clasped together on his chest, somewhat as if in prayer. In fact, Prayerman only appeared in a couple of the available films - check out this image (from the Darnell film). Most recent conspiracy theories identify Prayerman as LHO, and see the Prayerman images as proving he murdered neither JFK nor J. D. Tippit.

Prewett, Virginia: Retained copy writer Virginia Prewett [Spartacus Educational biography] was a CIA [and OSS before that - Ed.] propagandist for the North American Newspaper Alliance from the 1940s through to the 1960s. She is particularly noteworthy for liaising with David Atlee Phillips in the early 1960s to promote the activities of Cuban direct action group Alpha 66 (Hancock, 2010).


ASIDE: This means that Price was approximately eight vertical feet above Harry Holmes [q.v.] at his 5th Floor window with his binoculars! We have been unable to determine whether either knew of the other's presence.

From this perfect vantage point (the best witness place of all save for the assassins' windows themselves and those of the jailbirds in the County Jail who nobody thought of interrogating) Price's perception at the moment of the shooting was that "a volley of shots" had come from the junction of the Picket Fence with the parapet of the Triple Overpass [that is to say, some 60 yards to the west of the John Neely Bryan Pergola, at the point where Joe Smith, from the pergola, would see two policemen six or so minutes later]. Price also saw a man about 35 years old (judged by his agility) running "toward the passenger cars on the railroad siding". This was followed "as much as five minutes later" by one further shot [of which not much more is ever spoken]. Price's evidential profile is as follows: Affidavit, 22nd November 1963 [read it now]; Warren Commission testimony [>>NOT CALLED<<]; Interview to camera from the vantage point itself, Mark Lane [YouTube it now - ESSENTIAL VIEWING].

Pritchett, Joseph: [Read firstly the entry for Morse Allen.] CIA officer (covert operations, Eastern Europe) Joseph Pritchett [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context for his meeting with fellow officer Morse Allen [see own entry] 25th January 1952 to brief him on the case of Bulgarian refugee Dimitre Dimitrov, ostensibly an anti-Communist asset being groomed for operations in the Balkans, but actually of as-yet-unproven loyalty. The case was made more than normally complex by the fact that Dimitrov had already had occasion to learn too much concerning the top secret Projects Bluebird and Artichoke. The Dimitrov story now continues in his own entry.

Proctor, Grover B.: Historian Grover B. Proctor [no convenient biography] was the author of a 1980 newspaper article entitled "The Phone Call That Never Was", in which he highlighted the role played
by two DPDHQ switchboard operators - Alveeta Treon and Louise Sweeney - in identifying whom LHO had been trying to phone on the evening of 23rd November 1963. See more of the details in Proctor's interview to camera, 2015 [YouTube it now], and then browse the Raleigh Call Thread to accumulate all the fragments of this story.

Proctor, Redfield: Lawyer-businessman-politician Redfield Proctor [Wikipedia biography] became Secretary of War in 1889, and then Senator in 1891, a position he held until his death in 1908. He is noteworthy in the present context for giving evidence to Congress in March 1998 on the conditions of the Cuban peasantry during the Cuban War of Independence. His Cuban fact-finding trip was conducted to assess the impact of General Valeriano Weyler's reconcentrado policy, and generally confirms what was already being said about its brutality [check it out].

Profumo Affair: [Read firstly the entries for Colin Coote and Roger Hollis.] The Profumo Affair [Wikipedia briefing] was a March-April 1963 British political scandal which saw Secretary of State for War John Profumo [q.v.] initially deny, and then be forced to confess to, an extramarital affair with Christine Keeler [q.v.], the girlfriend of Russian Embassy naval attaché Yevgeny Ivanov [q.v.]. According to Anthony Summers and Stephen Dorril's (1989/2013e) book "The Secret Worlds of Stephen Ward", Profumo had in fact blundered unwittingly into - and fatally re-nuanced - an ongoing MI5 honeytrap operation against Ivanov. When it all went public MI5's main asset in the operation, society procurer Stephen Ward [q.v.], was charged with living off immoral earnings and patsied to death by the mainstream media.

**RESEARCH ISSUE:** The Profumo Affair was far more than just another sex-in-high-places scandal. Ward had been partying it up and procuring pretty girls for the rich and famous for at least 15 years, but was not a pimp in the legally proscribed sense [American readers - think Peter Lawford]. Moreover, his relationship to Ivanov seems to have been heavily used in October 1962 as a top secret communications side-channel between Washington and Moscow during the Cuban Missile Crisis [q.v.].

Not surprisingly, the shambolic amateurism of the British Establishment appalled the U.S. security agencies, and the FBI promptly initiated Operation Bow Tie [q.v.] to ensure that U.S. secrets were less readily shared with their U.K. counterparts.

Profumo, John Dennis, 5th Baron Profumo: WW2 veteran (Royal Armoured Corps) and politician John Profumo [Wikipedia biography] became Secretary of State for War in the MacMillan Government on 27th July 1960. He then resigned in disgrace in the Profumo Affair [q.v.].

Project Artichoke: See the entry for Projects Bluebird and Artichoke.

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***** MKULTRA, THE EARLY YEARS *****

Projects Bluebird and Artichoke: Active from the late 1940s, Project Bluebird [CIA briefing] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being head-office in the early years by CIA Head of Security Sheffield Edwards [see own entry], thus ...

"[Project Bluebird] operated for about two years, 1949 through the summer of 1951, and primarily concentrated its efforts on former American POWs returned from the Korean War" ... 

**LEST IT BE OVERLOOKED:** Returning POWs routinely include a percentage who (for any number of reasons) have been "turned" by their captors. It is the Security Officer's job to winkle these out. Being technologically one step ahead of the enemy makes that job easier.

... "These servicemen were placed as patients in several Army hospitals [where they] were subjected to various 'behavioural modification' programs involving the use of experimental drugs, hypnosis, and special interrogation methods. [...] Joining the CIA in Project Bluebird as formal partners were the Army, Navy, and Air Force. The FBI declined to participate" (Albarelli, 2013, K3076-3084).
(b) for drawing on now famous earlier work during and after WW2 by the likes of mind-control guru George Estabrooks [see own entry], aimed at getting a target individual "to do our bidding against his will and even against such fundamental laws of nature as self-preservation"; Marcello (2015) lists the Bluebird objectives as follows (note the consistent focus on the practical problems of interrogation) ...

(1) To establish a means of training and conditioning for personnel that would prevent the extraction of secret information from them.
(2) To investigate methods of controlling someone by interrogation techniques.
(3) To investigate methods of memory enhancement.
(4) To establish defences against hostile control of personnel.

(c) for then being assimilated on or about 20th August 1951 into a higher-order, better-funded, Project Artichoke [Wikipedia briefing] ...

"By the first quarter of 1952, the CIA had assembled four Artichoke teams, placing one each in Japan, Korea, Germany, and France. Several additional teams were in training by February 1953. Each team consisted of three people [...] respectively designated 'research specialist', 'medical officer, and 'security technician" (Albarelli, 2009, p229).

CAMERO - ARTICHOKE AND HYPNOTIC COVER STORY: "... among other things, Artichoke was meant to investigate the theory that agents might be given cover stories under hypnosis and not only learn them faultlessly, but actually believe them. Every detail could be made to sink in. The conviction and apparent sincerity with which an individual will defend a false given under post-hypnotic suggestion is almost unbelievable. In one experiment, a female CIA security officer was hypnotized and provided with a new identity. When she was later interrogated, the agent 'defended it hotly, denying her true name and rationalizing with conviction the possession of identity cards made out to her real self.' Artichoke also explored using hypnosis to recruit high-level political agents and unmask spies and double agents, a particular obsession of James Jesus Angleton, the CIA’s counterintelligence chief" (St. Clair and Cockburn, "The CIA's House of Horrors", 2017 [full text online]).

"Bluebird and Artichoke were administered in a compartmented fashion. The details of the programs were kept secret even from other personnel within the CIA. When asked why LSD research done under Artichoke was hidden from the CIA committee in charge of Artichoke, Sidney Gottlieb [...] responded, 'I imagine the only reason would have been concern for broadening awareness of its existence" (Ross, 2000, K532)

(d) for having biochemist Frank Olson join the Artichoke Committee in May 1952, and (e) for then being assimilated in its turn on 13th April 1953 or thereabouts into the even broader MKULTRA program. FURTHER READING: The St. Clair and Cockburn (2017) paper referenced above is readily accessible. The Albarelli work contains much difficult-to-refute detail but is poorly structured, so best stick to Colin A. Ross' (2000) book "The CIA Doctors" [Amazon] and Kate Marcello's (2015) book "Conspiracy Fact: MKULTRA and Mind Control in the United States" [Amazon]. Frank Olson's story is told in his own entry. Finally, for students interested in how clandestine projects are publicly funded, there is a fascinating Project Bluebird financial submission dated 5th April 1950 in the CIA Online Library showing what needs to be spent and how it is to be accounted for [full text online].

Prouthy, Colonel Leroy Fletcher Prouthy: WW2 and Korean War veteran, and involved in supporting special operations ever since, Colonel Fletcher Prouthy [Wikipedia biography] would later give expert opinion in his books "The Secret Team" (1973) and "JFK: The CIA, Vietnam, and the Plot to Assassinate John F. Kennedy" (1992) that the 1960 U-2 Incident had been a small-scale false flag operation, in that the aircraft had been sabotaged by those who sent it out, rather than getting itself shot down by the Soviets; also that the JFK assassination had been a coup d'etat organised by Edward Lansdale. He also described LHO as having been "sheep-dipped" out of the U.S.M.C. in order to operate in Russia under deep cover, and he drew attention to a 20-minute discrepancy between the reporting of the assassination in New Zealand and its announcement on the news wires.
Psychological Strategy Board (PSB): Requested conceptually by President Truman 4th January 1951 and operational three months later, the Psychological Strategy Board (PSB) [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being an interdepartmental command centre for U.S. psychological warfare, taking representation from the State Department, the Department of Defense, and the CIA, and with powers (i) of sponsorship for psychological warfare campaigns against Communism and (ii) of approval for specific CIA covert operations, (b) for taking early direction from psychological operations guru Charles Norberg [see own entry], and (c) for taking scoping advice from Sidney Hook [see own entry] ... 

ASIDE - THE SCOPE OF PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE: The PSB defined psychological warfare as "any nonmilitary action which influenced public opinion or foreign policy interest". This thus includes, "but is not limited to", trade, foreign aid, cultural and education exchange, threats of force, and diplomacy [not, it will be noted, being nice or righteous - Ed.]. Favourite techniques were [and in 2019 still are - Ed.] buzzword management and incessant positive media coverage, even to the extent of insisting that the storyboarding for the animated movie "Animal Farm" (1954) was CIA vetted to give it a more obviously anti-Soviet tone (Wilford, 2008, p118).

The PSB was superseded in October 1953 by the Operations Coordinating Board (OCB) [Wikipedia briefing].

Public Diplomacy of Israel (Hasbara): [STUB ENTRY] Recognisable as such since the early 1970s, Hasbara [Wikipedia briefing] is the State of Israel's overseas propaganda system.

Puckett, Fay: See the entry for her mother Gladys Johnson.

Puckett, Patricia: [later Patricia Puckett Hall] [See the entry for Gladys Johnson for prior context] Dallas schoolgirl Patricia Puckett [no convenient biography] was the 11-year-old daughter of Fay Puckett and granddaughter of Gladys Johnson, LHO's landlady at 1026 North Beckley Avenue. Currently the owner of said property she was interviewed by researcher Tom Meros in 2015 - YouTube it now - explaining that she and her brothers used to meet "Mr. Lee" (LHO) regularly while waiting to be picked up after school by their mother (Fay). She described him as "sweet", "gentle", "soft-spoken", and "courteous".

Putnam, Henry: [Read firstly the entry for Billy Grammer] ... Lieutenant Henry Putnam [no convenient biography] duly picked up a receiver and listened to the caller telling Grammer more of the next morning's highly sensitive security arrangements, before closing with the explicit warning: "You're going to have to make some other plans, or we're going to kill Oswald right there in the basement". Together Putnam and Grammer took a written summary of the call to Chief Jesse Curry. The source of the leak has never been discovered, nor has the report sheet ever surfaced (Hurt, 1985). Putnam's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED].

***** HAD GUN, DID TRAVEL *****

QJ/WIN: A tall short man, thin but overweight, single with a wife, perhaps a Luxembourger perhaps not, but (and on this all sources finally agree) hitman to the rich and famous QJ/WIN [no convenient briefing but much to reward the determined browser] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having emerged from the pond sludge of the espionage business in the late 1950s, perhaps in the service of the CIA’s Head of Station in Luxembourg, Arnold M. Silver [Wikipedia biography], (b) for having then been considered by William Harvey for use during the CIA’s 1960 operations to destabilise the administration of Congolese Prime Minister Patrice Lumumba [Wikipedia biography], (c) for then being approved of in a 19th February 1962 memorandum from DCI Richard Helms to William Harvey for use in ZR/RIFLE "activities" on a $7500 per annum retainer (reproduced in Twyman, 1997, K10144), (d) for being handled in this period by Lou Conein [see own entry], (e) for then being the likely subject of Eugene Dinkin [see own entry] signals intercepts 22nd October and 2nd November 1963 (the implication being that the target was JFK), (f) for then perhaps being in Dealey Plaza 22nd November, and (g) for then perhaps being flown out of Dallas on 23rd November by David Ferrie, to await an
international flight out of Houston (Morrow, 1992, p174). As to his real identity, Mahoney (1999, p438) - usually very well-informed - goes for **Mozes Maschkivitzan** [no convenient biography], a Russian emigre residing in Luxembourg, **Donald Deneselya** [see own entry] says it was **Tracy Barnes** himself, Barnes and **Robert Morrow** say it was the multiply-aliased **Carlos Rigel/Victor Mertz/Michel Roux/Jean Souetre** [see own entry], and the **Rockefeller Commission**'s R. Mason Cargill [no convenient biography] says it was **Jose Mankel** [see own entry] (Russo, 1999, K1594).

***** PIONEER CONSPIRACY THEORIST, WW1 *****

**Quigley, Carroll:** American academic historian **Carroll Quigley** [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been the author of the 1949/1981 book "**The Anglo-American Establishment**", in which the case is powerfully made that a highly secret fellowship of rich and influential Britons and Americans, along with equally influential friends in France and Russia, conspired together to surround Germany with hostile alliances, to score diplomatic points off her thanks to an equally hostile tame Press, and in the fullness of time to draw her into a war of total destruction for which she - perversely - was framed to get the blame. Quigley's ideas will resurface in the 2010s in the writings of **Jim Macgregor** [see own entry] and **Gerry Docherty** [see own entry].

**Quigley, John Lester:** New Orleans based FBI Special Agent **John Quigley** [Spartacus Educational biography] was sent to interrogate **LHO** following the latter's arrest on 9th August 1963. The interview took place on 10th August, and focused on LHO's recent antics on behalf of the **Fair Play for Cuba Committee**. LHO confirmed, for example, that "**A. J. Hidell**" was the contact point for the New Orleans chapter of this committee, although he had never met the man in person. Quigley also took possession of a **Corliss Lamont** pamphlet entitled "The Crime Against Cuba". Quigley's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now].

**Quintero Ibarbia, Rafael** ["Chi Chi"]: 23-year-old Cuban exile and CIA agent since the failed **Bay of Pigs Invasion, Chi Chi Quintero** [Spartacus Educational biography] was one of the Cuban exiles enlisted in S-Force.

***** TWO OPPOSED INTELLIGENCE OPERATIVES LOCK H Horns *****

**Quiroga, Carlos Crusto:** Cuban exile **Carlos Quiroga** [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being a friend of the head of the (Cuban) **Democratic Liberation Front (FRD)**, **Sergio Arcacha Smith**, assisting him in distributing the explosives "liberated" from the HoumaLA [map] premises of oil exploration giant **Schlumberger Corporation** [Wikipedia briefing] (HSCA testimony), (b) for visiting **LHO** at 4907 Magazine Street "late afternoon" on about 12th August 1963, professing to be a fellow Castro supporter, and (according to very precise Warren Commission testimony from landlady Mrs Jesse Garner) delivering a stack of a few hundred **Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC)** leaflets (La Fontaine and La Fontaine, 1996) ...  

ASIDE: These leaflets were probably not yet over-stamped "L. H. Oswald 4907 Magazine St.", and would later be stamped up as such by LHO. They replaced earlier stock using earlier addresses, and were handed out on the leaflet session 16th August 1963. Quiroga must have been running an errand for someone, because the main stock was held at Guy Banister's offices at 544 Camp Street (we know this because Banister's widow found more there following his death). For more on the various over-stamping addresses see the entry for the **Great Handbill Caper**. Baker (2014) recalls (p249) that LHO distrusted Quiroga as a possible Castro intelligence agent.

and (c) for visiting 4907 Magazine Street a second time just after 16th August 1963, this time in the company of **Richard** ["Ricardo"] **Davis** [see own entry]. Quiroga's evidential profile is as follows: Quoted in a **New York Times** piece 27th November 1963 (Russell, 1992, p258); Interviewed for the **Garrison Investigation** 13th January 1967 (Russell, 1992, p260); Deposition to the **House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA)** 19th June 1978 [read it now]. In his (2006/2010) book "**Someone Would Have Talked**" [Amazon], researcher **Larry Hancock** tentatively links Quiroga to the selection of LHO as Patsy, as follows ...
"Lee Oswald functioned as a provocateur in New Orleans and was in contact with pro-Castro and anti-Castro exiles, as well as double agents representing themselves as both. By August 20 Oswald had been identified to individuals in Miami as a potential patsy for an anti-Kennedy conspiracy. These individuals contacted Oswald and began to establish him as a patsy after August 27 [... They] included one person known to Oswald as a Castro agent (possibly Quiroga), and one person from Miami representing himself as a Castro agent. The introduction of these imposters was known to Richard Case Nagell - whether some part of the introduction may have actually been made by him remains uncertain. [...] Later the plotters took advantage of Oswald's trip to Mexico City to begin developing a new image of Oswald, not as a political activist but rather as an unpredictable 'loose cannon' who could later be associated with a plot by Castro. [...] The Dallas plot became firm as of October 1, when it became clear that Oswald would not be getting a Cuban visa and that he would be returning to Dallas to his family. [...] At this point the plotters began selecting other patsies to support the story line" (Op. cit., p386).

**RESEARCH ISSUE:** We have drawn attention in a number of locations to the ultra-slick way in which the official Oswald narrative was made available - as if pre-scripted - to the media on the afternoon of the assassination. And of course it has indeed to have been pre-scripted. The question is therefore, by whom and at whose instruction. Readers unfamiliar with the chain of events here should begin with the entries for Carlos Bringuier, Warren Burroughs, June Cobb, George Joannides, Jose Lanuza, Aline Mosby, Bill Stuckey, and Phil Twombly.

**Rademacher, John:** In 1997 John Rademacher [no convenient biography] who in 1997 unearthed a .222 shell from behind the Picket Fence. The popular judgement is that this could well be from the Remington Fireball used by assassin James Files.

**Radio Free Europe (RFE):** Founded in 1949 by the CIA front organisation the National Committee for a Free Europe (NCFE) [see own entry], RFE [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context as Central Europe's premier anti-Communist propaganda station, thus ...

"The tone of RFE's early broadcasts was shrill and hectoring, reflecting both the ardent anti-Bolshevism of the [NCFE] and the more aggressive Cold War stance adopted by the U.S. government after 1950. [...] In November 1950, DeWitt Poole [see own entry] instructed the station's managers to attack Communist leaders 'and tear them apart, exposing their motivations, laying bare their private lives, pointing up their meannesses, pillorying their evil deeds, holding them up to ridicule and contumely.' Gradually this approach moderated, as programmers attempted to build RFE's reputation as a legitimate news source“ (Wilford, 2008, p35).


**Ragano, Frank:** Lawyer to the rich and infamous Frank Ragano [Wikipedia biography] reportedly received a deathbed confession from Santos Trafficante to the effect that the assassination had been more Carlos Marcello's idea than his, and that in retrospect "Carlos fucked up".

**Raigorodsky, Paul:** Russian Civil War veteran (White Russian) turned senior Texas oilman Paul Raigorodsky [Warren Commission biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having "escaped" from Russia in 1919, living for a year in Czechoslovakia, (b) for being recommended by the American Red Cross in Europe for emigration to the United States, arriving 28th December 1920, (c) for serving in the Air Force 1920-1922, (d) for studying civil engineering at the University of Texas 1922-1924, (e) for branching off into petroleum engineering 1924-1939, dividing his time between projects in California and Texas, (f) for thereby acquiring such expertise that in 1941 he was headhunted by the government "to organise the Department of Natural Gas and Natural Gasoline Industries" (Warren Commission testimony as above), (g) for resigning in 1943 to concentrate on his investments in Houston, (h) for relocating in 1950 to Dallas, (i) for advising NATO on armaments production efficiency in 1952, (j) for investing 1957-1959 in the first tranche of developments at the Tryall Resort, Jamaica ...
ASIDE: Readers may recall that this place may have a murky past - see the entries for Ferenc Nagy and Tryall Conferences.

(k) for serving on the board of directors of the CIA's eleemosynary-of-convenience, the Tolstoy Foundation [see own entry], as well as the proto-fascist National Alliance of Russian Solidarists (NTS) [see own entry], (l) for being a prominent member of the same Fort Worth White Russian community which hosted Ruth Paine, (m) for having links to Schlumberger Oil, CIA officer E. Howard Hunt (source) and international man of mystery and CIA asset George de Mohrenschildt (Mellen, 2012, K752) ...

ASIDE: In his 1964 Warren Commission testimony (see link above), Raigorodsky recalls that he first met de Mohrenschildt "I'll say 15 or 17 years ago", and so the phrase "late 1940s" ought to cover it. It was Raigorodsky who recommended de Mohrenschildt as a member of the Dallas Petroleum Club.

and (n) for being heavily involved in the establishment of Russian Orthodox and Eastern Orthodox churches in the Dallas/Fort Worth area ...

ASIDE: At this time, there were two slightly competing Orthodox communities in the Dallas/Fort Worth area, namely the churches of St. Nicholas (Russian Orthodox) and St. Seraphim (Eastern Orthodox). "All of the so-called St. Nicholas Church is an old anti-Communist group" (Op. cit.). In due course, therefore, Orthodox-raised Marina Oswald, lonely in her new land, was happy to be welcomed into this community, and the community, for its part, did a lot of subtle quizzing to check that she was not a Communist spy! Infant June Oswald was baptised at St. Seraphim's.

Raigorodsky's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [see link above].

FURTHER READING: The Warren Commission testimony makes interesting reading concerning de Mohrenschildt's interests - business or ?otherwise - in Yugoslavia and Haiti. There is also much to learn from Bill Simpich's (2011) piece "The JFK Case" [full text online].

***** A MAN WHO JUST KEPT POPPING UP *****

Raikin, Spas Theodore: [1922-2014] [Read firstly the entry for "Lloyd K. Desmond".] Bulgarian Cold War freedom-fighter turned CIA asset turned American academic and NYC-based anti-Communist activist Spas Raikin [William H. Clark Funeral Home obituary] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for doing national service in his Soviet-occupied native Bulgaria 1950-1951, (b) for then defecting to the West, arriving in Greece 19th June 1951 ...

ASIDE: Readers are reminded that Greece was at that time a front-line nation in the Cold War confrontation between the United States and the Soviet Union - the Iron Curtain ran along her northern border with Bulgaria. The country had been devastated during WW2, and then had to endure a left-right civil war until 1949, which - with assistance from the CIA - eventually ushered in a right-wing administration which took the country into NATO in 1952. CIA officers such as Tom Karamessines [see own entry] learned their craft there. Interestingly, Raikin was, according to his autobiography (details below), photographed and vetted at one point by masterspy Kim Philby, no less! This from his time as a Bulgarian refugee in Greece (there is more concerning the Church World Service later in this entry) ...

"I want to mention here an incident which took place in Greece while I was a refugee there, Sometimes, in 1952 I believe, the Chief of the [>>]Church World Service[<<], Mr. Christopher King [see own entry] asked me to accompany them to show me some monastery or something like that in Athens. There, a gentleman, armed with photocameras, asked me through King to give him permission to take pictures of me. I had no objection and he placed me against a wall and started with his cameras. [...] He was taking close shots, front and profile. Much later, when the affair of the notorious [Kim] Philby came out, I remembered that the man in the newspapers looked very much like the photographer in Athens. I learned that in those days he had been in Athens, 1951 or 1952, that he had been Chief British Intelligence Officer for the Balkans, that he was at the same time agent of KGB, and advisor of the CIA for the Balkans" (Raikin, 1991/2001, p12).

(c) for duly being recorded on the CIA's Greek Desk 29th November 1951, as follows ...
CAMEO - THE DESMOND MEMORANDUM: CIA officer "Lloyd K. Desmond" was the author of an internal CIA memorandum 29th November 1951 (now in the public domain) entitled "Escape of Seven Bulgarian Refugees" [full text online - FASCINATING]. In it he described how Raikin, along with six other Bulgarian men who had escaped to Greece, had been interrogated "to ascertain their future possible operational use", and then placed in safe houses to await suitable projects (Albarelli, 2013, K3840).

(d) for arriving NYC in 1954, becoming a student of political science at Columbia University, (e) for becoming Secretary of the Bulgarian Refugees Relief Program [no convenient briefing] ...

LEST IT BE OVERLOOKED: Readers should note that refugee aid programs have been routinely used by intelligence services both for up-to-date news from the country in question and as highly effective recruitment fairs for new arrivals with family contacts back home - see the entry for CIA Front Organisations. The Bulgarian Refugees Relief Program was a subdivision of the State Department's Church World Service (CWS).

(f) for generally supporting anti-Communist activism in the Balkans from the safety of his desk in NYC (Rose, 2013 [full text online]), (g) for becoming a CIA asset at least as early as 1957, performing translations for the Joint Press Reading Service [see own entry] ...

ASIDE: When interviewed after the JFK Assassination, Raikin vehemently denied being a CIA operative, pointing out that he had no government pension. However assets such as translators, informers, and hired assassins are fee-paid independents, not employees, and so that was a nonsensical defence. There is, of course, nothing inherently sinister in being an "asset" who only does translation work - if that is all that is involved.

(h) for becoming Secretary-General of Yaroslaw Stetsko's neo-Nazi lobbying group, the American Friends of the Anti-Bolshevik Bloc of Nations (AFABN) [see own entry] (Summers, 1980/1989, p187), (i) in that capacity for writing to J. Edgar Hoover personally on 30th June 1959, enclosing samples of their literature (FBI Reference Dossier ca.1962 "American Friends of the ABN", now declassified [full text online]), (j) also in that capacity for having the AFABN mount crowd protests during the September 1959 visit of Premier Khrushchev to NYC ...

RESEARCH ISSUE: It is not known whether Raikin took part personally in these protests, or just left the job to his members - YouTube the 1959 demonstrations here.

(k) for being nonetheless the subject of a less-than-complimentary internal CIA memorandum dated 9th September 1960, thus ...

CAMEO - THE DONALD ALLEN MEMORANDUM: CIA officer "Donald M. Allen" assessed Raikin's loyalty and usefulness in an internal CIA memorandum 9th September 1960 (now in the public domain) entitled "Memorandum for the Record: Spas Todorov Raikin" [full text online - FASCINATING]. Nine years since Raikin's 1951 escape from Bulgaria, Allen is far from convinced of his bona fides, as the late researcher Hank P. Albarelli, Jr. [see own entry], explains in his (2013) book "A Secret Order" [Amazon - RECOMMENDED]. Here, encased in his own commentary, are some of Albarelli's selections from the 1960 original (we have set the 1960 text in blue for ease of tracking) ...

"[The memorandum] reveals that some CIA officials had deep concerns and suspicions that Raikin was "a 'sleeper' type agent" for the communist-controlled Bulgarian Intelligence Service (BIS), [...] Donald Allen reveals early in his memorandum that he was amply familiar with Spas Raikin because he 'was directly involved with Raikin's initial refuge in Greece'. Allen states that he 'participated in the interrogation of Raikin and others who defected with him due to the suspicious nature of their escape story'. [...] Allen's three-page document emphasises that four CIA covert operatives in various locations in Europe and the United States had shared with him their serious suspicions about Raikin possibly being an undercover agent for the [BIS]. [...] Concludes Allen's memorandum: 'The undersigned, like all other sources involved, cannot offer any evidence that [Raikin] is an agent of the Bulgarian communist regime, but feels that his activities have certainly played into their hands and have been such as they would have conducted through a provocation or sleeper agent. To be frank, the undersigned feels that perhaps [Raikin] is an over ambitious, mercenary, megalomaniac, who is not content unless he is stirring up things in which his name will appear in prominence and from which he can derive some benefit'" (Albarelli, 2013, K3856-3889).

***** THIS IS THE MAIN BIT *****
(l) for famously being sent by the Travellers' Aid Society [see own entry] to act as a one-man welcoming party on the quay at HobokenNJ as LHO and Marina Oswald arrived back from Russia at around 1300hr 13th June 1962 ...

**ASIDE:** The Travellers' Aid Society had been asked to help by the State Department and Raikin had been given a set of questions State would like answers to [this, note, despite the concerns expressed in the Donald Allen Memorandum above - Ed.]. Raikin says that he just took the Oswalds to the Travellers' Aid offices on East 39th Street, and then passed their care on to a second Travellers' Aid Society worker named Cleary F'Pierre [see own entry]. Raikin would retell his story in a television interview in ca.2013 - [YouTube it now].

(m) for retiring the AFABN in September 1963, and relocating to a teaching post at Rio GrandeOH, (n) for telephoning the FBI late evening 22nd November 1963 to report having recognised assassination suspect Oswald from the television coverage (o) for quickly passing on his 1962 quayside story to the *New York Times*, who ran it 26th November 1963 ...

**ASIDE - PUBLICISING THE OSWALD LEGEND:** Readers are reminded that a number of people seem to have been primed with incriminating facts about LHO, with instructions to call their stories in to the media as quickly as possible after the shooting. See the entry for Carlos Quiroga for some of the chief suspects (and at least one of the high-level perpetrators).

(p) for being interviewed by the FBI (first time) 27th November 1963, (q) for being interviewed by the FBI (second time) 20th June 1964, and (r) for being (telephone) interviewed by the FBI (third time) 25th June 1964. Raikin died in 2014, aged 92. His evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED]; interview to camera as above; memoirs as follows. **FURTHER READING:** Raikin's (2001) book "Rebel With a Just Cause" [Amazon] contains much subjective background detail (and that great story about Kim Philby!). The abovementioned FBI Reference Dossier takes a lot of reading but contains valuable archive material. - **RECOMMENDED.** The abovementioned Obituary is also full of useful detail - **RECOMMENDED.**

**Raleigh Calls:** [Read firstly the entry for Grover Proctor.] These are the two telephone calls attempted by DPD's Homicide Bureau on LHO's behalf on the evening of 22nd November 1963. They were then brightly highlighted in Proctor's 1980 newspaper article entitled "The Phone Call That Never Was". Upon checking with the telephone company LHO's two telephone numbers turned out to belong to subscribers David John Hurt [q.v.] and Henry W. Hurt [q.v.]. Both were investigated, and both were dismissed as artefactual to the investigation.

**RESEARCH ISSUE:** In our analysis this could not have been a genuine dead end, especially given Victor Marchetti's opinion [q.v.] that the numbers bore all the hallmarks of a field agent's emergency contacts. Someone needs to re-open this case.

Browse the **Raleigh Call Thread** to accumulate all the fragments of this story.

**Ramparts:** Having begun life in 1962 as a right-of-centre literary magazine for a Roman Catholic audience, *Ramparts* [Wikipedia briefing] was taken over editorially in 1964 by the left-of-centre political journalist Warren Hinckle [q.v.], and proceeded to become the darling of the left-wing intellectual instead. For two of its more famous specific exposés, see now the entries for Sol Stern and David Welsh.

**Ramsey, James:** Dallas County Sheriff's Deputy Jim Ramsey [no convenient biography] was one of three officers sent to Oak Cliff by Allan Sweatt to investigate the killing of Patrolman J. D. Tippit, but before he could get there his car was re-routed to the Texas Theatre, where he finally assisted in LHO's arrest. Ramsey's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED].
**Ramsay, Robin:** Scottish assassination researcher [Robin Ramsay](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Robin_Ramsay) was author of the 2002 book "Who Shot JFK".

**Rand, Howard:** See the entry for [British Israelism](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/British_Israelism).

**Rankin, James Lee:** Solicitor General [J. Lee Rankin](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/J._Lee_Rarkin) was General Counsel for the Warren Commission between 29th November 1963 and 24th September 1964. He is noteworthy in the present context for having on 22nd January 1964 helped quash persistent rumours [a.k.a., the truth] that LHO had been receiving $200 a month as an FBI informant in the months prior to the assassination.

**Ransome, Arthur:** British travel author turned WW1 spy turned children's author [Arthur Ransome](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arthur_Ransome) is noteworthy in the present context (a) for beginning WW1 in St. Petersburg, having just completed a writing assignment for a travel guide to that city, (b) for staying on as war correspondent for the *Daily News*, submitting stories from the Eastern Front, (c) for being approached in January 1916 by the British Consul-General in St. Petersburg to be part of the War Propaganda Bureau's [see own entry] Russian operations, (d) for becoming one of the few Western correspondents allowed access to the Revolutionary leaders (although the sometimes effusive praise which kept him in Bolshevik good books nearly got him tried for treason once he got back to Britain), and (e) for thereby meeting [Leon Trotsky](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Leon_Trotsky) 28th December 1917 and thereafter getting extraordinarily detailed information ...

**CAMEO - RANSOME ON TROTSKY:** Ransome quickly fell in love with Trotsky's secretary Evgenia Shelepina [Spartacus Educational biography], who reportedly passed on her boss's mailings verbatim. Possibly. They married in 1924 and settled in Britain.

**CAMEO - RANSOME ON LENIN:** Ransome later published a short memoir of his conversations with Lenin during 1919, to help "illustrate his manner of mind". The work is now available in "*Lenin: The Man and his Works*" [Amazon]. Here are some indicative snippets ...

"He was entirely convinced that England was on the eve of revolution and pooh-poohed my objections. Three months ago I thought it would end in all the world having to fight the centre of reaction in England. I do not think so now. Things have gone further there than in France, if the news as to the extent of the strikes is true. [...] Strikes and Soviets. If these two habits once get hold, nothing will keep the workmen from them. And Soviets, once started, must sooner or later come to supreme power [although] your big clerk and shopkeeping class would oppose it, until the workmen broke them” (pp168-169).

"Revolution does not depend on propaganda. If the conditions of revolution are not there no sort of propaganda will either hasten or impede it” (p182).

"Socialism is certainly weak in England. Your Socialist movements [...] for a country with so large an industrial population they were pitiable, pitiable ... a handful at a street corner ... a meeting in a drawing room ... a school class ... pitiable” (pp183-184).

"Civil war, whatever happens, is likely to be more bitter in the Ukraine than elsewhere” (p186).

**Rather, Daniel Irvin, Jr.:** CBS regional chief newsmen [Dan Rather](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dan_Rather) was the wrong side of the Triple Overpass to actually witness the shooting, but was back in Dealey Plaza at the height of the confusion. He was then senior enough to attend the first private showing of the rushes of the untampered Zapruder Film that evening, combining what he saw with a very precisely scripted narrative and broadcasting the end result to the world on 25th November - [YouTube that broadcast](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9_x77ZnJ_g).

**Ray Rivero, Manolo:** Lapsed supporter of [Fidel Castro](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fidel_Castro) and his Cuban Revolution [Manolo Ray Rivero](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Manolo_Ray_Rivero) was founder in May 1960 of the anti-Castro MRP [Movimiento Revolucionario del Pueblo] and - it having failed in its mission - refugee to the U.S. in November that same year. Here, under CIA influence, he founded the anti-Castro *Junta Revolucionaria (JURE)* on 23rd July 1962, to try and give some political direction to the otherwise fragmented and ill-disciplined paramilitary and criminal Cuban exile groups.
Rayburn, Samuel Taliaferro: Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context only in that his funeral on 18th November 1961 was attended by JFK [YouTube the newsreel], with Mac Wallace and Loy Factor in the crowd [replay the newsreel and get in touch if you think you can see Wallace or Factor in said crowd]. JFK was paying his last respects. Wallace, it might be assumed, was already stalking him as a potential target, and Factor was an entirely innocent, but seriously gullible, by-stander. For what next transpired between Wallace and Factor as the crowds dispersed, see under Loy Factor.

***** THE CIA'S "OUTLET JOURNAL" *(Mellen, 2012, p269) *****

***** A "BEVY OF PUPPET JOURNALISTS" *(op.cit.inf, 1983) *****


Ready, John D.: WW2 and Korean War veteran Secret Service Agent John Ready [no convenient biography] was one of four SS agents riding the running board of Limo#2 (i.e., Motorcade #3, counting the pilot vehicle) in the Dallas motorcade (right side, front). Ready's evidential profile is as follows: Initial Report, 2nd November 1963 [read it now]; Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED].

Red Ball Express (The 1952 Movie): [As is our practice with all stores-related entries we strongly recommend students to check out the TV Trope for <Corrupt Quartermaster>, (or just YouTube Crapgame at work in the movie "Kelly's Heroes") before proceeding.] A 1952 Movie starring Jeff Chandler and dramatising the work of the real-life Red Ball Express [q.v.] - YouTube it now.

Red Ball Express (The Documentary): [As is our practice with all stores-related entries we strongly recommend students to check out the TV Trope for <Corrupt Quartermaster> (or just YouTube Crapgame at work in the movie "Kelly's Heroes") before proceeding.] See the Timeline entry for 15th September 1944.

Red Ball Express (The Original): [As is our practice with all stores-related entries we strongly recommend students to check out the TV Trope for <Corrupt Quartermaster> (or just YouTube Crapgame at work in the movie "Kelly's Heroes") before proceeding.] See the Timeline entry for 15th September 1944.

Redbird Airport: Civilian airport six miles southwest of downtown Dallas. Since rebranded as Dallas Executive Airport [Wikipedia briefing] (although still IATA-coded as "RBD").

Redmon, Ron: Assassination researcher and self-made expert on the Zapruder Film, Ron Redmon [no convenient biography] has identified 17 discrepancies in that film. Browse the Zapruder Film Thread to accumulate all the fragments of this story.

Reed, John Leigh: See the Volkov cameo in the entry for Kim Philby.

Reed, Stuart L.: On long-term secondment to the Panama Canal Company from the U.S. Army's Office of Personnel Management, and with possible links to the 112th MIG (who acted instead of the FBI
within the Canal Zone), **Stuart Reed** [no convenient biography] was another in-the-right-place-at-the-right-time photographer. Online theorists are presently [February 2018] crediting him with no-way-just-coincidence 35mm colour photographs of LHO's bus TWICE (whether he was on it not), and of the outside of the **Texas Theater** at the time LHO was being led out in handcuffs.

**Reed, Thomas ["The Czar"] Brackett:** Once wittily described as "a self-made man who worshipped his Maker", lawyer-politician **Thomas Brackett Reed** [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been Speaker of the House during the heyday of American Expansionism, 1895-1899, and for at least trying to mitigate the runaway excesses of the Expansionists. Indeed he was one of the first to actually call a duck a duck and use the term "Imperialism". As such he should nowadays be regarded as perhaps <the Best President the United States Never Had>, for had he not lost the Republican Nomination to arch-Imperialist **William McKinley** in 1896 the world might today be a different place.

**Reiland, Ron:** Korean War veteran and presently WFAA-TV roving cameraman **Ron Reiland** [no convenient biography] had tagged along with journalist **Hugh Aynesworth** [q.v.] in the mad dash from Dealey Plaza to the scene of the J. D. Tippit shooting, where he filmed the active crime scene, and then - after another dash, and two false alarms on the way - on to the Texas Theater, where he filmed LHO's arrest. The film went out on ABC some time during the afternoon of 22nd November 1963. It was broadcast with captions and to a storyboard, and therefore may or may not have suffered elisions. *It has certainly been edited into non-veridical sequence!* Note that Reiland's storyboard (a) wrongly identifies Tippit's own revolver as the murder weapon, (b) wrongly identifies Oswald's Wallet [q.v.] as Tippit's, and (c) shows one of the two false alarm shakedowns before the Tippit scene and not after it. Check it all out here ...

[YouTube that material now - COMPULSORY]

What is not known, of course, is whether the errors were the honest errors of an editing room in the heat of the action or an attempt at journalistic level to squeeze the visual evidence into a desired narrative. Reiland's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED], [Our on-balance verdict - genuine core footage, but cleverly edited before being broadcast to a pre-scripted journalistic narrative, but not by Reiland himself who just read from the storyboard.]

"**The greatest spy in history**"

"Reilly, Sidney": See the entry for **George Rosenblum.**

"**Religious Right**": [Read firstly the entry for Evangelism and Evangelistic Preaching.] This is a catch-all term, first regularly used after the religious lobby had successfully supported **Ronald Reagan**'s bid for the presidency in 1980, thus ...

"I use the designation Religious Right to denote a movement of politically conservative evangelicals who, since the late 1970s, have sought to exert their influence in political, cultural, and legal matters. Some observers call them fundamentalists, although not all fundamentalists are part of the Religious Right, and the Religious Right includes many other kinds of evangelicals - pentecostals, for instance - besides fundamentalists. [...] In its broadest construction, the Religious Right also includes Mormons, some Roman Catholics, and even a few politically and culturally conservative Jews" (Balmer, 2006, K296-304).

Or, to put it another way, the term **Religious Right** [Wikipedia briefing] describes those (in any country) who would (if they dared to sit the test) be assessed as psychological fascists on the California F-Scale [Wikipedia briefing], but who - unlike straightforward political bigots - are then able to rationalise their bigotry by reference to scripture or supernatural promise. In timeline sequence, here are the individuals and organisations most frequently encountered under this heading ...
1882 - Zionism (see Timeline 1st January 1882 and follow the <Zionism Pre-WW1> sub-thread).
1915 - American Israelism (see the Birthright cameo in the entry for Christian Identity).
1928 - Christian Identity.
Late 1950s - William Gale Potter's Christian Defense League (CDL).
Mid-1970s - Paul Weyrich's and Jerry Falwell's Moral Majority and Heritage Foundation.
Late 1970s - Pat Robertson's Christian Broadcasting Network.
2004 - James Dobson's Focus on the Family.
2016 - Evangelicals for Trump (see BREAKING below).

The Religious Right has featured large in American politics over the last half Century, so much so that even some evangelicals have been finding it hard to swallow. For example, in Randall Balmer's (2006) book "Thy Kingdom Come: How the Religious Right Distorts the Faith and Threatens America" [Amazon], the author argues that religion has been subverted by right-wing politics, thus ...

"When they do quote the Bible, they wrench passages out of context and offer pinched, literalistic interpretations - of the Genesis account of creation, for instance - that diminish the scriptures by robbing them of their larger meaning. The effect of this right-wing takeover has been a poisoning of public discourse and a distortion of the faith. Leaders of the Religious Right have managed to persuade many of my fellow evangelical Christians that it is something akin a sin to vote for anyone who is not a Republican, a perception that the Republican Party has done nothing to discourage. Since its formation in the late 1970s, the Religious Right, a loose federation of politically conservative evangelicals, has become the Republican Party's most reliable constituency" (op. cit., p78).

BREAKING: At the time of writing [= January 2020], the Religious Right has been loud in its support of President Trump's hard-line foreign policy in the Middle East. For example, here is a recent YouTube blessing by the group Evangelicals for Trump [PBS briefing]. FURTHER READING: Aside from Randall Balmer's book as referenced above, take a look at Ruth Wodak's (2015) book "The Politics of Fear: What Right-Wing Populist Discourses Mean" [Amazon].

Remington Fireball XP-100: This is the "varmint gun" [Wikipedia technical briefing] reportedly used by Picket Fence assassin James Files to deliver the fatal frontal head shot.

Repington, Charles à Court: Careerist British Army officer turned war correspondent Charles Repington [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having enjoyed a promising military career between 1878 and 1902, (b) for then becoming military correspondent with the Morning Post between 1902 and 1904; then with The Times between 1904 and 1918, and (c) for being the first to report artillery ammunition shortages on the Western Front, thereby bringing about the 1915 Shells Crisis [see 27th March 1915, and follow <The Shells Crisis> sub-thread].

Reuther Clark Memorandum: See the entry for Reuben Clark.

Reuther Memorandum: See the cameo "RFK VERSUS THE REDNECKS" in the entry for Robert DePugh.

Reuther, Victor and Walter: See the cameo "RFK VERSUS THE REDNECKS" in the entry for Robert DePugh.

Revill, Jack: DPD Lieutenant of Intelligence Jack Revill [Spartacus Educational biography] had been liaising with FBI Agent James Hosty [see own entry] on criminal intelligence matters for some four years, and had spoken with him in the car park basement of DPDHQ at 1405hr [some sources state 1450hr] on 22nd November 1963. In this encounter Hosty had told him that "a Communist" named "Lee Harvey Oswald" had
Reynolds, George: Based in Morgan City, LA, some 60 miles west of New Orleans, businessman George Reynolds [no convenient biography] seems to have been an associate of CIA officer Chauncey Holt in the production of faked identity papers.

Reynolds, Warren: Oak Cliff resident Warren Reynolds [Spartacus Educational biography] was a witness to the escape of the assailant at the J. D. Tippit murder scene (that is to say, not of the shooting itself). He saw the fleeing gunman, still waving his gun, running southward along Patton toward him, and then turn right to proceed west along Jefferson Boulevard. He saw the man's face quite clearly and later expressed the belief that it had been LHO. The man then disappeared into the parking lot of the Texaco station at Crawford and Jefferson, one block away, and it was at this spot that a discarded jacket was subsequently recovered. Reynolds' evidential profile is as follows: FBI Report, 22nd January 1964 [read it here]; Warren Commission testimony [read it here].

Reza Pahlavi, Mohammad, Shah of Iran: Mohammad Reza [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been the "playboy"-turned-modernising ruler of Iran from 1941 to 1979, (b) for having allowed the 1953 CIA coup against his Prime Minister Mohammad Mosaddegh [Wikipedia biography], as punishment for nationalising Western oil interests, and (c) for having been famously couped by Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini [Wikipedia biography] on 1st February 1979.

Rhee, Syngman: [Read firstly the entry for Korean War.] U.S.-educated veteran politician Syngman Rhee [Wikipedia biography] became (at Washington's behest) the first president of the newly constituted Republic of Korea on 15th August 1948, and remained as such throughout the ensuing war and then until deposed in 1960.

Rhodes, Cecil: South African mining magnate and business-comes-first politician Cecil Rhodes [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having by sheer hard work gradually developed a claim within the Kimberley diamond workings of the early 1870s, (b) by single-mindedness of purpose (definitely) and connections within the Freemasons (possibly) acquiring adjacent claims and eventually consolidating same 1st April 1880 into the still world-famous De Beers Mining Company [Wikipedia briefing], (c) for becoming elected (no other candidate) in January 1881 to the Cape Colony Assembly, (d) for being appointed Deputy Commissioner for Bechuanaland (modern Botswana [Google map]), (e) for falling in love with the idea of an English-speaking Anglo-American global empire, for which a move northward out of Bechuanaland into largely unclaimed Central Africa would be just the beginning, (f) for diversifying in February 1887 into the Witwatersrand gold field under the name Gold Fields of South Africa, (g) for a July 1887 trip to discuss development loans with Nathaniel Rothschild [see own entry], and for the resulting mega-deal to amalgamate all the Kimberley diamond companies under the De Beers banner, (h) for turning Matabeleland into Rhodesia (modern Zimbabwe), and (i) using a bequest to establish the "Rhodes Scholar" scheme.

ASIDE - RHODES ON CONSPIRACY THEORY: Cecil Rhodes features large in 21st Century "New World Order" conspiracy theories [check out one of the latest]. Docherty and McGregor (2012 [Kindle]) call outwardly the same set of conspirators the "Secret Elite", and insofar as Britain is concerned they name (besides Rhodes): Herbert Asquith [see 3rd April 1908], Prime Minister 1908-1916; Alfred Beit [see own entry], diamond magnate
and known conduit between Rhodes and Rothschild; **Lord Esher** [Wikipedia biography], Liberal Party politician and known conduit to King Edward VII; **Sir Edward Grey** [see 10th December 1905], Foreign Secretary; **Lord Haldane** [see 7th December 1901], Minister of War 1905-1912 and close friend of Rothschild; **Leander Starr Jameson** [see 29th December 1895], colonial administrator; **Lord Milner** [see own entry], Lord Rosebery [Wikipedia biography], Leader of the Liberal Party; **Nathan Rothschild** [see own entry], banker; and **William T. Stead** [Wikipedia biography], Editor of *The Times*. Docherty and McGregor then describe this secret elite as “A secret society of rich and powerful men [..] established in London in 1891 with the long-term aim of taking control of the entire world” (p88), and they accuse them (1) of engineering the South African War in order to possess Transvaal's gold resources, and (2) of then getting into bed with French Revanchists in a trade war against ever-expanding Germany, which was then deliberately escalated into WW1.

**Rice, Mary Spring:** Anglo-Irish activist for Irish independence Mary Spring Rice [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for conspiring in 1914 with others, including **Erskine Childers** [see own entry] to run guns to the Irish Volunteers [see own entry], and (b) for taking part personally in the ensuing **Howth Gun-Running** [see 26th July 1914].

**Richards, James:** Assassination researcher James Richards [Spartacus Educational biography] is a regular contributor to online assassination discussion groups, specialising in the role played by **David Morales**. Typical recent musings include the possibility that **Loran Hall** might have been LHO’s no-show contact in the Texas Theater, and/or the suggestion that **Robert Emmett Johnson** was shooter.

**** Good Guy ****

**Rike, Aubrey ["Al"] Lee:** 25-year-old O’Neal Ambulance Service driver Al Rike [no convenient biography] was at Parkland Hospital booking in Epileptic Man [see own entry] in Dealey Plaza. He therefore witnessed the presidential motorcade arriving and by good fortune was able to comfort **Jacqui Kennedy** while JFK was in Trauma Room One. Once the President had been pronounced dead, he was told to contact his manager and have the funerary side of the ambulance service send across the best available casket. He also witnessed first-hand the confrontation between the Secret Service and Parkland officials over the removal of the President’s body. Rike would go on to a successful career in the nearby Highland Park Police Department [nowadays the hybrid Highland Park Department of Public Safety - Ed.]. Rike's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED]; YouTube interview [view it now]; published memoirs "At the Door of Memory".

**Ringland, Arthur Cuming:** The American philanthropist Arthur Ringland [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for helping to get the U.S. Forestry Service off the ground after it was founded in 1905, (b) for joining the U.S. Army in 1917, ending up managing sawmills in France ...

**LEST IT BE OVERLOOKED:** No sinecure as it happens, given that trenches on the Western Front relied on heavily pit-propped dugouts and duckboards, and that blockhouses relied on concrete poured into timber formwork.

... (c) for thereby getting headhunted into the post-war battlefield clearance and rebuilding industry, (d) for thereby getting headhunted by **Herbert Hoover** to administer the Czechoslovakian branch of his **American Relief Association** (ARA) [see own entry] 1919-1921, and (e) for going on to head the entirely similar American Relief Commission in Constantinople 1922-1923. Here is how he will explain this last adventure in a 1975 oral history interview (note the relationship with future U.S. President **Herbert Hoover** [see both own entry and Timeline 4th January 1919] and Admiral **Mark Bristol** [see both own entry and Timeline 28th January 1919]) ...

“This was in 1922, and our task was to help the Russian refugees that came into Constantinople after the defeat with no means of support. They were a source of embarrassment to the Turkish Government. The British and the French had been helping out as well as they could, but there was a hard core left who were in real distress. An appeal was made to Mr. Hoover, who obtained a substantial fund from the Laura Spellman Rockefeller Memorial. This fund was made available for me to carry on relief. This was done by bringing in a shipload of
basic supplies. Before we actually launched the program, I had made an inspection with the help of Rear Admiral Bristol [links above], who was our United States High Commissioner. (We had no diplomatic relations at that time with Turkey.) He and I felt that there would be no end to relief unless provision was made for the evacuation of the people to countries where they could obtain employment. I reported that to the head offices in London and said I felt we should obtain support from the Allies for this evacuation, if we carried out the relief. I went to Geneva, and with the help of Fridtjof Nansen [see Timeline 3rd April 1919], the famed Arctic explorer, who was High Commissioner for Refugees for the League of Nations, I was invited to appear before a special meeting of the Council of the League. Our proposal was presented that we were prepared to finance relief, if during that period provision was made for evacuation. [Lord Balfour] said it would be to the indelible shame of the League if it did not cooperate. He offered, on the spot, ten thousand pounds sterling on behalf of the British. The other delegates were sympathetic and Belgium, Brazil, China, Czechoslovakia, Japan and Switzerland supplemented the British contribution. Evacuation was provided for, with aid from the American Red Cross, and provision for social services in the host countries by the American YM and YW Christian Association. We carried out our part in Constantinople. At the conclusion there were left several thousand refugees who wanted to come to the United States.” ...

LEST IT BE OVERLOOKED: We have seen elsewhere [start with the entry for Lloyd K. Desmond, then as directed] how large-scale visa applications of this sort are routinely screened by military intelligence officers attached to the Embassy involved. It is a two-way process. They are on the look-out (1) to arrest hostile enemy agents being slipped in under cover of the general confusion, and (2) to detect potentially friendly sources, (2.1) with stories to tell, and/or (2.2) will relatives still behind enemy lines in the old country. Ex-servicemen, provincial politicians, and civil servants are particularly well-liked.

... "Admiral Bristol asked me to chair a committee to consult with these men and women, to see if they could take care of themselves when they got to this country. We finally obtained about 2,000 visas. The initial costs of transportation was made possible by the American Red Cross. It's interesting to remark that the money was returned by all of them. There was eventually no loss at all. These homeless Russians had the courage and the fortitude to meet extraordinary and trying conditions" (Ringland, 14th July 1975, then well into his nineties, as interviewed by Richard D. Mackinzie [full transcript online courtesy of the Truman Presidential Library]).

Rio Grande Building: Office block at Elm and North Field, Dallas. The local "Region II" field offices of the 112th MIG were on the 9th floor, and these offices would one day be described in Richard Gilbride's (2009) book "Matrix for Assassination" as the "suspected assassination communications centre" (p170). The Rio Grande Building would be replaced in 1974 by the Renaissance Tower [headquarters of Ewing Oil in the TV Series "Dallas"].

Rischel, Walter: Walter Rischel [no convenient biography] was a friend and confidante of North Tower eyewitness Lee Bowers, and surfaced after the latter's did-he-fall-or-was-he-pushed death. Bowers had, he said, seen more than he said he had seen, and lived in fear as a result. Specifically, he said, Bowers had told him he had directly observed two Picket Fence shooters - compare the entry for Al Navis.

Rivera Carballo, Julio Adalberto: Right-wing El Salvadoran soldier-politician-diplomat President[1962-1967] Julio Rivera [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for bringing an element of personality to his administration by riding everywhere on a Harley-Davidson. Also, we think, for offering El Salvador as a CIA safe house for operations into nearby countries.

***** NOTE THIS FELLOW WELL *****

***** Possible Associate <=> Sidney Gottlieb (=> MKULTRA) *****

Rivera, Jose A.: Peruvian-born American-adopted physician turned military medical researcher Jose A. Rivera [Spartacus Educational biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for serving during WW2 with the U.S. Army Medical Corps in Europe, (b) for transferring to Camp Detrick under Carl Lamanna [see own entry - IMPORTANT] 1947-1949, (c) for heading the Pathology Labs at the U.S. Army Hospital, Tokyo, 1950-1954, (d) for transferring 1954-1957 to the Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio TX, and for then dividing his time 1959-1961 between visiting research fellowships at Loyola University, New Orleans, and the University of California at Berkeley's Naval Biological Laboratory (again working to Carl Lamanna) ...
PubMed lists five papers to <Rivera, JA> during the 1950s, all on burn injuries. One of these - Hummel, Rivera, and Artz (1957) specifically identifies him as "Major Jose A. Rivera", and places him at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Haslam (2007/2014) has him as "one of the U.S. Army's top experts in biological warfare" (p221). Well-respected forensic historian Chris Newton reports MKULTRA documents with Rivera's name on them. It is not known how close, if at all, he would have been during those years to the CIA's chief potionmeister Sidney Gottlieb.

(e) for moving to the National Institutes for Health (NIH) in around 1960, serving under Director James A. Shannon, (f) for being based in New Orleans 1960-1961 (Haslam, 2007/2104) ...

Haslam explicitly asserts that he "may have been involved in the secret experiments at the U.S. Public Health Service Hospital" (p272).

(g) for "handing out research grants" to Tulane Medical School in 1963 (Op. cit, p221), (h) (allegedly) for an uncharacteristically loose-lipped encounter with research physiologist Adele Edisen [see her entry for the details - VERY IMPORTANT] in April 1963, with massive ramifications if it actually happened [which it probably didn't - Ed.] ...

***** note that items (i) and (j) below do not apply if Edisen's ***** allegations are spurious; and they are, in truth, uncorroborated! *****

(i) for thereby being well and truly "outed" by Ms Edisen when - as a loyal citizen - she shopped him as a potential conspirator to the Secret Service and FBI after the Assassination, and (j) for being saved from exposure when the politico-military establishment closed ranks during the post-Assassination cover up. There is a separate unconfirmed report that Rivera was present at Bethesda Hospital 22nd November 1963 to observe the JFK autopsy, but he is certainly not on the official list of those present - check it out. Rivera retired from the army in 1965, and died 1989.

"Rivera, Manuel": [Read firstly the entry for Robert Easterling. Hurt (1985) explains that this was "not the actual name reported by Easterling" (p354f), pending verification of his source's story.] Small-time mobster "Manuel Rivera" [no convenient biography] was the shooter with the Czech semi-automatic rifle who would feature in the section of Henry C. Hurt, Jr.'s (1985) book "Reasonable Doubt" which dealt with the confession of Robert Easterling. See also the entry for ZH-29.

Robarge, David: CIA staffer David Robarge [no convenient biography] is [February 2018] the Agency's "house historian".

Roberdeau, Donald: Assassination researcher Don Roberdeau [Spartacus Educational biography] has been active since 1975, and is perhaps best known for the awesomely detailed evidential summary in his Researcher's Map of Dealey Plaza.

Roberts, Archibald E.: Veteran of WW2 (U.S. Army, airborne) and the Cold War (Occupied Germany) Major Archibald E. Roberts [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) as Information Officer to General Edwin Walker's 24th Infantry Division during its time in Germany 1959-1960, (b) for writing and disseminating extreme right-wing literature to the troops in General Walker's command …

CAMEO - LARRIE SCHMIDT'S EXPERIENCE OF SAME: In interviews with forensic historian Gayle Nis Jackson, Larrie Schmidt explains what this involved insofar as the rank-and-file infantryman was concerned …

"This program was mandatory and all the Army guys were required to attend. The Pentagon would send talking points and the PIOs [= Public Information Officers] would put together lectures or talks to give to the men. Walker’s PIO's name, I think, was Arch Roberts and General Walker told Roberts he wanted him to add the JBS [= John Birch Society] material to his monthly lectures. Roberts tried to influence other PIOs, including me, to do the same thing. As a newspaper man and PR man, I found that unethical. So I told a female reporter about Walker and Roberts and she wrote a story about it. That was the beginning
of the end for Walker. […] Still and all, General Walker was a patriot and I refuse to say anything derogatory about him” (Larrie Schmidt, quoted in Jackson, 2016, p162).

c) for being relieved of his duties and reassigned stateside, (d) for repeating the same transgression with a speech in the same vein to 1962 National Convention of the Daughters of the American Revolution [Wikipedia briefing], and (e) for taking the government to court in 1965, successfully winning back his Army pension entitlement. FURTHER READING: There are some valuable insights in the (1996 [full text online]) piece by Ward Harkavy entitled "Still Crazy After All These Years", note particularly his views on the Federal Reserve system! There is also much to learn from Roberts' own (1988) book "The Most Secret Science" [Amazon RARE; full text online THOUGHT PROVOKING].


Roberts, Delphine: New Orleans secretary/PA Delphine Roberts [Spartacus Educational biography] would be called to testify at the Clay Shaw trial and before the House Select Committee on Assassinations. However the consistency of her testimony has regularly been questioned so we note only that she may have witnessed her boss Guy Banister handling Fair Play for Cuba Committee flyers, and may have seen LHO in and around his office.

Roberts, Earlene: Dallas housekeeper Earlene Roberts [Spartacus Educational biography] had been LHO's housekeeper at 1026 North Beckley Avenue. On the day of the assassination she had just turned on her TV to watch the reports from Dealey Plaza when LHO came in as if in a hurry, and went to his room for three or four minutes. He then left in just as much of a hurry, zipping up his jacket as he went out the door. She also mentioned the comings and goings of a police car - perhaps Car #106, or #107, or #207 - during the time LHO was in his room. Her boss Gladys Johnson would later comment that she went into hiding that very evening "looking scared". In which respect it may or may not be relevant that Roberts had the master key to LHO's room should anybody wish to have anything planted. Roberts' evidential profile is as follows: Interview to camera, 1964? [YouTube it now]; Warren Commission testimony [read it now].

Roberts, Emory: SS Agent Emory Roberts [no convenient biography] was one of two SS agents riding the front of Limo#2 (i.e., Motorcade #3, counting the pilot vehicle). His moment-by-moment reactions to the shooting have been analysed by Vincent Palamara [read it now], and he would subsequently be accused by Colonel Fletcher Prouty of being "the key to the deficiencies" in the Secret Service. Roberts' evidential profile is as follows: Report, 29th November 1963 [read it now]; Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED].


Robertson, William ["Rip"]: WW2 and Korean War veteran and long-standing CIA officer Rip Robertson [Spartacus Educational biography] was one of only two CIA operatives embedded with Brigade 2506 during the Bay of Pigs Invasion (Hancock, 2010, p20). He then became a staffer at JM/WAVE, reporting to David Morales, from where he commanded the S-Force assassination team during Operation Tilt. He has been tentatively placed in Dealey Plaza on 22nd November 1963, not far from Umbrella Man - YouTube him in Dealey Plaza now. In due course he would be one of the nine persons identified by Bradley Ayers in 1994 as having "intimate operational knowledge" of how the assassination was put together. He died 1st December 1970, officially from malaria, although Ayers will also later hint that David Morales would make a good first guess for the real killer.
"Now that is an honest man!" (Lenin, of Robins, to Arthur Ransome)

Robins, Raymond: The American mine labourer turned lawyer turned Klondike gold prospector turned preacher-evangelist and (for a time) would-be U.S. Senator [Colonel] 1917-1918 Raymond Robins [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for helping to promote the Men and Religion Forward Movement [see Bederman (1989) [full text online (requires JSTOR registration)] 1911-1912, (b) for doing likewise with the National Christian Social Evangelical Campaign [no convenient briefing] and the YMCA [see own entry] around 1915, (c) for thereby having the contacts and reputation necessary to get himself headhunted in 1917 as one of the 21 commissioners making up the American Red Cross Mission [see own entry] to Petrograd, (d) for splitting from the main party 7th August 1917, and being sent on a fact-finding tour of southern Russia, reporting back on the Soviets already operating in the eastern Ukraine in and around Kharkov [map]...

**CAMEO - ROBINS IN THE EASTERN UKRAINE:** As a collier back in the 1890s, Robins had done 12-hour shifts for weeks on end for a dollar a day. He was therefore surprisingly close in mind with the manual workers of the Kharkov Soviets. He saw them as the "93 per cent" oppressed by the "7 per cent" - the land owners and mill masters - and was impressed by the fact that political decisions were now being taken by "men who just a few minutes before had been common miners" (Hard, op. cit. inf., pp11-12).

(e) for returning to Petrograd and there witnessing first hand the damp squib of the Kornilov Affair [see Timeline 10th-13th September 1917], and for beginning to wonder at the gulf between those who made decisions "indoors" and those - like him - who had actually been "outdoors" to see what was actually going on in the country at large [see Timeline 8th-10th February 1918 for more about Robins' notions of "indoor" and "outside" mind], (f) for then energetically going about his duties as the commissioner reporting on food supply and refugees, (g) for at the same time doing his share of the general intelligence gathering by instructing his team leaders to report back on the scuttlebutt in Petrograd's barracks, hospitals, and refugee camps, even as their orderlies tended to the sick and needy (Service, 2011), (h) as the October Revolution unfolded [see Timeline 7th November 1917] for becoming "the only Allied or American officer who ever actually had personal conferences with Lenin" (Hard, p2), (i) for playing a minor part (he says unwittingly) in the Rostov Affair [see Timeline 22nd December 1917], (j) after the signing of the Treaty of Brest-Litovsk [see Timeline 3rd March 1918], for conducting some high level and exceptionally confidential diplomacy to try to persuade Trotsky and Lenin to speak against its ratification at full Congress, thereby getting himself into some potentially terminal hot water as part of the Lockhart Plot [see Timeline 30th January 1918, then as directed], (k) for attending the Fourth All-Russian Congress of the Soviets in Moscow 10th-15th March, whereat the main item on the agenda was the ratification or rejection of the Treaty of Brest-Litovsk [see Timeline 3rd March 1918], (l) for guesting at the Soviets' inaugural May Day Parade [see Timeline 1st May 1918]...

***** YouTube contemporary newsreel *****

... (m) for finally leaving Moscow 14th May, travelling one after another through no less than fifteen geographically separate Soviets to Vladivostok, escaping only thanks to a personally signed letter of passage from Lenin himself. In July that year the Western bridgeheads - Britain both at Murmansk [see Timeline 6th March 1918] and in the Caucasus [see Timeline 27th January 1918], France in the Ukraine [see Timeline 18th December 1918], the United States in both Siberia [see Timeline 30th March 1918] and the Black Sea [see Timeline 228th January 1919], and Britain/Japan in Siberia [see Timeline 9th April 1918] - openly begin to support the local White Armies. Once back in the United States Robins was required to testify before the Overman Senate Committee [see Timeline 19th September 1918]. He died in 1954, aged 81. FURTHER READING: For more on the Robins story, much of it in the man's own (reported) words, see William Hard's (1920/2012) "Raymond Robins' Own Story" [Amazon].

Robinson, Marvin C.: Dealey Plaza commuter Marvin Robinson [no convenient biography] was passing the front of the TSBD a few minutes after the shooting when the "light-coloured Rambler" in front of
him abruptly pulled in to pick up a pedestrian. This broadly confirmed the primary sighting by Roger Craig. Robinson's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED].

**Rocca, Raymond:** 46-year-old long-standing intelligence operative (OSS/CIA) Raymond Rocca [Spartacus Educational biography] had worked with James Jesus Angleton in Italy from 1944 to 1947, and to him in Langley from 1947 to 1953. In 1954 he, too, moved to Langley as Chief of the Research and Analysis Department.

**Rocha, Luis Fernandez:** Luis Fernandez Rocha [no convenient biography] was secretary of the DRE's Miami chapter, but with very close ties to George Joannides.

**Rockefeller Family (Oil) at a Glance:** The Rockefeller Oil family dynasty began in 1870 when Cleveland, Ohio, patriarch John Davison Rockefeller, Snr. [Wikipedia biography] set up the Standard Oil Company [Wikipedia briefing] to refine kerosene. Expanding by acquisition in an age of increasing demand for petrochemicals, he was destined to become "the wealthiest American of all time" by his retirement 27 years later (and he still had 40 years of retirement in which to enjoy that wealth). His son John Davison Rockefeller, Jnr. [Wikipedia biography] took over the reins in 1897, but distanced himself from it in 1910 in favour of directorships in banking and investments in real estate (the two things going nicely together, of course). Father and son both helped establish the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research [Wikipedia briefing] 8th June 1901. Junior's sons John Davison Rockefeller, III [Wikipedia biography] and Nelson Rockefeller [Wikipedia biography] then promoted the family name through to the end of the 1970s.

**Roderick, Edward:** Long-standing CIA officer Edward Roderick [Spartacus Educational biography] was explosives expert at JM/WAVE. He would be one of the nine persons identified by Bradley Ayers in 1994 as having "intimate operational knowledge" of how the assassination was put together.

**Rodgers, D. K.:** DPD Intelligence Officer D. K. Rodgers [no convenient biography] enters the present narrative in February 1967, at the time when Jim Garrison was trying to interview (and if necessary extradite) Sergio Arcacha Smith to support his case against Clay Shaw. Arcacha called in the DPD, alleging harassment by the out-of-State Louisianans, and Rodgers was sent in to see fair play. Things then took on a more conspiratorial air when journalist Hugh Aynesworth telephoned Arcacha out of the blue and mentioned an ongoing CBS project to "blast Garrison for the handling of this so-called conspiracy" (La Fontaine and La Fontaine, 1996, p344). Rodgers then arranged a three-way meeting in DPDHQ on 27th February 1967 with both Arcacha and Aynesworth, which he summarised in a report dated 3rd March 1967 [read it here]. In their 1996 book "Oswald Talked" the La Fontaines conclude that Aynesworth, once again, is one frighteningly well-informed journalist.

**Rodriguez, Felix:** 22-year-old Cuban exile and CIA agent since the failed Bay of Pigs Invasion, Felix Rodriguez [Wikipedia biography] was a member of S-Force within Brigade 2506. He would later be deployed in the CIA operation against Che Guevara. He would be one of the nine persons identified by Bradley Ayers in 1994 as having "intimate operational knowledge" of how the assassination was put together.

***** Last Man Out Alive, North Tower WTC *****

**Rodriguez, William:** 39-year old William Rodriguez [Wikipedia biography] was one of the building services personnel on duty in WTC1 (the North Tower) on 11th September 2001. At the fateful time he was on B1 of the basement floors when there was a large explosion close at hand which fire-balled one of the lift shafts, followed - some seven seconds later - by another, more distant one. The second of these events was the impact of "American Airlines Flight 11" [q.v.]. Rodriguez then spent the ensuing minutes helping a number of people to escape the lower floors, and then helped the arriving FDNY teams ascend the stairwells, using his skeleton key to open the many locked access doors. While so
doing, another series of explosions rocked floors 20 to 30. Unable to ascend past the 39th floor he descended, just in time to escape the final collapse. YouTube his experiences here.

Rogers, Charles Frederick: WW2 veteran (U.S.N.), Office of Naval Intelligence agent, peacetime oilman, associate of David Ferrie, CIA agent since 1956, and described in Rod Mac Kenzie's 2016 book "The Men That Don't Fit In", as "a real spook among spooks". Charles Rogers [Wikipedia biography] was identified in John Craig and Philip Rogers' 1992 book "The Man on the Grassy Knoll" as the long-lost Picket Fence shooter, and - detained while attempting to escape - also one of the Three Tramps.

Rogers, Lillian: [believed née Fleming] In the official narrative 37-year-old secretary/PA Lillian Rogers [no convenient biography] entered the assassination story in a big way on the morning of 22nd November 1963 when she insisted that her boss - Abraham Zapruder - drive home and fetch his 8mm home movie camera, because it was not every day that a Presidential motorcade passes your office doorstep. This he did, and the fruit of her intervention is the famous Zapruder Film.

ASIDE: When Zapruder returned with the camera a carefree Mrs Rogers starred in the first minute practice footage. David von Pein showed the outtake in 2005. A recent attempt to track Mrs Rogers down learned from Zapruder's grand-daughter that she had passed away.

When Zapruder returned from the crime scene he was hysterical and so Mrs Rogers, professional to the last, promptly locked the camera in the office safe.

Rogers, Philip A.: Assassination researcher Philip Rogers [no convenient biography] was co-author with John Craig of the 1992 book "The Man on the Grassy Knoll", in which Charles Rogers is proposed not just as the Picket Fence shooter but also as one of the (second set of) Three Tramps.

Rogers, William Pierce: WW2 veteran (USN) turned lawyer-politician William P. Rogers [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being Secretary of State 1969-1973 in the Nixon Administration (albeit generally peripheralised by Nixon's roving NSA Henry Kissinger), and (b) for featuring in the entry for William Thomas, which see.

Romero, Carlos Humberto: El Salvadorean President[1977-1979] Carlos Romero [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been another of the Central American regimes to have "turned to West European and Israeli arms merchants" (Lafeber, 1983) during the 1970s. Not that it did him a lot of good, because he was deposed by a left-wing coup armed with pitchforks in 1979.

Rometsch, Ellen: Having fled East Germany in 1955 aged 19 Ellen Rometsch [Spartacus Educational biography] became the Cold War bride of a U.S. airman stationed in West Berlin, and was thereby accepted as a U.S. resident in 1961. Her marriage then broke up and her looks got her a waitressing job at Washington's Quo Rum Club. She instantly became an in-demand party girl amongst the rich and powerful, including LBJ-aide Robert Gene Baker, who introduced her in turn to JFK, with whom she had a brief affair before being run out of town as a suspected Soviet spy by J. Edgar Hoover.

Romualdi, Serafino: Italian writer and trade unionist Serafino Romualdi [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for emigrating to the United States in 1923, settling in Chicago and becoming a trade union journalist, (b) for relocating to NYC in 1928, (c) for undertaking a government contract in 1941, visiting various South American union representatives and doing his best to counter any tendencies on the part of the Italian population there to support the Nazis, (d) for thereby being headhunted in 1942 into Nelson Rockefeller's team as Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs [Wikipedia briefing], (e) for thereby being headhunted in May 1944 into the OSS, where he served until late 1945, (f) for continuing to work Latin America on behalf of the American Federation of Labor (AFL) [see own entry], and for becoming Secretary thereof in 1955, and (g) for
helping to establish the "CIA-controlled" (Agee, 1975, p600) **American Institute of Free Labor Development (AIFLD)** [see own entry] in 1961, with himself as chief executive.

**Ron Paul's List of Neocons:** [Read firstly the entry for Neoconservative.] By way of introduction see the entry for **Ron Paul**, and then work your way through the people/organisations explicitly named in his Neoconservatism speech of 10th July 2003, which are listed in the order and context in which they were identified ...

16th Century political inspiration - **Niccolo Machiavelli** [Wikipedia briefing]

20th Century U.S. political inspiration - **Theodore Roosevelt** and **Woodrow Wilson**

20th Century former Trotskyite liberals - **Leo Strauss** [q.v.] and **Christopher Hitchens** [q.v.]

Leo Strauss students and philosophical adherents - **Paul Wolfowitz** [q.v.], **Richard Perle** [q.v.], **Elliott Abrams** [q.v.], **Robert Kagan** [q.v.], and **William Kristol** [q.v.] (all of these being described as "key players in designing our new strategy for pre-emptive war")

"Others" - **Michael Ledeen** [q.v.], **R. James Woolsey**, Jr. [q.v.], **William Bennett** [q.v.], **Frank Gaffney** [q.v.], **Dick Cheney** [q.v.], **Donald Rumsfeld** [q.v.], plus "too many to mention"

"The Godfather of modern Neoconservatism" - **Irving Kristol** [q.v.] (thanks to his 1983 book "Reflections of a Neoconservative")

Charities, think-tanks and pressure groups - **Bradley Foundation** [q.v.] and **Project for a New American Century (PNAC)** [q.v.]

Tame or perhaps complicit MSM - **Rupert Murdoch** [q.v.] in the shape of his "Big Six" media group **Newscorp** [q.v.]

Tangential inspiration - **Francis Fukuyama** [q.v.] (thanks to his 1995 book "The End of History" [Fukuyama distanced himself from the Neocons shortly afterwards, but his core thesis, in 2018, stand in total tatters anyway - Ed.])

Having thus named the culprits, Paul devoted roughly a quarter of his 55 minute speech to an in-depth series of direct quotations from Ledeen's 1999 book "Machiavelli on Modern Leadership" which, taken together, place Ledeen and all who follow him ethically somewhere between Genghis Khan and the Romulans [Wikipedia briefing]. Nevertheless, Ledeen's rhetorical prayer for a second Pearl Harbour was granted on 11th September 2001. As for the Neocon's **modus operandi**, Paul's principal accusations are (1) that they control debate, (2) that as a matter of policy they are continually fomenting pre-emptive wars, (3) that they are far from averse to lying through their teeth as a matter of essential principle, and (4) that despite many fine sounding words and appeals to patriotism they are in total contempt of the American Constitution.

**Roosevelt, Franklin Delano:** President Franklin D. Roosevelt [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context merely for his warning on 21st November 1933 that the U.S. government was "owned" by bankers.

**Roosevelt, Theodore ["Teddy"], Jnr:** Well born and of independent means **President**(26th, 1901-1909, Rep.) **Theodore Roosevelt** [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context as much for the deeds which earned him the presidency as for what he did once he had the job. Here are some of the most important links ...

Roosevelt at the 1884 Republican National Convention - check it out
Roosevelt as Assistant Secretary of the Navy, 1897-1898 - check it out
Roosevelt as field commander, 1898 - check it out
Roosevelt as POTUS, 1901-1909 / Banana Wars - check it out
Roosevelt as POTUS, 1901-1909 / Great White Fleet - check it out
Root, Elihu: Lawyer-to-the-rich-and-powerful and politician Elihu Root [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for being Secretary of War then (from 1905) Secretary of State in the 1899-1909 McKinley/Roosevelt presidencies. In the latter role he had a particularly significant role to play in the (temporarily) successful Algeciras Conference [see 16th January 1906] (he was no longer in office at the time of the 1911 Agadir Incident). He was dragged out of retirement in 1917 to head the Root Commission [see own entry] to Petrograd, interfering (for want of a better word) in the Russian Revolution. Root was reputedly a long-standing member of Roosevelt's Boone and Crockett Club [Wikipedia briefing], along with Henry Cabot Lodge, Snr. [check him out], J. P. Morgan [check him out], Henry L. Stimson [check him out], and Owen Wister [Wikipedia biography] (Thomas, 2010).

Root Commission: See Timeline 16th April 1917.

"Rose Cherami: Gathering Fallen Petals": This is the (2016) biography of Rose Cherami written by her son Michael Marcades [Oak Cliff Lions biography] and Norma J. Kirkpatrick, with a Foreword by researcher J. Gary Shaw [Amazon - RECOMMENDED]. Key material from this book has been incorporated into the Cherami entry, which see.

Rose, Earl Forrest: WW2 veteran (U.S.N.) and Dallas County Coroner since June 1963 Earl Rose [Wikipedia biography] attempted - quite properly according to Texas State law - to prevent JFK's body being taken from Parkland Hospital, but was brushed aside by the Secret Service with the result that JFK's autopsy was duly performed at Bethesda later that day. Rose did, however, get to perform the autopsies on J. D. Tippit (that day), LHO (24th November 1963), and, in the fullness of time, Jack Ruby (3rd January 1967).

Rose, Guy ["Gus"] F.: 30-year-old DPD Homicide Bureau detective Gus Rose [no convenient biography] was not on duty at the time of the shooting, but went straight in and was then one of the first to speak to LHO when he was brought in from the Texas Theater. LHO gave his name initially as "Hidell", and was generally uncooperative. Rose was then relieved after a few minutes and sent instead to the Paine House with his partner Richard Stovall, where they joined with Deputies Harry Weatherford, Buddy Walthers, and J. L. Oxford in the preliminary search of those premises. In all they impounded "two sea bags, three suitcases, and two cardboard boxes and all of them contained numerous items of property"; also two negatives and one developed picture "of Oswald holding the rifle". Rose's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now].

Rosebury, Theodor: American bacteriologist Theodor Rosebury [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for being one of the first scientists recruited into the United States' centre of biological warfare excellence at Camp Detrick [see own entry].

Roselli, John ["Handsome Johnny"]: Chicago contract hitman turned top echelon mobster and (from 1960 through June 1963) CIA asset in the fight against Fidel Castro, Johnny Roselli [Wikipedia biography] figures heavily in many assassination theories. With the connivance of mob bosses Sam Giancana and Santos Trafficante, and funded by the CIA, he had helped JM/WAVE select likely Cuban exiles for assassination attempts in Cuba. He was perhaps in Mexico City on 8th October 1963, and in Rod Mac Kenzie( and Hooke)'s 2016 book "The Men That Don't Fit In" [Amazon - RECOMMENDED] he was placed in Dallas on 22nd November 1963, although not in Dealey Plaza ...

ASIDE: Theoretically, the mob was edged out of CIA operations after June 1963 as "The Big One" - Operation AM/WORLD - got under way, but Roselli might just have learned enough about that operation to "piggy-back" it to the mob's advantage. This, indeed, is one of the lines of argument put forward by self-confessed Picket Fence shooter James Files.
Roselli was eventually murdered in his turn in 1976, perhaps by fellow mobsters (in some reports for skimming the action in Las Vegas) but most probably by fellow conspirators. Indeed Bradley Ayers [see own entry] will later hint that David Morales would make a good first guess for Roselli’s killer.

**RESEARCH ISSUE:** We have remarked many times elsewhere that little is known about the deep psychology of people capable of cold-blooded murder for financial reward, either in or out of uniform and with or without some specious political justification. Were they denied a fulfilling breast as infants, for example? Or cruelly beaten by a father or denied all sense of self-worth by a mother’s unrelenting put-downs? Did they see too many war films or browse into the wrong websites? Did they mix unwisely with people on the wrong side of the tracks? Are they narcissistic [Wikipedia briefings]? Anally retentive [Wikipedia briefings]? Overly impulsive [Wikipedia briefings]? Inherently sadistic [Wikipedia briefings]? Sociopathic [Wikipedia briefings]? Psychopathic [Wikipedia briefings]? Or are they just plain evil? Are their minds so shrivelled for want of genuine human warmth that they start out in life as arrogant little shits and go downhill from there? What, in other words, puts the meme into their heads that their allocated victim is just a stick to be broken? **RECOMMENDED READING:** Check out the Hare Psychopathy Checklist [Wikipedia briefings] for some of the answers, and - sadly - a shipload more questions.

**Rosenbaum, Tibor:** "One of organised crime's Swiss bankers" (Block, 1991, p83), Tibor Pinchas Rosenbaum [no convenient biography] was Founder/President of International Credit Bank of Geneva (BCI) [New York Times exposed, 1975], and - according to Rod Mac Kenzie (and Hooke) - Director for Finance and Supply at the Mossad.


**"The greatest spy in history"**

**Rosenblum, George:** [Frequently seen as Sidney "Ace of Spies"] Reilly, one of his aliases] Born in the Ukraine, at the southern extreme of Tsarist White Russia, conman-murderer and master-spy George Rosenblum/"Sidney Reilly" [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for arriving in Britain in 1895 to escape the Okhrana, the Tsarist secret police, spinning many a vivid tale to whomever would listen ... **CAUTION:** This man was a ruthless and predatory professional rogue. Past misdeeds therefore forced him to live by present lies. All biographical claims should accordingly be carefully treble-checked (and not all can be).

(b) for making a living in London peddling quack remedies and conning unwary widows out of their husbands’ fortunes (hastening their widowhood if necessary), (c) for becoming an informer for Scotland Yard's Special Branch in around 1898, (d) for thereby being re-invented as "Sidney George Reilly" in 1899 prefatory to being sent to St. Petersburg, Russia, as a covert operations asset, (e) for supporting the Japanese intelligence service in its preparations for the 1904-1905 Russo-Japanese War [see 8th February 1904], (f) for being re-assigned to Germany in 1909 to obtain details of the latest Krupp armament developments, (g) for re-appearing in St. Petersburg in 1912, NYC in 1914, and Canada in 1917, (h) for reporting to Mansfield Smith-Cumming [see own entry] in January 1918 and accepting an SIS assignment back in Russia, to agitate a White Russian counter-revolution against the suddenly far-too-successful Bolsheviks, (i) for fleeing Russia in September 1918 after an only-just-failed assassination attempt against Vladimir Lenin, arriving back in Britain 8th November 1918 (and being sentenced to death in absentia by the Revolutionary Tribunal), (j) for being turned straight round and sent to the Ukraine sector of the emerging Russian Civil War, earning a Military Cross for his efforts [no citation available, but Gazetted 12th February 1919 - Ed.], (k) for possibly being the courier in the 1924 Zinoviev Affair [see own entry], and (l) for being captured and executed by Soviet secret police for undertaking one mission to many to Russia in 1925.

**Ross, Barney:** Decorated WW2 veteran, one-time world champion boxer, and fund-raiser for the State of Israel Barney Ross [Wikipedia biography] was a contact in Jack Ruby’s address book.
Roswell Park: Founded by Dr. Roswell Park in 1898 as the Grantwich Research Laboratory, Buffalo, NY, the Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Institute [Wikipedia briefing] is nowadays a cutting-edge cancer research and treatment centre. The institute is noteworthy in the present context for the time spent there in 1961 by Judyth Vary Baker [q.v.], before her move to New Orleans.

Rothschild Family (Bankers) at a Glance: The Rothschild banking family dynasty began when German Jew Mayer Amschel Rothschild [Wikipedia biography] set up in business in 1763 as a coin dealer at "The House of the Red Shield" (a red shield [= roth Schild] already being the family logo) in the Judengasse, Frankfurt-am-Main. Amongst his clients was Friedrich II of Hesse-Cassell [Wikipedia biography], who reportedly borrowed 22 million thaler to raise troops to fight as mercenaries for (his wife's nephew) George III in the American Revolutionary War (that is to say, the very Hessians whom Washington crossed the Delaware in 1776 to catch at Christmas breakfast: the King, incidentally, would have had to borrow from similar sources to pay for them). Rothschild was rewarded by being made "Court Jew" to Friedrich's son Wilhelm IX of Hesse-Kassel [Wikipedia biography], for whom he performed similar services. Rothschild also carefully tutored his five sons to follow in his footsteps as a bank with five like-minded branches, as follows ...

(1) Based in Frankfurt, Amschel Mayer von Rothschild [Wikipedia biography].
(2) Based in Vienna, Salomon Mayer von Rothschild [Wikipedia biography].
(3) Based in London from 1798, Nathan Mayer Rothschild [Wikipedia biography], who in 1811 framed the London business as N. M. Rothschild and Sons [Wikipedia briefing].
(4) Based in Paris, James Mayer de Rothschild [Wikipedia biography].
(5) Based in Naples, Carl Mayer von Rothschild [Wikipedia biography].

In the coming decades the five Rothschilds put their father's lessons to good effect. Salomon, for example, will trade into the United States though a New York City subsidiary run by August Belmont [see own entry], and will be particularly involved [it was described at the time as an "Unholy Alliance" - Ed.] with the Austrian foreign minister Prince Klemens von Metternich in rebuilding the Habsburg economy after the Napoleonic Wars. Likewise James funded the French railway system until the French Treasury decided in 1848 to stop contracting out the underwriting of sovereign debt and adopted a system of public subscription instead.

UNCONFIRMED ANECDOTES: Rothschild biographers frequently attribute the family's success to the unrivalled excellence of their in-house intelligence service, part Pony Express, part Pinkerton's Detective Agency. In the age before the telegraph this enabled the five banking centres to communicate to each other and - increasingly - clients worldwide. They even had ships' captains on call at the Channel ports willing to cast off at a moment's notice in anything short of a Force 10. It was this courier service which brought the news of the outcome of the Battle of Waterloo to London, in time - reputedly - to do some quick winner-sensitive trading ...

ASIDE: The story goes that Nathan Mayer bought covertly in a slumping marketplace having probably spread the rumour that Napoleon had won, and then sold on the rebound, clearing - in today's money - some £100 million.

Cowles (1973) also reports an instance when the mail from Constantinople was deliberately delayed just long enough to arrange a quick killing in the marketplace, and asserts that as a matter of routine mails would be secretly read and re-sealed while in transit. It has also been claimed that one of Andrew Jackson's allies at the Battle of New Orleans, 1815, the pirate Jean Laffite [Yul Brynner in the 1958 movie "The Buccaneer"], was just such a Rothschild courier.

As for the sons of the sons, here are the main personalities [note that (1) above died childless, so (2) took over the Frankfurt and Vienna branches; the Naples branch was also largely transferred to Frankfurt and Vienna - Ed.] ...

(1) Based in Frankfurt and Vienna, Anselm Salomon von Rothschild [Wikipedia biography], who in 1855 marketed the Vienna branch as Creditanstalt [Wikipedia factsheet] and saw it go on to
become the largest bank in the Austro-Hungarian Empire. (Their New York City associate August Belmont has by now become a major source of influence in the Democratic Party.)

(2) Based in London, Lionel Nathan de Rothschild [Wikipedia biography] and Nathaniel de Rothschild [Wikipedia biography].

(3) Based in Paris, Abraham Edmond de Rothschild [Wikipedia biography].

Again the grandchildren put family traditions to good effect. Lionel Nathan was responsible for the high profile Irish Famine Loans, 1846-7, Crimean War Loan, 1854, Suez Canal Purchase, 1876, French War Loan, 1871, Nathaniel developed the Chateau Mouton Rothschild brand as a hobby, and Edmond used some of his personal fortune charitably assisting early Jewish settlements in (then-Ottoman) Palestine. As for the great-grandchildren we note primarily Nathaniel ["Natty"] Mayer Rothschild [1st Baron Rothschild]1885 [Wikipedia biography], son of Lionel Nathan above, banker to the British Royal Family in the run up to WW1.

ASIDE: Some caution is needed when using the "Baron" title. Natty was the first true British Baron from 1885, and thereby the first unconverted Jew accepted into the British aristocracy. However the many previous "Baron Rothschilds" were using their Austro-Hungarian titles either informally, or, after Queen Victoria (remembering the financial favours done to her grandfather George III) approved the practice in 1838, formally. You see much the same with Baron George de Mohrenschildt [check him out] who, although a United States citizen, liked to harken back to a long-defunct Tsarist Lithuanian title.

It will fall to Natty to be the "My Dear Lord R." to whom the fateful Balfour Declaration letter was intended in 1917 [check it out]. The Rothschild family continue through the generations to modern times, and at the time of writing [October 2018] the British branch is headed by Natty's great-grandson Nathaniel Charles Jacob Rothschild, 4th Baron Rothschild [Wikipedia biography], who features large in the New World Order Conspiracy Theory [check it out].

Rothschild, Lionel Walter [2nd Baron Rothschild]1915: British banker-politician Walter Rothschild [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) as the eldest son of Lord Nathaniel Rothschild [see preceding entry], (b) for being an enthusiastic Zionist, and (c) for being the postal addressee of the famous Balfour Declaration [see preceding entry].

Rothschild, Victor: See the entry for Kim Philby.

Round Table Movement: The Round Table Movement [Wikipedia briefing] was founded 4th-6th September 1909 as a front organisation for promoting the New World Order ideas emanating from Milner's Kindergarten [see own entry]. Here are some of its early officers and/or affiliates ...

Leopold Amery [see own entry]; Lord Robert Brand [see own entry]; Sir Reginald Coupland [see own entry]; Sir George Craik [see own entry]; Lionel Curtis [see own entry]; Geoffrey Dawson [see own entry], editor of The Times; Lionel Hitchens [see own entry]; Philip Kerr, Lord Lothian [see own entry]; Lord Milner himself; Lord Selbourne; Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland [see own entry]

Much of the early administration was done by Curtis, who edited The Round Table Journal. He also toured the Dominions establishing local Round Table branches. In its present incarnation [March 2019], Round Table has evolved into an apolitical community activism group.

Rowland, Arnold Louis: Dallas student Arnold Rowland [Spartacus Educational; biography] witnessed the shooting from the corner of Houston Street and Main Street, and noted "a man" at a TSBD6 window "on the west corner of the building" with "a fairly high-powered rifle because of the scope and the relative proportion of the scope to the rifle". Like the several other TSBD6 witnesses Rowland initially assumed this to be a security presence.
ASIDE: The official sniper's nest is on the east corner of the building. In the Rod Mac Kenzie (and Hooke) theory the west window was the one assigned to Loy Factor. Rowland had hunted with a thirty-six rifle and knew enough about firearms to be listened to.

Rowland's evidential profile is as follows: Sheriff's Office Affidavit, 22nd November 1963 [read it now]; Warren Commission testimony [read it now - RECOMMENDED]. Rowland gets a mention in the important testimony of Deputy Sheriff Roger Craig.

Rowland, Roland Walter ["Tiny"]: [Né Roland Walter Fuhrhop] Born in British India to a German father and Anglo-Dutch mother, Tiny Rowland [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for a brief interlude in the Hamburg Hitler Youth in the mid-1930s, (b) for relocating to Britain in 1937, being duly interned as an "enemy alien" during WW2, (c) for relocating to Southern Rhodesia in 1948, soon becoming a successful businessman ... 

ASIDE: It is not unknown for successful alien businessmen to have started their fortune by spying on their fellow aliens.

(d) for becoming CEO in 1962 of the London and Rhodesian Mining and Land Company (later Lonrho) [Wikipedia briefing], being closely associated during that period with a number of persons in the British intelligence services, (e) for investing some of his profits by buying The Observer in 1983, and (f) despite a long running and well-publicised battle with Mohamed Al-Fayed for being unable to prevent his acquiring London's iconic Harrods department store.

Rowley, James J.: Chief of the Secret Service Jim Rowley [Wikipedia biography] was called upon after the shooting to look into his agents' performance on 22nd November 1963. Much of his attention was naturally directed toward the Secret Service Junkets which had lasted well into the night of 21st/22nd November, and had involved a total of 19 agents. He confirmed that this had been against established protocol, but judged that in the event it had not affected those agents' performance on the day. Rowley's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now]; House Select Committee on Assassinations testimony [read it now].

[Royal]1926 Institute of International Affairs: [Usually known obliquely as Chatham House after its headquarters building at 10 St. James' Square; Originally the British Institute etc., until receiving its Royal charter in 1926] The British NGO Chatham House [Wikipedia briefing] was founded 5th July 1920 by Lionel Curtis [see own entry] as a right-wing think tank with views aplenty on the national and international issues of the day. None other than Sir Edward Grey moved the inaugural resolution. The organisation is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been a spin-off from Lord Milner's Round Table Movement [see own entry], (b) for having launched its house journal International Affairs in 1922, (c) for recruiting the scholar and ex-Ministry Intelligence Officer Arnold Toynbee [see own entry] as Director of Studies in 1924, a position he would retain until 1955, (d) for obtaining its Royal charter in 1926 and (e) for generally becoming the platform of choice for the promotion of political big ideas (but at the same time - and this is the more important thing - of subtly belittling, more or less to order, certain even bigger ideas as unfit for discussion). For recent activity see the Chatham House website.

Rubenstein, Jacob Leon: See the entry for Jack Ruby.

Rubenstein, Sidney: Dallas restaurateur Sidney Zelman [no convenient biography] was the "Rubenstein" in the "Rubenstein and Son Produce Inc" referred to in the entry for Danny Arce.

Rubinowitz, Arthur Lee ["Tex"]: See the entry for "The B-Thing".


Ruby, Jack Leon ["Sparky"]: [From birth until 1947 Jacob Leon Rubenstein] Life-long mobster, gun-runner, trusted bagman to the real Godfathers, and breathtakingly meticulous putter-together of conspiracies Dallas nightclub owner Jack Ruby [Wikipedia biography] had spent months preparing the ground for the assassination (both physically and figuratively), was always close at hand on the day itself, and then spent 48 hours stalking LHO once his pre-planned silencing failed to take place (probably at the Texas Theater).

ASIDE: We particularly like the story in Henry C. Hurt, Jr.'s 1985 book "Reasonable Doubt" to the effect that Ruby HIMSELF warned DPD late on 23rd November 1963 that LHO was going to be shot in the basement the following morning - more details in the entry for William Grammer.

Now simply accumulate the other 100 or so references to this man in this glossary and you will have a decent entry for Jack Ruby. For a quick introduction, see him speaking on camera in Wim Dankbaar's [see own entry] (2007/2020 re-released) documentary movie "The Grassy Knoll" [see firstly the separate entry, and then view on Amazon Prime STRONGLY RECOMMENDED].

Rush, Johann William: [Read firstly the entry for Bill Stuckey] New Orleans news cameraman Johann Rush [no convenient biography, but plenty to reward the determined browser] is noteworthy in the present context for being the WDSU-TV cameraman who filmed LHO 12th and 16th August 1963. For details see the entry for Oswald Video and Audio.


Russo, Perry Raymond: Insurance salesman Perry Russo [Spartacus Educational biography] was one of Jim Garrison's witnesses in the trial of Clay Shaw. However, Michael Kurtz, in his 1982/1993 book "Crime of the Century", rates his testimony as "dubious" (p.xiii), especially insofar as it had asserted that LHO, Clay Shaw, and David Ferrie had met as conspirators in an assassination attempt on JFK's life.

Ryan, Joan: British centrist politician Joan Ryan [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for a sound enough early career as Labour Party councillor in North London, (b) for being elected as M.P. for Enfield North in Tony Blair's 1997 Labour Landslide Election [Wikipedia briefing], being made a junior minister in 2001 ...

ASIDE: At the younger end of the 101 female Labour M.P.s she was accordingly one of the famous "Blair Babes" [Wikipedia briefing].

(c) for being accused 2007-2009 for pushing the parliamentary expenses system to, if not beyond, its proper limits, (d) for losing her seat in 2010, and then regaining it in 2015, (e) for becoming Chair in August 2015 of the Labour Friends of Israel lobby group, using that position to campaign against Jeremy Corbyn in the then frenetic Labour Leadership Campaign [Wikipedia briefing], (f) for continuing
to undermine Corbyn through the Brexit years, finally resigning the Labour Party 20th February 2019 to go independent ...

**ASIDE:** Advanced students desiring specifics for this period should scan the References in the Wikipedia biography above, where a dozen or so reports in the timeframe September 2015 through February 2019 are listed.

and (g) (although she herself had decided not to stand again) for continuing in the same corrosive vein in the **2019 British General Election Campaign (GE2019)** - for example, see **Timeline 15th November 2019. STOP PRESS 5TH DECEMBER 2019:** As an entirely unprompted instantiation of (g) above, it so happened that while en route to the presses Ms. Ryan's views featured large in a *The Telegraph* piece entitled "Labour rocked as Enfield MP Joan Ryan urges voters against backing party with seven days until election" [full text online].

***** SAVER OF MANY LIVES *****

**Ryan, Michael:** Irish epidemiologist [Michael Ryan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Michael_Ryan) is noteworthy in the present context for being Executive Director of the World Health Organisation (WHO)'s Health Emergencies Programme. He worked during the 1990s for the Bill & Miranda Gates Foundation [Wikipedia briefing], fighting high mortality communicable diseases in Africa, before joining the WHO in 1996. He then represented the WHO on the ground in epidemics such as Ebola, SARS, and MERS, eventually helping to put together a global emergency preparedness monitoring and response team. His 6th March 2020 advice for the COVID-19 Pandemic is that you have to move quickly, even if that means taking educated guesses now and then where laboratory proof is not yet available. "Speed", he says, "trumps perfection" - [YouTube it here](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aHfM2dNyA0k) [THREAD = THE ANATOMY OF A CRISIS]

**Ryder, Dial Duane:** 25-year-old gunsmith [Dial Ryder](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dial_Ryder) was the service man at the Irving Sport Shop who was interviewed by the FBI on 25th November 1963 concerning LHO and rifles. Ryder confirmed that his workshop had indeed a drilled three holes for a telescopic sight mounting in "a 6.5 Italian". The work tag was undated, but Ryder estimated it would have been done between 1st and 15th November. Ryder's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [Part #1; Part #2].

**Sacasa, Juan Bautista:** Nicaraguan physician turned centrist politician [President[1933-1936] Juan Bautista Sacasa](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Juan_Bautista_Sacasa) is noteworthy in the present context for maintaining a relatively independent Nicaragua in the years 1933 to 1936. He was deposed in 1936 by [Anastasio Somoza, Snr.](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anastasio_Somoza_Snr) [see own entry], Commander of the Nicaraguan National Guard.

"The media's most cuddly rabbi" *(Lerman, 2018)*

**Sacks, Jonathan Henry [Baron Sacks of Aldgate]2009:** British clergyman-academic-broadcaster [Lord]2009 [Jonathan Sacks](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jonathan_Sacks) is noteworthy in the present context (a) as the Chief Rabbi of the United Synagogue, the largest of the British Hebrew congregations, and (b) for deploying his power as opinion leader within said congregation [remember one-man-one-vote?? - Ed.] in support of the antisemitism blitz against [Jeremy Corbyn](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jeremy_Corbyn) during the 2019 General Election campaign, as here reported ...

**EXAMPLE:** "These highly charged interventions were taking place even as the vile comments the former Chief Rabbi of the United Synagogue, Jonathan Sacks, made about Jeremy Corbyn, in an interview he gave to the New Statesman published on 29 August, were still making waves. Just when you might have thought that the vilification couldn’t be ratcheted up even further, the media’s most cuddly rabbi sent Corbyn-baiting off the graph when he told George Eaton that Corbyn ‘is an antisemite’ who has ‘given support to racists, terrorists and dealers of hate’ and that his reported 2013 remarks about ‘Zionists’ as ‘the most offensive statement by a senior British politician since Enoch Powell’s 1968 “Rivers of Blood” speech.’" (Lerman, 4th September 2018 [full text online])
**Safari Club:** [Read firstly the entry for Bank of Credit and Commerce International (BCCI).] This was the name given to a clandestine alliance of intelligence services from France, Egypt, (pre-Ayatollan) Iran, Morocco, and Saudi Arabia, which resourced a number of major right-wing insurgeries during the 1970s. Here is how Peter Dale Scott [q.v.] explained the set-up in his 2015 book "Dallas '63" [this extract continues without break from that given in the entry for BCCI]...

"Former Saudi intelligence chief Prince Turki bin Faisal, a key figure in the Safari Club, once admitted [...] that the Safari Club, operating at the level of the deep state, was expressly created to overcome the efforts of [President] Carter and Congress to rein in the CIA:

In 1976, after the Watergate matters took place here, your intelligence community was literally tied up by Congress. It could not do anything. It could not send spies, it could not write reports, and it could not pay money. In order to compensate for that, a group of countries got together in the hope of fighting Communism and established what was called the Safari Club. The plight of Jimmy Carter in 1979-1980 epitomises how weak a president can become when he loses the mandate of heaven from the American deep state“ (§6223).

**Sainsbury, David John [Baron Sainsbury of Turville]1997:** Heir to the family supermarket fortune turned political king maker [Lord]1997 David Sainsbury [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for helping to bankroll Tony Blair's successful New Labour premiership run during the 1990s, (b) following the 1997 Labour Landslide Election [Wikipedia briefing], for being thanked with a peerage, (c) for continuing to donate to the Labour Party and centrist influence groups such as Progress [Wikipedia briefing], (d) for helping to establish the Institute for Government [Wikipedia briefing] in 2008, and (e) for siding with the Remainers in the 2016-ongoing Brexit Campaign. FURTHER READING: For more on Lord Sainsbury's political donations, see Solomon Hughes' 1st September 2016 piece for the [CAUTION - leftist] Morning Star entitled "How Billionaire Lord Sainsbury Bankrolled the Birth of New Labour" [full text online].

**Salandria, Vincent:** Lawyer and civil rights activist Vincent Salandria [Spartacus Educational biography] used his membership of the American Civil Liberties Union to criticise the Warren Commission Report in general (and Arlen Specter's single-bullet theory in particular) as soon as it was published. After ten years banging his head against a brick wall he wondered out loud if that had been the idea all along, thus...

"All the critics, myself included, were misled very early. [...] The cover story was transparent and designed not to hold, to fall apart at the slightest scrutiny. The forces that killed Kennedy wanted the message clear: 'We are in control and no one - not the President, nor Congress, nor any elected official - no one can do anything about it.' It was a message to the people that their Government was powerless" (Salandria, as quoted in Fonzi, "The Last Investigation", p29).

Salandria would take much the same line in an interview by David Starks in 1995 - YouTube it now.

**Salisbury Poisoning (The Facts):** [For the media battle arising out of this story, see instead the entry for Salisbury Poisoning (The Fictions).] We refer here to the 4th March 2018 poisoning in Salisbury, UK, of Russian double agent Sergei Skripal [q.v.] and his daughter Yulia Skripal [q.v.]. They were taken ill mid-afternoon, being discovered on a park bench near where they had taken lunch. The emergency call was placed at 1615hr, and they presented at Salisbury Hospital with signs of nerve agent poisoning. A full-scale biohazard emergency was called, with decontamination teams attending the restaurant, the park, and Skripal's home. During these investigations several first responders required out-patient treatment and another - Detective Sergeant Nick Bailey - was hospitalised. One early suggestion was that the poison had been smeared on the door handle of Sergei’s car; another was that the substance had been hidden in Yulia's luggage in Moscow the day before. The chemical involved was provisionally identified as a member of the Novichok family of super-deadly nerve agents [Wikipedia briefing], and British Prime Minister Theresa May immediately accused the Russians of being responsible for the attack. The case then made it to the U.N. Security Council on 14th March 2018, and - as on previous occasions - prompted a round of tit-for-tat diplomatic expulsions [as at
Salisbury Poisoning (The Fictions): [Read firstly the basic story in the entry for Salisbury Poisoning (The Facts).] The 4th March 2018 Sergei Skripal poisoning was played to the crowds from the very outset. How do we know? Well for starters because we were fed incessant bluster instead of hard evidence, thus ...

RESEARCH ISSUES: There is no validated psychometric of political oratory skills (although Bull (1986) [abstract online] clearly sets the scene). But be on the lookout for (1) mock despair, (2) feigned surprise and strained patience, and (3) a lot of this-really-must-stop hectoring from camera-savvy masters of indignation such as Boris Johnson [YouTube him now] and Nikki Haley [YouTube her now]. Students of the use of the media in black ops must from the outset also be on the lookout for the pre-prepared press release. It takes time to prepare and approve such material, and it therefore helps if it has been put in place “ready to go”. Here are some earlier at least partly pre-scripted black ops ...

PRE-SCRIPTING IN THE KOREAN WAR: See the entry for Korean War (Dirty Tricks), noting (a) that the North Korean "surprise attack" on 25th June 1950 was most likely a U.S. black op in the wake of the trouncing of the incumbent puppet regime in the South Korean elections of 30th May 1950, and (b) that the Chinese counter-offensive of 6th November 1950 was most likely a knock-down-ginger [explanation] provocation.

PRE-SCRIPTING IN THE JFK ASSASSINATION: (A far from exhaustive list, and in no particular order) See and be ready to disregard (a) the entire Gilberto Alvarado testimony, (b) the entire Mary Bledsoe testimony [A CLASSIC OF THE GENRE], (c) the entire Oswald's Wallet Thread, (d) the George Hickey AR-15 story, (e) the Ray and Mary La Fontaine version of the Three Tramps story, (f) the Ray and Mary La Fontaine version of George de Mohrenschildt's and Ruth Paine's stories, and (g) Ruth Paine's immediate and consistent profiling of Oswald.

We have flagged the following 9/11 examples as [drill?], because it is possible that they were openly and legitimately pre-scripted as part of pre-planned contemporaneous civil defence drills, specifically NORADS's Operation Vigilant Guardian [q.v.] and FEMA's Operation Tripod [q.v.] [Wikipedia briefing]. The Conspiracy Theory here is that the drills, the assembled personnel and crisis actors, and the storyboards and scripts, were then cleverly pirated as part of a deep state black op. Examples of specific 9/11 scripts are included below.

EXAMPLE - PRE-SCRIPTING IN THE 9/11 ATTACKS: [drill?] Telephone calls from hijacked aircraft [decide for yourself if they were real or read from script] YouTube Flight 11 Betty Ong; YouTube Flight 93 CeeCee Lyles; Barbara Olsen Flight 77; press announcement of collapse of WTC7 - YouTube it Now (the "fallen" tower is still visible in background, and does not actually fall for another 20 minutes).

Finally, here - for comparison - are some early reports of the Skripal case ...

EVENING #1: Not immediately declared a major incident, so nothing reported nationally. DAY #2: You Tube it here [WE “SHOULD ASSUME ASSASSINATION”], YouTube U.K. Foreign Secretary thinking out loud [STILL NO EVIDENCE YET, BUT DON’T FORGET LITVYNEKO, THE CRIMEA, UKRAINE, AND (ALBEIT NOTHING TO DO WITH US) ALL THAT ELECTION INTERFERING], DAY #3 A.M.: YouTube it here. MATURED STORY DAY #8, PARLIAMENT: YouTube it here.

For some real journalism we recommend Craig Murray's 17th March 2018 piece entitled "On Not Being Refuted" [full text online].

***** Candidate JFK Conspiracy Banker *****

Salvatori, Henry A.: [1901-1997] Italian-born 1901 /American-bred 1908 Californian millionaire and right-wing political activist Henry Salvatori [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for helping to develop the science of mapping petroleum reserves using echo-location geophysics, (b) for profiting sufficiently from his skills to set up on his own in 1933 as Western Geophysical [Wikipedia briefing], (c) for associating with Dallas oilman and kindred spirit H. L. Hunt, (d) for retiring in 1960 to promote political sponsorships and think tanks, including Fred Schwarz's Christian Anti-Communist Crusade (CACC) and Robert DePugh's California Rangers and Billy James Hargis'
Salvat Roque, Juan Manuel: Having fled Cuba in 1960 and now based in Miami Manuel Salvat [no convenient biography] was the military head of the DRE (AMSPELL). In mid-October 1963 he travelled from Miami to Dallas on a fund-raising trip. Both General Edwin Walker and LHO are reported to have attended.

Sample, Glen W.: JFK researcher Glen Sample [no convenient biography] was intrigued by Mark Collom's encounter with Loy Factor [q.v.]. The two men then further interviewed Factor and published their findings in the 1995 book "The Men on the Sixth Floor", the work which first introduced Mac Wallace into the explanatory equation.

***** ONE OF THE EARLIEST NEO-LIBERALS *****

Samuel, [Sir]1920-1937: [Anglicised from Eliezer ben Pinchas Schmuel] British politician Herbert Samuel [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been elected to parliament as a Liberal Party member in 1902, (b) for having been promoted into Herbert Asquith's [see own entry] Cabinet in 1909, (c) for having been promoted Postmaster General1 1910-1914, 1915-1916, (d) for promoting the idea of a post-war British Protectorate in Palestine with his 1915 pamphlet "The Future of Palestine" [see 28th January 1915], (e) for having been Home Secretary for most of 1916, during which time he quite happily deployed police and paramilitary strike breakers against workers' rights activists, (f) (having been knighted by way of preparation) for having been appointed High Commissioner for Occupied Ottoman Palestine in 1920, becoming thereby the first Jew in 2000 years to govern any part of historic Israel [he saw Jewish Palestine as "a fountain of enlightenment" (Memoirs, p139) - Ed.], (g) for continuing as High Commissioner under the 1922 League of Nations Palestinian Mandate [see 22nd July 1922], (h) for returning to Britain in 1925 to head the Samuel Commission into the Mining Industry, one of the causes of the 1926 General Strike, and (i) for having supported the Kindertransport initiative of 1938. [THREAD = WW1 GRAND STRATEGIES] [THREAD = THE BATTLE FOR HEARTS AND MINDS] [THREAD = THE SHAPING OF THE MODERN WORLD]

1ASIDE - POSTMASTERS AS SUPERSpies: Readers may have missed the history of Postmasters-General as the state's highest civilian spymasters (at least in Britain and the United States), by virtue of the fact that they can read people's mail and - since the Telegraph Act of 1892 - tap into the telecommunications network. For a quick briefing on this obscure facet of history, check out the entries for John Thurloe [see 3rd May 1655], Benjamin Franklin [see 10th May 1775 [ASIDE]], and Sir James Fergusson [see 22nd March 1892].

Sanders, Bernard: Senator from Vermont Bernie Sanders [Wikipedia biography] was the Democratic Party progressive who lost to Hillary Clinton in the 2016 presidential election.

Sandinistas: [See firstly Augusto Sandino] The Sandinista National Liberation Front (FSLN) [Wikipedia briefing] - the "Sandinistas" - are Nicaragua's home-grown democratic socialist party, founded in 1961 and still that country's dominant ideological and electoral presence. Between 1961 and 1979 they fought against and finally overthrew U.S.-backed hard man Anastasio Somoza [Jnr.] [see own entry], whereupon the United States funded a right-wing terrorist group - the "Contrass" [see own entry] - to put them down. At the time of writing [Oct. 2018], they have been the moral legitimacy behind successive Nicaraguan governments for nearly 40 years [but see the STOP PRESS in the Daniel Ortega entry - Ed.].

Sandino Calderón, Augusto César: Nicaraguan freedom fighter from 1921 until his death in 1934 Augusto Sandino [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been, like Che Guevara, more influential after his death than before it. Indeed he is one of the few guerrilla fighters still remembered by name nearly a century after his earthly struggles began (which is why he is often referred to as the Central American Robin Hood). His personal contribution to Nicaraguan history was to have led the 1927-1933 struggle against a succession of U.S.-aided puppet governments. This
began against the U.S.-backed President Díaz [see own entry] and his USMC minders. When Díaz was replaced by the more liberal (but still U.S.-backed) President Moncada [see own entry] in the October 1928 elections Sandino toned down his campaign. In January 1933 Moncada was himself replaced by President Sacasa [see own entry] and the USMC was withdrawn leaving the Nicaraguan National Guard - USMC-trained and commanded by hard man Anastasio Somoza [Snr.] [see own entry] - to maintain security. A National Guard death squad intercepted Sandino on 21st February 1934 and executed him by the roadside, and by the summer his support base had been dispersed. Somoza then coupèd Sacasa in June 1936, and, followed by his sons, ruled dynastically through to 1979. Sandino's historical contributions were to bequeath his name to the globally renowned Sandinista movement [see own entry], and generally to inspire nationalist freedom movements worldwide.

Sands, Sarah: [Read firstly the entries for National War Aims Committee (NWAC) and "Churnalism".] British right-wing print journalist turned radio news editor Sarah Sands [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context primarily for being one of those named in Marcus Moore's [see own entry] (2018) article "BBC's 'Churnalism'" - read it now - as having helped transform the BBC from somewhat independently-minded state broadcaster to shameless government town cryer [our metaphor - Ed.]. Her particular role has been as editor 2017-ongoing of the BBC's Radio 4 Today program. She was mentioned in John Sweeney's [see own entry] whistleblower letter [see Timeline 24th November 2019] as over-closely associated with Russian billionaires, thus potentially impairing her journalistic objectivity whenever oligarchs needed to be investigated.

Sands, Sir Stafford Lofthouse: Bahamas based lawyer, businessman, and politician Sir Stafford Sands [Wikipedia biography] was involved in the development of the island's tourist, casino, and financial services industries during the 1950s.

Santana, Emilio: Pre-revolutionary Cuban fisherman turned Cuban exile Emilio Santana [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for putting his knowledge of Cuban coastal waters at the disposal of JM/WAVE infiltration operations 1962-1963, (b) for being one of the two men accused by Rose Cherami of throwing her from the car 20th November 1963 (the other being Sergio Arcacha Smith), and for therefore having advance knowledge of the Assassination, and (c) for being interviewed by Jim Garrison 15th February 1967. Santana would in due course be named in Richard Sprague's 1985 book "The Taking of America" as one of the dozen or so outer sanctum conspirators in the JFK assassination, and has also been placed in some theories as having been the shooter in the Dal-Tex Building team. FURTHER READING: The Cherami story is told in much greater detail by Hancock, 2010, pp373-377, who remains to be convinced of the safety of the identification of Santana (or Smith).

Santos Buch, Charles Augusto: NYC physician with pro-Castro family ties Charles A. Santos Buch [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being duped by anti-Castro CIA operative Robert Taber [see own entry] into helping to fund the 6th April 1960 New York Times advertisement which led to the establishment of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC) in April 1960, and (b) for then confirming to the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee (SISS) 10th January 1961 that this was the case.

Sarti, Lucien: Corsican mobster Lucien Sarti [Wikipedia biography] was named in 1988 by researcher Steve Rivele as a Grassy Knoll gunman, and is sometimes cited as an alternative to Roscoe White or J. D. Tippit for the role of Badgeman.

***** PROTESTER AGAINST CONSPIRACY *****

Sassoon, Siegfried ["Mad Jack"] Loraine: Decorated WW1 front-line hero, turned poet-antihero Siegfried Sassoon [Spartacus Educational biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been a subaltern with 1st Bn. Royal Welch Fusiliers in the thick of the action on the Western Front [see 24th November 1915, 25th May 1916, and 4th July 1916], and (b) when his physical wounds had healed for having then
dared to say out loud something which would have got a lesser man a Court Martial and very possibly a firing squad. He refused to rejoin his battalion because - he had come to realise - the war was being deliberately dragged out, thus ...

"I am making this statement as an act of wilful defiance of military authority, because I believe the war is being deliberately prolonged by those who have the power to end it. I am a soldier, convinced that I am acting on behalf of soldiers. I believe this War, upon which I entered as a war of defence and liberation, has now become a war of aggression and conquest. I believe that the purposes for which I and my fellow-soldiers entered upon this War should have been so clearly stated as to have made it impossible for them to be changed without our knowledge, and that, has this been done, the objects which actuated us would now be attainable by negotiation. I have seen and endured the sufferings of the troops, and I can no longer be a party to prolonging those sufferings for ends which I believe to be evil and unjust. I am not protesting against the military conduct of the War, but against the political errors and insincerities for which the fighting men are being sacrificed. On behalf of those who are suffering now, I make this protest against the deception which is being practised on them. Also I believe that it may help to destroy the callous complacence with which the majority of those at home regard the continuance of agonies which they do not share, and which they have not sufficient imagination to realise" (delivered 15th June 1917, read before the House of Commons 30th July 1917, and published in The Times 31st July 1917).

This was risky stuff, for in WW1 309 less well-connected British soldiers were shot at dawn for disciplinary offences such as Sassoon's. However instead of making an example of him the War Office chose instead to treat him for what nowadays would be termed PTSD and sent him off to convalesce at "Dottyville" [see 16th October 1916]. He is nowadays critically regarded one of the most powerful anti-war poets [example].

**Savage, Gary:** Assassination researcher Gary Savage [no convenient biography] edited his DPD Crime Lab uncle Rusty Livingston's forensic archive of DPDHQ evidence into the 1993 book "JFK: First Day Evidence". According to the accompanying blurb, the book offers "a straightforward presentation of the original Dallas police evidence, explained by the Crime Lab detectives who processed it".

**ASIDE:** Remember also that our standard caution to students is that 1992-1993 was a period of significant Establishment obfuscation and counter-conspiracy funding in the wake of the success of Oliver Stone's movie "JFK". Savage's is one of several "Oswald did it" volumes.

"Saving Civilisation" Speech, The: This was an opinion piece speech given on 1st September 1950 by General Orvil Anderson [q.v.] in support of more aggressive U.S. involvement in the Korean War [q.v.]. The core message begins with the promise that it would only take his flyers a week to neutralise Soviet atomic capability, and then concludes with the justification: "And when I went up to Christ, I think I could explain to him why I wanted to do it—now—before it is too late. **I think I could explain to him that had saved civilization**". Although subsequently pilloried in the movie "Dr. Strangelove", General Anderson's speech is noteworthy in the present context because the "religious right" [q.v.] would play a major part in spreading anti-liberal feeling, and thus anti-JFK feeling, following the latter's failure to obliterate the Castro Regime "before it is too late" by refusing to support the Bay of Pigs Invasion [q.v.].

**Sawyer, J. Herbert:** 47-year-old DPD Inspector J. Herbert Sawyer [no convenient biography] had been on Main Street at the time of the shooting and then drove the short distance to the TSBD where, at about 1235hr, he took charge as senior officer present. He then entered the building and took the passenger elevator to "the top floor".

**ASIDE:** The top floor for the TSBD's passenger elevator (just inside the front entrance) was TSBD4 (machinery on TSBD5, this being top of the shop when built in 1895). The top floor for the two freight elevators (side by side at the rear of the building) was TSBD7 (machinery on the roof, two floors having been added following a fire in 1901).

Sawyer was only on TSBD4 for "I doubt if it took over a minute at the most", so - adding time in the elevator - was back outside the building in "it couldn't have been over 3 minutes at the most",
whereupon he established "a command post". Then, as the number of would-be witnesses increased (between 25 and 50 of them), a Sheriff's deputy offered to make available a room in the County Sheriff's Building, where they could be processed. At 1243hr he called Control to have officers redeployed to the TSBD from along Main Street.

**** The 165 Pounds Description is Circulated ****

Then - "immediately after 12:43 and before 12:45" - he was able to get out the first description of the suspect, thus: "The wanted person in this is a slender white male about 30, 5 feet 10, 165, carrying what looks to be a 30-30 or some type of Winchester." No clothing description was added because the source witness - and this may safely be cross-indexed as Howard Brennan [q.v.] - had not been able to give one. Inspector Sawyer's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now].

Scalzetti, Richard: See the entry for Richard Cain.

Schacht, Hjalmar Horace Greeley: German banker and President of the Reichsbank under the Weimar Republic, 1923-1930, Hjalmar Schacht [Wikipedia biography] went on to become Nazi Party financier, 1930-1932, President of the Reichsbank under Adolf Hitler, 1933-1939, and Reichsminister for Economics 1934-1937. He then gradually fell out with the Nazis during WW2 and was acquitted at the 1946 Nuremberg Trials. His activities are then (perhaps conveniently) unclear until 1953 when he became a banker again. His niece's husband from 1950 was Nazi special forces operative Otto Skorzeny. As alleged by the sometimes-planted 1963-1988 researches of Mae Brussell, Schacht became a close friend of Clay Shaw [q.v.]. [Our FWIW verdict - Schacht was photographed in the Bahamas for investment discussions with Sir Stafford Sands [q.v.] on or about 27th October 1962, and Shaw was at the Tryall Conferences [q.v.] in early 1963, so far from impossible.]

Schales, Otto: [Read firstly the contextualising entry for Alton Ochsner] American physician-researcher Otto Schales [no convenient biography but several online snippets available to the determined browser] is noteworthy in the present context for serving as "Director of Chemical Research" at the Ochsner Medical Foundation, where he specialised in kidney functions and high blood pressure. See PubMed for a list of his publications [he tended to publish papers in German until the late 1930s, thereafter in English - Ed.].

Scheib, Earl R.: See the entry for California Rangers.

Schiff, Jacob ["The Jewish Avenger"] Henry: German-born American banker turned Zionist financier and international man of (other folks') action Jacob Schiff [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for emigrating to the United States in 1865, and there quickly marrying into the Early-German-Jewish investment banking firm of Kuhn, Loeb and Company [see own entry] ...

ASIDE - EARLY GERMAN JEWS AND LATER RUSSIAN JEWS: We rarely place a person's religious beliefs on the record, however it is not possible to understand the Schiff story without appreciating that some half million Jews migrated to the United States from Germany in the third quarter of the 19th Century, largely as economic migrants, followed by some three million Jews from Russia in the late-19th and early-20th Centuries, largely as refugees from Tsarist persecution. We refer to these herein as Early German Jewish and Later Russian Jewish, respectively. All became Americans; many, specifically, New Yorkers. There were major social class differences between the two immigrations, the German Jews tending to be middle class and well established, the Russian Jews working class on NYC's Lower East Side. But they sided with each other when their common Judaism came under threat, as happened with the Tsarist pogroms. For more on the two faces of NYC Jewry, we strongly recommend Irving Howe's 1976 book "World of Our Fathers" [Amazon] and Moses Rischin's 1977 "The Promised City" [Amazon].
reportedly donated no less than 10% of his substantial income to charities [...]. He was one of only two people who belonged to every major Jewish charity in New York City. [...] Once begun, Schiff's anti-Tsarism more and more took on the flavour of a personal vendetta. [...] Two of his brothers, Ludwig and Phillip Schiff, were bankers in Germany with connections to the Kaiser's Court. The same went for Schiff's friend and key business partner Max Warburg, head of M. M. Warburg & Co., a friend of Kaiser Wilhelm and a financial mainstay of the future German war effort" (Spence, 2017, e970-e1002).

and (c) for funding anti-Tsarist movements, propaganda, special operations, and even entire wars ...

**ASIDE - ANTI-TSARIST BANKING, 1881:** The forensic historian Richard B. Spence [see own entry] explains in his 2017 book "Wall Street and the Russian Revolution, 1905-1925" that Schiff campaigned to deny Tsarist Russia access to the NYC money markets. Spence summarises Schiff's position thus ...

"Schiff made himself the uncrowned king of Jewish America, and he did so largely through the widespread and abundant use of philanthropy. He reportedly donated no less than 10% of his substantial income to charities [...]. He was one of only two people who belonged to every major Jewish charity in New York City. [...] Once begun, Schiff's anti-Tsarism more and more took on the flavour of a personal vendetta. [...] Two of his brothers, Ludwig and Phillip Schiff, were bankers in Germany with connections to the Kaiser's Court. The same went for Schiff's friend and key business partner Max Warburg, head of M. M. Warburg & Co., a friend of Kaiser Wilhelm and a financial mainstay of the future German war effort" (Spence, 2017, e1002-1011).

Schlesinger, Arthur Meier, Snr.: Harvard social historian Arthur Schlesinger, Snr [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for his 1959 article in The Atlantic entitled "America's Ten Gifts to Civilisation" [full text online]. The "first and foremost" of these gifts was the right of revolution, at least insofar as that was defined in the United States Constitution as being based upon all men being created equal, with inalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, and government by consent.

**** Likely Patsied Footsoldier in Dallas Right-Wing Political Operation ****

Schmidt, Larrie Henry: Serviceman (U.S. Army) turned perhaps over-eager right-wing activist Larrie Schmidt [Spartacus Educational biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for serving with fellow activist Bernard Weissman [see own entry] under General Edwin Walker in Germany, 1959-1962, eventually setting up Conservatism USA (CUSA) [see own entry] to promote a right-wing agenda amongst U.S. occupation forces, (b) for relocating to Dallas in October 1962, where he was befriended by Robert Morris, head of the Defenders of American Liberty [see own entry] and board member of Young Americans for Freedom (YAF), who introduced him to the Dallas political right ...

"Morris was enamoured with Schmidt's verve, gumption, and charisma. He gave a party one night attended by many of the wealthy right-wingers of Dallas and invited Larrie. Larrie was beside himself [...] convinced that this introduction into right-wing Dallas society would be the genesis of CUSA. He wrote letters to [Bernard Weissman and the others still in Germany] urgently begging them to come help him get started with the dream they had planned for years. [...] In speaking with Bernie Weissman, [fellow CUSA-man Norman Baker] said, 'Larrie was the glue that held CUSA together. We were a bunch of bored military men and Larrie's speeches were exciting. They gave us hope'" (Jackson, 2017, p154).

(c) for thereafter willingly putting his CUSA experience at the service of Generals Edwin Walker [his brother Robert Schmidt was Walker's chauffeur - Ed.] and Charles Willoughby, (d) for moving in on YAF as a
ready-to wear American clone of CUSA, eventually becoming Secretary of the group's South-western Division ...

**ASIDE:** Many of the pivotal developments to Schmidt's 1962-1963 career can be dated by reference to the aforementioned correspondence with Bernard Weissman, which eventually found its way into Warren Commission XVIII, Commission Exhibits 1032-1040. Here is one of the later examples ...

29th October 1963: "The ultra liberals of Dallas, led by Stanley Marcus [see own entry] of Neiman-Marcus, went too far in pressuring for denunciation of 'extremists' and 'fascists' in Dallas. As a result, a bomb has exploded everywhere here against them. This town is a battleground and that is no joke. Never before have Dallas conservatives from the GOP to the John Birch Society ever been so strongly united. And in the middle of it is myself. Thus far, I am the only organiser of the [Adlai Stevenson] demonstration to have publicly identified himself. I have been interviewed by UPI, AP, the two local daily newspapers, TV stations, CBS, and local radio. I am a hero to the right, a stormtrooper to the left" (Commission Exhibit CE1032).

(e) for attending the Adlai Stevenson Riot event 24th October 1963 - see Timeline that date, and (f) for conceiving, designing, and placing the "Welcome, Mr. Kennedy Ad", thus ...

"It was my idea, but we all added content to the ad. We worked on it for about a week. We ran it past the guys who paid for the ad. After the assassination, we were mortified about the ad. We felt badly about it. Then people started saying we were part of the assassination and we must have known about it" (Jackson, 2017, p164).

Schmidt's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [no deposition taken despite being "extensively" questioned (Twyman, 1997/2010); nevertheless his highly illuminating CUSA correspondence was appended].

**FURTHER READING:** For more of the details see the full set of Warren Commission Exhibits [indexed here]. Gayle Nix Jackson's (2017) book "Pieces of the Puzzle" [Amazon] is also well worth a look.

***** Likely Patsied Footsoldier in Dallas Right-Wing Political Operation *****
[Worked to General Edwin Walker in both Germany and Texas]

Schmidt, Robert/Robbie: [Read firstly for context the long quotation in the entry for Bradford J. Angers - IMPORTANT.] Serviceman (U.S. Army) turned right-wing activist Robbie Schmidt [Spartacus Educational biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) as the less vocal brother of Larrie Schmidt [see own entry], and (b) as gopher in the year prior to the assassination to General Edwin Walker, thus (from a 1992 interview with forensic historian Dick Russell) ...

"I had six to eight people working for me at the time and Bob ran a lot of errands,’ Walker recalled. ‘I had a station wagon, people coming into the airport, all my publications had to be printed across town. Larrie would hang around, just being a nuisance. Finally I ran him out of my house’. [...] Finally I asked this question: Did Walker think it was conceivable that the Schmidt brothers could have gotten together with Oswald to shoot at him? His reply stunned me. ‘I’ve been told that they were,’ Walker said. ‘Several people investigated the shooting as best they could, and raised that possibility’” (Edwin Walker, interviewed by Russell, 1992, p207).

**LEST IT BE OVERLOOKED:** According to Bradford J. Angers it was Robert Schmidt who introduced LHO to his brother, whereupon the three of them decided to take the 10th April 1963 potshot at Walker. This is, however, a contested single-source narrative, and should be regarded with caution.

Schmidt's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [WITNESS COULD NOT BE TRACED].

Schmidt, Volkmar ["Dirk"]: [believed no relation to brothers Larrie Schmidt and Robert Schmidt] Oil industry geologist and right-wing activist Volkmar Schmidt [no convenient biography] knew both General Edwin Walker and George de Mohrenschildt. At the latter's parties he then met the Paines and the Oswalds, chatting socially on politics with LHO. He would eventually be interviewed by Bill Kelly in 1995 ...
ASIDE: Remember that our standard caution to students is that 1992-1993 was a period of significant Establishment obfuscation and counter-conspiracy funding in the wake of the success of Oliver Stone’s movie "JFK".

... to whom he described LHO as a "bitter young man" who "would kill himself if he would make a mark". Be aware, however, that Summers (2013e) assesses Schmidt as willing to swear to whatever story was most helpful to a cover-up at the time of questioning. Schmidt died in 2012.

Schneider, François Antoine Adolphe: French banker turned industrialist Adolphe Schneider [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having in 1836 been co-founder with his brother Eugène of the arms manufacturer Schneider Frères et Cie [see 1836].

Schneider, Joseph Eugène: French banker turned industrialist-politician Eugène Schneider [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having in 1836 been co-founder with his brother Adolphe of the arms manufacturer Schneider Frères et Cie [see 1836], (b) for having helped establish the Comité des Forges [see own entry] in 1864, and for serving as its first President until 1868, and (c) for having willingly taken up the French government’s challenge in 1871, following France’s trouncing in the Franco-Prussian War, of developing the necessary "cannons of revenge" [see 28th January 1871, ASIDE].

Scholars for 9/11 Truth: [Read firstly the Timetable entry for 11th September 2001 ESSENTIAL CONTEXT.] Founded in December 2005 by pioneer "Truthers" James H. Fetzer [Wikipedia biography] and Steven E. Jones [see own entry], Scholars for 9/11 Truth [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context as an initial but not wholly successful - attempt to bring to the attention of the American people a large and compelling body of evidence that the WTC1, WTC2, and WTC7 (which came down without even being hit by an airplane) were destroyed by deliberate controlled demolition by persons unknown. The movement will split following U.S. government counterintelligence operations during 2006, and Jones will reconstitute it without Fetzer in January 2007 as Scholars for 9/11 Truth & Justice [see separate entry].

Scholars for 9/11 Truth & Justice (STJ): Founded in January 2007 by a fellowship of philosophers and scientists led by Richard Gage [see own entry], Steven E. Jones [see own entry], David Chandler [see own entry], and David Ray Griffin [see own entry]. Scholars for 9/11 Truth & Justice (STJ) [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for replacing the earlier Scholars for 9/11 Truth [see own entry ESSENTIAL CONTEXT], it having attracted too many non-scholars, (b) for thereby ensuring that the American people continued to hear only hard scientific evidence that WTC1, WTC2, and WTC7 (which came down without even being hit by an airplane) were destroyed by deliberate controlled demolition by "inside jobbers" unknown, (c) for staging major scientific conferences 2007-2009, attracting - in addition to those named above, - highly respected researchers such as Niels Harrit [see own entry], Jon Cole [see own entry], Richard Angle [see own entry], and Graeme MacQueen [see own entry], and (d) for a sustained programme of social media education ever since ...

See typical STJ YouTube documentary (2009)

FURTHER READING: To do the underlying issues proper justice, readers will need to study the above-mentioned documentary and work their way through each one of the eight named entries mentioned above.

"Schumann, William": Played by Woody Harrelson, "Sergeant William Schumann" [not a real person] is noteworthy in the present context as the meta-fictional hero of Barry Levinson's (1997) black comedy "Wag the Dog" [see own entry]. In a few short hours, at the whim of those who stage manage the planet's news, he metamorphoses from being a good-for-nothing rapist in a military stockade into a much-loved (but dead) national hero.

Schwarz, Frederick Charles: [Read firstly the entry for Evangelism and Evangelistic Preaching.] Australian-American evangelical Christian Fred Schwarz [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) as
founder in 1953 of the Christian Anti-Communist Crusade (CACC), and (b) for leading that group's pressure campaigns - he proudly called them "Crusades" - through until his retirement in the early 1990s. Amongst Schwarz's backers were Life magazine's Charles D. Jackson [see own entry] and businessman Patrick Frawley [see own entry] (Scott, 2015). For more of the detail, see the entry for CACC.

Schweiker, Richard: American politician [SenatorPA]1969. Rep. Richard Schweiker [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been a member of the 1975-1976 Church Committee [see own entry], being, he will later recall, far from impressed by Allen Dulles' ability to get straight answers out of his own employees after he himself had instructed them to lie through their teeth; also for judging that yes, the Warren Commission was indeed more a cover-up than a genuine inquiry. Schweiker also features in the entry for Donald Daneselya, which see.

School of the Americas (SOA): A training school for Latin American "dictators, torturers, and assassins" was founded at Fort Gulick, Panama Canal Zone, in 1946 as the School of the Americas [Wikipedia briefing]. It relocated to Fort Benning, Georgia, in 1984, by which time it had, according to Wadi (2015 [full text online]) turned out some 64,000 Rambi to serve their regimes. SOA was renamed the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation (WHINSEC) [website] in 2001. It is still headquartered at Fort Benning, and loses no sleep over the fact that what its alumni get up to after they return to their countries is outside its control.


Schwartz, Erwin: Dallas businessman Erwin Schwartz [no convenient biography] was Abraham Zapruder's business partner. He helped negotiate terms with Life Magazine's Richard Stolley for the sale of the Zapruder Film rights. Schwartz' evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED]. Browse the Zapruder Film Thread to accumulate the various fragments of this story.

Scibor, Mitchell J.: General manager at Klein's Sporting Goods, Inc., Chicago, Mitchell Scibor [no convenient biography] would be called by the Warren Commission to explain the administration of their mail-order sale of Mannlicher-Carcano C2766 to one "A. Hidell". Scibor's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now]. The FBI took away and kept the pertaining microfilm.

Scott, Peter Dale: [Read firstly the entries for Popov's Mole.] Canadian assassination researcher Peter Dale Scott [Wikipedia biography] was the author of the 2015 book "Dallas '63: The First Deep State Revolt Against the White House" [RECOMMENDED READING], in which 50 years' worth of earlier investigations and writings are re-compiled to bring out the salient threads. Perhaps the most important of these new perspectives is the suggestion that it will never be possible to understand the JFK assassination without firstly understanding that from 1958 through 1963 the CIA was actively engaged in a top-level anti-Soviet mole-hunt, instigated by James Angleton [q.v.], overseen by Birch O'Neal [q.v.], and administered by Ann Egerton [q.v.]. Scott blames this mole-hunt for repeated "bifurcations" in the intelligence records at the time, not least those relating to defection legend LHO ...

**ASIDE - BIFURCATIONS, "MARKED CARDS", AND "BARIUMS" IN COUNTER-ESPIONAGE:**

A bifurcation (= a "forking", in the sense of two diverging roads) is a minor discrepancy (in ages, dates, descriptions, addresses, etc.) between more or less simultaneously produced documents (letters, affidavits, teletypes, reports, transcripts, etc.) so that destinations A and B (or even C, etc.) are told slightly different details. When a bifurcated detail is then reported back following a leak, you can tell which office it leaked from. The terms "marked card" and "barium" are used synonymously to describe this mole-catching process (the latter a clever reference to the medical process known as the "barium meal" whereby X-Ray radiographers can locate gastro-intestinal "leaks").
Scott's interest in CIA mole-hunting was originally prompted by the observation that from possibly as early as his arrival at Atsugi A.F.B. [q.v.] in August 1957, and certainly by the weeks leading up to his defection in October 1959, LHO was a field operative with a multifurcated [no other word, sorry - Ed.] set of personal details (which is to say, that he was being dangled at least as much to Stateside intelligence services as to Russian). And because all this happened well before JFK was even elected, it could not have been part of an operation against him. Here, however, is an interesting example of a planted untruth suddenly resurfacing, years later, at a pivotal point in the assassination narrative ...

EXAMPLE - THE HOWARD BRENNAAN TESTIMONY AS PLANTED UNTRUTH: In early 1960 Marguerite Oswald [q.v.] gave a written statement to Special Agent John Fain [q.v.] (Dallas FBI) stating her son's height/weight as 5'10", 165 pounds ...

ASIDE: LHO's height/weight was factually 5'9", 130-135 pounds - a much slighter build. In a lifetime of medical examinations, many during his military service, he never weighed in at more than 135 pounds, and frequently 130-131 pounds. The incorrect information was then incorporated into a report dated 3rd July 1961, and in turn presented to the Warren Commission [Exhibit 834] in 1964 as one of the 69 FBI documents concerning LHO raised PRIOR TO the assassination.

Three years later, at around 1245hr 22nd November 1963, assassination eye witness Howard Brennan [q.v.] told Special Agent at the scene Forrest Sorrels that he had clearly seen a gunman at the TSBD upper windows, placing him at 5'10" and 160-170 pounds. This was then BOLO'd as the first official description of the suspect at large, a full half hour before witnesses at the killing of J. D. Tippit [q.v.] raised a number of competing descriptions. Noting that Brennan failed to identify LHO in a DPD line-up, Scott suspects (a) that he must have been following a prepared script in an intelligence operation of some sort, and (b) that the new conspirators, in preparing that script, had accessed data falsified in the earlier, 1960, operation. The even stranger circumstances surrounding Oswald's wallet would presumably have been concocted by the same people at the same time - see the LHO Wallet Thread.

Seal, Adler Berriman ["Barry"]: 24-year-old Barry Seal [Spartacus Educational biography] seems to have been recruited as a CIA contract pilot thanks to his membership of the Baton Rouge Civil Air Patrol in his mid-teens, and possibly ran guns to the pro-Castro forces in Cuba in 1958 (that is to say, in the period where Fidel Castro was in the CIA tent, rather than outside of it). In the fullness of time researchers would identify him as an Operation 40 member, and as involved in the assassination as an escape pilot at Redbird Airport.

Secret Elite: See the entry for Cecil Rhodes.

Secret Societies: [Read firstly the Wikipedia briefing] Or in considerably fewer words, conspiracies with personality.

Seeley's Lecturers: See the entry for [Sir]1894 John R. Seeley.

Seeley, [Sir]1894 John Robert: Cambridge academic historian and political theorist [Sir]1894 John R. Seeley [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for his 1883 essay "The Expansion of England" [Wikipedia briefing], in which he argues the historical significance of the British Empire, and (b) for having consequently been identified by Quigley (1949) as the head of the supporting College in Cecil Rhodes' 1891 Society of the Elect [see own entry], that is to say, Britain's late-19th-Century deep state. According to Quigley (1949) he duly recruited George Parkin [see own entry] and other young academics - known informally as "Seeley's Lecturers" - to hit the lecture circuit extolling the virtues of imperial union. His death in January 1895 cut his contribution to the Elect prematurely short.

Segaloff, Albert: [Read firstly the contextualising entry for Alton Ochsner.] American physician-researcher Albert Segaloff [no convenient biography but several online snippets available to the determined browser] is noteworthy in the present context for serving between 1945 and his death in 1985 at the Ochsner Medical Foundation, where as "Director of Endocrine Research" he specialised in steroid metabolism, steroid synthesis, hormones and either the induction or the therapy of cancers, and kidney functions and high blood...
pressure. See PubMed for a list of his publications. Obituaries credit him with bringing $15 million in research grants into the Clinic during his 40-year tenure.

**Self-Portrait in Red:** We use this term either as a specific or a generic. Specifically, it is the title of Ed Butler's [see own entry] specially run off phonograph recording - play it now - of WDSU-Radio's 21st August three-against-one interview of LHO [see Timeline that date]. More generally, we use it to apply to the entire package of staged incriminating video, audio, and physical evidence, meticulously assembled during August 1963 and then forcibly injected into the media in the hours immediately following the Assassination to prove that LHO was a lunatic leftie.

Seligman, Hans: Swiss banker and reputedly Zionist activist Hans Seligman [no convenient biography] was Founder/CEO of Hans Seligman-Schürch & Co, Basel, and therefore, it has been suggested, part of the perhaps mythical CIA-Permindex funding network.

**Senator, George:** WW2 veteran (U.S. Army), sales representative, and - when unemployed - "cooking for the boys and doing odd things for them" George Senator [Spartacus Educational biography] was Jack Ruby's flatshare-butler-factotum for a year and some prior to the assassination. On the morning of 24th November 1963 it was he who took the call from dancer "Little Lynn", which required Ruby to make his way to the Western Union Office to organise a money transfer - from which errand Ruby did not, of course, come home. It would subsequently emerge that was highly likely that Ruby told him in advance that he intended shooting LHO. Senator's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now].

Seymour, William: CIA asset William Seymour [Spartacus Educational biography] would be identified in the fullness of time as an Operation 40 and INTERPEN member, and possible LHO impersonator. Seymour would in due course be named in Richard Sprague's 1985 book "The Taking of America" as one of the dozen or so inner sanctum conspirators in the JFK assassination, and the one specifically charged with patsifying LHO. Other researchers place him on TSBD6 (west window) using an unscoped Mauser. Browse the LHO Look Alike Thread to accumulate the various fragments of this story.

**S-Force:** The assassination squad within Operation 40 [q.v.], headed by Orlando Bosch and Luis Posada Carriles and numbering perhaps 15 largely Cuban operatives. [A PLAY ON WORDS, PERHAPS, ON SFORZA - SEE NEXT.]

Sforza, Tony: [a.k.a. Henry Sloman, Frank Stevens] Long-standing CIA officer and specialist assassin Tony Sforza [Spartacus Educational biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being based at JM/WAVE in the period 1962-1963, working with Grayston Lynch on Operation Mongoose and becoming buddies with a five-man assassination squad comprising himself, David Morales, Johnny Roselli, Manuel Artime, and William ["Rip"] Robertson (Ayers, 1995), (b) for operating under a cover identity in Cuba in early 1963, (c) for flying into Mexico City 22nd November for a meeting with David Atlee Phillips in that corridor of the U.S. Embassy there which housed the CIA's Mexico City station (Morrow, 2008, p203), (d) for turning up again in the 1973 Allende Coup [see Timeline 11th September 1973], and (e) for being in due course identified by Bradley Ayers [see own entry] in 1994 as one of the nine persons with "intimate operational knowledge" of how the assassination was put together. He died 1984. Ayers will also hint that Morales would make a good first guess for Sforza's killer.

***** CIA OPERATIONAL CHIEF ON DEALRY PLAZA *****

Shackley, Theodore ["Ted"] George, Jr.: [A.k.a. The Blond Ghost] Born in Florida to a Polish mother, long-standing CIA officer with significant experience in Berlin during the Cold War Ted Shackley, Jr. [Spartacus Educational biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for learning his craft as a young U.S. Army lieutenant with the Allied Occupation Forces in post-WW2 Germany, (b) for being selected in 1947 for training in counter-intelligence with a Polish focus, (c) for working to William Harvey at the Berlin Station through the 1950s, (d) for becoming Chief of the CIA's JM/WAVE training school
in Florida 1962-1965, (e) for assisting William Pawley's ill-fated 8th June 1963 Operation Tilt, (f) for therefore becoming of intense interest once authors started to place him in the crowd on Dealey Plaza on 22nd November 1963 ...

**ASIDE:** Shackley is one of the six potential conspirators photographically placed in Dealey Plaza by Eaglesham and Schallhorn (2000 [full text online - STRONGLY RECOMMENDED]). We find their photographic evidence pretty compelling, but please check for yourself.

(g) for being transferred to Vientiane, Laos, in 1966-1968 as Head of Station, ditto Saigon, South Vietnam, 1968-1972, (h) for returning to Langley as Chief of the Western Hemisphere Division in 1972, (i) for being promoted in 1976 to Associate Deputy Director of Operations, before finally retiring in 1979, and (j) for testifying 5th February 1986 to the Tower Commission investigation of the Iran-Contra Affair. Perhaps unsurprisingly, Shackley would be one of the nine persons identified by Bradley Ayers [see own entry] in 1994 as having "intimate operational knowledge" of how the assassination was put together.

**Shadow Cabinet Mass Resignations:** We refer here to the 26th June 2016 concerted walk-out on Jeremy Corbyn's Parliamentary Shadow Cabinet, itself part of the ongoing anti-Corbyn coup. For a full list of the rebels see this 27th June 2016 piece in The Guardian. For typical TV news coverage click here.

**Shalom, Avraham Ben-Dor:** Veteran of the 1960 Adolf Eichmann capture and extraction from foreign soil, Avraham Shalom [Wikipedia biography] was head of the Shin Bet security service between 1981 and 1986. He has also regularly been accused of having been part of the Israeli special forces commando which in 1966 stole a significant quantity of weapons-grade fissile material from a Pennsylvania nuclear installation for illegal shipment to Israel [Wikipedia briefing]. He was subsequently reportedly associated with a successful 1986 bid by a Tel-Aviv company named Atwell Security [q.v.] for the WTC security contract, subsequently voided in 1987 (Babcock, 1987 [full text online]).

**Shamanism and Community Mysticism:** [Read firstly the entries for Entheogens, Altered States of Consciousness (ASC), and Oratory - ESSENTIAL FOR TUTORIAL SUPPORT.] Formally defined as "magico-religious practice involving animism, faith healing, spiritualism, spirituality and traditional medicine", we refer here to the cultural phenomenon of Shamans [Wikipedia briefing] as guardians of the cosmologies and belief systems of remote tribal peoples.

**KEY CONCEPT - THE SHAMAN FIGURE:** Although strictly speaking the word "shaman" is the Siberian name for a Siberian tribal persona, the word is typically used to refer to any medicine-man, witch-doctor, sorcerer, oracle, seer, or magician, especially those skilled with entheogens and/or the induction of Shamanic States of Consciousness (SSC) in themselves and hence Altered States of Consciousness (ASC) in their followers.

Many authors believe that all human religion stems in some way from (or a fortiori shares a common ancestor with) early shamanic practices. For example, cultural anthropologist Michael Winkelman (2002) has found shamanic "referents" in Upper Palaeolithic cave art, reflecting "the ritual and cosmology of early modern humans" (p71). The modern scientific take on shamanism is that it involves the production of a class of neurotransmitters [see Companion resource] known as entheogens, with specific actions deep in the brain's Limbic System. Here is a quick introduction from a book review by Krippner and Combs (2002 [full text online]) ...

"The central thrust of [Michael Winkelman's (2000) book "Shamanism: The Neural Ecology of Consciousness" [Amazon]] is that virtually all shamanic practices involve shamanic states of consciousness, and usually lead to similar states in clients as well. Winkelman musters considerable evidence that a wide variety of these altered states, ranging from deep meditative states to the 'trance' states associated with shamanism, share certain fundamental patterns of brain activity. He characterizes these patterns as integrative of the cognitive, emotional, social, and spiritual aspects of the person that experiences them. [...] Drawing on a divergent literature, he demonstrates that virtually all these altered states seem to involve a shift toward
increased slow wave activity across the frontal lobes, coupled with increased dominance of limbic system activity (especially in the hippocampus, septum, and amygdala), and a shift toward parasympathetic dominance in the autonomic nervous system. Other common aspects of these states are said to include the synchronization of left and right frontal lobe EEG activity, along with a general shift toward right brain dominance. As the state deepens, there is a gradual decrease in frontal lobe activity followed by decrease in limbic involvement, both of which seem to be associated with transcendent states of consciousness. Other neurological changes involve increases in certain neurochemicals, such as endogenous opiates, as well as a blocking of the inhibitory effects of serotonin in the frontal lobes” (Krippner and Combs, 2002, pp80-81).


Shaneyfelt, Lyndal L.: FBI technical staffer and "photographic work" specialist Special Agent Lyndal Shaneyfelt [no convenient biography] was the FBI photography and handwriting expert at the FBI Lab (Document Section), Washington, DC. It would be he who validated the mail order for Mannlicher-Carcano C2766 and the Backyard Photographs as unfaked, and who provided the Znnn frame-numbering for the Zapruder film. He would also play a large part - along with ballistics expert Robert Frazier - in the full-scale forensic re-enactment of the shooting which took place in Dealey Plaza on 24th May 1964. Shaneyfelt's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony (Part #1 concerns key still images and Part #2 concerns the Zapruder and Nix movies) [Part #1; Part #2]; Clay Shaw trial testimony [read it now]; Dramatised Mock Trial testimony (testified on handwriting validity only, not photographic), 1992 [YouTube it now].

Shanklin, James Gordon: FBI Special Agent J. Gordon Shanklin [Spartacus Educational biography] had been appointed to the FBI's Dallas Office in April 1963, and had therefore overseen James Hosty's work on gun-running in general and LHO's $200-a-month role as FBI informer in particular (perhaps he even counter-signed the chits). As explained in the separate entry for James Hosty, he then conspired to suppress the foreknowledge narrative until the matter resurfaced in the 1977 House Select Committee on Assassinations hearings. Shanklin's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED].

Shasteen, Clifton M.: Irving barber Cliff Shasteen [no convenient biography] realised on 22nd November 1963 as he watched events unfolding on TV that he had "rendered tonsorial services" to LHO (in fact several of the "boys" in his barbershop had cut his hair, but he had done it most often). He remembered such personal things as an impressive pair of sneakers which came from "Down in Old Mexico", that you could not understand his wife, that she was pregnant, etc. There were also two occasions, some two and three weeks before the assassination, when "a kid" [recently identified tentatively as the late actor William Hootkins (q.v.), who at the time was being taught Russian by Ruth Paine] came in with LHO and briefly remarked on left-wing political ideas. Shasteen's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now].

Shaw, Clay LaVerne: [a.k.a. Clay Bertram] WW2 veteran (U.S. Army Staff Officer), New Orleans businessman, CIA informer between 1948 and 1956 [CIA website, 10th January 2018], and right-wing co-conspirator on later CIA operations Clay Shaw [Wikipedia biography] had been General Manager of the International Trade Mart (ITM) since January 1948 and would in due course become a director of Permindex. Shaw's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED]; Clay Shaw trial testimony [read it now]; Interview to camera, 1967 [YouTube it now]. Now simply accumulate the 50 or so references to Clay Shaw in this glossary and you will have a decent entry for him.

Shaw, J. Gary: Assassination researcher Gary Shaw [Spartacus Educational biography] was author of the 1976 book "Cover Up" and director of the JFK Assassination Center, Dallas. In their 1996 book "Oswald
Talked", the La Fontaines point out that it was the commercially motivated Shaw who had in a few short years promoted the heavily marketed stories of Roscoe White (through his wife Geneva White and his son Ricky White), Chauncey Holt, and Beverley Oliver.

Shaw, Nancy Langhorne: [Née Langhorne; first marriage] See the entry for Nancy Astor.

Sheehan, Daniel P.: Lawyer and assassination researcher Daniel Sheehan [Wikipedia biography] was the author-presenter of the 2016 online lectures "Cuba, America, and Russia WWII to 1963" - YouTube it now, and "The JFK Conspiracy" - YouTube it now.

***** NEW WORLD ORDER TOUTED *****

Sheffield Speech, 1917: We are referring here to a public address given on or about 24th October 1917 by Jan Smuts as part of his 1917 propaganda visit to Britain, in which he specifically promoted the idea of a post-war League of Nations [see own entry]. The psychologist-historian David Monger [university homepage] notes how the transcript of the speech appealed constantly to what he calls the "aspirational patriotism" of the audience, thus [bold emphasis ours]...

"[Smuts'] speech at Sheffield, in October 1917, merits lengthy quotation as it synthesised virtually the entire meaning of aspirational patriotism. Britons, Smuts said, 'had seen their privileges curtailed, their holidays go ... and they had done it all for the common cause and for their common mother - the nation, the empire, and the world. (Cheers.) ... [...] If we were to reap those fruits and see the new and better England ... that new world towards which we hoped to move ... Militarism must be swept away from the face of the earth. (Cheers.) The practical achievement of the war should be the establishment of machinery for securing peace ... We wanted to see a league or society of nations which would have force behind it, and which would see that there was no future danger, no future threat against the peace of the world ...'. Smuts captured the essence of aspirational patriotism here, melding grand predictions of national and global societal changes with practical demands for its achievement" (Monger, 2012, p205)

Monger then argues that this sort of rhetorical structuring meets Aim #3 of the terms of reference of the National War Aims Committee (NWAC) [see own entry], which includes the following direction:

"To suggest the prospect of further improvement and greater freedom when the war is over; generally, to envisage the rewards of success" (p33), that is to say, "to persuade Britons to continue their participation in the war effort" (p206). Words do kill! [THREAD = CALLERS OF INNOCENTS TO WAR]

Shelley, Norman: British radio actor Norman Shelley [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been the voice stand-in on a number of the surviving recordings of Winston Churchill's famous speeches ...

ASIDE: Recollections differ as to whether this was a mere technical expedient, or the consequence of prime ministerial intoxication.

and (b) for voicing a number of characters on children's radio drama after the war, not least the other Winnie, Winnie-the-Pooh. His IMDB entry also credits him with doing Churchill again in the 1960 movie "Sink the Bismarck" - check it out.

Shelley, William Hoyt: TSBD departmental manager Bill Shelley [no convenient biography] was on the front steps of the building at the moment of the firing, and reported hearing a "firecracker" followed by two shots. Shelley's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now].

Shelton, Zach: Chicago FBI agent Zach Shelton [no convenient biography] stumbled across a lead in the late 1980s to the effect that a certain James Files - at that time serving a 50-year sentence for attempted murder in Joliet Prison - knew more than most about the Picket Fence shooters. He passed the lead to researcher Joe West. See now the entry for Joe West. Shelton speaks on camera in Wim Dankbaar's [see own entry] (2007/2020 re-released) documentary movie "The Grassy Knoll" [see firstly the separate entry, and then view on Amazon Prime STRONGLY RECOMMENDED].
Shephard, Gordon Strachey: British soldier-spy and pioneer military aviator [Brigadier-General]1917

Gordon Shephard [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for the adventures he shared with Erskine Childers [see own entry] between September 1913 and July 1914, (b) for performing valuable aerial reconnaissance over the Western Front in the early weeks of the war, and (c) for eventually becoming (at Brigadier-General) the highest ranking aviator to be killed in action in WW1.

Sherman, John: Lawyer-politician and "notorious warmonger" (Karp, 1979, p75) Senator John Sherman [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been Secretary of the Treasury in the Rutherford Hayes Administration (1877-1881), and for then drawing on his Treasury experience to sponsor both the (wholly catastrophic) Sherman Silver Purchase Act, 1890 [check it out] and the (generally toothless) Sherman Antitrust Act, 1890 [check it out]. He will go on to be Secretary of State in the run up to and the first few days of the Spanish-American War [check it out]. He resigned on grounds of ill-health 27th April 1898, his place being taken by William Day.

***** MARY HAD A LITTLE LAB, *****
***** 'TWAS NOT AS WHITE AS SNOW *****

***** Known Associate <=> Caroline Talley (=> H. Warner Kloepfer (=> LHO)) *****
***** Known Associate <=> David Ferrie (=> LHO) *****
***** Known Associate <=> Judyth Vary Baker (=> LHO) *****

Sherman, Mary Stults: [Read firstly the definition of Keraunopathy] New Orleans based cancer researcher Mary Sherman [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for marrying fellow student Thomas Watson Sherman [see own entry - INTERESTING IN ITSELF] in 1936, and for entering the University of Chicago Medical School in 1937, (b) for joining their Division of Orthopaedic Surgery, (c) for researching the 1944 paper "The Natural Course of Poliomyelitis" [JAMA full text available], and for specialising 1945-1952 in orthopaedics and bone cancer ...

(d) for being made a "widow", perhaps literally, but perhaps only figuratively (by divorce or abandonment, say) ...

ASIDE: Many sources indicate that at some time in the (presumably) late 1940s Sherman becomes a "widow", but confirmation of this is hard to find. Even J. Edgar Hoover himself was uncertain of her husband's status/whereabouts when he put out a BOLO on him ten days after the murder [see Timeline 31st July 1964].

(e) for getting herself head-hunted in 1952 by Alton Ochsner to work at the Ochsner Clinic, where she joined Guy Caldwell's [see own entry] Department of Orthopedic Surgery (Caldwell, 1965) ...

ASIDE: 1952 was a major polio epidemic year across the United States, and so her 1944 publication may have drawn her to Ochsner's attention.

(f) for renting Apartment J at 3101 St. Charles Avenue, New Orleans [map], for reportedly sometimes accompanying Ochsner on his trips to South America (Baker, 2014), for helping to develop the research facility soon colourfully known as the "bone lab", and for eventually becoming heavily involved in one of Ochsner's classified Department of Defense projects ...

ASIDE - THE OCHSNER PROJECTS: [Read firstly the 1739 entry concerning Lorenz Heister and his notion of a "cancer virus" - click here to be transferred] There is no doubt that Ochsner's Foundation prospered from Department of Defence and other federal research grants, and there is little doubt that from late 1959 [see Timeline 21st October 1959] he embarked upon a flagship research program of some description. We therefore have to take very seriously the work of Edward Haslam, Jr, and Judyth Vary Baker, who assert (i) that this latter project made heavy use of a high-powered x-irradiation machine (potentially a linear accelerator), once it came on line at the nearby U.S. Public Health Service Hospital, (ii) that one of that project's research aims was to develop weapons-grade variants of viral pathogens such as the SV40 monkey virus, (iii) that Sherman was in charge of a sub-project to provide the CIA with enough of a suitably lethal pathogen to infect Fidel Castro with cancer
under the authorisation of Operation 40 [see own entry], and (iv) that the electrocution event referred to below took place in said irradiation machine. None of these four assertions has yet been independently verified to the present author's satisfaction.

***** ENTER DAVID FERRIE *****

(g) for farming out some of her needs for laboratory animals in the early 1960s to Jack of Many Trades David Ferrie, based in an makeshift off-site "Mouse House" ...

ASIDE - FERRIE’S MOUSE HOUSES: Ferrie seems to have managed two animal labs for Sherman, one in 1956 at 209 Vinet Street, and the other in 1963 at 3225 Louisiana Avenue Parkway [see Timeline ??th December 1956 and 17th July 1963, respectively].

(h) for then being sufficiently impressed with young laboratory scientist Judyth Vary Baker, newly arrived in New Orleans, to set her to work alongside Ferrie ...

ASIDE: As confirmed in due course by this from Baker herself ...

"By Feb. 1963, Judyth had developed a blood titration model to detect live cancer cells in the human body. [...] Dr. Ochsner, who had been receiving her reports, had shared them with the famed cancer researcher, Dr Mary Sherman. Now Judyth was invited to come to New Orleans to work with Sherman on an internship" (Baker and Schwartz, 2017, p9).

(i) at around the same time for working with Alan H. Goodman [see own entry] on the nature of post-irradiation fractures, (j) for being found dead in her apartment in very suspicious circumstances in the early hours of 21st July 1964 [see Timeline], having died somewhere else in a truly gruesome electrocution event ...

***** THIS IS WHERE IT GETS INTERESTING *****

ASIDE: Sherman seems (i) to have been mortally wounded in an industrial accident of some sort while working late 20th July, (ii) to have been given first aid and morphine by colleagues unknown, (iii) to have then been put out of her misery with a surgically precise scalpel to the heart, (iv) to have then been put into a body bag and taken home to her apartment in the early hours, and (v) to have then been stabbed a few more times, covered with clothes and furnishings, and set alight in a VERY SLOPPY FAKE HOMICIDE. We have put the gory detail in the Timeline entry - follow the above link - and emphasise here merely that Dr. Sherman's right arm and ribcage had been entirely blown away by a very high power keraunopathic "arc-flash" electrocution, which could NOT have happened at the scene of discovery. Pictures etc. in the Timeline [CONTENT WARNING]. This quick YouTube will get you in the mood.

(k) for her case quickly coming to the attention of J. Edgar Hoover personally [see Timeline 31st July 1964] ...

PIVOTAL MOMENT: At this juncture someone with truly Hooverian influence has to have instructed the New Orleans PD and Coroner to ignore the painfully obvious cover-up, to sanitise the paperwork, and to arrange for perhaps a dozen close witnesses to keep their mouths tightly shut or face a similar fate.

(l) for thereby becoming the eponymous "Dr. Mary" in conspiracy author Edward Haslam, Jr.'s 2007/2014 book "Dr. Mary's Monkey" [Amazon].


1This delightful allusion from an undated and anonymous posting on the Den of Iniquity 2 blog, itself a valuable précis of the Haslam book - click here to check it out.

***** PERHAPS MORE IMPORTANT THAN ONCE THOUGHT *****

Sherman, Thomas: [Read firstly the entry for (his wife) Mary Sherman - ESSENTIAL.] Physician Thomas Sherman [no convenient biography, and precious little electronic trail of any sort] is noteworthy in the present content (a) for reportedly marrying fellow student Mary Stults in 1936, and for them both reputedly matriculating into the University of Chicago Medical School in 1937, (b) for making her a "widow", perhaps literally, but perhaps only figuratively (by abandonment, say), at some time prior to her move to New Orleans in
1952, and (c) for then generally disappearing from both the medical literature and the conspiracy literature ...

**ASIDE:** PubMed lists 137 articles to <Sherman T>, dated between 1958 and the present [=June 2019]. The entries dovetail slightly, but permit the following researchers to be identified (in order of first encounter, working forward from 1958 and stopping at 1981) ...

T. F. Sherman, 6 items, 1958-1993, on general physiology
T. M. Sherman, 3 items, 1974-1995, on education
T. W. Sherman, 1 item, 1974, on autism
T. Sherman, 1975, on experimental psychology
T. G. Sherman, 27 items, 1978-2008, on endocrinology
T. Sherman, 2 items, 1979-1980, on endocrinology (so counted as T. G. Sherman)
T. L. Sherman, 4 items, 1981-1993, on mixed topics

Unfortunately, even the first listed, T. F. Sherman, is a bit late for beginning a publishing career, and so is unlikely to be the Sherman we are interested in. T. M. Sherman and subsequent are far too late and may safely be discounted. Was he perhaps a non-publishing community physician, perhaps, or did he drop out, or what?

In the 2014 edition of his book *"Dr. Mary's Monkey"* [Amazon], Edward Haslam, Jr. photographically reproduces a two-sheet memorandum sent out 31st July 1964 from FBI boss **Edgar Hoover himself** to his SAC [=Special Agent in Charge] in New Orleans and copied to other stations - see Timeline, that date, for transcript and discussion. It tells them - amongst other things - to locate Thomas Sherman as a person of interest. We are not sure if they succeeded, because in 2014 Haslam remains as vague as Hoover was in 1964 concerning the man's whereabouts, thus ...

"The husband is somewhat of an enigma; after her death, friends told investigators that [Mary] had told them he had committed suicide during the 1940s, but there is no independent corroboration of this" (Ibid., p138).

However ...

**STOP PRESS - JULY 2019:** The Annual Announcement of the Rush Medical College, Chicago, for the year 1940-1941 [full text online] records a Dr. Thomas Watson Sherman and a not-yet-qualified Mary Stmts [sic] Sherman. The former is described as a dermatologist, that is to say, a skin specialist. We have also located the following UP newswire entry from the 1947 *The Press Democrat* [full text online] ...

"SAN JOSE, September 10 - (UP) - Dr. Thomas Watson Sherman, 38, took his own life here today by plunging from the 11th floor of the Medico-Dental building. Dr. Sherman was recently discharged from the army and opened offices here as a skin specialist. His wife, Eileen, could give no explanation for the suicide. Deputy Coroner Frank Lovoi said Dr. Sherman had suffered from a nervous condition since leaving the army."

Of course our Dr. Sherman's wife was Mary, not Eileen, so further searching is still required. On the other hand, San Jose is a mere 15 miles from the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratories, where they had studied amongst other things the dermatological effects of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombs. The Medico-Dental building was/is at 227-245 East Santa Clara Street, San Jose.

**Shill:** Originally an accomplice of a confidence trickster planted in an audience more or less subtly to shout approval, and thereby encourage the innocent to part with their hard-earned cash. More recently, a social media correspondent paid to promote a particular propaganda point, usually by attacking opponents of that point. [YouTube shill theory here]

**Shipman, Timothy James:** [Read firstly the entries for National War Aims Committee (NWAC) and "Churnalism". ] British right-wing print journalist Timothy Shipman [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context primarily for being one of those named in Marcus Moore's [see own entry] (2018) article "BBC's 'Churnalism'" - read it now - as having helped transform the BBC from somewhat independently-minded state broadcaster to shameless government town cryer [our metaphor - Ed.]. His particular role has been as Political Editor of The Sunday Times 2014-ongoing.
**Shipping Control Committee:** [A.k.a. Lord Curzon's Committee] This was one of the several committees created in the early months of WW1 to ensure the best use of Britain's large merchant fleet. Its role is best described by one of those directly involved with it, namely **Sir Walter Runciman**, [Lord Doxford][1937](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lord_Dodoxf) President of the Board of Trade between 1914 and 1916 [yes, that's the same Board of Trade which allowed RMS Titanic to go to sea in 1912 with lifeboats for only half the souls on board - Ed.]. Runciman is here addressing the House of Commons on 17th February 1916 during a very long House of Commons debate on the topic "Control of Merchant Shipping" [Lord Curzon has his own entry, if interested] …

"The other authority which deals with these matters is the Allocation Committee, or the Shipping Control Committee, as it is called, over which Lord Curzon presides. Lord Curzon is the only—I think the word "amateur" was used approbriously in the course of this Debate—the only amateur on the Committee, but he has the great advantage of being impartial. He knows from his position in the Cabinet how wide are our necessities, and how important it is that these should not be looked at either from the point of view of the shipowners or from the point of view of the merchant, or from that of the Allies, or even from the purely British point of view, but that all these considerations should be taken into account. The Committee over which he presides is linked up with, in constant touch with, and fully provided with a knowledge of the Licensing Committee, the Requisitioning Committee, and the transport work of the Admiralty. The varied range of these, questions necessitates having a large number of organisations and groups of men at work on these various concerns, and Lord Curzon's Committee has the great advantage in one office, and from one centre, of concentrating the work of all of them. It has the supreme duty of deciding how many vessels we can spare for our various services, of criticising the use of the vessels which are allocated to the various services, and of preventing the planting of too many there and too few out here. That Committee has the extremely difficult diplomatic task of deciding how many vessels we can spare for the purposes of France, or of Italy, or of Russia, and that is centralising one of the most difficult problems common to all. I would submit to the House that that is the only centralising which at the present moment can be fairly undertaken, except by the one supreme authority over Lord Curzon's Committee, and that is the Cabinet itself, which is jointly responsible for the whole management of this difficult subject" (Hansard, 17th February 1916 [full text online])

**Shure, Frances:** [Read firstly the entry for False Flags, Poor Lulus, and Other Operational Entrapments](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/False_flags) **ESSENTIAL PRIOR CONTEXT.**

American psychotherapist **Frances Shure** [no convenient biography but much to reward the determined browser] is noteworthy in the present context for the part she played as one of the psychologists contributing to Charles Ewing Smith's (2016) video documentary "The Demolition of Truth: Psychologists Examine 9/11", in which the case is made **NOT ONLY** that the three World Trade Center towers - WTC1, WTC2, and WTC7 - were brought down by commercial and/or military demolition experts, **BUT ALSO** that this could only have been a False Flag Attack, and therefore necessarily the work of a rogue clique near the top of the American Deep State, seemingly to provoke a confrontation with (and thereby become able to bomb) the Islamic world as part of what General Wesley K. Clark [see own entry and Timeline 3rd October 2007] calls "Paul Wolfowitz's 1991 playbook" (by which he means the Defense Planning Guidance Report, 1992 [see own entry]) …

**YouTube that documentary here** **ESSENTIAL VIEWING** (107 mins)

Shure's professional testimony was clipped into the larger documentary at three major insert points, but her theme throughout is the psychology of **Denial** as one of the keys to effective state deception.

Readers unfamiliar with the psychodynamic concept of **Denial** as one of the psyche's principal **Defense Mechanisms** should pre-brief themselves from those two entries in the **Companion Resource** before proceeding.

Above all, Shure was interested in a long-recognised feature of human belief systems known as **Cognitive Dissonance** …

**QUICKIE - COGNITIVE DISSONANCE, THE BASIC THEORY:** The term "cognitive dissonance" was introduced into cognitive science by **Leon Festinger** [Wikipedia biography](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Leon_Festinger) in his (1957) book "A Theory of
Cognitive Dissonance" [Amazon], and describes the mind's characteristic reactions when being asked to reconcile fundamentally inconsistent propositions. Festinger's core thesis was that the mind likes its beliefs to be "consonant" - that is to say, "consistent, one with another. Thus ...

<I hate Communists>
** IS CONSISTENT WITH **
<Communists are bad people>

Whereas ...

<Communists are bad people>
** IS NOT CONSISTENT WITH **
<Communist X did a good thing>

This dissonance can be made consonant again by introducing further propositions to explain away the apparent contradiction. Here are some possible wriggle-room contrivances ...

<Then X can't really have been a proper Communist>
<X is just trying to deceive me into trusting him/her>
<You sure sound like a Communist yourself!>
etc., etc.

In her first clip (vid. cit., @12:20) Shure introduces her subject, explaining that when people are presented with evidence of U.S. government misdeeds their very souls typically recoil in disbelief, leading them to reject the suggestion out of hand and to seek instead ways to "regain equilibrium" in their sense of patriotism. Her second clip (vid. cit., @31:10) then defends the first by carefully explaining the concepts of American False Flags and American Deep State, as follows ...

INCONVENIENT HISTORICAL TRUTHS, #1 - AMERICAN FALSE FLAG OPERATIONS: Shure points to two of the most flagrant, and (now) openly confessed, False Flags in military history. These were the ones against Fidel Castro's Cuba in 1962 under Operation Northwoods [see own entry] and against Ho Chi-Minh's North Vietnam in 1964 in the Gulf of Tonkin Incident [see own entry]. Indeed, she then argues, the U.S. government has so frequently used the False Flag operational paradigm that "scapegoating" the innocent has become its "most dependable" instrument of foreign policy!

INCONVENIENT HISTORICAL TRUTHS, #2 - THE AMERICAN DEEP STATE: On this point Shure calls in testimony from forensic historian Peter Dale Scott [see own entry], previously published as "The American Deep State" in 2017 [Amazon IMPORTANT CONTEXT].

Shure's third clip (vid. cit., @43:00) then stresses the pain and fear and anger caused by suddenly being asked to doubt the intentions and methods of one's own government, explaining that such negative emotions can actually become part of the trickery, because anger can be re-cathcted back onto the messenger, making the audience even more impervious to the message! Finally, two shorter clips toward the end of the piece lament the deep moral damage done by government misdeeds to the fabric of American life. In short, she warns, there will be no "functional nation" in the United States until the culprits are properly brought to justice. [And five years down the line, how right she was!]

***** ONE OF THE GOOD GUYS, WE THINK *****

Sibert, James: [Read firstly the entry for Charles L. Killion.] WW2 veteran (U.S.A.F.) and latterly FBI Special Agent James Sibert [Spartacus Educational biography] was one of two FBI agents (the other being Francis O'Neill) who were sent to Andrews AFB, Maryland, by J. Edgar Hoover on the afternoon of 22nd November 1963 with explicit instructions to keep tabs on JFK's body once it arrived from Dallas, and even more explicit instructions to maintain the "chain of evidence" in respect of the ballistics and the corresponding wounds. The two agents duly accompanied the body to Bethesda and stood in on the subsequent autopsy. Their "FD-302" report on what they observed - now known as the Sibert-O'Neill Report [full text online ESSENTIAL READING] - indicated that no slugs could be found in the president's body, but that a lot of metal fragments had been splashed into his brain cavity. Moreover, the wound to Kennedy's back (1) was too low and wrongly angled for a bullet to have exited from his throat, (2) was only two inches deep, and (3) contained no slug! Accordingly, at no point during the period of the actual examination did the pathologists conclude (as would later be adjudged by the Warren Commission) that the president had suffered a through-and-through gunshot exiting his throat.
1st ASIDE: The specific wording of the report on this particular issue is as follows ...

"... Dr. HUMES stated that the pattern was clear - that the one bullet had entered the President's back and had worked its way out of the body during external cardiac massage and that a second high velocity bullet had entered the rear of the skull and had fragmented prior to exit through the top of the skull”

The report also mentions a telephone call being made to the Firearms Lab, during which Sibert was told that the duty officer there - SA Charles L. Killion [see own entry] - "had received through Secret Service Agent Richard Johnson a bullet which had reportedly been found on a stretcher in the emergency room of Parkland Hospital”.

2nd ASIDE: Readers are reminded that it would be ten months before the Warren Commission Report appeared, and then several years before the confrontation between conspiracists and coverers up. Many witnesses gave evidence in good faith only to find much later that their words had been conveniently twisted. Many of those who then made the loudest complaint promptly died.

When interviewed by Zack Shelton in the 1990s Sibert insisted that his description of JFK's wounds - in the Warren Commission appendices - is perfectly accurate, but was deliberately played down and/or lied about by both Gerald Ford and Arlen Specter to appear to fit with the Single Bullet theory. He speaks forcefully on camera in Wim Dankbaar’s [see own entry] (2007/2020 re-released) documentary movie "The Grassy Knoll" [see firstly the separate entry, and then view on Amazon Prime STRONGLY RECOMMENDED].

***** THE FEDS SAY WHAT THEY SAW *****

Sibert-O'Neill Report: [Read firstly the entry for James Sibert (above) ESSENTIAL PRIOR READING.] This is the 26th November 1963 report by FBI Special Agents James Sibert and Francis O'Neill [see own entry] concerning their observations four days earlier at the Bethesda Autopsy.

READ THE FULL REPORT HERE

Here are the following elements of the story (all persons named have their own entries) ...

(1) Sibert and O'Neill were at the autopsy specifically to collect ballistics evidence and to take any recovered slugs to the FBI firearms laboratory. It may therefore help to take a quick look at the entry for Charles Killion, for the slug known eventually as the Magic Bullet had already found its way there by a different route.

(2) The only non-medical staff present were Sibert and O'Neill themselves, the Director of the Secret Service James Rowley, and the three-man Secret Service White House Detail Roy Kellerman, William Greer, and William O'Leary. The Secret Service men maintained a tight security perimeter around the autopsy room.

(3) Total body x-rays failed to detect any intact slugs in the president's body. Indeed, "the individuals performing the autopsy were at a loss to explain why they could find no bullets". They did however detect "approximately 40 particles of disintegrated bullet", consistent with a "fragmentized" projectile in the "skull region". It may help to compare James Files' assertion in "The Grassy Knoll" that he shot Kennedy in the right temple with a .221" "varmint" round from a Remington "Fireball", expressly designed to fragment upon impact.

(4) Kennedy's back wound was only examined "during the latter stages" of the proceedings, and "further probing determined that the distance travelled by this missile was a short distance inasmuch as the end of the opening could be felt with the finger".

(5) In all, 19 medical personnel are named as present, of whom (Bethesda being a Navy facility) two were Admirals. The General commanding Washington Military District also dropped in to inquire whether there was anything he could do. An administrator attended at the end to prepare the necessary receipts. A four-man undertakers' crew is also named.

ASIDE: Not mentioned, but asserted as present [and, if so, potentially the senior by rank - Ed.] by top-flight researcher Douglas Horne, is General Curtis Le May.

The report remains pivotally important to JFK truth because it is the only known primary account of events at the autopsy. FURTHER READING: For a useful alternative presentation of the report
Sierra Martínez, Paulino: As reported in David Kaiser's 2009 book "The Road to Dallas", 53-year-old Chicago-based lawyer Dr. Paulino Sierra [no convenient biography] convened a meeting on 9th May 1963 at the Royal Palms Hotel in Miami at which he tried to get the various Batistiano (Cuba's pre-revolutionary Establishment) interest groups to get their acts together. An American named William Trull claimed to have $30m available to support such an objective. Both Sierra and Trull were subsequently interviewed by the FBI, with Trull stating that Sierra had asked him to play along with him, and that Sierra's backers were Godfathers interested in re-establishing their profitable Havananan casinos.

Sigsbee, Charles Dwight: U.S. Navy careerist Charles Sigsbee [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been commander of the USS Maine [check her out] on her final mission, and for having been one of the few who survived the magazine explosion which then sank her at her Havana harbour moorings [see 15th February 1898]. His reports and subsequent testimony to the Sampson Inquiry Board [see 21st February 1898] are a major source of insight into the causes of that disaster.

"Silence of Seoul", The: This is the term used by Isidor Stone [q.v.] in his 1952/2014e book "The Hidden History of the Korean War" to describe the sudden - and in fact precisely engineered - news blackout in South Korea prior to the North Korean "surprise attack" on 25th June 1950, his point being that the surprise attack was no surprise at all, but rather (a) known about, (b) prepared for, and, yes, (c) to an extent encouraged.

***** "The sun is a disaster for me" *****

Silverstein, Larry A.: NYC property developer Larry Silverstein [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been owner of NYC's World Trade Center at the time of its destruction 11th September 2001. He had only owned it for seven weeks, having reportedly "collected the keys" on 24th July 2001. He made it his habit to breakfast there daily - therefore 48 times in all. He missed the 49th breakfast - the one on 11th September 2001 - because his wife Klara insisted he should go see his dermatologist [having a fair skin, he would later explain, the sun is "a disaster" for him, and he needs regular check-ups - Ed.] Two of his children also worked in the Center, and both of them failed to make it in to work that morning as well.

Simkin, John: Very much an oasis of objectivity in this desert of lies British historian John Simkin [Spartacus Educational biography] founded the Spartacus Educational teaching and learning resource in 1987 (online from 1997). He also founded the JFK Education Forum [homepage] in 2004, but was forced to close it as no-longer-moderatable in 2014.

Simons, Aubrey Pollard: [Read firstly the entry for Tryall Resort.] Texas entrepreneur Pollard Simons [no convenient biography] is tangentially noteworthy in the present context because one of his real estate developments in the late 1950s was the Montego Bay Tryall Club resort, thus ...

"When the coconut market declined after the Second World War, the then owners, William and Ida DeLisser, decided to capitalize on the Great House’s popularity as a tourist attraction and opened a guesthouse. It stayed this way until 1957 when the estate (which had been in the same family since the mid 19th century) was sold to a group of entrepreneurs led by Pollard Simons, Winthrop Rockefeller, Theodore Law, Henry Strauburger and Buddy Fogelson. One of them had visited Tryall for afternoon tea, and recognized that the house and estate had enormous potential. This was the beginning of The Tryall Club” (their website, 18th February 2018).

One of the cottages on this investment seems to have been owned by limo #1's Governor John Connolly.
Simpich, William: Lawyer and assassination researcher Bill Simpich [no convenient biography] was author of the 2017 online book "State Secret" [full text online at the Mary Ferrell Foundation - RECOMMENDED]. He has also produced a number of detailed YouTube online documentaries, including (2017) "The JFK Assassination and the Murder of J. D. Tippit" and (2016) "Captain Westbrook and the Murder of J. D. Tippit", in which he accuses a sub-conspiracy of DPD officers - not least Bill Westbrook, Gerry Hill, and Kenneth Croy - of following a cleverly pre-scripted program of evidence planting so strictly executed even after it should have been abandoned that it required a second wave of cover-ups - ever more inconsistent - in the ensuing hours and days. Which is why the story of Oswald's Wallet still deserves close attention over half a century later!

Sinclair, Harry Ford: American speculator, turned oilman, turned banker, turned monopoly trust oilman Harry Sinclair [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been the head of the holding company Sinclair Oil [Wikipedia briefing]. It was in this latter role that he became implicated in the 1922 Teapot Dome Scandal [see 15th April 1922], for which he was sentenced to six months imprisonment.

Single Bullet Theory: See the entry for Magic Bullet.

Sisson, Edgar Grant: American journalist Edgar Sisson [no convenient biography but much to reward the determined browser] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for pre-war employment as city editor of the Chicago Tribune ...

ASIDE - THE MORALS OF INVESTMENT PUNDITS (RULE #4 APPLIES): We have often, for lack of smoking gun evidence, grudgingly given the benefit of the doubt to those we suspected of wrongdoing. On occasions, however, we have applied what we refer to as "Rule #4" [see Timeline Section 2.4], and have declared guilt by likelihood instead. And we are downright uncharitable when it comes to stock market gurus, where opportunities abound for insider trading and fraudulent influence. To put it bluntly, those who write the city pages are chiselers.

... (b) for thereby being head-hunted 14th April 1917 onto George Creel's [see own entry] new propaganda agency, the Committee on Public Information (CPI) [see own entry], earmarked for deployment to Russia, (c) once in Russia, for there specialising in "the production of propaganda aimed at undermining the morale of German and Austrian troops" (Spence, k4543), (d) for thereby getting his hands on the eponymous Sisson Documents [SEE OWN ENTRY] in early 1918, thus ...

"Sisson was a Chicago newspaper man hand-picked by [...] Creel to head an office in Petrograd. The CPI [...] endeavoured to mount a pro-Ally campaign in Russia [...]. Sisson did not arrive on the scene until after the Bolsheviks had taken power but [...] took a violent dislike of them. His conviction that Lenin and Trotsky were German agents eventually led him to purchase and promote a collection of mostly spurious documents purporting to prove just that” (Spence k4524-4533).

and (e) for recalling his experiences in Russia in his (1931) book "One Hundred Red Days" [Amazon].

Sisson Documents: [Read firstly the entry for the Committee on Public Information (CPI) ESSENTIAL CONTEXT.] The mysterious collection of intelligence papers nowadays known as the Sisson Documents [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being hawked (as a prototypical "Dodgy Dossier") around the Allied diplomatic community in Russia in Spring 1918, purporting to prove that the rise of Lenin and Trotsky had been - with their conscious and recent connivance - part of a Berlin intelligence operation ...

ASIDE: It has been fairly well-established that the Bolsheviks and other anti-Tsarist dissident groups in Russia were indeed encouraged and funded by Berlin in the early years of the war as a good way of destabilising the Tsarist war effort. Leftists were "used", in other words, to go mess on other people's lawns. Things changed, however, once the Tsar abdicated 15th March 1917, because suddenly working class unrest started to spread to other countries including Germany itself. Fearful of blow-back, Berlin duly switched to other lines of
provocation, such as stirring up nationalist sentiment in border states like Finland [see Timeline 26th January 1918] and the Ukraine [ditto 28th January 1918].

... (b) for being purchased by the British Establishment's man in Moscow Robert Lockhart [see own entry], but - after inspection - for being dismissed by him as forgeries [see Timeline 11th April 1918], and (c) for then being acquired by the U.S. Committee on Public Information (CPI)’s [see own entry] man in Moscow, Edgar Sisson [see own entry], and passed as genuine to Washington, where for a few pivotally important weeks the British doubts are deliberately suppressed ...

**CAMEO - THE SISSON DECEPTION:** During Summer 1918, the CPI's state propagandists edit and republish the Sisson material as "The German-Bolshevik Conspiracy" [full text online (courtesy of the University of Colorado)]. The most likely explanation is that the Wilson Administration had already committed to military intervention in support of the White Russians in the Russian Civil War, and now wished to smear the Bolsheviks as secret allies of Germany.

**Situational Awareness (SA):** See the companion resource.

**Sitzman, Marilyn:** On a sightseeing break from her receptionist’s job in the Dal-Tex Building, Marilyn Sitzman [Wikipedia biography] was with her boss Abraham Zapruder at the time of the assassination atop the concrete abutment at the south-western extremity of the John Neely Bryan Pergola. Her evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED]; Interview by Josiah Thompson, 1966 [read transcript now]; Interview to camera, 1993 [YouTube it now]. In the 1966 interview she remembered seeing a broken cola bottle in the area where "kids had thrown down their coke bottles", making her an important witness in the Blood in Dealey Plaza Thread.

**Skripal, Sergei:** "Drinker, traitor, soldier, spy" (The Times, 13th March 2018) Russian intelligence official Sergei Skripal [Wikipedia biography] was dismissed the service in 2004 when convicted of "high treason in the form of espionage” for having doubled for the UK. After five or so years in prison he was pardoned and included in a US-Russian Federation spy swap. He was then issued a British passport and settled in Salisbury, UK, (which city is close to the centre of UK biological research at Porton Down [Wikipedia briefing]). He (and his daughter Yulia) then came into the international news in a big way in March 2018, in the as-yet-unsolved [March 2018] Salisbury Poisoning [q.v.].

**Skripal, Yulia:** Yulia Skripal [no convenient biography] is the 33-year-old daughter of Sergei Skripal who came into the international news in a big way in March 2018, in the as-yet-unsolved [March 2018] Salisbury Poisoning [q.v.].

**Skull and Bones:** [Read firstly the entry for Secret Societies] Skull and Bones is apparently a restricted membership secret society centred conceptually (always) and physically (when necessary) in the cloisters of Yale University, and bound by the usual paraphernalia of treasured lore, oaths and recitations, and solemn duties.

**Slack, Garland Glenwill:** 59-year-old big-game hunter Garland Slack [no convenient biography] was spectating on Houston but saw nothing not already noted elsewhere. HOWEVER, he had already encountered either LHO or an LHO Look Alike earlier in the month at the Sports Drome Rifle Range. His evidence in this respect was dealt with by the Warren Commission as part of the testimony of the Range Superintendent Floyd Davis [q.v.]. Slack's evidential profile is as follows: Affidavit, 22nd November 1963 (addressing only his Dealey Plaza experiences) [read it now].

**Sloan, William:** Assassination researcher Bill Sloan [no convenient biography] was author of the 1993 book "Breaking the Silence", in which the testimony of 12 of the most officially ignored witnesses was revisited.

***** CARE - TWO ELEPHANTS IN THIS ROOM!!! *****
Smeeth, Ruth Lauren: [Read firstly the entry for Labour's Longest Days.] British public relations consultant turned politician Ruth Smeeth [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for working since the early 2000s for [in the sequence given on her Wikipedia page] worldwide facilities management company Sodexo [Wikipedia briefing], pro-Israel lobbyists the British Israel Communications and Research Centre (BICOM) [Wikipedia briefing] ...

"How the Pro-Israel Lobby in Britain Benefits from a Generous London Tycoon

Britain's most active pro-Israeli lobbying organisation - which flies journalists to Israel on fact-finding trips and organises access to senior government figures - has received nearly £1.4m in two years from a billionaire donor whose father made a fortune manufacturing arms in Israel. The British Israel Communication and Research Centre, known as Bicom, has been one of the most active organisations behind the scenes in the UK during the present Gaza offensive, organising briefings and interview opportunities with senior Israeli spokesmen. Its biggest funder is Poju Zabludowicz, a London-based tycoon, who has underwritten its campaigning since 2007. [...] Foreign affairs specialists say that the injection of funds has ensured that Bicom has become one of the most persistent and slickest media operations in the battle for influence over opinion formers" (Rajeev Syal, The Guardian, 4th January 2009 [full text online]. A longer extract is included in the Zabludowicz entry).

... the world's largest food company Nestlé [Wikipedia briefing], the anti-fascist, anti-racist, anti-Brexit "advocacy group" Hope Not Hate [Wikipedia briefing], the £20 million p.a. antisemitism monitors, the Community Security Trust [Charity Commission briefing, Charity No. 1042391], and ("the voice of British Jews") the Board of Deputies of British Jews [Wikipedia briefing], (b) for being identified by a 24th April 2009 U.S. Embassy document as having a "strictly protect - U.S. informant" security flag (The Daily Telegraph, 4th February 2011), (c) for being elected 7th May 2015 as Labour Party M.P. for the Stoke-on-Trent North constituency, (d) for joining the concerted 26th June 2016 Shadow Cabinet Mass Resignations [see Timeline this date], claiming that she could not in conscience work with newly elected leader of the party Jeremy Corbyn ...

BEFORE WE CONTINUE ... Readers who are unfamiliar with the rise of the Zionist movement in the 19th and early 20th Centuries should carefully study the Timeline sub-thread <Zionism Pre-WW1> here (6 entries) and here (11 entries); the sub-thread <Zionism in WW1> here (1 entry), here (2 entries), and here (2 entries); and the sub-thread <Zionism After Versailles> here (3 entries); also the entries in the present document for John Henry Patterson, Herbert Samuel, Sir Mark Sykes, and Chaim Weizmann; also David Fromkin's (1989) book "A Peace to End All Peace" [Amazon]. The author will not enter into tutorial discussions concerning the very difficult material which follows with any persons not fully au fait with the historic issues. Deep familiarity with the definitions of antisemitism promoted by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) is particularly important, as is the ability to differentiate between the eight principles laid down in the original 2000 Declaration and the politically far more delicate - and still far from widely accepted - <Working Definition and Illustrative Examples> promoted by the IHRA since 26th May 2016.

ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM (1 - JEWISH POLITICAL CLIENTAGE): Regardless of left-right political inclination, there are many in Britain who, prior to the educating influence of the 28th January 2000 Declaration of the Stockholm International Forum on the Holocaust (IHRA-2000), habitually indulged quite unguardedly in behaviours which, by the substance of that Declaration, were clearly antisemitic. It follows that under the IHRA-2000 protocol it suddenly became more difficult than hitherto to describe the objective facts of political patronage by Jews, even though Jewish politicians such as [Lord]2008 Peter Mandelson and [Lord]1997 David Sainsbury have been quite open about the practice. Moreover, academics henceforth found themselves unable to deal as objectively as academics should with such works as Tam Dalyell's [see own entry] 4th May 2003 piece in The Scotsman entitled "Zionist Cabal Runs Policy on Israel" [full text online] or Solomon Hughes' 1st September 2016 piece for the (left-wing) Morning Star entitled "How Billionaire Lord Sainsbury Bankrolled the Birth of New Labour" [full text online].

ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM (2 - THE IHRA-2016 DEFINITION OF ANTISEMITISM): Regardless of left-right political inclination, there are many in Britain who were immediately happy to adopt the eight principles of the 28th January 2000 Declaration of the Stockholm International Forum on the Holocaust. However a second elephant entered the room 26th May 2016 when the IHRA approved an extended "Working Definition" of antisemitism, fleshed out with a stock set of illustrative examples (IHRA-2016). Unlike the IHRA-2000 clauses (which mention neither Israel nor Palestine, but address the welfare of Jews in general), the IHRA-2016 examples more or less make it automatically antisemitic to support, say, the people of Gaza. Unsurprisingly, therefore, IHRA-2016 went down badly in countries like Britain, where there was significant
grass-roots sympathy for the sufferings of the Palestinian people. IHRA-2016 remains under heated discussion to the present day [December 2019].

(e) for taking a Remainer stance following the against-the-betting Leave victory in the 23rd June 2016 Brexit Referendum, (f) for siding with the anti-Corbyn "Coupsters" 28th June 2016 in the subsequent Vote of No Confidence [see Timeline this date], (g) for executing one of the most hyped Political Flounces of recent times 30th June 2016 at the press conference at which human rights advocate Shami Chakrabarti presented the results of the Chakrabarti Inquiry into antisemitism in the Labour Party [see Timeline this date].

**ASIDE:** We have covered this incident in detail in the entry for Ryan Jacobsz, which see.

(h) for delivering an impassioned speech against antisemitism ("one of the oldest hatreds") in the House of Commons 16th April 2018 [watch it now], (i) for defying Corbyn again 14th March 2019 by not following the party whip in the Second Brexit Referendum vote, and (j) during the 2019 British General Election (GE2019) for being forced to carry a panic button because of death threats received (The Times, 27th November 2019). **FURTHER READING:** For more on the broader IHRA controversy, see Antony Lerman's 4th September 2018 paper entitled "Labour Should Ditch the IHRA Working Definition of Antisemitism Altogether" [full text online - CONTROVERSIAL BUT ESSENTIAL], which tackles head-on the issue of whether there are forms of criticism of the State of Israel "which equate to antisemitism".

"Smith, Bill":: This was the field identity of the otherwise unknown SS agent who couriered the first copy of the tinkered Zapruder Film from Hawkeye to NPIC's Homer McMahon some time during the evening of Sunday 24th November 1963.

***** Candidate JFK Conspiracy Right-Wing Cell Leader *****
[Provided footsoldiers, collected subs, trumpeted the propaganda]

Smith, Gerald L. K.: [Read firstly the entry for Evangelism and Evangelistic Preachers and Christian Identity.] Racist, antisemite, Christian Identity "Israelite" by personal persuasion, and long-standing evangelist preacher Gerald Smith [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for founding the America First Party [Wikipedia briefing] in 1943, renaming it the Christian Nationalist Crusade [Wikipedia briefing] in 1947, (b) for publishing the antisemitic and white supremacist monthly The Cross and the Flag through until 1977, and (c) for featuring in a little-known fragment of conspiracy theory put forward by John Bevilaqua in 2013 ...

**CAMEO - GERARD SMITH AND THE ASSASSINATION:** Bevilaqua (2013) refers to the Giesbrecht Meeting [see Timeline 13th February 1964], in which a Canadian businessman reported overhearing a conversation in an airport lounge between apparent accessories to the JFK assassination. He takes guesses at who the men were, and - more importantly - at who might have been the Mister Bigs who had bankrolled them. Here are his conclusions as to the identities of the chief conspirators ...

"If my interpretations of the identities of the persons, places, and things discussed at that meeting are correct, then Kennedy was killed by an international cabal of right wing extremists with linkages to some of the most fascist former Nazis and Nazi sympathisers [...]. The planning, financing, and direction [of the assassination] was in all likelihood headed by none other than [...] renowned Nazi sympathiser Reverend Gerald L. K. Smith [...]. The entire plot was financed by Wickliffe P. Draper [...] founder of the eugenics based Pioneer Fund in 1937, and a major shareholder in [...] Rockwell International [...]. In short, the JFK assassination was a joint effort on the part of the [...] international and the domestic fascist networks associated with [Charles Willoughby], [Edwin Walker]. [Sas Raikin], [H. L. Hunt], [Gerald Smith himself], [Wickliffe P. Draper], [Robert Morris], and [James Jesus Angleton]" (Bevilaqua, 2013, K75/224).

***** EARLY TO THE PICKET FENCE *****
***** BUT DIVERTED BY FALSE ID *****

Smith, Joseph Marshall: 31-year-old DPD officer Joe Smith [no convenient biography] had been on Houston and Elm controlling traffic at the time of the shooting, and immediately went along Old Elm Street
across the front of the **TSBD** toward the carpark and railway area. Here a woman "in hysteries" told him: "They're shooting the President from the bushes". Joined now by other DPD officers [POSSIBLY INCLUDING LEE BOWERS' TWO BADGEMEN, OF COURSE] and Sheriff's deputies [compare the entry for Roger Craig] he searched behind the **Picket Fence**, where one unexplained character [now believed to be Bernard Barker (q.v.)] showed him SS ID when accosted and was not detained. ("I should have checked that man closer," he would later admit, "but at the time I didn't snap on it" (retrospective testimony, in Summers, 1980).) To his west two police officers were at the access ramp to the overpass. Officer Smith's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now].

**Smith, L. C.:** Dallas County Sheriff's Deputy L. C. Smith [no convenient biography] was in the crowd of deputies on the steps of the County Sheriff's Office at the moment of the shooting. He ran toward the sound of gunfire and was directed by a bystander to the **Picket Fence** area where he searched until redirected into the TSBD. Here he helped search TSBD5 through TSBD7, plus the roof. He was close to Eugene Boone [q.v.] when the latter found a rifle. Smith's evidential profile is as follows: Report, 22nd November 1963 [read it now].

**Smith, Matthew:** Assassination researcher Matthew Smith [Spartacus Educational biography] was the author of the 1992 book entitled "JFK: The Second Plot", in which it is persuasively argued that LHO was a CIA agent. Also of the 1993 book "Vendetta: The Kennedys", in which Wayne January's [q.v.] account of the Cuban-piloted C-53 at Redbird Airport is developed.

**Smith, Orville:** Dallas County Sheriff's Deputy Orville Smith [no convenient biography] was standing with Deputy Mo Mabra on Main Street outside the Criminal Court at the time of the shooting. His subsequent movements are not yet known to the present author. Smith's evidential profile is as follows: Initial Report, not yet located; Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED].

**Smith, Sergio Arcacha:** Because Hispanic rules apply to the three-part name Sergio Arcacha Smith, we have taken Arcacha as the indexing name and Smith - the mother's name - as supplemental. Accordingly, see the separate entry for **Arcacha Smith, Sergio**.

**Smith[-Cumming] upon marrying 1889, [Sir]1923 Mansfield George:** Careerist Royal Navy officer turned archetypal master-spy [Sir]1923 Mansfield Smith[-Cumming]1889 [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context as "C", the model for the fictional "M". Not a good sailor, he spent the period 1885-1909 on base duties. He was then selected to work alongside Vernon Kell [see own entry] in 1909, preparing the newly formed **Secret Intelligence Bureau** [see own entry] for action. Kell took care of domestic intelligence operations, while Smith-Cumming took care of overseas. The two divisions were later renamed M.I.(5) and M.I.(6), respectively. [THREAD = WW1 ESPIONAGE AND INTELLIGENCE]

**Smoot, Howard ["Dan"]:** FBI Agent turned right-wing activist Dan Smoot [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for becoming a political journalist 1951-1956 for Dallas oil billionaire H. L. Hunt's **Facts Forum** newsletter [specimen issues], (b) for striking out on his own 1956-1871 with **The Dan Smoot Report** [specimen issues], initially in print then syndicated to radio and television [specimen broadcast], (c) for submitting opinion pieces after that same pattern to the **John Birch Society's American Opinion** magazine in the early 1960s, and (d) for associating with the highly suspicious Joseph Milteer. In his (2002) book "**The JFK Conspiracy**" [Amazon] forensic historian David Miller adds as follows ...

"Dan Smoot, a prominent member of the John Birch Society [...]. like Revilo Oliver, hated President Kennedy, writing numerous anti-JFK articles in Birch Society publications. In an April 1962 speech in Orlando, Florida, Smoot [...] urged the U.S. to 'hit Cuba with overwhelming military force'. [...] Smoot, living in Dallas and financed by H. L. Hunt and other rightists who hated JFK, was close to the men who paid for the anti-JFK ad that appeared in the **Dallas Morning News** on November 22, 1963" (op. cit., pp98-99).

***** DEEP STATE ARCH-CONSPIRATOR, WW1 *****
Smuts, Jan Christiaan: South African soldier-statesman, "deeply pro-Zionist" (Fromkin, 1989, p294), and "devious opportunist" (Quigley, 1949, p77). General Smuts [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having studied law at Cambridge in the early 1890s, (b) for having returned to Cape Town in 1895 to practise, (c) for then being alienated from the British by the Jameson Raid [see 29th December 1895], (d) as a result, for developing the vision of a united South Africa within a federated (as opposed to London-centric) British Empire, (e) as a result, for being offered the post of Transvaal State Attorney in 1898 by their President Kruger, (f) for thereby finding himself the following year drafting the 9th October 1899 Kruger Ultimatum [see own entry], which brought about the Second Boer War [see 12th October 1899], (g) for becoming probably the best known of the Boer generals during said war, (h) for joining the government of the new Union of South Africa in 1910 as Minister for Mines, Minister for the Interior, and Minister of Defence, which latter post he would hold for ten years ...

ASIDE: Quigley (1949) explains the apparent contradiction in the above as follows ...

"From the beginning, Smuts wanted a brilliant career in a united South Africa, within a united British Empire, within, if possible, a united world. [...] And that required [that] he appeared pro-Boer rather than pro-British. Thus Smuts was pro-Boer on all prominent and non-essential matters but pro-British on all unobtrusive and essential matters. At the National Convention of 1908-1909, it was Smuts who dominated the Transvaal delegation and succeeded in pushing through the projects prepared by [Milner's Kindergarten]" (p78).

(i) for commanding the British expeditionary forces in East Africa between 1916 and 1917 [see 12th February 1916], (j) for attending the Imperial War Conference 12th March 1917, (k) for delivering the historically significant Sheffield Speech [see own entry] and Tonypandy Speech [see own entry] in a speaking tour of Britain in late October 1917, (l) for attending the Imperial War Cabinet meeting 31st October 1917, (m) for helping to draft the Covenant of the League of Nations [see own entry], and speaking to same at the 1919 Versailles Peace Conference, (n) for serving as Prime Minister of the Union of South Africa between 1919 and 1924, and (o) for chairing the 1921 Irish Debate [see own entry] ostensibly as an honest broker but also to ensure that the option of an Ireland in the British Commonwealth (as opposed to an independent republic) was given due consideration. He surfaced one more time with a 13th November 1934 speech organised by Chatham House [see own entry] which electrified the Appeasement Era Debate [see own entry] by calling for more appeasement rather than less. Here is an indicative clip ...

"The removal of the inferiority complex from Germany is just as essential to future peace as the removal of fear from the mind of France; and both are essential to an effective disarmament policy. How can the inferiority complex which is obsessing and, I fear, poisoning the mind and indeed the soul of Germany be removed? There is only one way, and that is to recognise her complete equality of status with her fellows, and to do so frankly, freely, and unreservedly" (Smuts, 1934, as quoted in Quigley, 1949, p267).

Sniper's Nest: In the context of the JFK assassination, the Sniper's Nest is the commonly used name for the enclosure of cartons beneath the eastern window of TSBD6 from where someone - officially LHO - fired down upon the Presidential motorcade.

Snipes, Vaughn: See the entry for Vaughn Marlowe.

Social Market Foundation (SMF): Founded in 1989 by now-regular columnist for The Jewish Chronicle Daniel Finkelstein [see own entry], the Social Market Foundation (SMF) [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context (s) as one of Britain's "Top 12" political lobby groups, preaching neoliberal "education" of the public with their "social market" theory, (b) for growing close to John Major's Conservative administration in the early 1990s, and (c) for similarly influencing the "New Labour" policies of 1997-2010. For more detail of their work, check out their website.
Socialist-Revolutionary Party: Founded in 1902 as a Marxist-influenced anti-Tsarist political party, the Socialist-Revolutionary Party [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for playing a part in the 1905 Revolution [see Timeline 22nd January 1905], earning a tranche of the seats in the resulting Duma, alongside the Bolsheviks and Mensheviks, (b) for subsequently espousing party politics in favour of violent activism, specialising in the targeted political assassination, (c) for thereby becoming peripheralised in the Soviet structures after the 1917 Revolution [see Timeline 7th November 1917], and (d) for thereby being easy recruits to third party agents-provocateurs, not least in the 1918 Lockhart Plot [see Timeline 14th August 1918].

****** BIRTH OF THE NEW WORLD ORDER CONSPIRACY ******

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Society of the Elect: Founded 15th February 1891 by Cecil Rhodes and some like-minded dinner companions at a soirée hosted by Lord Nathaniel Rothschild, and then aided and abetted by some more than normally melanophilic bankers, the Society of the Elect [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context for having been one of the two avenues by which Rhodes infected the modern world with his ruthlessly self-opinionated and vindictive personality …

ASIDE: For the three-way association between Rhodes' personality, his business success, and his enduring imperialist legacy, see the inset in his own entry. The other avenue of influence was/is the famed Milner Group [see own entry], the ancestral form of the present British Establishment.

Here is the pyramidally organised command structure of the early membership of this Society, as reconstructed by forensic historian Carroll Quigley [see own entry] in Chapter 3 of his 1949 book "The Anglo-American Conspiracy" (all names have their own entries; some annotation added; active initiates and casual helpers deliberately conflated; [P]=present at the dinner party in question) …

GENERAL OF THE SOCIETY: Rhodes [P] himself until his death in 1902, thereafter Lord Milner under the watchful eye of the Rhodes Trustees [see own entry].

JUNTA OF THREE: Reginald Brett (Lord Esher) [P], Lord Milner (until promoted), William Stead (until peripheralised by Milner after 1902).

CIRCLE OF INITIATES / ASSOCIATION OF HELPERS: Leopold Amery, Waldorf Astor (later 2nd Viscount Astor), Abe Bailey (very rich), Arthur Balfour [P] (later to be the signing author of the famous Balfour Declaration), Alfred Beit ("business genius"), General (of the Salvation Army) William Booth (potential member, offer not taken up), General (of the Salvation Army) Bramwell Booth (potential member, offer not taken up), Robert Brand (later Lord Brand), Sir Thomas Brassey (treasurer), Lionel Curtis, Geoffrey Dawson (later Editor of The Times), H. A. L. Fisher, Edmund Garrett (trusted senior go-between), Arthur Glazebrook (Canada), Albert Grey (later Earl Grey) [P], Edward Grigg, Sir William Harcourt [P], Bourchier Hawsley (legal), Alfred Holland, Rhodes' associate in South Africa Leander Starr Jameson, Rhodes' associate in Nyasaland Sir Harry H. Johnston (until a falling out in 1894), Philip Kerr (later Lord Lothian), Alfred Lyttelton [P], James Maguire, Cardinal Henry Manning (potential member, died 1892), Charles Massey (Canada), Lewis Michell, William Palmer (Lord Selborne), George Parkin (press and publicity; Canada), Archibald Primrose (Lord Rosebery), Lord Nathaniel Rothschild [P (as host)] (discount financier and Rhodes Trustee apparent), and Jan Smuts.

COLLEGE: John R. Seeley (until his death in 1895) and the Seeley Lecturers (cumulatively an expression of the role played by British Universities in the intellectual justification of imperialism abroad and at home.

After Rhodes' death in 1902 "Rothschild, Johnston, Hawksley, Rosebery, Jameson, Michell, and Maguire played little or no role in the society" (Quigley, p48), whilst the "real circle of initiates" included "Milner, Abe Bailey, George Parkin, Lord Selborne, Jan Smuts, A. J. Glazebrook, R. H. Brand (Lord Brand), Philip Kerr (Lord Lothian), Lionel Curtis, Geoffrey Dawson, H. A. L. Fisher, Edward Grigg, Leopold Amery, and Lord Astor" (Ibid.). Quigley notes how this company of like-thinkers became, after Rhodes' death, "the 'inner core' or the 'inner circle' of the Milner Group" (Ibid.). This 1902 reincarnation of the Society was then strengthened in the late 1900s by the return of Milner and the Milner Kindergarten [see own entry] from South Africa, whereupon it shivers off splinter groups
such as the Round Table Movement [see own entry] in 1910, Chatham House [see own entry] in 1920, and the Cliveden Set [see own entry] in the 1930s. The Society is thus more or less synonymous with the "Secret Elite" postulated in Jim Macgregor [see own entry] and Gerry Docherty's [see own entry] 2017 book "Prolonging the Agony" [see own entry], and - to cut a long story short - deliberately started two world wars and is working on the third.

Sock Puppets: In Propaganda Theory a sock puppet [Wikipedia briefing] is "an online identity used for purposes of deception", especially criminal or propagandistic.

Soldier of Fortune: See the entry for Robert K. Brown.

Solidarists: See the entry for National Alliance of Russian Solidarists (NTS).

"Someone Would Have Talked": See the entry for Larry Hancock.

Somerset, William: Well-trusted Miami informant William Somersett [no convenient biography] worked with Miami PD Lieutenant Everett Kay in obtaining the audiotape of right-wing extremist Joseph Milteer which convinced the SS to make last-minute changes to the motorcade arrangements for JFK's 18th November 1963 Miami motorcade, and which still indicates Cuban involvement in the assassination conspiracy.

Somoza García, Anastasio ["Tacho"], Snr.: Nicaraguan soldier-politician President[1937-1947, 1950-1956] Anastasio Somoza [Snr.] [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having commanded the Nicaraguan National Guard from 1933 to 1956, (b) for replacing Juan Bautista Sacasa [see own entry] as president in 1937, (c) for reportedly conduitng monies to the Palestinian Jews in the 1947-1949 Palestine War [see 30th November 1947], and (d) for providing the CIA with covert bases for their 1954 invasion of Guatemala [see 18th June 1954]. He was assassinated in 1956, whereupon his sons Luis Somoza [Wikipedia biography] and Anastasio Somoza [Jnr.] [see own entry] became President and Commander of the National Guard, respectively.

1ASIDE - SOMOZA [Snr.] AND ISRAEL: We recommend Jamail and Gutierrez's (1986 [full text online]) paper entitled "Israel in Central America: Nicaragua, Honduras, El Salvador, Costa Rica". Insofar as Nicaragua is concerned, these authors note firstly that Somoza [Snr.] was providing Haganah [see own entry] agents with false diplomatic identities for arms deals before Israel's independence. Israel reciprocated by supplying its forces with light and heavy weapons during the 1950s. As a result, "by the 1970s, according to the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), Israel accounted for 98 percent of Nicaragua's arms imports".

Somoza DeBayle, Anastasio ["Tachito"], Jnr.: Nicaraguan soldier-politician President[1967-1972, 1974-1979] Anastasio Somoza [Jnr.] [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having become Commander of the National Guard upon his father's death in 1956, and then President upon his brother Luis Somoza's death in 1967. He was himself deposed by the Sandinistas [see own entry] in 1979, and fled to Paraguay (so say with much of the nation's gold), where he was assassinated in 1980.

ASIDE - SOMOZA [Jnr.] AND ISRAEL: (Continued from Somoza, Snr.) During the 1970s, Somoza [Jnr.] was increasingly challenged by the Sandinista opposition, and so Israel kept up the supply of arms in return for a guaranteed vote in the United Nations as and when needed. When the Sandinistas came to power in 1979, the motivation to help the Contras was even more compelling, because the Sandinistas had a history of supporting the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) [see own entry]. In 1982, for example, Israel supplied the Contras with "several thousand AK-47 assault rifles" captured from the PLO in Lebanon, with the CIA picking up the tab. In 1984, Time magazine reported that Israeli intelligence agents had also been helping to train the Contras.

Sonneborn Institute: See the entry for Rudolf Sonneborn.

Sonneborn, Rudolf Goldschmidt: Baltimore-born Zionist Rudolf Sonneborn [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for marrying the grand-daughter of "the uncrowned king of Jewish America", banker Joseph Schiff [see own entry], (b) for representing the Zionist Commission [see own entry] in Palestine in 1919, (c) for being asked by David Ben-Gurion 1st July 1945 to facilitate the delivery of supplies to the Jewish community in Palestine, and (d) for doing this under the auspices of Materials for Israel [no convenient briefing but much to reward the determined browser], later better known as the Sonneborn Institute [ditto] ...

CAMEO - THE SONNEBORN INSTITUTE: In his (2017) book "The Three Barons and the JFK Organisational Chart" [Amazon], forensic historian James Lateer mentions the Sonneborn Institute in the following context ...

"Most authors who blame the [JFK]-assassination on the mafia, use the role of Jack Ruby as their prime evidence. Since Ruby had mob connections, then he obviously murdered Oswald under orders from his mafia superiors. The problem is this: there has never been any evidence found of any mafia boss or operative being in contact with Ruby the weekend of the assassination [... But if] not the mafia, then who? One clue is the multitude of anguished statements made to the Warren Commission when he was interrogated [details given]. Ruby demanded to be taken to Washington, DC, His reason for this: he was afraid of being murdered by 'anti-Semites'. [...] The anti-Semites to which he referred were in fact the most prominent ex-Nazis in the world who had survived and prospered after World War II. [...] There are names of the very top echelon of prominent U.S. and Canadian Jews which have been associated with some sort of inside role very close to the assassination plot. There was General Julius Klein [see own entry], former President of the Jewish War Veterans of America. There was Major Louis Bloomfield [see own entry], a Canadian who was very high up in British intelligence circles. Both of these men were members of the powerful Sonneborn Institute which sponsored the nuclear program for the State of Israel. And there was the Israeli Mossad itself [...]. And Stanley Marcus [see own entry] of Dallas was one of the most prominent Jews among those involved in international relief organisations for holocaust victims [...] and owner of the exclusive Nieman-Marcus department store in Dallas” (Lateer, 2017, pp499-500). OUR VERDICT: Interesting but highly speculative.

Sorrels, Forrest: SAIC [=Special Agent in Charge] of the Dallas office of the Secret Service J. Forrest Sorrels [no convenient biography] was in the "Lead Car" of the motorcade (rear right hand seat, with window down), somewhat ahead of limo #1, along with Chief Jesse Curry (driving), Special Agent (SS White House Detail) Winston Lawson, and Sheriff Bill Decker.

ASIDE: One of the Lead Car's duties was to keep an eye open for people at windows. However, it has been reported that direct radio communication to limo #1 was playing up on the day.

He heard the first shot as "too sharp for a backfire of an automobile. And, to me, it appeared a little bit too loud for a firecracker". Then two similar shots. At this point one of the motorcycle outriders pulled alongside and said: "Lead us to the hospital". And that is what they did (although they were at one stage nearly overtaken by limo #1). Once at Parkland Sorrels left the others and came back to the TSBD in a patrol car. There he asked manager Roy Truly to prepare a list of employees. He then spoke to witnesses Howard Brennan - who described seeing a gunman at the Sniper’s Nest window - and Amos Euins, before taking them both to the Sheriff's Office for statementing. Later on he met with Abraham Zapruder and, having learned of the film he had taken, stayed with him until it had been arranged with the local Eastman Kodak lab to develop it. At around 1400hr he learned from Captain Will Fritz that there was a suspect in custody at DPDHQ, and so headed there and conducted a brief initial interrogation. Sorrels’ evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [Part #1; Part #2]. Now simply accumulate the other references to this man in this glossary and you will have a decent entry for Forrest Sorrels.

Souetre, Jean Rene Marie: [a.k.a. Michel Mertz, Michel Roux] Already suspected of having taken part in an earlier attempt on the life of French President Charles de Gaulle, Jean Souetre [Spartacus Educational biography] would eventually (1977, via CIA 632-796, 1st April 1964) be tentatively identified as having
entered the U.S. on 19th November and travelled to Fort Worth, Texas. Souetre's case was discussed in detail in Henry C. Hurt, Jr.'s 1985 book "Reasonable Doubt", and the name still appears regularly in online discussions as a "French Connection" assassin.

**Southwood, Jim:** Cold War veteran (U.S. Army Intelligence, Korea) turned journalist and author Jim Southwood ([Legacy.com obituary](https://legacy.com/)) is noteworthy in the present context for approaching forensic historian Dick Russell in 1993 to tell him about an assignment he had received in September 1962, while assigned to a G-2 unit in South Korea. Here is how Russell tells the story in the later edition of his (1992/2003) book "The Man Who Knew Too Much" ([Amazon](https))...

"In November 1961, Southwood had been assigned to the U.S. Army Intelligence School at Fort Holabird, Maryland, to receive training as an analyst. When his two-month course ended, he and about ten others of his class shipped out to Korea. [...] A primary function of the 502nd [Military Intelligence Battalion], Southwood said, was to learn the order of battle of North Korean troops. 'That's where Field Operations Intelligence did a lot of work,' he added. 'I knew some of the agents who worked with FOI. [...] We'd sort out the information and put it in files.' The file room was large, with steel cabinets that were locked every night. There was also a massive reference file, containing thousands of index cards. Southwood is pretty sure it was around the first of September, 1962, when he received [...] 'a very important assignment' that he was not to discuss with anyone. [...] The order came from the 112th Military Intelligence Group in Texas. They wanted to know any and all information in the files on Lee Harvey Oswald a.k.a. 'Harvey Lee Oswald' and 'Alek James Hidell'. [...] They were also seeking information on George and Jeanne de Mohrenschildt, anything pertaining to Polish fighter pilots in World War Two, and anything about the Teutonic Knights. [...] There was nothing in the 502nd's file room pertaining to the Teutonic Knights. Nor, to the best of Southwood's recollection, were there any files generated in Korea on Oswald. 'But there were numerous references and copies of files that came out of Japan on Oswald, as well as references and some copies of ONI (Office of Naval Intelligence) reports. This guy was under constant surveillance by both ONI and Army intelligence when he was stationed in Japan. Also by the Japanese National Police. Sometimes he'd been known to frequent homosexual bars. One of the reports was that he was suspected of being involved in a homosexual relationship with a Russian colonel. When I read the name 'Eroshkin' in your book, it came back to me. That was the colonel. There were also reports about his having defected to Russia" (op. cit., pp455-456).

The colonel referred to above was one Nikolai Eroshkin, GRU colonel and Soviet military attaché in Tokyo in the late 1950s. Richard Case Nagell claims (via biographer Russell) that he and LHO had been trying to induce Eroshkin to defect. **OUR VERDICT:** There are two fundamental questions we have to ask ourselves here. The first is this: Might any of the records in the 502nd's master file have been deliberately planted as part of establishing a false legend for LHO? The answer is a simple yes, for this sort of thing was/is standard procedure in such operations. The second question is this: Is the combo Nagell-Southwood-Russell part of the problem or part of the solution? Specifically, has Nagell, with Southwood in reserve, simply been using Russell to spread the truth or a CIA cover story designed to divert attention from Oliver Stone's "JFK"?

"Spain in Arms": See the entry for Count Constantine Maydell.

**Sparkman, Robert Satterfield:** WW2 veteran (medical corps) and well-respected Baylor University Hospital surgeon Dr. Robert Sparkman ([no time-relevant biography](https)) is noteworthy in the present context for reportedly (a) having helped get corpsman Rod Mac Kenzie a job as a nurse, and (b) being a friend of Jack Ruby, thus ...

"I never did figure what attraction Ruby had for Dr. Sparkman. He was not ashamed to talk of Ruby and so I assumed it was women or gambling that placed him in the circle there [...] I took a few of the free courses Dr. Sparkman offered [...] and learned a lot from him" (Mac Kenzie and Hooke, 2016, Kindle878).

**Spartacus League/Spartacists:** See the entry for Rosa Luxemburg, wherein both context and specific links are given.

"ONE TO MAKE MISCHIEF"* Sir Henry Wilson
Spears, [Sir]1941 Edward Louis [1st Baronet]1953: [Spiers until 1918] Born and raised in France to British parents, careerist soldier turned businessman-politician [Sir]1941 Edward Spears [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been liaison officer between the British and French armies from May 1914 through to May 1917, during which period he was briefly assigned to, and formed a friendship with, Winston Churchill, (b) for being transferred to head the Military Mission in Paris, a post he would hold until June 1919, and which would introduce him to most senior British and French war leaders, including, from 16th November 1917, the new French Premier Georges Clemenceau, (c) for going into business in Czechoslovakia after the war, thereby getting to know Jan Masaryk [see own entry], son of President Tomáš Masaryk [see own entry], (d) for entering parliament in 1922 as member for Loughborough, holding that seat until 1924, and then again as member for Carlisle between 1931 and 1945, (e) for being a staunch non-appeaser throughout the 1930s, (f) for hosting the meetings of Churchill's highly secretive Jewish funding conclave The Focus [see own entry] (being knighted in 1941 for his pains), (g) for pressing for urgent rearmament after the German annexation of the Sudetenland under the 30th September 1938 Munich Agreement [see own entry], (h) for being appointed 22nd May 1940 as Churchill's personal representative to French Premier Paul Reynaud, and for thereby being an intimate witness to the political turmoil as France fell to the Nazis and the British Army escaped through Dunkirk, (i) for continuing to liaise after Dunkirk, this time with the Free French under General de Gaulle, (j) for being appointed British Minister to Syria and Lebanon in January 1942, and (k) for helping to deliver the received narrative of WW1 history by appearing many times in the 26-part BBC2 TV documentary "The Great War" - YouTube the 1963 master interview.

Special Affairs Staff (SAS): [Read firstly the entry for Task Force W.] Established by restructuring and redefining Task Force W in early 1963, and headed by Desmond Fitzgerald, the Special Affairs Staff (SAS) [no convenient briefing] was the CIA's main Get-Castro operation during 1963-1964. Its core objective was "to pursue the assassination of Castro by various means" (Kaiser, 2008, p147), but with greater emphasis than hitherto on need-to-know compartmentalisation and non-attributability if caught (Ibid., p153) (because JFK had promised Premier Khrushchev during the 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis that the United States did not do this sort of thing).

"One of the grossest liars ever forced on the American people"("JFK", the movie)

Specter, Senator Arlen: >>Yale<<-trained Lawyer-politician Senator D/R/D (PA, 1981-2011) Arlen Specter [Wikipedia Biography] enters this particular story in 1965 as an Assistant Commissioner for the Warren Commission. It was he who proposed the famous Single Bullet Theory, later to be dismissed (not least by the one through whose body it actually passed, Governor John Connally) as the Magic Bullet Theory.


Sports Drome: The Dallas shooting range managed by Floyd Davis [q.v.] where LHO or an LHO Look Alike deliberately drew attention to himself earlier in mid-November 1963.

Sprague, Richard E.: Assassination researcher Richard Sprague [Wikipedia biography] was the author of the 1976 book "The Taking of America", one of the first large scale conspiracy theories to "name the teams". Sprague begins with David Ferrie and Clay Shaw, adds in the CIA and Cuban exiles, gets funding from deposed Carlos Prio Socarras and Texas oil, finds itself its patsy in an out-of-his-depth FBI informer named Lee Harvey Oswald, and finally recruits the necessary mob foot-soldiers. Second and third editions followed in 1979 and 1985 [full text online - RECOMMENDED, BUT NOT ALL THE NAMINGS STILL WORK 40 YEARS DOWN THE LINE]. Incidentally, this is the work which propounded the Umbrella Dart theory, the in-our-opinion-preposterous notion that Umbrella Man's umbrella was some sort of cross between a set of bagpipes and a poison-dart blowpipe.

Starmer, [Sir]2014 Keir: British lawyer-politician [Sir]2014 Keir Starmer [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for heading the Crown Prosecution Service 2008-2013, (b) for being elected to Parliament as a Labour Party member in the 2015 General Election, (c) for never being happy with Jeremy Corbyn's leadership of said party, and for siding with the anti-Corbyn "Coupsters" in the 28th June 2016 Vote of No Confidence [see Timeline that date], (c) for nevertheless serving as Shadow Brexit Minister 2016-2020, thereby playing a major role in setting Labour Party strategy for Brexit in the run-up to the 2019 General Election, (d) for emerging as one of the front-runners in the 2020 Labour Party Leadership Elections, and (e) for being outed in the Twittersphere 4th February 2020 for being a member of the far-from-Socialist Trilateral Commission [see own entry] (confirmed by Guinness, 2018 [full text online]).

LEST IT BE OVERLOOKED: Non-British readers should note that the thought of Britain's flagship Socialist party, with more than a century of promoting the wellbeing of the British working class, being led by a member of a secretive neoliberal organisation such as that one is nothing short of laughable.

Starnes, Richard: Journalist Richard Starnes [no convenient biography] was author of a 2nd October >>1963<< article in the Washington Daily News entitled "Arrogant CIA", in which amongst other things he warned specifically about the possibility of a CIA coup in Washington - read reprint here.

State-War-Navy Coordinating Committee (SWNCC): [Colloquially, "the swink"] Established in December 1944 by the "committee of three", that is to say, Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius, Jr. [Wikipedia biography], Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson [Wikipedia biography], and Secretary of the Navy James V. Forrestal [Wikipedia biography], the State-War-Navy Coordinating Committee (SWNCC) [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context as the primary mechanism of coordinating the United States' armed forces with its foreign policy in late-WW2 and the early Cold War era. It was disbanded in favour of the National Security Council (NSC) 18th September 1947.

Steel-Maitland, Sir Arthur Herbert Drummond Ramsay [1st Baronet]1917: Aristocrat-lawyer-politician Sir Arthur [, Lord]1917 Steel-Maitland [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been entered parliament in 1910 as member for Birmingham East, holding this and other Midlands seats until his death in 1935, (b) for serving as Chairman of the Conservative Party between 1911 and 1916, (c) for serving under Lloyd George as Under-Secretary for the Colonies between 1915 and 1917, and as Secretary for Overseas Trade between 1917 and 1919.

Steele, Christopher: British MI6 intelligence agent Christopher Steele [no convenient biography, but see this Wikipedia briefing] was the author of the 2017 Steele Dossier [q.v.] purportedly evidencing Russian support for Donald Trump in the 2016 presidential election.

Steele, Donald Francis: 32-year-old DPD Sergeant Donald Steele [no convenient biography] was not on duty on the day of the assassination. On 24th September 1963 he reported to DPDHQ to pick up J. D.Tippit's personal effects to take to that officer's widow. However he was asked to stick around for
a while, and, with **Jay Harrison** "with me during all of this", assisted in setting officers to control the crowds outside waiting on LHO's transfer; also to check that all overlooking premises were secure. He then left on his errand about a quarter of an hour before the **Jack Ruby** shooting (Harrison says it was five minutes before). Steele's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now].

**Steele Dossier:** [For critical balance read firstly the entries for **Ron Paul's List of Neocons** and **Michael Ledeen.**] This is the collection of 17 intelligence memoranda [Wikipedia briefing] assembled during 2016 by British MI6 agent **Christopher Steele** [q.v.] and published on 10th January 2017 as apparent evidence of collusion between **Donald Trump**'s election team and "Russian operatives" acting against **Hillary Clinton**, ultimately, with the approval of **Vladimir Putin**. The dossier has been widely discredited as **fake news**, and reads as (UK) public schoolboy tosh.

**Steele, Robert David:** Ex-CIA officer turned social media conspiracy theorist [as opposed to academic historian] **Robert Steele** [Wikipedia biography] will emerge as an expert in **Open Source Intelligence (OSINT)** [q.v.] during the early 1990s and is still going strong. At the time of writing [February 2018] he has an impressive YouTube presence, constantly going large on such subjects as "Taking Down the Deep State", "Fake News", the Law Vegas shooting as a **False Flag** operation, and "Exposing Zionism". Steele's personal conspiracy theory is that there is a NASA colony on Mars specialising in paedophilia.

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT:** We have remarked elsewhere that in pure counterintelligence terms the more crackpot ideas you can get into the discussion space, the more effectively you will be subconsciously discrediting the genuine workers. What we do not know, for example, is who is commissioning Steele's broadcasts, and whether anything dark happens to the identities of those who subscribe to them. Social media, in other words, might be offering the Deep State an easy way to find out who wants to take down the Deep State, how to create better Fake News, how to execute and cover up more effective False Flags, and so on (although presumably those who <thumbs up> the Mars colony story are immediately indexed as representing no threat to anyone other than themselves).

**RESEARCH ISSUE:** Technically speaking, the science of reverse engineering cognitive structure by starting from verbal output and working backwards is known as "Pragmatics", and the critical skills therein are "discourse analysis" and "propositional analysis". The present author has taught these subjects in the past and retains some PowerPoint presentations which students or fellow researchers might find useful - email for details, or work your way through the **website contents list**.

**Stemcor:** British steel products broker **Stemcor** [Wikipedia briefing; Corporate Homepage] is noteworthy in the present context as the "family-run steel business" referred to in the entry for **[Lady] 2004 Margaret Hodge**.

**Stennis, John Cornelius:** See the entry for the **Stennis Hearings**.

**Stennis Hearings:** Founded 21st September 1961 as a temporary Special Preparedness Subcommittee of the Senate Armed Services Committee, and chaired 1961-1962 by Senator **John C. Stennis** [Wikipedia biography] the **Stennis Hearings** [see published Proceedings] are noteworthy in the present context both **generally** for considering, amongst other things, "the proper role of military personnel in informing civilians as to the menace of the cold war", and also **specifically** for taking testimony from some of that era's tub-thumping right-wingers, not least (on 4th April 1962) General **Edwin Walker**. Walker had been called to explain the extent to which he had encouraged added hard-right material to be added to the unit library recommendations coming down from the Pentagon through official channels. **FURTHER READING:** Walker's testimony is interesting, but it is too long and too detailed to summarise here - see link above for further study.

**Stephenson, [Sir] 1945 William Samuel:** [Codename Intrepid] Canadian soldier turned aviator (12 kills) turned inventor-businessman turned master spy turned spymaster [Sir] 1945 **William Stephenson** [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for serving with distinction with the Royal Flying
Corps 1917-1918, (b) for hitting the royalties jackpot in 1924 with a patented wireless fax machine, (c) for combining subsequent business travel with some informal intelligence gathering on behalf of the likes of Winston Churchill ...

**ASIDE:** The story goes that Stephenson's 1936 reports to Churchill from Germany convinced both men that the Germans were massively understating their armaments expenditure, thus strengthening Churchill's position against Appeasement.

(d) for being sent to New York City in June 1940 to oversee British intelligence operations there [covering as the British Passport Control Office, Room 3603, Rockefeller Center - Ed.], and (e) for forming a close working relationship with President Franklin D. Roosevelt, even going so far as to recommend that his friend William Donovan [see own entry] be put in charge of the under-construction Office of Strategic Services (OSS) [see own entry]. One of his main assets was a 1200-strong mail interception station on Bermuda. He also fed pro-British propaganda to influential U.S. news outlets.

**Stern, Edgar Bloom, Sr:** [1886-1959] Long standing New Orleans philanthropist and entrepreneur Edgar Stern, Sr [Wikipedia biography] successfully applied the lessons of being a trustee of the Julius Rosenwald Fund (one of the many philanthropic outlets for his father-in-law's Sears Roebuck fortune) to the expansion of Dillard University in the 1930s. He later assisted his son Edgar Bloom Jr found WDSU-TV and was a director at International House and the International Trade Mart (ITM).

**Stern, Edgar Bloom, Jr:** [1922-2008] New Orleans philanthropist and entrepreneur Edgar Stern, Jr [no convenient biography, but see YouTube obituary] founded WDSU-TV with the assistance of his father Edgar Bloom Sr, and was a director at International House and the International Trade Mart (ITM).

**Stern, Sol:** Political journalist Sol Stern [Wikipedia biography] was the author of the 1967 Ramparts article entitled "A Short Account of International Student Politics and the Cold War with Particular Reference to the NSA, CIA, etc.", in which he exposed a CIA attempt to take control of the otherwise entirely legitimate National Students' Association (NSA) [q.v.] by inserting operatives into its management structure. Stern later stressed that the follow-up investigations were carried out by far better resourced MSM heavyweights such as the New York Times and the Washington Post. The eventual conclusion was that "the CIA/NSA relationship was just one thread in an elaborate web of citizen front groups secretly supported, and sometimes even created, by the spy agency in the early days of the Cold War" (Stern, 2010 [full text online]).

**Sternberg, George Miller:** Career army medic George Sternberg [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been Surgeon-General to the U.S. Army during the Spanish-American War [see 15th February 1898], a war in which nearly ten times as many servicemen died of disease than enemy action (Gould, 1982).

***** UKRAINE'S VERY OWN ADOLF EICHMANN *****

"The Nazis even Hitler was afraid of" (source)

**Stetsko, Yaroslav S.:** [1912-1986] [Sometimes Stetzko] [CIA codename AECAVATINA-2] [Read firstly the entry for Operation Paperclip.] WW2 veteran (Waffen SS, Ukrainian volunteers) Yaroslav Stetsko [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for responding to the Nazi invasion of the Soviet Union by declaring a pro-Nazi Ukrainian Nationalist government 30th June 1941, with himself as prime minister, (b) for recruiting like-minded Ukrainians into the German armed forces, and for thereafter cooperating with the Ukrainian Holocaust in which up to a million Jews are estimated to have been liquidated, (c) for being rescued from justice (Soviet, Jewish, and Allied) by being cushioned by the United States as a valuable anti-Communist resource ...

**LEST IT GO UNNOTICED:** Operation Paperclip did not merely scoop leading Nazi scientists and technicians out from under the noses of the advancing Russians. Brokered by Hitler's erstwhile intelligence chief Reinhard Gehlen, Washington also adopted in situ the Nazi intelligence and security intelligentsia on
the justification that their Eastern Front spy network knew more about the Communists than the Americans did! "He's on our side," said Allen Dulles of Gehlen, "and that's all that matters". After WW2, the Ukrainian Nazis were the only group to escape justice at the Nuremberg trials.

(d) for becoming President in April 1946 of the Munich-based Anti-Bolshevik Bloc of Nations (ABN) [see own entry], a pressure group cum intelligence front organisation committed to anti-Communist activities throughout the Soviet-occupied nations of Eastern Europe and what used to be called "White Russia" ...

**POINT OF CLARIFICATION:** By "Soviet-occupied" we mean overrun by the advancing Red Army 1944-1945; by "White Russian" we mean the earlier annexations made during the Russian Civil War 1917-1922. Thus Poland and Hungary would be in the former category whilst Estonia down to the Ukraine would be in the latter - see the entry for Avraham Yarmolinsky for more on this.

(e) for travelling widely during the mid-1950s promoting ABN activities, including visits to the United States, during which he associated with CIA officer E. Howard Hunt in 1958 (Bevilaqua, 2013, K349), (f) for promoting the World Anti-Communist League (WACL) [see own entry] in 1967, and (g) for associating with White House publicist Katherine Chumachenko [later Kateryna Yushchenko] [see own entry], being photographed in 1983 alongside her and the United States' U.N. Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick - check it out. FURTHER READING: Chapter 3 of the Institute for Foreign Policy Research and Initiatives' (2008) report "The Guns of August" [full text online] is devoted almost entirely to Stetsko. See also this CIA dossier - FASCINATING.

**Stevens, John Leavitt:** Preacher turned newspaper proprietor turned politician John Stevens [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been U.S. Minister to the Kingdom of Hawaii at the time of the 1893 US-inspired coup against the Hawaiian monarchy - indeed he is widely regarded as one of the prime instigators of that plot [check it out].

**Stevens, [Sir]2020 Simon Laurence:** British civil servant [Sir]2020 Simon Stevens [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) as a Balliol high-flyer, (b) as health policy advisor to Tony Blair in the early 2000s, (c) as board member of the private contribution healthcare provider UnitedHealth Group [Wikipedia briefing] 2004-2014, and (d) as Chief Executive of the NHS since 2014. He was therefore automatically in the crossfire between left and right concerning the future of public contribution healthcare in the U.K. during the COVID-19 Pandemic, as run-down front-line services resulted in several hundred [as at 25th March 2020] unnecessary deaths.

**** THIS MAN HELPED FASHION OUR PRESENT HELL ON EARTH ****

**Stevenson, Archibald Ewing:** American lawyer turned wartime intelligence asset Archibald Stevenson [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being headhunted by the Justice Department in 1917 to maintain a file index of New York State residents with suspected pro-German sympathies, sharing information when necessary with Ralph Van Deman's Military Intelligence Division, (b) for giving evidence 21st-22nd January 1919 [see Timelined those dates INTERESTING] to the Overman Committee [see own entry], during which he denounces Bolshevism for its "dangerous, destructive, and anarchic sentiments", (c) for subsequently getting involved with the Lusk Committee [Wikipedia briefing; also see Timeline 26th March 1919 INTERESTING], which had been set up in NYC to flush out likely Bolsheviks, and (d) for continuing his anti-Communist ravings through until the mid-1940s.

**Stirling, Yates, Jnr.:** American veteran of the Spanish-American War [see 25th April 1898], the Philippine-American War [see 4th February 1899], Veracruz (1914), WW1, and the 1927 China Intervention [see 11th April 1927], Admiral Yates Stirling [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having commanded the six gunboats of the Yangtse River Patrol in the late 1920s.

**** IMPORTANT EYE-WITNESS, TONKIN INCIDENT ****
Stockdale, James Bond: [It's a coincidence - he was named James Bond when Ian Fleming was only 15 years old - Ed.] Vietnam War veteran (decorated Navy pilot; seven years a POW), retired as Vice Admiral 1979, then writer and occasional politician Jim Stockdale [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being one of those directly involved 2nd-4th August 1964 in the Gulf of Tonkin Incident - see separate entry for details, (b) for being shot down over North Vietnam 9th September 1965, being held POW for well over seven years, (c) for heading the Naval War College 1977-1979, and then (d) retiring to a life as author and broadcaster.

Stolley, Richard Brockway: Journalist Richard Stolley [Wikipedia biography] had joined Life Magazine in 1953 and was the Life editor sent to Dallas from Los Angeles on 22nd November. Tipped off that very evening by Life's local reporter Patsy Swank that the critical seconds had been captured on home movie, he had, by breakfast time the next day, purchased print rights from Abraham Zapruder for the Zapruder Film for the sum of $50,000 (movie rights followed two days later for an additional $100,000). YouTube the man himself. Browse the Zapruder Film Thread to accumulate the various fragments of this story.

Stone, Isidor Feinstein: Investigative journalist I. F. Stone [Wikipedia biography] was author of the 1952 book "The Hidden History of the Korean War, 1950-1951", in which are documented the serial dirty tricks of the (then) U.S. Deep State not just in provoking the Korean War in the first place, but in then railroading the United Nations into helping to fight it. A decade later Stone was also the only journalist to spot the 1964 false flag Gulf of Tonkin Incident at the time it was happening.

Stone, William Oliver: Vietnam War veteran, author, and film director and producer Oliver Stone [Wikipedia biography] was the creative force behind the 1991 movie "JFK", a dramatisation of Jim Garrison's team's steeply uphill struggle bringing Clay Shaw to trial in 1968, set against the story of the assassination in flashback when appropriate.

Stoner, Jesse Benjamin: Georgia-based lawyer turned charismatic racist orator cum terrorist bomber Jesse B. Stoner [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for joining the Klan in Chattanooga in 1942, at the age of 18 years, (b) for roadshowing small town fascism in the Deep South during the 1950s and 1960s, promoting such arguments as "being a Jew should be a crime punishable by death" and "the nigger is our enemy", (c) for heading the National States Rights Party (NSRP) [see own entry], (d) for being arrested July 1964 for "illegal cross burning" in the St. Augustine Riots [Wikipedia briefing], and (e) for being convicted in 1980 for complicity in the 29th June 1958 Bethel Baptist Church Bombing [Wikipedia briefing] in Birmingham AL.

Stoughton, Cecil: This White House Photographer was one of the several press corps old hands consigned to Car #6 in the Dallas Presidential motorcade.

Stovall, Richard S.: DPD Homicide Bureau detective Richard Stovall [no convenient biography] was not on duty at the time of the shooting, and so did not get to DPDHQ until about 1400hr. His partner Gus Rose arrived at much the same time and they were both on hand when LHO was brought in. They went and talked to him briefly, noting that the name he gave - "Lee Oswald" - did not match the documents in the wallet he had been carrying when arrested, which gave the name "A. Hidell". Captain Will Fritz then sent them to 2515 West Fifth Street, Irving, which Fritz told them was "an address where he was supposed to be staying part of the time". A third detective, J. P. Adamcik, was to go with them. When they got there they then had to wait 30 to 45 minutes" for Sheriff's deputies to arrive (because Irving is out of DPD's jurisdiction and requires either local police or county resources). [The Sheriff's people were J. L. Oxford, Buddy Walthers, and Harry Weatherford.] Ruth Paine let them in. They then searched the room where Marina Oswald had been staying. Marina herself then suggested (translated by Ruth Paine) that they searched the garage, where a blanket was found which Marina said "was where Lee kept his rifle". An amount of other material was also removed but not itemised until back at DPDHQ. Stovall was also involved in a second search
at around 1300hr on 23rd November 1963, and was there when Rose found the Backyard Photographs. Stovall also specifically noted "some negatives out there that appeared that he had make a snapshot of a selective service card, and on the back of the negatives it was where the name would have been typed in--there was some stuff on the back of the negatives to block out the name when it was reprinted"; also "some selective service cards that he had printed himself out there from a negative that were blank and which appeared to be the same that he had on him at the time, on the 22d of November, that had the name of 'A. Hidell' typed in on it". Again everything was itemised back at DPDHQ.


Straight, Willard Dickerman: American cub war correspondent (Reuters; Russo-Japanese War, 1904-1905) turned J. P. Morgan and Company banker turned married-into-Standard-Oil-fortune socialite turned publisher-journalist Willard Straight [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for leveraging his establishment contacts to gain diplomatic service placements in the Far East 1911-1912, (b) for funding Herbert Croly's [Wikipedia biography] new political magazine The New Republic [Wikipedia briefing] in 1914, for then generally identifying with its "progressive movement" politics, and for becoming friends with its editor Walter Lippmann [see own entry], (c) for thereby helping to re-elect President Wilson in 1916, and (d) for serving with the A.E.F. in France 1917-1918, becoming involved by late 1918 in early preparations for the Versailles Peace Conference [see Timeline 18th January 1919]. His work was sadly cut short by the Spanish Flu Pandemic, and he died in Paris 1st December 1918, aged 38.

Strakosch, [Sir]1921 Henry: Austrian-born British-raised City of London banker [Sir]1921 Henry Strakosch [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having helped underwrite Winston Churchill's stock-market debts between 1938 and 1939, then for writing them off altogether with a specific legacy upon his death 30th October 1943. He made his money between 1891 and 1924 heading the City of London arm of the Anglo-Austrian Bank of South Africa ... 

ASIDE: Strakosch's business links in South Africa are well described in Stephen Goodson's (2014) book "Inside the South African Reserve Bank". He was a friend of Jan Smuts and a director of the Union Corporation.

Goodson (2014) asserts that the motivation for Strakosch's generosity was as follows ...

"[Strakosch] would feed Churchill with exaggerated and often spurious statistics regarding German rearmament in order to promote a war psychosis" (K361).

Strategy of Tension: [Read firstly the entry for Operation Gladio.] First consciously implemented in Italy in 1968 (but very much still with us), the Strategy of Tension [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context as the coordinating principle of United States foreign policy engagement in the last half century. It involves the deliberate engineering of terrorist atrocities **where none would otherwise exist**, so that - with due amplification from the media - communities turn naturally to those who most loudly promise freedom from terrorism. The terrorists are created to order simply by channeling money and promises of status to selected indigenous Useful Idiots. Similarly, the political saviours are created to order by selectively buying influence amongst indigenous U.S.-friendly kakistocrats ...

KEY CONCEPT - THE KAKISTOCRACY: The combination of the Greek words for bad and government has been used for several hundred years to describe political incompetence or downright dishonesty. In the sense it is used here, kakistocrats are helped into power by the U.S. for their friendliness to the U.S., not for their interest in their own people.

CAMEO - STRATEGY OF TENSION OPERATIONS IN ITALY, 1968: Histories of the Strategy of Tension usually begin with the Piazza Fontana Bombing 12th December 1969, in which 17 innocent
bystanders died at the hands of right-wing terrorists, who then successfully shifted the blame onto the Italian Communist Party - see Wikipedia briefing and our Timeline for that date.

FURTHER READING: For more of the detail see Daniele Ganser's (2005) book "NATO's Secret Armies: Operation Gladio and Terrorism in Western Europe" [Amazon].

Strauss, Leo: Driven from his native Germany in the 1930s by the Nazi Party's harassment of Jews, philosopher Leo Strauss [Wikipedia biography] settled in America and became professor of political science at the University of Chicago. Classified within Ron Paul's List of Neocons [q.v.] as a "former Trotskyite", the essence of Strauss' position on politics has recently been summarised as doubting whether individual freedom and societal excellence can easily co-exist. Hence his early personal devotion to the Zionist cause (excellence at the expense of freedom), and his later acclamation as guru by the neoconservatives of the elitist American far-right, some of which - most notably Paul Wolfowitz [q.v.] and Abram Shulsky - he taught personally. See now the entries for Ron Paul and Ron Paul's Neocons.

Stringer, John T.: Medical photographer John Stringer [no convenient biography] attended the autopsy at Bethesda, and would not re-enter the narrative until 1996 when interviewed at great length by the Assassination Records Review Board, and would in a number of respects disown the National Archive photographs of JFK's brain as not those which he had taken. Browse the Medical Cover-Up Thread to accumulate the various fragments of this story.

Strong, Benjamin, Jnr.: Banker Benjamin Strong [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been a partner in Bankers' Trust [Wikipedia briefing] during the 1900s, when he supported moves to create the Federal Reserve System [check it out].

Stubblefield, Robert L.: Dr. Robert Stubblefield [no convenient biography] was Head of Psychiatry at the Southwestern Medical School, Dallas. He is noteworthy in the present context for having had professional contacts with two of the central players in the JFK assassination story. On 8th November 1962 he examined General Edwin Walker for "mental competency" following the incident 30th September 1962 and had no substantive reservations. He then did much the same for Jack Ruby just prior to his trial in March 1964.

Stuckey, William Kirk: [All dates have their own Timeline entry.] U.S.M.C. veteran turned journalist turned WDSU Radio show host Bill Stuckey [see Warren Commission testimony (link below) for biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having undertaken (as a cover-story for who-knows-what) an eight-month walk-about in Central America and Mexico in the late 1950s [c.f., George de Mohrenschildt], (b) for returning to become a political reporter "for a number of years", (c) for moving on to join the New Orleans States-Item in February 1962 as a political columnist, and for there developing contacts deep within the anti-Castro Cuban exile community, (d) for speaking at an Information Council of the Americas (INCA) event 1st June 1962, (e) for leveraging these new contacts to produce a series of articles between 16th April 1962 and 8th August 1962 relating to right-wing paramilitary training activity north of Lake Pontchartrain in the vicinity of CovingtonLA [map] (Russo, 1998, K3397n55) ...

ASIDE: At this point we cannot but recall L. Fletcher Prouty's criticism of some writers as being little more than stooges of their informants, and wonder whether Stuckey was perhaps a beneficiary of some of the Golden Apples described below ...

"There is another category of writer and self-proclaimed authority on the subjects of secrecy, intelligence, and containment. This man is the suave, professional parasite who gains a reputation as a real reporter by disseminating the scraps and 'Golden Apples' thrown to him by the great men who use him. This writer seldom knows and rarely cares that many of the scraps [...] are controlled leaks [...] by the inside secret intelligence community“ (Prouty, 1972/2011, p292).
(f) for moving on to join WDSU Radio in April 1963, fronting a five-minute weekly slot billed as *Latin Listening Post*, (g) for apparently *having nothing to do with* either of the LHO films taken 9th August 1963 ...

**ASIDE:** We refer here to the **Jack Martin Film** and the **James Doyle Film**. To view what survives of these or for further detail see the entry for **Oswald Video and Audio**.

(h) for conspiring 12th August 1963 with **Carlos Bringuier** [see own entry] to send cameraman **Johann Rush** [see own entry] to attend the brief New Orleans Court appearance at which **LHO** was fined $10 for disturbing the peace three days earlier (the Cubans who had started the 9th August fracas were let off); LHO was duly interviewed on the way out of Court and the piece went out on the evening news ...

**CHECK IT OUT:** This is the first of the **Johann Rush Films**. To view what survives of this or for further detail see the entry for **Oswald Video and Audio**.

(i) for sending the same camera team to cover the **FPCC** pamphleting session outside the **International Trade Mart** on 16th August ...

**CHECK IT OUT:** This is the second of the **Johann Rush Films**. Footage from a slightly different point of view was filmed for a rival station by one **Mike O'Connor**. To view what survives of these or for further detail see the entry for **Oswald Video and Audio**.

(j) for recording (37 minutes), editing, and broadcasting (5 minutes) a *Latin Listening Post* piece for radio on 17th August ...

**CHECK IT OUT:** This is the **Stuckey Radio Interview**. To hear what survives of this or for further detail see the entry for **Oswald Video and Audio**.

(k) for passing a copy of the tape to the local FBI 20th August as an item of potential interest to them, (l) for taking a call 21st August from "one of my news sources" - Summers (1980/1989) suggests that this has to have been the local FBI returning a favour - who filled him in on the details of LHO's defection to Russia, (m) for doing a 25-minute live three-way radio debate with Bringuier and **Ed Butler** on 21st August in his station's **Conversation Carte Blanche** current affairs slot ...

**CHECK IT OUT:** This is the **Butler Radio Interview**. To hear what survives of this or for further detail see the entry for **Oswald Video and Audio**. Another broadcaster, **Bill Slatter** [see own entry], acted as moderator for the radio piece, and afterwards took LHO across to the TV studio and conducted a five minute interview to cameraman **Mike Lala**. To hear what survives of the audio see the entry for **Self-Portrait in Red**. To view what survives of the **Mike Lala Film** see the entry for **Oswald Video and Audio**.

(n) for taking LHO for a drink afterwards, (o) for reeling off the carefully prepared legend during the afternoon of 22nd November 1963 to selected contacts, and (p) for having to testify TWICE to the Warren Commission in 1964, because he told the wrong truth the first time and they had had to shred it - **Click here to read Stuckey's (corrected) testimony** (note especially the bit about Hidell). Stuckey's testimony also includes the following confession that if the underlying mission had been to damage the FPCC then they would have done a good job, thus ...

"I think that we finished him on that program. I think that after that program the Fair Play for Cuba Committee, if there ever was one in New Orleans, had no future there, because we had publicly linked [it] with a fellow who had lived in Russia for 3 years and who was an admitted Marxist."

It is also noteworthy that - a long time later - he would die, aged only 49, in very vaguely recorded circumstances, of "a wound" - this from Canfield and Weberman (2010 [full text online]) ...
“The mother of William Stuckey said her son died September 21, 1981, however, no record of his death could be located. Mrs. Stuckey stated: ”The autopsy said he died of a wound, I never did know the details. It didn't say gunshot wound. They put him in Seaton Hospital, near San Francisco. When I called the Hospital they said he had a heart problem, but the autopsy showed a wound. So I'll never know what happened. He never did regain consciousness. He only lived five days.” Seaton Hospital had no record of William Stuckey, nor did the San Mateo County Recorder's Office. [...] The possibility that William Stuckey and others were killed by rogue CIA agents and contract employees must not be entirely ruled out.”

**Studebaker, Robert Lee:** DPD Crime Lab Assistant [Bob Studebaker](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William_Stuckey) was the officer who accompanied Lieutenant [Carl Day](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Carl_Day) when processing [TSBD6](https://www.sanmateo.ca.gov/2229) as a crime scene, and who duly photographed the [Sniper's Nest](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sniper%27s_Nest), including the "three empty hulls" [now believed to be two empty cartridge cases and one live round - Ed.], then a few minutes later the rifle, and then the cartons used to screen off the window. Studebaker's evidential profile is as follows: [Warren Commission testimony](https://www.jfklibrary.org/Research/Digests/Warren-Commission-and-Assassination-Reports-2016).  

**Sturdivan, Larry:** Research scientist at the U.S. Army's Aberdeen Proving Ground [Larry Sturdivan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Larry_Sturdivan) would act as the House Select Committee on Assassinations' ballistics expert. He came down very strongly in favour of the single bullet theory, and had an answer for every quizzing. However, in his 1982/1993 book "Crime of the Century" [Michael Kurtz](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Michael_Kurtz) notes a couple of weaknesses in the official case. More critically, Sturdivan's entire and >>hypnotically detailed<< analysis of Governor [John Connally](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Connally)'s wounds rests on the presumption that the [Magic Bullet](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Magic_Bullet) had hit JFK first (reducing its speed) - and this no longer seems credible. So the question arises whether Sturdivan's evidence possesses any residual value. Sturdivan's evidential profile is as follows: [House Select Committee on Assassinations testimony](https://www.jfklibrary.org/Research/Digests/House-Select-Committee-on-Assassinations-2016).  

**Sturgis, Frank Anthony:** [legally Frank Angelo Fiorini](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Frank_Angelo_Fiorini) until 23rd September 1952] Miami-based mobster with anti Castro sympathies - [YouTube his side of things](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5N9J5tzYJ7U) - and a long history of CIA and mercenaries operations [Frank Sturgis](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Frank_Sturgis) was a member of the [Operation 40](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Operation_40) assassination group. However he would not enter the mainstream record until 1972, and then initially only for his role as one of the low-level operatives in the [Watergate Conspiracy](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Watergate_Scandal). Subsequent histories of the assassination generally place him in the militant anti-Castro operations controlled by JMWAVE, with some mentioning that he reported [LHO](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lee_Harvey_Osmond) as a threat to them. In [Rod MacKenzie](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rod_MacKenzie)'s 2016 analysis of the assassination Sturgis was, along with [J. D. Tippit](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/J._D._Tippit) and [Roscoe White](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Roscoe_White) (both in uniform), part of a three-man shooting team assigned to the eastern end of the Picket Fence. He was not, as some have suggested, one of the Three Tramps.  

**Styles, Sandra:** TSBD employee [Sandra Styles](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sandra_Styles) was spectating the motorcade from her office window on [TSBD4](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Ballots_and_Bullet_Cases_Associated_with_the_Assassination_of_John_F._Kennedy). Along with fellow witness [Victoria Adams](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Victoria_Adams) "we did linger at the window a bit trying to sort it out" (e-mail correspondence to Sean Murphy, 2011, [read it here](https://www.jfklibrary.org/Research/Digests/Warren-Commission-and-Assassination-Reports-2016)), and then they took the stairs down to the street.  

**ASIDE:** Eye witness experience in times of extreme stress is notoriously tunnel-visioned and duration-doubtful, and so the extent of that lingering is very fluid. If it was brief, then Styles and Adams would have been on the stairs at the same time as any rapidly fleeing TSBD6 assassin would also have been on them. However, the present author suspects that in Styles' and Adams' place he would have remained at the window at least until the initial rush of police and bystanders toward the Grassy Knoll had finished. (Nowadays, of course, your first instinct is to reach for your smartphone!)  

Styles' evidential profile is as follows: [Warren Commission testimony](https://www.jfklibrary.org/Research/Digests/Warren-Commission-and-Assassination-Reports-2016) [NOT CALLED]; [Interview to camera](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8mIDcC1yizg), [email as above](https://www.jfklibrary.org/Research/Digests/Warren-Commission-and-Assassination-Reports-2016), [2009].  

**Sullivan, William Cornelius:** Long-standing FBI officer, and Chief of Division Five, the Domestic Intelligence division, since 1961 [William Sullivan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William_Sullivan) automatically became the divisional chief responsible for the FBI's response to the assassination, and controlled the flow of
documentation into the Warren Commission. On 9th November 1977, a week before due to testify before the House Select Committee on Assassinations he was conveniently shot to death in a hunting accident.

**Summers, Anthony:** Assassination researcher [Anthony Summers](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anthony_Summers) was author of the 1980 book "Conspiracy", and then of its 1998 (updated 2013e) follow-on volume "Not In Your Lifetime".

**Summers, Malcolm:** 39-year-old local businessman [Malcolm Summers](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Malcolm_Summers) was spectating the motorcade from the Dealey Plaza north lawn median, roughly opposite the [John Neely Bryan Pergola](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bryan_Pergola). He heard the first shot as a "firecracker", followed by two further shots, and was close enough to hear the exclamations from limo #1. He immediately ran across Elm Street, but was turned back by someone he presumed to be a secret service agent. He therefore went instead across to the [Terminal Annex Building](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Terminal_Annex_Building) to place telephone calls. After that, as he left to drive south along Houston Street, a maroon 1961/1962 Chevrolet saloon containing three Hispanic men sped off conspicuously in front of him. Summers’ evidential profile is as follows: Affidavit, 23rd November 1963 [read it now]; Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED]; Two further interviews by Secret Service [not available]; 6th Floor Museum Living History, 7th March 2002.

**Sun, Yat-Sen:** Chinese physician, revolutionary, and ardent Chinese nationalist [Sun Yat-Sen](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sun_Yat-sen) is noteworthy in the present context for having held together the feuding regional warlords of the post-Imperial Republic of China between 1912 and his death in 1925. On 1st January 1912 he became provisional President of the [Beiyang Republic of China](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Beiyang_Government), and on 10th October 1919 he became Premier of the [Kuomintang (KMT)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kuomintang). The most convincing evidence of how well he did his job is that upon his death 12th March 1925 the whole house of cards came tumbling down.

**Sunder, S. Shyam:** [Shyam Sunder](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shyam_Sunder) is "the NIST guy" on a later assassination (343 FDNY firefighters, for starters).

**Sunstein, Cass Robert:** Lawyer and Head of White House PR from 2009 to 2012 Cass Sunstein was first author to Adrian Vermeule of a 2008 paper entitled "Conspiracy Theories: Causes and Cures", in which, amongst other things, is recommended the use of "cognitive infiltration" by on-message agents-provocateurs to counter-inform off-message social media discussion groups.

**Supreme Economic Council:** See the entry for [12th December 1918](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Supreme_Economic_Council).

**Sutton, Matthew Avery:** American academic historian [Matthew Sutton](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Matthew_Sutton) is noteworthy in the present context (a) for his (2019) book "Double Crossed: The Missionaries Who Spied for the United States During the Second World War" [Amazon], the core thesis of which is ...

> "The U.S. government closely guarded the secret that missionaries and religious activists had become spies and assassins. The cover-up began with William Donovan [...] who recruited his officers from universities, private research institutions, commercial businesses, law firms, and labour organisations. They included many of the nation's best and brightest men and women. But these were not the only people Donovan had recruited. The spymaster intentionally hid the fact that another group of Americans had played a substantial role in wartime intelligence gathering, espionage, and covert operations. Dozens of missionaries, missionary executives, priests, religious activists, and at least one rabbi also worked for the OSS. [...] He and his missionary operatives went to great lengths to hide, obfuscate, and sometimes outright deny their collaborations’ (pp3-4).

... and (b) for supporting that thesis with detailed biographical notes concerning spy-preacher-martyr [John Birch](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Birch) [see own entry](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Birch).
Swank, Patsy: Life Magazine stringer Patsy Swank [no convenient biography] was with the reporters at DPDHQ at around 1800hr 22nd November 1963 when she heard whisper that a certain Abraham Zapruder had filmed the critical action. See now the entry for Richard Stolley. Browse the Zapruder Film Thread to accumulate the various fragments of this story.

Sweatt, Allan L.: Dallas County Sheriff's Chief Criminal Deputy Allan Sweatt [no convenient biography] was initially standing with a group of other Deputies outside the Main Street entrance to the Sheriff's Office. He then joined Harry Weatherford to search the railway yard behind the picket fence. When this drew a blank he organised things such that potential witnesses would be taken across to the Sheriff's Office to give preliminary statements. This included "a boy in a sport coat" whom a DPD officer claimed had done the shooting. He was then relieved by Sheriff Bill Decker and returned to the Sheriff's Office himself. At "approximately 1:30pm" he heard that a DPD officer had been killed in Oak Cliff and despatched Deputies Buddy Walthers, James Ramsey, and Frank Vrla to the scene. Sweatt would subsequently tell the Secret Service that LHO was receiving $200 a month as FBI informer #S-172 (Torbit, 1996). Sweatt's evidential profile is as follows: Initial Report, 23rd November 1963 [read it now]; Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED].

Sweeney, John Paul: Award-winning British investigative journalist John Sweeney [Wikipedia biography - CAUTION: Regularly edited] is noteworthy in the present context for having blown the whistle on a series of suspiciously politicised BBC editorial judgements, many of them resulting in the cancellation of exposés of Russian oligarchs - see Timeline 24th November 2019 for details.

Swisher, Clayton: American service veteran (U.S.M.C., diplomatic protection) turned investigative journalist and author Clayton Swisher [Wikipedia biography - COMPULSORY READING] is noteworthy in the present context for fronting the 2017 Al-Jazeera exposé "The Lobby" [see own entry].

Sykes-Picot Formula: See next entry.

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Sykes, [Sir]1913 Tatton Benvenuto Mark [6th Baronet]1913: British minor aristocrat-politician turned diplomat [Sir]1913 Mark Sykes [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been brought up in a widely travelled family, making his first visit to the Middle East with his father in 1886, at age seven years, (b) for having served in the Second Boer War between 1899 and 1900, (c) for touring the Middle East again in the early 1900s, (d) for thereby being appointed Attaché to the British Embassy in Constantinople 1905-1909, (e) for entering Parliament in 1911 as member for Hull Central, a seat he would hold until 1919, (f) for being head-hunted from his infantry battalion in 1914 thanks to his particular experience, and assigned as Lord Kitchener's personal representative on the April 1915 De Bunsen Committee [see own entry], generally advising the Cabinet on Middle Eastern affairs and producing propaganda pamphlets intended to inflame the Arabs against their Ottoman rulers, (g) for undertaking a major fact-finding tour of the region between June and December 1915 ...

MAP #1 - OTTOMAN SYRIA: The territory most in question was Ottoman Syria, which was then considerably more extensive than modern Syria. Check out the map, noting carefully its southern reach. See Map #2 below for the eventual partition thereof.

ASIDE - THE SYKES-PICOT FORMULA: The main problem with the Middle East at this time - at least as far as France and Britain were concerned - was that it was still part of the Ottoman Empire. Its Turkish garrison threatened French and British possessions across North Africa, not least Egypt and the Suez Canal. It was therefore a matter of grand strategy - two old Empires against an even older one - working out what to do about this threat. Should there be a major offensive against the Ottomans? Where would the troops come from? Would the Arabs themselves join in by providing [in Sykes' own words] "scallywag corps"? Who would lead them? How would the conquered lands be apportioned between the victors? And - not insignificantly - who was going to be permitted to live there?
DOUBLE ASIDE - THE QUESTION OF QUESTIONS: If the Turkish vilayets into which Biblical Judaea was presently divided were to be liberated, then should the Zionists in the United States, Europe, and White Russia - who had had their eyes on the place for 30 years already - be given first refusal? For more on the history of the Zionist movement see Timeline 1st January 1882 and follow the <Zionism Pre-WW1> sub-thread.

Sykes' 1915 mission began 1st June 1915 and took him via the Balkans to Cairo for talks. Later he systematically interviewed many Turkish Army prisoners-of-war of Arab ethnicity, and was disturbed to note that Islamism was an even greater rallying cry than this or that tribal nationalism. He produced a detailed report 15th November 1915, proposing a British protectorate for southern Syria [=modern Palestine] and an equivalent French protectorate to the north of it [=modern Lebanon and modern Syria]. This, of course, meant that Britain would become responsible for much of the Biblical Promised Land, and that, in turn, brought Zionists queueing at Number Ten pleading to be allowed to settle there.

DOUBLE ASIDE - THE PROBLEM OF THE WHITE RUSSIAN JEWS: While Sykes had been conducting his research in the field, high-level discussions had been taking place between the French and British governments, the Zionist leader in Britain (as well as Minister of Munitions Lloyd George's technical advisor on explosives) Chaim Weizmann, and Britain's leading Zionist parliamentarian, Postmaster-General Herbert Samuel [see own entry]. Present in mind if not in body were also the six million "Russian Jews" which Lloyd George believed would swamp the number of likely Jewish colonists from the United States and Western Europe. Weizmann and Samuel shared these doubts, but in the end decided to cross that bridge when they got to it (Sanders, 1983, Chapter 20).

Back in the field meanwhile, Sykes had been meeting with his French opposite number, the Consul-General in Beirut, François Georges-Picot [Wikipedia biography], to go over the sketch maps produced at the high-level meetings and turn them into something more concrete. Their joint report was passed upward 5th January 1916, and the partition formula was ratified by the French Parliament 8th February 1916.

MAP #2 - THE SYKES-PICOT PARTITION: Click here for the 1916 proposed division of Ottoman Syria into separate modern nations and spheres of influence.

(h) after Asquith's ousting in December 1916, for being invited into Lloyd George's Secretariat [see own entry] in January 1917, (i) for advising Foreign Secretary Arthur Balfour on the wording of the pro-Zionist Balfour Declaration later that year, (j) for being part of the British delegation to the 1919 Versailles Peace Conference, until (k) dying overnight in his hotel room 16th February 1919, of the then rampant Spanish Flu Epidemic.

ASIDE: The Spanish Flu Epidemic of 1918-1922 [Wikipedia briefing] still stands as the greatest (presumably natural) extinction event in the history of Humankind, having killed some 50 million people worldwide. For a quick introduction to the disease we recommend Shanks (2018 [Abstract online]) and Wever and Bergen (2014 [online]). In fact, modern virologists have not quite finished with Sykes yet, for his body was exhumed in September 2008 by John Oxford [corporate homepage], in the hope that its tissues would yield workable samples of the flu virus for analysis even after 90 intervening years. Presumably out of respect for the surviving relatives the results have - as far as we can see - not been published, at least not in non-anonymised form.

Syria Civil Defence (SCD): See the entry for White Helmets.

Syrian Civil War, 2011-2018 (ongoing): This is the ongoing [April 2018] three-way civil war which began in Syria in 2011 (as Phase #4 of the U.S.-fomented Arab Spring Offensive [q.v.]) as a two-way U.S.-fomented rebel insurrection against Bashar al-Assad's administration, and then became a three-way free-for-all in 2014 with the arrival of the historically-U.S.-fomented ISIS Islamic fundamentalists.

Szamboti, Tony: American mechanical engineer and expert witness on the stability of high-rise steel structures in fires Tony Szamboti [AE911 biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) generally for a number of contributions to 9/11 Truther documentaries, and (b) specifically for going second
Taber, Robert Bruce: CBS newsman feigning left-wing political activist Robert Taber [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for obtaining on 19th May 1957 (with cameraman Wendell Hoffman) a filmed interview with Cuban guerrilla leader Fidel Castro, this footage later being used in the CBS documentary "Rebels of the Sierra Maestra"...

ASIDE - CBS AND THE CIA: In Hugh Wilford's (2008) book "The Mighty Wurlitzer: How the CIA Played America" [Amazon] CBS comes out very clearly as one of the CIA's tamest media poodles, thanks to the tireless efforts of owner William Paley [see own entry] and news chief Sig Mickelson [see own entry]. They covered what they were told to cover, delivered Washington propaganda until even they themselves believed it, and obligingly embedded spies in behind-the-lines news teams. We therefore take it as a given that Taber's trip had both overt and covert agendas, and that he was driven by more than mere journalistic curiosity. Extracts from the 1957 film are included in this recent documentary.

(b) for gaining the trust of the Castro-loyalist Santos Buch family, (c) for using Cuban government money (arranged by NYC-resident Charles A. Santos Buch [see own entry]) to purchase a full-page spread in the New York Times 6th April 1960 [some sources say 21st - Ed.] which quickly attracted over a thousand letters of support, (d) for therefore setting up the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC) [see own entry] with himself as "National Director", so as to expand this support base, raise funds, and publicise Castro's control of the moral high ground...

LEST IT BE OVERLOOKED: Yes, the CIA used Castro's own cash to establish an apparently pro-Castro organisation simply to collect a Gestapo-style round-up list of the names and addresses of the people who sympathised with its aims [which is why nowadays you should not <share if you agree> online - Ed.]. They then had operatives set up chapters in the big cities in order to smoke out sympathisers provincially. And in LHO's case it was his job as Secretary of the non-existent New Orleans chapter to get himself filmed into the bargain, which he did so well that when they needed a Patsy he came ready-wrapped.

STUDENT EXERCISE - THE FAIR PLAY FOR IRAN COMMITTEE, Etc.: Non-residents of the United States may experience for themselves the anger and emotional affront felt by human beings when people see things a different way to them, even if only on a piece of paper (a) by selecting one of the modern world's confrontational flash-points - Iran, Korea, Venezuela (there are plenty to choose from), (b) by word-processing the text of the 1963 FPCC leaflet "Hands off Cuba" - available at Getty Images - and replacing "Cuba" with <your choice>, "New Orleans" with <your town>, and so on, and (c) studying what transpires if you place some printed stock to handy passers-by (or on-line if that is your preference). [No reader should without extensive prior research select <Gaza>, for fear of a more or less instant charge of anti-Semitism. Residents of the United States should abstain from this exercise altogether because they will potentially be breaking their Patriot Act, and/or risking summary lynching.]

(e) for being wounded (severity unknown) during the April 1961 Bay of Pigs Invasion, while covering events as a war correspondent from behind Cuban government lines (Albarelli, 2013, K5198), (f) for resigning the FPCC in February 1962, being replaced by colleague Richard Gibson [see own entry] until July and Vincent T. Lee [see own entry] thereafter, (g) for being debriefed by the FBI 19th March 1962, and (h) for being mentioned in a 28th January 1964 FBI missive as having been seen by Castro-exile Enrique Lorenzo-Luaces y Vilaseca [see own entry - FASCINATING] in May 1961 in a Havana bar with "Lt. Harvey Oswald, an arms expert" [supposedly in Russia at this time - Ed.] (Albarelli, 2013, K5198). FURTHER READING: The FPCC story is told in much greater detail by Albarelli (2013, K5203-5296).
Taft, William Howard: Yale lawyer-judge-diplomat President William Taft is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been the first civil Governor-General of the Philippines after the murderous Philippine-American War of 1899-1901, (b) for ordering the Second Maine Inquiry [see 23rd October 1910], and (c) for having been Chairman of the American Red Cross between 1915 and 1919.

Tagg, Eric R.: Musician turned assassination researcher returned musician Eric Tagg was author of the 1998 book "Brush with History: A Day in the Life of Deputy E. R. Walthers", in which, amongst other stories, he states that Walthers reminded him that when they searched the Paine House they found six or seven "little metal file cabinets---I don't know what kind you would call them---they would carry an 8 by 10 folder, all right, but with a single handle on top of it and the handle moves" containing details of pro-Castro sympathisers. Researchers have spent the intervening 20 years arguing whether these items belonged to LHO or Ruth Paine. [Our verdict - we would need to study the contents to decide.]

Tague, James: 27-year-old James Tague was spectating from the stalled traffic on Commerce, by the entry to the southernmost of the triple underpasses, when he received a slight wound to his right cheek from concrete splash from one of the bullets fired hitting the nearby kerbstone [now preserved in the National Archives]. He would later vaguely be able to recall (a) that the shooting came from the Grassy Knoll, and (b) that it was the second shot which wounded him. YouTube him now.

Talbert, Cecil E.: DPD Patrol Captain Cecil Talbert was responsible on the morning of 24th November 1963 for the allocation of Patrol Division officers to supporting the Homicide Bureau's transfer of LHO from DPDHQ to the County Jail (that is to say, the one mile journey westward back to Dealey Plaza). It was to him that Patrick Dean reported upon arriving for duty. Talbert's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [Part #1; Part #2].

Task Force W: [Read firstly the entries for Operation Mongoose and Special Group Augmented (SGA).] Authorised 30th November 1961 by order of General Maxwell Taylor's SGA, Task Force W was Operation Mongoose's private army. It was administered from JM/WAVE, the CIA's Latin-facing headquarters in Miami, by William Harvey, and specialised in coastal raids, crop burning from the air, and the infiltration and exfiltration of advisers to the anti-Castro guerrillas. Harvey's boss was Head of Miami Station Ted Shackley and his assistant was Sam Halpern [see own entry]. Harvey also arranged for veteran coupster [he was on the Operation PBSUCCESS team which ousted President Árbenz of Guatemala in 1954 - see Timeline 13th June 1954] David Morales [see own entry] to be transferred onto his team. On 19th February 1962 CIA Director Richard Helms authorised Harvey to hire the professional assassin code-named QJ/WIN to help bring project ZR/RIFLE to a satisfactory ending. The following day Edward Lansdale briefed the SGA as follows...

"In keeping with the Presidential memorandum of 30 November 1961, the United States will help the people of Cuba overthrow the Communist regime from within Cuba ... The U.S. recognises that final success will require U.S. military intervention" (quoted in Russo, 1998, K1213).

Funding was pulled from Mongoose in November 1962 after the Cuban Missile Crisis, but the task force's secretariat was merely rebadged administratively - as the Special Affairs Staff (SAS) [see own entry] - and the field assets were shuffled physically around the encirclement of camps and backwaters stretching from Puerto Rico in the east via the Keys, Tampa, the entire Gulf Coast (not least New Orleans), and the Central American puppet states south of the Yucatan Peninsula - see the entry for CIA Dumps and Camps for a detailed listing. The replacement chief was Desmond Fitzgerald. Morales remained based at Miami, but Harvey, in no little disgrace in JFK's eyes, was eventually reassigned to the Rome station.
ASIDE: It was Fitzgerald who brought about the era of half-assed booby traps and poisons, including - if it happened at all - the Ochsner Bioweapon; and it was on his watch (if it happened at all) that at least some of the half dozen or so professional assassins in Dealey Plaza were hired.

At much the same time, higher-level operational command of Cuba operations was taken away from Edward Lansdale and given instead to the State Department's previously more narrowly defined Cuban Coordinating Committee [no convenient briefing] under Sterling J. Cottrell [no convenient biography but much online to reward the determined browser] (Kaiser, 2008, p147). JFK signed off on the new arrangements 25th January 1963.

Tatum, Jack Ray: Baylor Hospital medical photographer Jack Tatum [no convenient biography] was off work on 22nd November to photograph the motorcade. He was then driving past the scene of the J. D. Tippit shooting and directly witnessed the fourth shot. He did not, however, get any photographs. Nor did he actually come forward until 1978. Tatum's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED]; House Select Committee on Assassinations affidavit [read it now].

Taylor, General Maxwell Davenport: WW2 veteran and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff since 1st October 1962 General Maxwell Taylor [Wikipedia biography] had been called out of retirement in May 1961 to lead the investigations into the failed Bay of Pigs Invasion, and was presently JFK's personal military advisor. However from early 1963 even he was sympathetic to the Operation Northwoods objective of "engineering an incident" by which a second attack on Cuba could superficially be legitimised.

Teapot Dome Scandal: See the entry at 15th April 1922.

Terrell Armory: U.S. National Guard armoury in Terrell, TX, some 35 miles east of Dallas.

"Tex": Possibly LHO or LHO Look Alike. See the entries for Richard Margeson and Lawrence Howard.

Texas Theater: Ultimately part of the Howard Hughes business empire, the Texas Theater at 231 West Jefferson Boulevard is half a mile SSW of the spot where Patrolman J. D. Tippit was killed.

"Eccentric, alternative, and daring"*(contemporary reportage)

"The B Thing": [See firstly the entries for World Trade Center and Performance Art and "World Views"]) Staged around dawn on "a Sunday in March 2000", toward the end of a six-month Lower Manhattan Cultural Council (LMCC) artists’ residency. "The B-Thing" [Wikipedia stub] was one of the visually most gripping happenings the Gelatin/[Gelitin]2005 [see own entry] performance art troupe ever put together. If, indeed, it happened at all ...

CAUTION: Internet authors are notoriously slipshod when it comes to the basic academic protocols of quotability and prior recognition. It is also a counter-intelligence agent's paradise, where words, still images, movie footage, and even entire identities can be quickly faked. The material in this entry has been triangulated as far as possible, but readers should nevertheless interpret it with caution.

Surrounded by a small team of helpers, the four-man company removed one of the windows on the east facade of the 91st Floor of the North Tower and pushed out a makeshift wooden viewing platform - carefully counter-ballasted, of course. They then played their arty antics to friends (a) in an adjacent building, and (b) in a hired helicopter, before making their way to the nearby Millennium Hilton Hotel for breakfast. "The balcony," they later explained to reporters, was "about the feeling you have [...] when being totally dependent on a structure and atmosphere you have created yourself". While out there, they gave the happening a little permanence by sticking a piece of red chewing gum on the outside of the adjacent window, where it remained - like a sniper's targeting dot - until engulfed in
the Flight AA11 fireball on 11th September 2001. Follow-up commentary then fell into two categories - that written before the 9/11 Attacks, and that written after it ...

COMMENT BEFORE 9/11: Gelatin’s happening was written up in a July 2001 book by Tex Rubinowitz [see inset below] entitled "The B-Thing" [Amazon] ...

ASIDE: The author of the 2001 book, one Arthur Lee ["Tex"] Rubinowitz [no convenient biography, but lots of advertising blurb] may well have been the victim of an online identity theft. The first Tex Rubinowitz was born 10th October 1944 in Abilene, Texas; has no Wikipedia entry, but is detailed as the author of the 2001 book. The second, younger, Tex Rubinowitz [Wikipedia biography] was born Dirk Wesenberg in Hannover, Germany, 5th December 1961. He has a Wikipedia entry but claims no "B-Thing" as publication. All very strange. Click here for more concerning this spooky name clash. And click here for a YouTube glance inside the book itself.


The publicity releases for the Rubinowitz book then prompted a Shaila Dewan feature in the New York Times 18th August 2001, a month before the 9/11 Attacks. She gives a little detail, and lists several Balcony-Deniers, including Gelatin’s own promoter, Leo König [no convenient biography, but lots on social media]; but also some very convincing Balcony-Believers - check it out.

***** THE 9/11 ATTACKS TAKE PLACE HERE *****

COMMENT AFTER 9/11: Comment in the aftermath of the 9/11 Attacks tended to focus initially on the security implications of allowing dozens of poorly vetted artists and students to roam at will in the WTC. The events then quickly accreted into the broader Mossad-Did-It Theory of 9/11 [see own entry]. Gelatin man Florian Reitherr attempted to throw some light on their 2001 stunt in a strangely uninformative 2010 lecture - YouTube it now - but in the end tells us nothing forensically substantive.

The Big One: See the entry for Operation AM/WORLD.

The E-Team: [Sometimes eteam] Founded in 2000, The E-Team [Wikipedia briefing; Website] was in 2001 a three-member American performance art troupe consisting of [now-Professor] Hajoe Moderegger [no convenient biography, but lots on social media], Franziska Lamprecht [dino], and [departed to go solo in 2002] Dan Seiple [dino].

DISAMBIGUATION: We are not referring to E-Team, Inc., founded in 1998 and "a leading provider of crisis management software, serving public agencies of all levels and sizes, private entities, and non-profit organizations", nor to the 2014 movie of the same name.

Here, as described in 2002 by Moukhtar Kocache [see own entry], Director of Visual and Media Arts for the Lower Manhattan Cultural Center (LMCC), are the two most interesting E-Team happenings during their residency in the WTC North Tower ...

"Quick Click": This project climaxed between 1630hr and 1650hr 31st March 2001, and involved two members of the troupe [Lamprecht and Seiple] taking photographs from a hovering helicopter of some 50 members of the public - their audience - posing at a window on the northern frontage of the 91st Floor, duly choreographed from within by the third member of the troupe [Moderegger]. We strongly recommend the E-Team's own video record of the 20-minute event - YouTube it here, in which all three principals appear. The 9/11 Attacks open with "Flight AA11" impacting just above the window in question [see the floor-by-floor damage profile].

"127 Illuminated Windows": This happening took place late evening 29th March 2001, and involved using the north-facing windows of Floors #89 thru #95, inclusive, as lit-or-unlit pixels (127 windows lit, 279 unlit) to spell out the text <E-TEAM> - click here for images and lighting scheme.

The Focus: Predictably melanophilic, The Focus [O'Keefe (1986) briefing] is alleged to have been Winston Churchill's very very discrete personal cabal and slush fund, without whom there would either have been no WW2 at all, or Britain would have been captured by one less cheaply bought, and very possibly not against the Germans at all. Palgrave's Dictionary of Anglo-Jewish History (Rubinstein,
et al., 2011) has Sir Robert Waley-Cohen [see own entry] as "a major" donor to the fund in order to encourage Churchill's anti-appeasement stance. Donations began in 1936 and continued until the war began. Edward Spears [see own entry] was an active supporter, as indeed were his Czechoslovakian business and political contacts. For example, Jan Masaryk [see own entry] paid over fully £2 million in July 1938 to be used to subvert parliamentarians loyal to appeaser Neville Chamberlain (Spears' own cut was £2000 p.a.).

"This film is dedicated to the late Joe West [who] did more to solve the murder of John F. Kennedy than anyone else*" (Opening Caption)

"The Grassy Knoll" [TV Documentary]: 'The Grassy Knoll: FBI Agents Re-Examine the JFK Assassination" [Amazon Prime STRONGLY RECOMMENDED] is a (2007/2020 re-released) documentary movie by Wim Dankbaar [see own entry] which asserts that the JFK assassination was a combined op by a fringe CIA faction, with the eager cooperation of deliberately radicalised anti-Castro Cuban exiles and vengeful Mob godfathers. The narrative includes fresh and/or archive interviews with a number of hitherto ignored witnesses (not least the man who openly claims to have fired the fatal head shot), and thus nicely extends and updates Oliver Stone's (1991) cinema blockbuster "JFK" [Amazon]. Readers will need to study the following separate entries to piece together for themselves exactly what might have happened. We present the links in alphabetical order, so you may need to go through the list a couple of times to resolve all the cross-references (all highlighted names have their own entries, and all are ESSENTIAL READING) ...

Judith Vary Baker (lab scientist on the Ochsner Bioweapon Project and girlfriend of Lee Harvey Oswald); Jay Bartel (CIA contract agent, corroborates the Chauncey Holt testimony); Bruce Brychek (ex-con, corroborates the James Files testimony) ...

ASIDE: It is of course common for the testimony of ex-cons to be belittled in a court of law. With the Kennedy case, however, many of the biggest lies have come from Establishment figures and many of the straightest replies have come from those we would normally distrust. All assertions are therefore taken as admissible evidence in the present author's court of law.

Michael J. Corbitt [Wikipedia biography] (Chicago mobster/crooked Police Chief, with many background insights into the life of Jack Ruby); James Fetzer (historian and respected assassination researcher); James Files (in all likelihood the picket fence marksman who fired the fatal head shot); Edward Haslam (expert on the deep state assassination of Mary Sherman in 1964 for in some as-yet-unknown way threatening the Clay Shaw operation in New Orleans); Chauncey Holt (low echelon conspirator, specialist forger, and self-proclaimed one of the Three Tramps); J. Edgar Hoover (head of the FBI, who explained the Dealey Plaza ballistics to LBJ by telephone on 29th November, but thereafter did much to implement and support the subsequent cover-up); John R. Hughes [Amazon author's blurb] (neurologist and specialist on the mob's quid pro quo favour to Joseph P. Kennedy by which it was carefully arranged that his son would win Illinois in the 1960 presidential elections); David Mantik (specialist on the JFK medical evidence and how it was selectively suppressed); Daniel Marvin (Spartacus Educational biography) (special forces Lieutenant-Colonel asked by the CIA to terminate fellow officer William Pitzer, one of the Bethesda Autopsy medics, for threatening the Warren Commission cover up); Mark North (specialist on Hoover's actions before and after the assassination); Lee Harvey Oswald himself; Tosh Plumley (CIA operative and Dealey Plaza eye witness PIVOTAL CONTENT); Jack Ruby (mobster and LHO hitman, medically terminated in his turn; archive footage only BUT VERY INTERESTING); David Schein (expert on mob involvement in the assassination in general, and on Jack Ruby's phone records in particular); Zack Shelton (retired FBI Special Agent turned conspiracy theorist himself); James Sibert (retired FBI Special Agent, eye witness at the Bethesda autopsy and ballistics expert) ...

CAMEO - SIBERT vs SPECTER: The Kennedy story is a Gordian Knot of cover ups, each protecting a different set of backstories, and many of them constructed and continually updated with the full resources of the American state. Most conflicts of testimony were simply ignored, many resulted in convenient suicides or accidents, and only a few made it into the light of day. One such confrontation took place between SA Sibert and Warren Commission attorney (later U.S. Senator from Pennsylvania) Arlen Specter, with Sibert defending his report and accusing Specter of perverting the course of justice with his famous Magic Bullet Theory.

Richard Stilling (retired FBI Special Agent, boss of Shelton); Robert K. Tannebaum (disillusioned HSCA investigator, expert on the nefarious David Atlee Phillips, and author of the fictionalised but highly semiotic "Corruption of Blood", 1995 [Amazon REQUIRED READING], who - having been pressured himself - challenged the very legitimacy of the various inquiries); Michael Wachs (retired FBI Special Agent, and expert on Carlos
**Marcello** and the mob in New Orleans; **Cyril Wecht** (forensic pathologist and extreme critic of the official accounts of the autopsies; and accordingly - like Sibert - no admiral of Specter or his theory); **Joe West** (provincial investigative journalist, who led the way in persuading Files to tell his story).

**OUR VERDICT**: "The Grassy Knoll" takes the basic explanatory position that the CIA and the Mob were pretty much "one and the same at that particular time". It also explores the possibility that there was a military intelligence "abort squad" in Dealey Plaza trying to prevent a CIA-Mob-DPD disaster, and that Oswald - as a patriotic ex-Marine - was part thereof. In addition to the carefully assembled witness and corroborating statements, the work also includes some higher-than-usual quality snips from the **Zapruder Film** and stills from the autopsies. Perhaps its greatest value, however, is that it exposes the blatant contradiction between the sworn documentary testimony of FBI witnesses and the arrant nonsense of the Magic Bullet as peddled to the world by Arlen Specter before the latter was rewarded with a seat in the Senate. Indeed, the case becomes totally binary at this juncture, for you either believe Sibert or you believe Specter. It is an intellectual tipping point which then proceeds to throw light on what else was or was not covered up. **PROBLEMS REMAINING**: So if both the Mob and the security forces had footsoldiers in Dealey Plaza ready to fight it out (and lots of them, too), **WHY WERE THE CIA'S FAR-FROM-FRINGE COUP SPECIALISTS THERE AS WELL????** To answer that question you need to check out the entry for **Lamar Waldron** and browse the thread for the black op codenamed AM/WORLD.

"**The Looming Tower**": For the 2006 book see the entry for **Lawrence Wright**; for the 2018 television series see the IMDB entry.

"**The Manchurian Candidate**": See the entry for **Richard Condon**.

"**The Medusa Touch**": The 1978 movie "**The Medusa Touch**" [IMDB entry] is a science fiction thriller starring Richard Burton as a perhaps hallucinating neurotic/perhaps murdering misanthrope with telekinetic powers. The movie is noteworthy in the present context merely for its early use of the trope of an airliner being remotely directed - in this case by telekinesis - into crashing into a skyscraper. The movie's producer - at the time also an "Israeli intelligence operative" - was **Arnon Milchan** [Wikipedia biography].

"**The Project**": This is the innocent-sounding codename used by those in the know to refer to **Alton Ochsner's** top-secret government-funded work developing weaponised cancer agents for difficult-to-kill enemy politicians like **Fidel Castro**.

**Thompson, Josiah**: Assassination researcher **Josiah Thompson** [Wikipedia biography] was the author of the 1967 book "Six Seconds in Dallas", in which he proposed four shots from three shooters, including one positioned in the Dal-Tex building. He also spoke with **Parkland Hospital's** security officer **O. P. Wright**, who said that he had handed on a pointed bullet, not a round-headed one. Thompson's evidential profile is as follows: Assassination Records Review Board testimony [read it now - RECOMMENDED].

**Thompson, Thomas**: 30-year-old **Life Magazine** reporter **Thomas Thompson** [Wikipedia biography] was at DPDHQ on the afternoon of 22nd November 1963 when he learned the address of LHO's rooming house at 1026 **North Beckley Avenue** from a loose-mouthed deputy sheriff. This allowed him to be the first newsman to interview the landlady there. He was then first to the **Paine House** later that evening, where he spoke with **Ruth Paine**, **Marina Oswald**, and **Marguerite Oswald**. This allowed him, the following day, to be the first to submit copy giving the standard profile of LHO as "a world-class American loser" (La Fontaine and La Fontaine, 1996, p47), although that copy would not go out until the next edition of the magazine the following Friday.

**Thompson, William Boyce**: American mining and minerals speculator, financier, and right-wing politician **William B. Thompson** [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for the part he
played as one of the 21 commissioners making up the American Red Cross Mission [see own entry ESSENTIAL READING] to Petrograd in summer 1917. We shall let contemporary observer William Hard set the scene ...

"In the mean time, there was in Russia an American business man, a copper operator. He wore an American uniform. He had become, for the time being, a colonel, in command of [...] the American Red Cross in Petrograd. [...] He was not a trained observer of foreign political affairs, He was a copper man. He was a financier. He was absolutely without diplomatic experience. [...] He was] a man of great Wall Street wealth, a supporter and an organiser of the effort to get the Republican nomination for Elihu Root [see own entry FAVOUR HEREWITH RETURNED] in 1916" (Hard, 1920/2012 [Amazon], pp16-18).

For her part, Jennifer Polk (op. cit. inf, p51) further points out that Thompson was close to J. P. Morgan and Company, who stood to lose a fortune if Kerensky’s Provisional Government became unable to service its war loans. Indeed, upon arriving in Russia, Thompson openly sided with the Provisional Government, even to the extent of personally funding that administration's counter-revolutionary propaganda in the shape of the short-lived Committee of Civic Education in Free Russia [not much online]. After the October Revolution [see Timeline 7th November 1917], however, Washington declined official funding and that committee folded. In late November he handed command of the mission to Raymond Robins [see own entry ESSENTIAL READING], and returned Stateside, stopping over in London to brief Lloyd George as to prospects on the Eastern Front. He then spent the first two months of 1918 - that is to say, prior to the Treaty of Brest-Litovsk [see Timeline 3rd March 1918] - giving speeches calling for support for the Bolsheviks (earning himself the nickname "the Bolshevik of Wall Street" for his pains). After Russia's descent into Civil War, however, he seems to have returned to his business interests, diversifying into sugar, oil, submarines and aircraft, and life assurance. He died in 1930, aged 61. FURTHER READING: For a substantive biography see Hermann Hagedorn's (1977) "The Magnate" [Amazon]. For the context of the ARC mission see Jennifer Polk's (2012 [full text online]) microscopically documented "Constructive Efforts: The American Red Cross and YMCA in Revolutionary and Civil War Russia, 1917-1924".

Thornberry, Homer: Lawyer and WW2 veteran (U.S. Navy) turned Congressional Representative turned District Court Judge Homer Thornberry [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being a friend-since-boyhood of fellow Texan LBJ, (b) for serving in the U.S. Navy during WW2, reaching the rank of Lieutenant Commander in naval intelligence (New York Times obituary, 13th December 1995), (c) for being in Congressmen's Car #1 [element #13 of 25] of the presidential motorcade 22nd November 1963, and for accompanying LBJ to Washington in Air Force One, (d) for then helping during the ensuing couple of days to persuade the President of the need to set up a Presidential Commission - the Warren Commission - to manage post-Assassination public opinion, (e) for presiding over the January 1964 trial for armed robbery of the man who really did know too much, Richard Nagell, and (f) for delivering a deliberately disproportionate sentence of ten years' imprisonment.

ASIDE: We use the term "deliberately" rather than "maliciously" because Thornberry may very well have been saving Nagell's life for knowing what he knew - see Nagell's own entry for details.

Thornhill Letter: See the entry for Edgar Eugene Bradley.

Thornhill, Thomas: See the entry for Edgar Eugene Bradley.

Thornley, Kerry Wendell: U.S.M.C. avionics electronics operator Kerry Thornley [Wikipedia biography] had become acquainted with LHO in Spring 1959 when their MACS-9 [q.v.] postings had overlapped for about three months at El Toro, CA ...

ASIDE: Thornley would be thoroughly quizzed during the early assassination investigations, and would testify (link below) as to LHO’s Communist leanings and general personality, using such words as "sloppy", "impulsive", and "unstable".
In 1960, having heard about LHO's defection to Russia the previous Autumn (by which time he would be at Atsugi himself), he started to fictionalise the life of an about-to-defect marine - LHO in the guise of one "Johnny Shellburn" - on a U-2 base in Japan. He worked on the draft of his novel through 1960 and 1961, although it would not get a publisher until 1991.

RESEARCH ISSUE: Thornley was obviously missing his vocation in the U.S.M.C. because "The Idle Warriors" is a competent military black comedy, with as many chuckles as Joseph Hellier's 1961 "Catch-22". So good, indeed, that we wonder if it was ghosted, and, if so, by whom and for whom.

Thornley's evidential profile is as follows: Interrogation (SS), 23rd November 1963; Interrogation (FBI), 25th November 1963; Warren Commission testimony [read it now]; Interview to Camera, Wyrdssi, 1992 [YouTube it Now].

Thrasher, Charles O.: Careerist U.S. Army quartermaster turned General Charles Thrasher [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context for being Clay Shaw's commanding officer between February 1944 and his (Shaw's) demobilisation in January 1946. During the advance across France and into Germany after the D-Day landings, he commanded Oise Section of SHAEFS ever-lengthening Communication Zone, contributing greatly to the ultimate success of said advance. This earned him a DSM from his own government (for "exceptionally meritorious and distinguished services [...] in a duty of great responsibility") and a CBE from the British to go with it. For fuller details see the Timeline entry for 15th September 1944.

Three Tramps, The: This is the name given to the three suspicious characters arrested in a freight train at the rear of the TSBD carpark, and quickly released - see the photographs and the proper naming of names. In their 1996 book "Oswald Talked", the La Fontaines name them as Harold Doyle, Gus Abrams, and John Gedney, but they are not talking about the same Three Tramps and have clearly been fed disinfo. Others - fed or actively feeding disinfo - have mentioned E. Howard Hunt and Frank Sturgis. All identifications other than those in the link above and in John Craig and Philip Rogers' 1992 book "The Man on the Grassy Knoll" are either mistaken or deliberately misleading. Period. Browse <Three Tramps> to accumulate the various fragments of this story.

Thurston, Lorrin Andrews: Hawaiian born of white Christian missionary stock lawyer-businessman-politician Lorrin Thurston [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for being one of the architects of the 1887 "Bayonet Constitution", and of the 1887 Missionary Rebellion which forced same on the Hawaiian monarchy [check it out]. He was also a prime mover in the more successful 1893 Hawaiian Coup [check it out].

Tilson, Thomas G.: DPD Officer Tom Tilson [no convenient biography] was in his private car with his daughter heading east in stop-start traffic on the southernmost of the three carriageways of the Stemmons Freeway, some 200 yards to the west of the Triple Overpass [thus still on the opposite side to Dealey Plaza and the shooting], and heard of the shooting on his police radio. As he saw the motorcade speeding off toward Parkland he noted a car on the verge of the westbound carriageway at the foot of the railway embankment hard by the Elm Street Underpass.

ASIDE: The Grassy Knoll, of course, was through said underpass and up to the left. The railway embankment here referred to, and the Grassy Knoll, thus both ascend to the same set of railways tracks but from opposite sides.

Tilson then saw a man was at the top of the embankment [from where he would only have to cross 40 yards of railway track to be behind the Picket Fence]. He clambered down the embankment, threw an object in through the back window, got in, and drove off at more or less normal speed. Tilson U-turned and gave chase, but avoided a close confrontation because of his daughter's presence. Nevertheless his daughter was able to note down the number of the car, and he duly rang it in to
The lead was never followed up. Tilson's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony \[NOT CALLED\]; Dramatised Mock Trial testimony, 1992 \[YouTube it now. - ENTERTAINING AND USEFUL AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH\].

Tilton, John: Senior CIA officer John Tilton \[no convenient biography\] was the author of the 16th September 1963 memorandum by which the CIA warned the FBI that it was considering a counterintelligence operation to "embarrass" the Fair Play for Cuba Committee out of business, because their Mexico City operation had grown too popular of late. He promised a follow-up warning nearer the date. No further details of this operation have yet emerged, but - who knows - perhaps they sheep-dipped an FPCC supporter in the brightest of colours and had him take a guaranteed unsuccessful pot-shot at the President on his Dallas trip (which would also explain why just about every pair of ears present in Dealey Plaza on 22nd November 1963 heard the first shot as a "fire-cracker").

Tinoco Granados, José Federico Alberto de Jesús: Costa Rican soldier-politician President \[1917-1919\] Federico Tinoco \[Wikipedia biography\] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having ousted President \[1914-1917\] Alfredo González \[Wikipedia biography\] in a military coup on 27th January 1917, and (b) for having resigned 13th August 1919 in the face of United States diplomatic pressure and a USMC enforcement landing.

Tippit, Edgar Lee: Edgar Tippit \[no convenient biography\] was the father of murdered patrolman J. D. Tippit. He was interviewed by Joseph McBride in 1992, asserting therein that his son's widow - Marie Tippit - had told him that Tippit and another officer (whom McBride deduced could only be William Mentzel) had been despatched to track down an assassination suspect - possible pre-named as Oswald - headed into Oak Cliff.

*************** STILL TO BE SOLVED ***************

THE DIFFICULTY WITH THIS: It is, of course, easy - especially years after the event - for someone to say "Oswald did this", or "Oswald did that" when by precise sequence of truth the identity of the person was not yet known at the time. The specific naming might come from knowledge or belief later acquired, and then conflated. So even if Marie and/or Edgar Tippit actually said "Oswald" (rather than "a suspect") when interviewed in 1992 it does not mean that that is what they said/heard on the day itself. And this is a pivotal issue because Oswald's name was not officially known until AFTER the Tippit shooting when FBI Agent Bob Barrett \[q.v.\] heard it read out from identity papers found at the scene in Oswald's Wallet \[q.v.\]!!! THE ONLY ALTERNATIVE EXPLANATION IS A TOTALLY PRE-SCRIPTED ASSASSINATION WHERE OFFICERS COULD BE SENT LOOKING FOR A SUSPECT HALF HOUR BEFORE HE WAS IDENTIFIED. And that, folks, would be a conspiracy few mortals could even conceive of, let alone put into action; in fact, only one set of mortals on the planet.

That other officer, however, had been delayed by an accident.

*************** STILL TO BE SOLVED ***************

THE DIFFICULTY WITH THIS: While the movements described above more or less hold together in time and place, the order did not come from the DPD Despatcher, and would therefore have to have been given by telephone. Nobody knows who gave it, or, indeed, if they were legitimate. Indeed, Jack Ruby has often suggested. Or - even more ominously - it was all a pre-planned mission. And, if so, nobody knows whether it was to extract someone important, or silence them.

*************** PROBABLE FRONT-LINE SHOOTER ***************

Tippit, J. D.: [perhaps Jefferson Davis] At the time of writing \[February 2018\], DPD patrolman J. D. Tippit \[Wikipedia biography\] - a member of the Dallas chapter of the John Birch Society - has the dubious honour of being critical to both the Oswald Did It and Oh No He Didn't camps. The - entirely conventional - Oswald Did It account was that LHO made his way via his lodgings at 1026 North Beckley Avenue to Oak Cliff and there, while resisting arrest, shot Tippit to death. Alternative accounts stressed that LHO could scarcely have got to Oak Cliff in the time available, and had no reason to be there anyway unless he intended walking off into the sunset, with no car, no driving licence, and little money. Earlier on 22nd November 1963 Tippit had been assigned to his normal patrol area - Beat #78 - that is to say, Oak Cliff. At around 1311hr he was seen cruising slowly
eastward along East 10th Street. Just past Patton Avenue he pulled up to speak to a man, exchanged words through the open window, got out of the car, and was shot four times. There were a dozen or so witnesses dotted around the adjacent properties or in passing vehicles. The man made off on foot, heading south down Patton toward Jefferson Boulevard. The official story is, of course, that this was LHO, and that he immediately made his way to the Texas Theater half a mile away on Jefferson to hole up a-while. And it was there, indeed, that LHO was arrested. The case was troublesome to begin with and remains difficult to this day. To start with, the available eye witness testimony was difficult to piece together into a meaningful narrative (see, for example, the entry for Helen Markham). Then LHO's wallet was found - and proudly shown to newsreel - at the scene only to reappear in his pocket when arrested half an hour later, the Press were at the scene too soon, etc., etc. Jim Marrs finally brought all this dissatisfaction out into the open in his 1989 book "Crossfire", and more recently Rod Mac Kenzie( and Hooke)'s 2016 analysis of the assassination actually places Tippit, along with Roscoe White ("Badge Man", also in uniform) and Frank Sturgis, as part of a three-man shooting team assigned to the eastern end of the Picket Fence. It has even been suggested that JFK-killer White also killed Tippit.

Tippit, Marie: Marie Tippit [no convenient biography] was the wife of murdered patrolman J. D. Tippit. She is mentioned in the entry for Edgar Tippit. She also explicitly rejected suggestions that the wallet found at the scene of her husband's shooting belonged to her husband - see the entry for Bob Barrett. Browse the Oswald's Wallet Thread to accumulate the various fragments of this story.

Todd, Elmer Lee: FBI agent Elmer Todd [no convenient biography] was one of those who handled the Magic Bullet en route from Parkland Hospital to Robert Frazier at the FBIHQ Forensics Lab in DC. Browse the Magic Bullet Thread to accumulate all the fragments of this story.

Todd, L. C.: Dallas County Sheriff's Deputy L. C. Todd [no convenient biography] witnessed the assassination from Houston Street outside the County Jail. He heard a "backfire" followed by two further shots and then assisted in crowd control and other duties outside the TSBD. Todd's evidential profile is as follows: Report, 27th November 1963 [read it now].

Tofte, Hans V.: Copenhagen born WW2 veteran (Danish underground) turned post-war CIA operative Hans Tofte [no convenient biography, but see 1987 Washington Post obituary] was the CIA's liaison officer to General Charles Willoughby's Far East Command G-2 operation in the early 1950s. When the CIA discovered in 1966 that he was stealing their secrets (to write a book) they fired him.

Tolstoy Foundation: Founded 26th April 1939 in the United States by Alexandra Tolstaya [Wikipedia biography], youngest daughter of the writer Leo Tolstoy, the Tolstoy Foundation [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being superficially a refugee aid service for Soviet-fugitive Russians ...

LEST IT BE OVERLOOKED: Readers should note that refugee aid programs have been routinely used by intelligence services both for up-to-date news from the country in question and as highly effective recruitment fairs for new arrivals with family contacts back home - see the entry for CIA Front Organisations.

(b) for being supported 1951-1956 by the (much larger) Ford Foundation [see own entry] (correspondence with Allen Dulles, 24th July 1959), (c) for having CIA-connected Paul Raigorodsky [see own entry] as one of its directors (Alborelli, 2013, K8007) ...

ASIDE: In his Warren Commission testimony Raigorodsky explains how it all worked, thus ...

"[The Tolstoy Foundation] takes care of Russian refugees throughout the world wherever they may be. They process them, which means that they know all about them before they come into here through their own organization or your different organizations. Like, you have a church in the United States--you have a church organization or all kinds of benevolent organizations that want to help refugees and they don't know who to help so they go to the Tolstoy Foundation and therefore the Tolstoy Foundation
is able to place many, many Russians in this country, not only in this country but--I am on the Board of Directors of the Tolstoy Foundation--but also in European countries. Sometimes they cannot bring them to the United States, not enough money perhaps. Now, anybody who comes to the Tolstoy Foundation, you know right off of the bat they have been checked, rechecked and double checked. There is no question about them. I mean, that's the No. 1 stamp [... of] approval--in fact, the U.S. Government recognized that and has been up until about a year or two ago giving the Tolstoy Foundation as much as $400,000 a year subsidy for this kind of work."

(d) for generally being trickle funded by the CIA (Brussell, 2014, p23), and (e) for still going strong [2019 website].

**Top Ten Record Shop:** The record shop at 338 West Jefferson Street, some 150 yards west of the Texas Theater, where J. D. Tippit stopped to use the telephone at about 1300hr, 22nd November 1963. He entered in a hurry, dialled a number but got no answer, and then drove off at speed. He was shot to death a short time after.

**Tomlinson, Darrell Carlisle:** Senior powerplant engineer at Parkland Hospital. Darrel Tomlinson [no convenient biography] was the person who, in tidying some gurnies which were obstructing his work, came across the bullet which may, or may not, have become CE-399. Tomlinson's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now]. Interview to camera [YouTube it now]. Browse the [Magic Bullet Thread](#) to accumulate all the fragments of this story.

**Torbitt, William:** [nom de plume] WW2 veteran (U.S.N.) turned lawyer "William Torbitt" [Spartacus Educational biography] was the author of the 1970 book "Nomenclature of an Assassination Cabal", in which Permindex first came to common notice. In all other respects, however, it is such a laughable Everybody-dunnit that we side with Robin Ramsay, who, in his 2002 book "Who Shot JFK", dismissed the work as a CIA counterintelligence smokescreen. Some histories identify Torbitt as David Copeland.

**Tower, Senator John Goodwin:** Texas Senator John Tower [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) because he was contacted by LHO from Moscow, and (b) for his appearance as "John" in the meeting in late 1963 between Dallas County Sheriff Bill Decker, film star Audie Murphy, and author Gary Wean. For details see the entries for LHO and Wean, respectively.

**Toynbee, Arnold Joseph (1889-1975):** [Do not confuse with his uncle Arnold Toynbee (1852-1883)] [Wikipedia biography] (British academic historian Arnold J. Toynbee [Wikipedia biography]) is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being recruited out of Oxford University in 1915 to undertake research work for the Foreign Office's Political Intelligence Bureau ...

ASIDE: Nowhere does the fog of wartime secrecy drift thicker than in Whitehall. Accordingly we have been unable so far to determine whether this was a department of one, two, or five hundred researchers, nor the mix between civilian and military. To this day, the backbone employees of the civil service are graded "Officer" of some sort, and so we have avoided using the phrase Intelligence Officer for it might imply too much. The Political Intelligence Bureau was upgraded to a Department later in the war.

... (b) for preparing briefing material in readiness for what would in due course become the 1919 Versailles Peace Conference [see own entry], (c) under this heading for having conducted a special study into Zionism, completed in 1917 with the collaboration of fellow researcher Lewis Namier [see own entry], (d) for having in due course attended said Versailles Peace Conference along with Namier and one Alfred Zimmern [see own entry] ...

ASIDE - TOYNBEE AND THE MANDATES: Toynbee attended the peace conference in his capacity as an Oxford history don turned Foreign Office political officer. In her (2015) "The Guardians: The League of Nations and the Crisis of Empires" [Amazon], Susan Pedersen notes that just before leaving for Paris [13th November 1918 - Ed.] Toynbee had promoted the idea of self-determination in the Middle East under League of
Nations mandate, in what she describes (p285) as a "British Monroe Doctrine" [compare Timeline 2nd December 1823].

**ASIDE - TOYNBEE AND THE TURKS:** Here is how Norman Rose explains Toynbee's position regarding Turkey in his (2005) "Harold Nicolson" [Amazon] ...

"Having lost the Arab East, it was widely feared that the dying Ottoman Empire would seek compensation elsewhere, that Turkey would strive to unite under its leadership the Turkish-speaking peoples of Russian central Asia, North-West Persia, and Afghanistan. India would be threatened 'in the gravest way', warned Arnold Toynbee [of] the Political Intelligence Department" (p63).

... (e) for meeting with the Fourth Congress Delegation [see own entry] of Palestinian Arabs in 1921-1922, and for softening his until then pro-Zionism somewhat, (f) for being recruited in 1924 as one of the Directors of Study at the Royal Institute of International Affairs [see own entry], a position he would retain until 1955, (g) for visiting Adolf Hitler in Berlin in February 1936 to discuss the then-popular notion of a British-German rapprochement ...

**ASIDE:** 1936 saw a number of high level missions to Berlin, coordinated, it seems, by Tom Jones [see own entry], and strongly backed by The Times. This one was specifically disowned by Chatham House as representing Toynbee's personal opinions, not theirs. The meeting lasted two hours and deliberately promoted the idea that Hitler would save Europe from Communism.

(h) for returning to the Foreign Office during WW2, this time telling lies with the best of them as Director of their political intelligence effort, and (i) for engaging in a well-publicised confrontation with senior Zionists in 1961 concerning the rights of indigenous Arabs in Palestine (Rosenberg, 2014).

**Trafficante, Santo, Jr.:** Miami based godfather Santos Trafficante [Wikipedia biography] had been forced out of his Havana casinos by the Castro Revolution in 1959, and was thus sympathetic to anti-Castro operations such as the Bay of Pigs Invasion and various CIA attempts on Castro's life. He would be repeatedly mentioned during the assassination investigations as supporter of a JFK hit on the grounds of his being too honest.

**Trask, Richard:** Photoforensic expert witness - YouTube the man at work - Richard Trask [no convenient biography] was called by the Assassination Records Review Board in 1995 to comment on the photographic evidence. He duly summarised the (photographic) narrative as follows ...

"During the assassination, a minimum of 19 spectators in Dealey Plaza recorded some of that event, while at least 14 professional photographers took scenes from the motorcade or after exiting their vehicles. Within a short time of the assassination, over a score more photographers were in the plaza recording all sorts of activity. Thoseographic materials which were collected, utilized, and kept by the FBI and subsequent Warren Commission investigation are quite scanty. There are copies of some photographs, though most are dramatically cropped and multi-generational. A number of photos, films, and videotapes possibly part of the original Commission record often do not show up in archival or Freedom of Information search requests. There is little evidence that this class of source material, with the exception of the Zapruder film, was ever actively examined. The professionals and their images, such as White House photographers Cecil Stoughton and Thomas Atkins, were virtually ignored, as were many amateurs who had made photos at the plaza” (from first link below).

Trask's evidential profile is as follows: Assassination Records Review Board testimony [Part #1; Part #2].

**Traveller’s Aid Society of New York:** Established in NYC in 1907 as a charitable institution to protect women (later anyone in need) travelling alone, the Traveller's Aid Society [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context for supplying the case worker Spas Raikin [see own entry] and handy helper Cleary F’Pierre [see own entry] when the State Department needed to meet and greet LHO and Marina Oswald off their boat 13th June 1962. The Society wound itself up in 1979.
Tree, Arthur Ronald Lambert Field: British-born of American parents, businessman-politician Ronald Tree [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for entering parliament in 1933 as member for Harborough, a seat he would retain until 1945, and (b) for allowing his home, Ditchley House [Wikipedia briefing], to be used as Winston Churchill's safe house between 1940 and 1942, neither Chequers nor Downing Street nor the deep-bunkered Cabinet War Rooms (out back of Downing Street) being deemed safe enough by the prime minister or his minders.

Trejo, Paul: See the the entry for Harry J. Dean.

Treves, [Sir]1901 Frederick [Baronet]1902: The respected British surgeon [Sir]1901-1902 [Lord]1902 Frederick Treves [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy (surgical merit aside) in the present context (a) for serving as Chairman of the British Red Cross [see own entry] 1905-1912, and (b) for therefore being admirably qualified for clerical duties at the War Office during WW1 as "Head of Red Cross Personnel" (Hastings, 2009).

***** CANDIDATE, NEW WORLD ORDER CONSPIRACY *****

Trilateral Commission: Founded in 1973 by banker David Rockefeller, but with significant input from Zbigniew Brzezinski, the Trilateral Commission [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context (a) as one of the planet's most influential non-governmental influence groups, (b) for liaising closely with the American Federal Reserve System, (c) for boasting Jeffrey Epstein as a member prior to his conviction for sex trafficking, and (d) for often being accused by conspiracy theorists of working toward a New World Order; also (by some) of sponsoring the 9/11 False Flag Attacks. It was suggested in the Twittersphere 4th February 2020 that one of Trilateral's members was Labour Party leadership candidate [Sir]2014 Keir Starmer.

LEST IT BE OVERLOOKED: Non-British readers should note that the thought of Britain's flagship Socialist party, with more than a century of promoting the wellbeing of the British working class, being led by a member of a secretive neoliberal organisation such as this one is nothing short of laughable.

Trillat, Auguste: French bacteriologist Auguste Trillat [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having headed the French Navy's biological warfare research unit during the 1920s (Aucoutourier, 2014).

Troika of Tyranny: Originally coined by John R. Bolton [see own entry] to refer to the three anti-American states of the Caribbean ring, namely Cuba, Nicaragua, and Venezuela, the epithet "Troika of Tyranny" has since been wittily turned around to point (with no less justification) at Bolton himself, along with fellow tyrants Mike Pompeo [see own entry] and Elliott Abrams [see own entry], by virtue of their part in orchestrating the January 2019 Guaidó/CIA Coup [see 10th January 2019, et seq.] in Venezuela

True, Wilhelm: See the entry for Carol Aydelotte, and note that one Wilhelm True [unable to trace] receives passing mention in the 19th March 1968 Boxley Memorandum as being "a very good friend" of one-time pivotal suspect Edgar Eugene Bradley. True is profiled as a medical equipment representative by profession, as being present at a convention at Parkland Hospital, Dallas, 22nd November 1963, and as residing at 107 Country Club Drive, BurbankCA (Boxley Memorandum, 1968 [full text online], p4). [True appears to be a Latvian/German surname per se, as well as a logical Anglicisation of the more common German surname Treue - Ed.]

Truly, Roy Sansom: Long-term employee of the TSBD, and presently Director-on-site Roy Truly [no convenient biography] was spectating "out in Elm Street, 10 to 15 or 20 feet from the front steps". He heard "an explosion, which I thought was a toy cannon or a loud firecracker from west of the building" [note >>west<<], followed by two further "explosions". He then supported the subsequent search of the building. Truly's evidential profile is as follows: Affidavit, 3rd August 1964 [read it now]; Warren Commission testimony [Part #1; Part #2]; Interview to camera, CBS [YouTube it now].
Truman, President Harry S.: Harry Truman [Wikipedia biography] was POTUS between 12th April 1945 and 20th January 1953. He is noteworthy in the present context for his 22nd December 1963 op-ed in the Washington Post, in which he warned of what we now call "mission creep" in the CIA, advising that they should be made to stick to "intelligence".

Trumpeldor, Joseph: Russian-born of Jewish extraction Joseph Trumpeldor [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for serving honourably in the Tsarist army between 1902 and 1905, losing his left arm to a Japanese shell during the 1904-1905 Russo-Japanese War [see 1st August 1904], (b) for spending a year in a Japanese prisoner-of-war camp, during which time he set his heart on settling down as a farmer in Ottoman Palestine, (c) for duly emigrating to Palestine in 1911, (d) for evacuating to Cairo with the coming of war in 1914, there coming into contact with Ze'ev Zhabotinsky [see own entry], (e) for cooperating with Zhabotinsky in the formation of the Zion Mule Corps [see the entry for John Patterson], seeing action with same during the 1915 Gallipoli Campaign (and getting wounded again), (f) for returning to Occupied Palestine after the war during the Third Aliyah [see 19th December 1919], together with many more refugees - ideological, economic, or just plain war-weary - from the Russian Civil War, and (g) for being killed 1st March 1920 in the defence of his community.

***** SUSPICIOUS CHARACTER, SUSPICIOUS DEATH *****

Truslow, Francis Adams: Lawyer-economist, "special consultant for the State Department", and much travelled on strategic economic affairs in South America in WW2 Francis Truslow [no convenient biography but several interesting obituaries] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having done something strategically important during WW2 and presumably in the earliest years of the Cold War, (b) for having toured South America in the early 1950s as Chairman of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) [see own entry] (a forerunner of the modern World Bank), and (c) for concluding from his accumulated experience that autocracies were OK, but totalitarianisms (that is to say, communism) bad (Lafeber, 1983). He died in 1951 (aged 45 years of a heart attack, having just had a pre-mission medical clearance) en route to his latest placement in Rio de Janiero.

Tryall Conferences: Reportedly a JFK assassination planning meeting (or two) in early 1963 at what is nowadays the Tryall Resort, attended by Clay Shaw.

Tryall Resort: 21st century resort-paradise on Montego Bay, Jamaica. Under previous owners, site of the Tryall Conferences in early 1963. And before that, a top-secret U.K. intelligence base [Ian Fleming had a place just down the road - Ed.]

TSBD: The Texas School Book Depository: The building at 411 Elm Street, Dallas, abbreviated herein as the TSBD, but in some reports referred to as the "Sexton Building" [Wikipedia briefing]. It had been owned since 1939 by oilman D. Harold Byrd. The building is nowadays home to the Sixth Floor Museum [website].

TSBD6: The sixth floor on the TSBD [q.v.]. Rod Mac Kenzie (and Hooke) conclude that (from the west/left) Window #1 was Loy Factor's, Window #3 was Mac Wallace's, and Window #7 (last) was LHO's.

Turner Memorandum: We refer here to the three-page memorandum - read it here - submitted to New Orleans D.A. Jim Garrison 16th February 1968 by investigator William W. Turner [see own entry]. The memorandum (a) introduces a hitherto unknown cluster of inter-related suspects/witnesses, and (b) suggests that they are part of a Christian Right JFK assassination cabal. BUT CAUTION: It is far from impossible that Turner (in concert with his partner Bill Boxley [see own entry]) were in fact infiltrated front-line operatives of a CIA counterintelligence operation, whose mission was both (c) to confound the legal bona fides of the Garrison Inquiry, and (d) to confuse the public at large. For more on all these points, see Timeline 16th February 1968.
Turner, William Thomas: British liner captain William Turner [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been captain of the gun-running Cunarder RMS Lusitania on her final voyage [see 22nd April 1915 and subsequent thread], and (b) for testifying at the subsequent inquiries that there were two explosions in rapid succession, the second of which was quite possibly an internal explosion rather than a second torpedo. In their 2017 book "Prolonging the Agony" [see own entry], Jim Macgregor [see own entry] and Gerry Docherty [see own entry] draw attention to Turner's testimony before the 8th May 1915 Coroner's Inquiry convened at Kinsale, County Cork. They report as follows...

"Under oath, Captain Turner [...] stated that immediately after the first explosion caused by the torpedo, there was a second explosion 'that might possibly have been internal'" (p188).

However, by the time of the broader Board of Trade Inquiry in London, the Establishment had decided that Turner was to be made scapegoat for the disaster and no in-any-way-controversial witnesses were called to back him up.

Turner, William Weyland: [Read firstly the entry for the Turner Memorandum.] WW2 veteran (U.S. Navy, Pacific) turned G-man turned investigative journalist William W. Turner [Spartacus Educational biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for serving with the FBI 1951-1961, (b) for turning to journalism in 1961, becoming one of the first to conclude that the JFK assassination involved a conspiracy, (c) for contributing articles from late 1966 to the investigative magazine Ramparts [Wikipedia briefing], working closely with editor Warren Hinckle, (d) for therefore quickly offering his services to the Garrison Inquiry in 1967, (e) for discovering the Thornhill Letter in Garrison's pending files, and for then going off on what many still regard as a tangential and disruptive investigation, (f) for being the author of what is now commonly referred to as the Turner Memorandum, (g) for standing by Hinckle during the CIA's attempts 1967-1968 to put Ramparts out of business as part of Operation CHAOS, (h) for setting down his early experiences with the FBI in the (1970/1993) book "Hoover's FBI" [Amazon RECOMMENDED], (i) for teaming up with Hinckle again to author the (1981/1992) book "Deadly Secrets" [Amazon RECOMMENDED], and (j) for authoring the (2001) exposé "Rearview Mirror" [Amazon STRONGLY RECOMMENDED]. Turner's role in perhaps inadvertently obstructing justice during the Garrison investigations is further explored in the entry for Edgar Eugene Bradley. FURTHER READING: Turner's (2001) book devotes an entire chapter to the Ramparts struggle.

Tuttle, Holmes: See the entry for California Rangers.

Twining Memorandum: See the entry for Nathan Twining.

Twining, Nathan Farragut: WW2 veteran General (U.S.A.F.) Nathan Twining [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been the originator 23rd September 1947 of what is at face value a considered technical opinion (but possibly embellished for counterintelligence purposes) concerning a spate of encounters with unidentified "flying discs", nowadays commonly referred to as the "Twining Memorandum" [presumptive full text online - worth a look, because it is nowhere near as flaky as it sounds], (b) for having been Air Force Chief of Staff between 1953 and 1957, and (c) for having been Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff between 1957 and 1960.

Twombly, Phillip A: California based banker Phil Twombly [Spartacus Educational biography] used his position to distribute orders and funds for CIA operations, and reportedly commissioned the LHO/Hidell false ID papers from Chauncey Holt.

Ubico Castañeda, Jorge: Guatemalan soldier-politician President[1931-1944] Jorge Ubico [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been approved by the United States on 14th February 1941 as an on-message and compliant banana republic dictator [elections with just one candidate - Ed.], (b) for repeated displays of murderous barbarism toward political enemies, (c) for having been in the pocket of the United Fruit Company [see own entry] and thereby lining his own pockets at his
nation's expense, and (d) for having been duly deposed by the 1944 Guatemalan Revolution [see 1st July 1944].

**Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA):** [Read firstly the entry for Yaroslav Stetsko.] Founded in 1940 to "assist in the struggle for the independence of the Ukrainian nation", UCCA [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for assisting over 33,000 displaced Ukrainian refugees to emigrate to the United States between 1938 and 1952, and (b) for being chaired during the mid-1960s by "captive nations" lobbyist Lev Dobriansky [Wikipedia biography].

**Ukrainian National Information Service:** Founded in 1976 in Washington, the Ukrainian National Information Service [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context (a) as an adjunct to the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA) [see own entry], and (b) being well served by Chumachenko, Katherine [later Kateryna Yushchenko].

**Ulate Blanco, Luis Otilio:** Costa Rican journalist turned politician [Wikipedia biography] President[1949-1953] Otilio Ulate is noteworthy in the present context (a) for the controversy surrounding the 1948 elections (he was elected on the day with 55% of the vote, but President Picado [see own entry] and rival candidate Rafael Calderón [see own entry] Refused to accept the result, alleging vote-rigging) [see 2nd February 1948], (b) for having waited patiently on the side-lines during the ensuing 18 months of civil war in which acting President Picado [see own entry] fought it out with claimant José Figueres [see own entry]. Ulate was only able to be safely sworn in on 7th November 1949, complete with a new Constitution which deliberately dis-established the Costa Rican army.

"Ultimate Sacrifice": See the entry for Lamar Waldron.

**Umbrella Dart Theory:** [Read firstly the entry for Burris Memorandum] This is the notion which was propounded by Richard Sprague and Robert Cutler in the mid-1980s, to the effect that Umbrella Man's umbrella was a flechette-firing blowpipe of some sort - [YouTube it now]. It was not. It was something far more sinister - see next the entry for Louie Witt - IMPORTANT.

**RESEARCH ISSUE:** The more sinister alternative explanation is that the umbrella was a cynical and pre-calculated farewell insult on behalf of a primary conspirator. As such it must be counted as an unnecessary self-indulgence, because professional assassins have no room for settling scores at a yah-boo personal level. And the conspirators probably realised this. So if we knew who fed the flechette balderdash to Sprague and Cutler we would have a better idea who was protecting the real secrets.

**Umbrella Man:** See the entry for Louie Witt.

**Underhill, John Garrett ["Gary"], Jr.:** WW2 veteran (military intelligence), Life Magazine military correspondent, and some time CIA informant Gary Underhill [Wikipedia biography] came to the conclusion after the assassination that a CIA clique had organised it and had indeed used LHO as a "patsy". Underhill was found dead by convenient "suicide" 8th May 1964.

**Underwood, Martin:** Democratic Party advance man, "honorary" SS agent [but in many eyes an inveterate story-teller] Martin Underwood [no convenient biography] was not present in the motorcade at the time of the assassination, having been employed instead on advance security for LBJ. He would be interviewed by primary researcher Vince Palamara in 1992, confirming to him (a) that there had been lots of threats and rumours before the visit, and (b) that special arrangements had had to be made at Chicago, Tampa, and Miami. In Miami, for example, the Secret Service had compiled a 6-page watch-list of potential suspects. [Our verdict - unsafe witness, but no great surprises in 1992 material.]

**Union Terminal Company:** Owner and operators of the railyard north-west of the TSBD - see also North Tower.
Unit 731: Based at Harbin, Manchuria, during the 1937-1945 war, Unit 731 [Wikipedia briefing] was the Japanese Army's CBW research establishment, infamously responsible for the systematic use of Chinese prisoners-of-war and civilians as human guinea pigs in some very ghoulish experiments, that is to say, by systematically exposing them in various experimentally controlled ways to CBW agents so as to determine the most effective way of weaponising same for offensive use; also to develop countermeasures in case Japanese troops were ever to be on the receiving end of a CBW attack - or got too close to one of their own.

**ASIDE AND RECOMMENDED READING:** Two of the most commonly used agents were anthrax spores and bubonic plague, the latter delivered by air-dropped canisters filled with infected fleas. Both agents - being difficult to contain - were field tested far from base on remote towns and villages across occupied China. This sort of experimentation was also extended to American prisoners-of-war in Mukden. The story first became common knowledge thanks to Sheldon H. Harris' 1994 book "Factories of Death: Japanese Biological Warfare, 1932 - 1945, and the American Cover-Up". Check out also the 1998 History Channel documentary "Unit 731: Nightmare in Manchuria" [YouTube: IMDB] (which includes interviews with Mukden survivors). The Harris book is quite expensive now, but the man himself is interviewed to camera in this documentary. Harbin's surviving buildings are today part of the Unit 731 Museum [museum website] - take a virtual tour.

Unit 731 was commanded by Shiro Ishii [Wikipedia biography], the "Father of Biological Weapons". Ishii had undertaken a two year fact-finding tour of Western microbiological research centres - presumably including visits to the Edgewood Arsenal [see own entry] and Porton Down [see own entry] - in the late 1920s, and upon his return had made CBW his life's work. The Japanese invasion of China then provided him with research subjects a-plenty. After the war, Ishii and his top team successfully plea-bargained with United States CBW specialists from Camp Detrick [see own entry], exchanging the data they had accumulated from their human vivisection experiments [this being a research option not available to conventionally ethical scientists - Ed.] for their lives. Detrick's recorded judgement is that - ethics notwithstanding - the United States "got a bargain. For the parallel extraction of German secret weapons scientists see the entry for Operation Paperclip.

**ASIDE:** For the broader historical setting and lots of examples, check out the Banana Wars.

In the 1950s, the company's high level contacts could hardly get any higher, including as they did their corporate lawyer, Secretary of State John Foster Dulles [see own entry], and shareholder, Director of the CIA Allen Dulles [see own entry]. The company's most flagrant enforcement action followed the Guatemalan Arbenz regime's compulsory purchase of some uncultivated UFCO land in March 1953. The company simply used the CIA to depose Arbenz [see 18th June 1954] and install a yes-man in his stead.

**ASIDE:** Back in the 1960s, the United Fruit Company was second only to the CIA on the Hippie left-winger's hate list. This was because the company featured in David Horowitz's [check him out] 1965/1967 book "From Yalta to Vietnam" as being responsible for the systematic exploitation of half of Latin America. The background facts are nowadays freely - almost defiantly - confessed on the Internet, but in those days it was totally intoxicating political gossip, and it fuelled a lot of anti-Vietnam student protests. The present author is on his third copy of the Horowitz book.

**United Nations Special Committee on Palestine (UNSCOP):** The UNSCOP Committee [Wikipedia briefing] was formed 15th May 1947 to recommend what action to take for the future government of
Palestine. Representatives of 11 nations were set to work and reported back 3rd September 1947, recommending an end to the British Mandate and partition of Palestine between Arab and Jew. These recommendations were then the basis of General Assembly Resolution #181 29th November 1947. One of the two Guatemalan delegates was Jorge García Granados [see own entry].

United States Institute of Peace (USIP): Founded in 1984 in fulfilment of a promise by President Reagan, the United States Institute of Peace (USIP) [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context as one of the United States’ most influential publicly funded war studies institutions.

Urdy, Q. D. ["Red"]: The name Q. D. Urdy [no convenient biography] came up in Bob Vernon’s 1994 testimony to the Assassination Records Review Board, when it was alleged that Urdy had been commissioned by Jack Ruby in around October 1963 to acquire some rifles and scopes.

U.S. Army Cyber Command: Established in 2010 andBannered <ATTACK-DEFEND-EXPLOIT>, U.S. Army Cyber Command [Wikipedia briefing] is the U.S. Army’s 19,000-strong contribution to the all-services U.S. Cyber Command [q.v.].

U.S. Cyber Command: Established in 2009 at NSAHQ, Fort Meade, MD, and reporting to the broader U.S. Strategic Command [q.v.], U.S. Cyber Command [Wikipedia briefing] delivers surveillance, analysis, influence [see the entry for propaganda], and direct interference [see the entry for Arab Spring] into the worlds of social media and related communications technology (and thence, of course, into the real world).

USNS Comfort: Converted in 1986 from a supertanker into one of the USN’s two uncommissioned hospital ships, the now-ageing USNS Comfort [Wikipedia shipography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been deployed in October 2018 as part of Operation Enduring Promise [see own entry], a hybrid insurgency and intelligence gathering operation dressed up as a humanitarian operation on behalf of the Venezuelan refugee diaspora in neighbouring Colombia and beyond. For more on this operation see this U.S. Southern Command briefing.


Van Deman, Ralph Henry: American careerist soldier General Ralph Van Deman [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for learning the craft of military intelligence during the Spanish-American War [see 15th February 1898], supporting operations against Cuba, Puerto Rico, and the Philippines, (b) for thereby being headhunted for a reconnaissance trip to China in 1906, (c) for thereby being well qualified to head the Mapping Section at the War Department 1907-1911, (d) for returning to China 1911-1912 to report on Japanese activities there, (e) for returning to Washington to modernise the military intelligence capabilities of the War Department, (f) for being put in command 3rd May 1917 of the fledgeling Military Intelligence Division, and for putting it to the test in the European War, and (g) for travelling to France with the American delegation in late 1918, and for acting as head of security for said delegation through until the end of the Versailles Peace Conference [see Timeline 11th January 1919], not returning to Washington until August 1919.

Vanderlip, Frank: Banker Frank Vanderlip [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been President of National City Bank [Wikipedia briefing] during the 1900s, when he supported moves to create the Federal Reserve System [check it out].

Vansittart, Robert Gilbert, 1st Baron Vansittart: Career diplomat and author Robert Vansittart [Wikipedia biography] was Permanent Under-Secretary at the British Foreign Office between 1930 and 1938,
during which period his consistent anti-Nazism lost him friends in Britain's Nazi-appeasing fraternity. When war came he made his skills and contacts available to the intelligence services until 1941, when he retired to the House of Lords.

Varney, Dudley Dexter: Homicide detective Dudley Varney [Obituary, 2015] led the LAPD investigations into the assassination of RFK.

Varney, Eric: Associate of Fletcher Prouty, who is cited by Prouty as being the first to reach the conclusion that the U-2 Incident was self-inflicted (insufficient hydrogen having been placed on board for the flight, resulting in a loss of power), and that it must therefore have been a CIA black op.

Vaughn, Roy Eugene.: DPD Patrolman Roy Vaughn [no convenient biography] appears in some histories as having worked with Patrolman Marvin Wise to arrest a second set of three tramps - the Harrelson set - which they duly brought back to DPDHQ. This achievement was then soured when Vaughn was subsequently blamed - unfairly, it would eventually be adjudged - for allowing Jack Ruby into DPDHQ on the afternoon of 24th November 1963, on his way to silence LHO. Vaughn's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony (perhaps significantly, this deposition covers events of 24th November 1963 only, and makes no mention of the arrests on 22nd) [read it now].

Vaughn, Todd Wayne: Assassination researcher Todd Vaughan [no convenient biography] was author of the 1993 research paper "Presidential Motorcade Schematic Listing" [full text online - ESSENTIAL REFERENCE WORK], in which the vehicles and their occupants are listed and helpfully annotated.

Veciana Blanch, Antonio: Cuban exile Antonio Veciana [Wikipedia biography] was recruited as a CIA death squad member [codename AMSHALE-1 - Ed.] by David Atlee Phillips after the failed Bay of Pigs Invasion in April 1961, only to fail again in an October 1961 bazooka attack on Fidel Castro. In 1962 he co-founded the "aggressively independent exile group" (Hancock, 2010, p50) Alpha 66 to continue the struggle, and by early 1963 he had been adopted as an Army Intelligence asset (Ibid., p55). He reportedly met with Phillips in Dallas sometime in September 1963, at which meeting someone he would later recognise as LHO was also present ...

ASIDE - THE VECIANA-PHILLIPS-OSWALD MEETING: Hancock (2010, p99) gives the date 1st September 1963, and states the venue as the Southland Building [Wikipedia briefing and map]. Upon arrival Veciana found Phillips in conversation with a young man he would later testify was LHO, who also expressed anti-Castro views. We have to be slightly flexible as to the date because Judith Vary Baker has it that 1st September was her last day with boyfriend LHO, and that they spent a full [!] day together in New Orleans (Baker, 2014). So think in terms of a window of three or four days starting 2nd September.

In April 2017 Veciana's memoirs (co-written with Carlos Harrison) were published under the title "Trained to Kill" [Amazon] - YouTube one of the reviews.

Velmouth, Robert A.: Bank of Chicago employee Robert Velmouth [no convenient biography] would be called upon by the FBI to explain the banking procedures by which the "A. Hidell" money order for Mannlicher-Carcano C2766 was cleared.

Ventura, Jesse: [Born James George Janos] Vietnam War veteran (U.S. Navy special forces) turned professional wrestler turned movie actor turned politician turned author-celebrity Jesse Ventura [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for demonstrating to camera in 2010 that it was not possible for LHO to have got off three aimed shots from the Sniper's Nest in the TSBD in the time available using a Mannlicher-Carcano rifle - YouTube his experiment, (b) for providing a Foreword to the 2011 reissue of L. Fletcher Prouty's (1973/2011) book "The Secret Team" [Amazon], and (c) for pointing to some of the many inconsistencies in the official explanation of the 9/11 False Flag Attacks - YouTube a typical TV interview from 2012.
Vérinage: [French = support, jack; and as here, also the applied physics thereof] This is the French term for the science of architectural load bearing and the sister science of demolition. The secret of the Vérinage Demolition Technique [Wikipedia briefing] is to create a horizontal weakness on one or two floors about half way up the building, such that at the moment of truth the final supports can be easily cut through. This brings the intact top part of the building down hard on the bottom part, creating a gravity-sustained simultaneous "crush-down" of the bottom floors and "crush-up" of the top floors. Done properly, all you are left with is a pile of rubble and little or no lateral ejecta beyond the building's footprint. There is a short but highly entertaining (2009) introduction to the subject online under the title "Vérinage Compilation - Explosiveless Demolition"...

YouTube it here ENTERTAINING AND INFORMATIVE

To appreciate the relevance of vérinage in an encyclopaedia of conspiracy theory, see next the entry for Jon Cole, who notes compelling similarities between the behaviour of the French buildings coming down and the collapses of the three Lower Manhattan skyscrapers during the 9/11 Attacks. Here, from his 3rd December 2010 video "The 9/11 Experiments: Collapse vs. Demolition" is Cole's principal accusation (at 5:20 for 70 seconds) ...

YouTube "The 9/11 Experiments" here ESSENTIAL VIEWING

Vernon, Robert G.: Truth, Truth, Truth, Inc. researcher Bob Vernon [no convenient biography] gave evidence to the Assassination Records Review Board in 1994 concerning his organisation's role in uncovering three important new witnesses, namely Q. D. Urdy, Tosh Plumlee, and James Files [q.v.]. Following the death of initial researcher Joe West, he was successful in getting the Files confession on 3rd May 1993. Vernon's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED]; Assassination Records Review Board testimony [read it now].

*************** PROBABLE FRONT-LINE RADIO-MAN ***************
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Vidal Santiago, Felipe: Cuban exile and CIA operative Felipe Vidal [Spartacus Educational biography] was a member of INTERPEN and took part in a number of raids on Cuba in the early 1960s. He had reportedly conspired with/been funded by both General Edwin Walker and H. L. Hunt. Some recent theories identify him as the Hispanic radio man - Dark Complacted Man - sat on the kerb of Elm Street a mere 10 feet from the JFK kill zone - YouTube him? in Dealey Plaza now.

Villard, Oswald Garrison: [Read firstly the entry for United Fruit Company.] Journalist and civil rights activist Oswald Villard [Wikipedia biography] was author of the 7th June 1922 The Nation editorial entitled "The Republic of Brown Bros", in which he warned very explicitly against the perils of "Dollar Diplomacy", that is to say, of framing U.S. foreign policy simply to fill the pockets of financiers and traders.

Vinson, Robert G.: [Read firstly the entry for T. F. White. This entry broadly follows the account in Jim Douglass' 2008 book "JFK and the Unspeakable", extracts of which are readily available online.] 34-year-old NORAD assigned U.S.A.F. Staff Sergeant Robert Vinson [no convenient biography] had travelled to DC on 20th November for a promotion board. On 21st November he had been in the office of a Colonel Chapman when the latter had to take a telephone call. During that call he overheard the Colonel advising a person unknown that the President should call off his visit to Dallas because "there had been something reported". On the morning of 22nd November he was trying to hitch the most appropriate flight out of Andrews AFB in the general direction of Colorado Springs. The first to come up was a flight to Lowry AFB, Denver, which he duly boarded. It was a Douglas C-54 Skymaster cargo plane [check one out], but wholly memorable because it carried no identification markings other than an unfamiliar design on its tail - "Its only identification was on its tail—a rust-brown graphic of an egg-shaped earth, crossed by white grid marks".
The two-man flight crew boarded after him, said not a word to him, and then took off, heading west. Sometime after 1230hr the intercom announced curtly that the President had been shot, whereupon the plane diverted sharply to the south. Three hours later it landed at what Vinson recognised as Dallas, on "a rough sandy area alongside the Trinity River". The plane took on two passengers, who again said not a word to him or to each other.

ASIDE: This is the patch of undeveloped flood plain we have chosen to describe as Oak Cliff International Airport (OCX). Vinson described it as being just under a mile long, and situated between the Cadiz Street viaduct [now the I35E] and the Corinth Street viaduct. The pick-up/turn-round area was at the Corinth end. Google Earth it from Corinth now. The pick-up point is less than a mile's drive from the El Chico restaurant discussed in the entry for T. F. White.

Vinson later described the two passengers as a tall Latino and an LHO Look Alike. They took off, and landed in due course at what he would learn was Roswell AFB, NM, whereupon the two flight crew and the two passengers immediately ran off into the darkness leaving him to make his own way to the tower complex. He was not allowed off base to continue his journey home until the post-assassination alerts were eased. Subsequent assignments kept him close to CIA establishments, and subject to additional CIA oaths of secrecy. After 30 years of keeping his head down - but still bound by his oaths of secrecy - Vinson was interviewed 23rd November 1993 by Larry Hatteberg of KAKE-TV - YouTube it Now - and his story was then featured in James Johnston and Jon Roe's 2003 book "flight from Dallas". Browse both the Balcony Arrest Thread and the LHO Look Alike Thread to accumulate the various fragments of this story, but be aware that it might all be a post-"JFK" intelligence services counter story!

Voebel, Edward: 23-year-old florist Edward Voebel [no convenient biography] had been a school friend of LHO and fellow member of David Ferrie's Civil Air Patrol squadron. Voebel's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now].

Volkov, Konstantin: See the Volkov cameo in the entry for Kim Philby.

Von Bolschwing, Otto Albrecht Alfred: WW2 veteran (SS\(^1\) Intelligence Officer; adjutant to Adolf Eichmann) Otto von Bolschwing [Wikipedia biography] was recruited by U.S. Army Intelligence toward the end of the war, and he duly supported Allen Dulles' CIA operations in Europe until 1954, whereupon he emigrated to the U.S.\(^1\) Not Secret Service, the other one.

Von Mohrenschilt, Dimitri/Sergius: See de Mohrenschilt, Dimitri/Sergius.

Von Pein, David: Online broadcaster David von Pein [no convenient biography] manages a number of YouTube channels, including his personal JFK Channel. This latter offers a highly informative stream of newsreel, editorial, and similar media memorabilia - YouTube one now.

Vonsiatsky, Anastasy Andreyevich: White Russian refugee aristocrat Count Anastasy Vonsiatsky [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being evacuated from the White Russian stronghold in the Crimea in 1920, arriving in the United States in 1922, (b) for organising a network of fellow proto-fascist White Russians in his adopted home country, and for following a generally pro-Nazi line during the rise of Hitler in the 1930s (albeit he was generally careful not to alienate anti-Communist Jews, whose support might later be useful), (c) for founding the Russian Nationalist Revolutionary Party [no convenient briefing] in 1933 (in Connecticut), publishing its Fashist newsletter, and parading in full Nazi regalia whenever possible, (d) for clarifying in 1940 that his party was directed solely against the Soviet Union and in no way threatened the United States, (e) for being
interviewed by the FBI in 1942 [by which time the United States was at war with Germany and an ally of the Soviet Union - Ed.] and jailed for four years for pro-German activities, and (f) for featuring quite heavily in John Bevilacqua's (2013) book "JFK: The Final Solution" [Amazon], wherein he is (f.1) named as a long-standing associate of General Charles Willoughby, and (f.2.) suggested as being one of the two over-talkative accessories to the JFK assassination described in the entry for the Winnipeg Incident - see Timeline 13th February 1964 [for our part, we remain unconvinced - Ed]. FURTHER READING: For much more on the part played by White Russians in encouraging American Fascism see historian John J. Stephan's (1978) book "Russian Fascists" [Amazon].

Vrla, Deputy Frank L.: Korean War veteran and Dallas County Sheriff's Deputy Frankie Vrla [no convenient biography] was one of three officers sent to Oak Cliff by Allan Sweatt to investigate the killing of Patrolman J. D. Tippit, but before he could get there his car was re-routed to the Texas Theatre, where he finally assisted in LHO's arrest. Vrla's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED].

"Vulcans": Named rather appropriately after the Greek God of Fire, the "Vulcans" [Wikipedia briefing] were the coterie of six policy advisors who provided presidential candidate George W. Bush with his vanguard of foreign policy competence during the 1999-2000 election campaign and who were then rewarded with positions of power in the ensuing Bush Administration, whereupon one of their first operations was to cover up the 9/11 False Flag Attacks [q.v.]. The six were Richard Armitage [q.v.], Dick Cheney [q.v.], Colin Powell [q.v.], Condoleezza Rice [q.v.], Donald Rumsfeld [q.v.], and Paul Wolfowitz [q.v.]. Wolfowitz's aide Libby Scooter [q.v.] gave close support from time to time after 2001, but was not one of the original six campaign advisors. Other fringe Vulcans are listed in James Mann's [q.v.] 2004 book "Rise of the Vulcans" as Stephen Hadley [q.v.], Douglas Feith [q.v.], Dov Zakheim [q.v.], Richard Perle [q.v.], Robert Blackwill [q.v.], Robert Zoellick [q.v.], Zalmay Khalilzad [q.v.], and Paula Dobriansky [q.v.].

Wade, Henry Menasco: Dallas County District Attorney Henry Wade [Wikipedia biography] was at the Dallas Trade Mart at the time of the shooting. At around 1500hr he learned from Sheriff Bill Decker that "Don't say nothing about it, but they have got a good suspect". Wade's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now]

Wadsworth, Gladstone Antonio Marc: Leftish journalist, author, and civil rights activist Marc Wadsworth [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context as the representative of the Momentum Black Connexions [no convenient briefing but much to reward the determined browser] advocacy group, who on 30th June 2016 was the on-stage half of the highly public spat with Labour M.P. Ruth Smeeth which saw her perform a Political Flounce [see own entry] and him subsequently expelled from the Labour Party. For more of the gory details, see the entry for Ruth Smeeth.

Waggoner Carr Papers: A research archive from the desk of Texas Attorney General Waggoner Carr is presently maintained at Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX [go to the archive homepage].

Wagner, Cyril: Cy Wagner [no convenient biography] was the Advertising Director of the Dallas Morning News, and therefore boss of Jerry Coley [q.v.]. It was he who on 26th November 1963 confirmed that the two FBI agents who wished to interview Coley were, indeed, who they said they were. Wagner's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED].

***** "War is show business" *****

"Wag the Dog": Directed by Barry Levinson, the (1997) black comedy "Wag the Dog" [IMDB entry] is noteworthy in the present context (a) as a minor masterpiece of political satire in its own right, and (b) for being recommended 30th March 2020 by forensic historian James Corbett in a 19-minute piece entitled "The Totally Spontaneous Health Worker Balcony Applause Phenomenon" [YouTube it now LIKE IT OR LOATHE IT, YOU'LL NEVER BE THE SAME AGAIN]. The film is loosely based on Larry
Beinhart's (1995) novel "American Hero" [Amazon], and demonstrates how thin the line is between spin and outright and malevolent political lying, especially in an era where truth precedes events and confirmatory video can be conjured out of thin air by skilled media technicians. The screenplay includes such memorable lines as "War is show business", "The President is a product!", and "The war isn't over until ***I*** say it is". You might even try spotting the devices at work in your country's - whatever that country might be - MSM coverage of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Wainwright, Richard: Great-great-grandson of Benjamin Franklin and career U.S. Navy officer Richard Wainwright [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been Executive Officer aboard USS Maine on her final momentous voyage. He had previously served in the Far East 1890-1893, and had been made the Office of Naval Intelligence's Chief Intelligence Officer in 1896, reporting to Assistant Secretary of the Navy Theodore Roosevelt [see own entry]. One of his first ONI jobs was to carry out a study into a growing epidemic of coal bunker fires. He then joined the Maine on her politically sensitive Cuban deployment in November 1897 just after she had been dry-docked for hull maintenance, monitored her coded communications with the Navy Department during her 21 rather strained days at anchor in Havana harbour, escaped with his life when her recently maintained hull was blown open on the 22nd evening (possibly from a coal bunker fire), and then closely managed divers' access to the wreck for the ensuing weeks [check it all out]. When the Spanish-American War broke out on 25th April 1898, he was transferred to command the armed yacht USS Gloucester, and served with Nelsonian flair at the Battle of Santiago Bay on 3rd July 1898 [check it out]. He then became Superintendent of the Naval Academy 1900-1902, before becoming heavily involved in the early "Banana Wars" in Central America in the 1900s [check it out]. He retired 1911, and died 1926.

Wake Island Conference: [Read firstly the entry for Dry River Incident.] The Wake Island Conference [Wikipedia briefing] was a high level drains-up conference of U.S. political and military leaders held on 15th October 1950 on Wake Island. The purpose of the conference was to discuss how best to handle the diplomatic backlash following the Dry River Incident [q.v.], the 8th October U.S.A.F. incursion into Soviet airspace west of Vladivostok, during which a Soviet airbase had been strafed. The Washington delegation (making what for them was an 18,000-mile round trip) consisted of President Harry S. Truman, Special Assistant Averell Harriman [Wikipedia biography], SECARM Frank Pace, Jr. [Wikipedia biography], Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Omar Bradley [Wikipedia biography], Assistant Secretary of State for Far Eastern Affairs Dean Rusk, and U.S. Ambassador at Large Philip Jessup [Wikipedia biography]. From Seoul, U.S. Ambassador to South Korea John J. Muccio [Wikipedia biography]. And (making a 4000-mile round trip) from Tokyo came theatre commander Douglas MacArthur and Commander of the U.S. Seventh Fleet Arthur W. Radford [Wikipedia biography]. Many juniors accompanied. The conference was - relative to travelling time - brief. It began with a 45-minute heart-to-heart [read "Truman hit the roof"] between Truman and MacArthur, running into a 20-minute senior figures meeting, running into a 90-minute general meeting. President Truman announced that it had been his most successful conference since becoming president [five years earlier - Ed.], MacArthur just grunted, and the U.S. presented an official apology to the U.N. Security Council on 19th October, saying that the officers responsible had been duly disciplined.

Waldron, Lamar: Assassination researcher Lamar Waldron [Wikipedia biography] was first author to Thom Hartmann on the (2005/2006) book "Ultimate Sacrifice" [Amazon - RECOMMENDED], in which it is argued that The Big One, a CIA-backed coup - codenamed AM/WORLD [q.v.] - to remove Fidel Castro from power, had been due to take place on 1st December 1963, but had been turned by the intervention of rogue CIA man David Morales into an attempt instead on the American presidency.

Waley-Cohen, [Sir] Bernard Nathaniel [1st Baronet] 1954: British oil-heir turned banker and businessman [Sir] 1954 Bernard Waley-Cohen [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for working his way through just about every one of London's prime civic appointments at one time or another, and (b) for having served as Vice-Chairman of the Palestine Corporation [see own entry] between 1947 and 1953.
**Waley-Cohen, [Sir]** Robert: British oildustrialist [Sir] Robert Waley-Cohen [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for joining the Shell Oil Company in 1901, soon working his way up to board level, (b) for serving as petroleum adviser to the War Office throughout WW1, earning himself a 1920 knighthood for his efforts, (c) for helping to set up the Palestine Corporation [see own entry] in 1922, and (d) for heading the 1936-1939 The Focus [see own entry] fund-raising initiative by which Winston Churchill's liquor bills (and other expenses) were paid off in return for his taking a more aggressive line against Hitler.

**Walker, Charles T.:** DPD Patrolman Charles Walker [no convenient biography] happened to be out of his patrol car in the Fire Station in the Oak Cliff area of Dallas when he heard of the shooting on their television. He drove immediately to the TSBD, and parked "right in front of the building". Finding that the search of that building was already under way, he helped control access and egress. When he then heard that an officer had been shot in Oak Cliff he went back to his car and - allowing "two newspapermen" to ride with him - drove to the site of the shooting. Here one of the newsmen got out, and he then "cruised" the area until he spotted a "person fitting the description on the air" near the library at Jefferson and Marsalis. He called this in and a number of units converged on the building. It proved to be a false alarm however, so he started cruising again until the call came in mentioning a suspect at the Texas Theater. Once there he assisted the search of the aisles and the final arrest of LHO (fully detailed in his Warren Commission testimony below). He was then in the police car which took LHO back to DPDHQ, where he stayed with him "until the time the detectives took him over". Officer Walker's evidential profile is as follows: Initial Report, 3rd December 1963 [read it now - DIFFICULT TO FIND]; Warren Commission testimony [read it now].

**Walker, Major-General Edwin ["Ted"] Anderson:** WW2 and Korean War veteran and unapologetic right-winger General Edwin Walker [Wikipedia biography] became part of the JFK story after nightfall 10th April 1963 when an unknown assailant tried unsuccessfully to shoot him at his desk from the darkness of his garden (full details in the Warren Commission testimony below). The assailant made off into the night, and the incident was quickly set aside as an unsolved attempted murder until after the JFK assassination when it was adjudged that the April assailant had in fact been LHO. Many scenarios then come to mind. Was it all a set-up, a publicity stunt perhaps, in which the shooter deliberately shot to miss? Had it indeed been LHO outside in the bushes? Had he been working alone? Was he being groomed as a patsy as early as April? After the shooting Walker was increasingly involved in John Birch Society right-wing lobbying and personally helped whip up mob hysteria in the run-up to a public speech in Dallas on 24th October 1963 by U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Adlai Stevenson, II [Wikipedia biography]. Walker deliberately spoke in the same venue the evening before, extolling the ultra-right agenda point by point. Interestingly, LHO was one of the 1200 people who had attended, subsequently referring to same in a 1st November 1963 (dated by postmark) letter [read it now] to Arnold Johnson, the head of the Communist Party of the U.S.A. The 24th October speech duly degenerated into the Adlai Stevenson Riot [q.v.]. General Walker's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now]. It will later emerge that Walker was something of a closet homosexual all this time, with arrests in 1976 and 1977 for "lewdness" in restrooms (Roe, 2016).

*************** PROBABLE FRONT-LINE SHOOTER ***************

**Wallace, Malcolm ["Mac"] Everett:** Texas-born LBJ-gopher, regular at the Dallas Gun Club, and convicted murderer Mac Wallace [Wikipedia biography] was first implicated in the JFK assassination in Glen Sample and Mark Collom's 1995 book "The Men on the Sixth Floor", when, acting on information from Loy Factor, they placed him on the 6th Floor of the TSBD along with LHO. Sample and Collom also interviewed fellow workers at Ling Electronics, Anaheim, CA, where Wallace had been working at the time of the assassination, who described him as stand-offish and secretive, and - more to the point - not on site on 22nd November 1963. More recently, Rod Mac Kenzie (and Hooke)'s 2016 analysis of the assassination put him as head of a two-man team stationed on the 6th
floor of the TSBD along with Factor himself, and credit him - at Z235 - with firing the second shot from a .30-06[^1] [=7.62mm] scope-less bolt-action rifle, hitting John Connally in the back. Wallace died 7th January 1971 when his car ran off U.S. 271 and hit a bridge (although as a semi-alcoholic this need not have been the result of foul play). On 29th May 1998, researcher Walt Brown held a press conference at which he announced that a fingerprint from a long-suppressed 1951 drunkenness case against Wallace had just been shown to match the previously unidentified "exhibit Box A" print from the TSBD Sniper's Nest, thereby legalistically placing Wallace at the scene - see Chapter 20 of Sample and Collom (recent editions) for the detailed evidence.

[^1]: commonly spoken as "thirty-oh-six" or "thirty-oh-six" in shooting circles.

Wallace, Robert A.: Assistant Treasury Secretary Bob Wallace [no convenient biography] was nominally responsible for the Secret Service, but left its day-to-day administration to James Rowley.

Walter, William S.: [Read firstly the entries for Francis Martello and John Quigley.] Teletype operator/night clerk William Walter [no convenient biography] had been on night duty at the FBI's New Orleans office when at around 0145hr 17th November 1963 he received an all-stations SAC [Special Agents in Charge] teletype from J. Edgar Hoover which said that information had been received to the effect that an assassination attempt would be made on 22nd November, and requesting a trawl of informants for any relevant word on the streets. When this story came to light in 1975 the FBI denied the message had ever existed. However in his 2006/2010 e-book "Someone Would Have Talked" Larry Hancock points out that it would have been perfectly reasonable for said message to have been sent given the number of threats earlier in the month. Hancock also points out that it was Walter who had processed the message from NOPD's Lt. Martello that LHO, presently in custody for disturbing the peace by distributing Fair Play for Cuba Campaign leaflets, wished to speak to the FBI. Walter duly found "multiple cards" of types "105 and 134" (indicating that the prisoner Oswald was an established FBI informer), as a result of which Quigley visited him on 10th August. [Our verdict - if you believe the 17th November story, then you have to believe the informer story; or you can reject both.]

Walters, Ralph: Dallas County Sheriff's Deputy Ralph Walters [no convenient biography] was one of the law officers who entered the TSBD a few minutes after the assassination. For the primary account of the ensuing search see under Weatherford, Harry. Walters' evidential profile is as follows: Sheriff's Office Notes, 23rd November 1963 [read it now]; Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED].

Walther, Carolyn: Dallas resident Carolyn Walther [Spartacus Educational biography] was standing on Houston Street between Elm and Main and saw two men with rifles at TSBD windows, but was uncertain which floor exactly. Walther's evidential profile is as follows: FBI Report, 5th December 1963 [read it now]; Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED]. Note that along with other perfectly credible witnesses to multiple TSBD shooters - not least Richard Carr - Walther was, for whatever reason, not called by the Warren Commission.

Walthers, Deputy Eddy Raymond ["Buddy"]: Dallas County Sheriff's Deputy Buddy Walthers [Spartacus Educational biography] was one of the law officers who entered the TSBD a few minutes after the assassination. For the primary account of the ensuing search see under Harry Weatherford. Walthers was then sent to Oak Cliff by Allan Sweatt to investigate the killing of Patrolman J. D. Tippit, but before he could get there his car was re-routed to the Texas Theater, where he finally assisted in LHO's arrest. He was then sent to the Paine House to assist the search there. It may or may not be relevant that fellow Deputy Roger Craig held a dim view of Walthers' abilities, describing him as having "absolutely no ability as a law enforcement officer". Walthers was killed in a shoot-out while making an arrest on 10th January 1969. Walthers' evidential profile is as follows: Sheriff's Office Notes, 22nd November 1963 [read it now]; Warren Commission testimony [read it now].

Wang, Ming: Chinese politician from the early 1920s through to the late 1940s, Wang Ming [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context as an early player in the complex politics of the Chinese
Civil War [see 12th March 1925]. He sided with the Communists at the time of the Kuomintang-Communist schism in 1927 [see 1st October 1927], spending two years in Moscow founding the 28 Bolsheviks Communist pressure group [see own entry]. In 1929, however, his Russian version of Communism fell flat in China when faced with the home-grown Communism which had been put in place during his absence by the likes of Zhou Enlai [see own entry]. Specifically, they and their Russian handler Pavel Mif [see own entry] were seen as Stalinist stooges. Wang was therefore never quite at the centre of the Chinese Communist war effort during the 1930s and 1940s, and retired to Moscow with no great ceremony in 1956.

"The mildest-mannered man that ever personally conducted a revolution" (Kellock, 1915)

Warburg, Paul Moritz: German-born American banker Paul Warburg [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having in 1895 joined his great-grandfather's Hamburg-based M. M. Warburg and Company [Wikipedia briefing] as the latest partner in a banking dynasty dating back to 1798 (and still going strong in 2018), (b) for re-locating to New York City in 1902 to join his brother-in-law's Kuhn, Loeb and Company [see own entry], and (c) for generally leading moves 1906-1913 toward an American central banking system based *at all levels* upon the use of "promissory notes", and specifically for attending the 1910 Jekyll Island Conference [see 20th November 1910]. After WWI he will go on to found the American Acceptance Council [no convenient briefing] (a sort of reserve bankers' trade guild/bankerhood) in 1919, and help establish the International Acceptance Bank of New York [full technical briefing] (a reserve banking monopoly trust) in 1921, both closeted administrative adjuncts of the slightly more transparent main Federal Reserve Board [see own entry].

War Propaganda Bureau: Established by Asquith's War Cabinet 6th August 1914 with Charles Masterman [see own entry] as Director, and operational within a month [see 2nd September 1914], the War Propaganda Bureau [Spartacus Educational briefing] was the nerve centre of Britain's WW1 foreign consumption propaganda effort. In February 1917 it was subsumed into John Buchan's more broadly remitted Department of Information, and its work dovetailed with that of the National War Aims Committee (NWAC) [see own entry]. [THREAD = WW1 ESPIONAGE AND INTELLIGENCE] [THREAD = CALLERS OF INNOCENTS TO WAR]

***** MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN (1975 VERSION) *****

War, Chester Charles, Rear-Admiral: One time Judge Advocate General of the U. S. Navy Chester Ward [no convenient biography, but there are many fragments online to reward the determined browser] is noteworthy in the present context as the highest-profile member of the right-wing think tank, the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR), ever to walk out on it for being too wishy-washy in its vision of what it means to be a modern American. Uncannily foreseeing the MAGA campaigns of the Trump era, the CFR was, Ward claimed, far too interested in "one-world government" for America-First Americans such as he [see the CFR's own entry for more of the details - Ed.].

War, Stephen Thomas: Osteopath, artist, socialite, and procurer Stephen Ward [Wikipedia biography] was an influential figure in London society between 1945 and 1963 thanks to his skills (a) with dodgy joints, and (b) at procuring girls for Establishment high rollers.

RESEARCH ISSUE: It has been pointed out that JFK had three flings as President-Elect or later with girls with suspected links to Soviet intelligence. Of these, two - Mariella Novotny [q.v.] and Suzy Chang [q.v.] were introduced by Ward (the third - Ellen Rometsch [q.v.] - seems to have been sourced locally). It has also been suggested that on his London visit in June 1963 JFK had his famously bad back treated by Ward the osteopath, having been recommended to him by advisor and past satisfied customer Averell Harriman [q.v.].

Ward was also a well-respected portrait artist (many minor royals, and the Eichmann Trial). He committed suicide (perhaps) after having been patsied by MI5 after the Profumo Affair [q.v.].
Ware, [Sir] Fabian Arthur Goulstone: British journalist turned colonial administrator turned Western Front ambulance driver turned high end gravedigger Major General [Sir] Fabian Ware [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having held a number of positions in the South African civil service during the early 1900s and for thereby becoming a member of Milner's Kindergarten [see own entry], (b) for becoming Editor in 1905 of Lord Glenelsk's conservative daily The Morning Post, a position he would hold until 1911, (c) for then trying his luck as management consultant to (and soon a director of) the Rio Tinto Company [see own entry], (d) for volunteering in 1914 to command a Red Cross ambulance unit behind the Western Front, (e) for his unit being brought under Army command in 1915 with himself commissioned with the rank of Major, (f) for founding the Imperial War Graves Commission in 1917, and thereby being promoted to Major General and knighted, and (g) for returning to public service in WW2 at the War Office.

Warren Commission: [Properly, The President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy] The Warren Commission was the enquiry authorised by LBJ on 29th November 1963 under the far-from-willing chairmanship of Earl Warren. The commission submitted its report on 24th September 1964. Its principal conclusion, namely that LHO was a lone-nut non-conspirator, was subsequently formally reversed by the House Select Committee on Assassinations in 1979.

Warren, Earl: Lawyer Earl Warren [Wikipedia biography] was asked by LBJ to head up the public enquiry which became known as the Warren Commission. He was initially reluctant to accept the honour, but quickly fell into line when LBJ threatened to tell his wife about a certain extramarital indiscretion.


Wean, Gareth ["Gary"] L.: WW2 USN veteran turned Ventura County investigator Gary Wean's [no convenient biography] 1987 book "There's a Fish in the Courthouse" exposes graft and corruption in that county in the post-war years. It is noteworthy in the present context for an anecdote concerning a December 1963 lunch date with friends Dallas County Sheriff Bill Decker and film star (and Honorary Dallas County Sheriff's Deputy since honeymooning in Dallas in 1949) Audie Murphy. With the assassination still fresh in everyone's minds the conversation soon turned to whether LHO could have fired the necessary three shots in the time available. Nobody around the table - Decker included - thought it possible. Decker then offered to introduce the others to someone who "could set the record straight". They re-convened in Ruidoso, NM, a few days later, on which occasion Decker brought with him a man identified subsequently as Texas Senator John Tower, but known cryptically on the day merely as "John". The scenario he presented will now be summarised ...

The Wean Scenario: According to Tower, LHO had been a CIA agent with a carefully constructed Marxist persona (from his highly publicised activities in both Moscow and New Orleans). He had been controlled by E. Howard Hunt, and was part of a major anti-Castro false flag operation, namely an orchestrated attempted assassination of JFK which could then be blamed on Castro. It had all gone horribly right, and the intelligence community was presently (late 1963) in a state of shocked confusion.

Weatherford, H. W.: Dallas County Sheriff's Senior Deputy Harry Weatherford [no convenient biography], reputedly that force's best marksman, claimed in his Sheriff's Office Report, 23rd November 1963 [read it now] to have been "standing in front of the Sheriff's Office" when shots were fired. He then entered the TSBD with Deputies Eugene Boone, Luke Mooney, Ralph Walters, and Sam Webster, and they made their way from 1st, to 7th, to 6th Floor in that sequence. When they reached TSBD6 Mooney soon called out that he had found "some shells" over by the "sniper's nest" window, and Weatherford accordingly gave instructions "to preserve the scene for the Crime Lab". Other theories - not least that put forward in Rod Mac Kenzie (and Hooke) - place him as a gunman on the roof of the County Records Building, and a 2017 Bitchute video entitled "Where Was Harry Weatherford?" [view it now] very much leaves the matter open.
ASIDE: Just to complicate matters we need to mention that if Weatherford was indeed a gunman his mission would probably have been NOT to shoot JFK at all, but to take out the TSBD6 assassins - see the fake assassination theory suggested by Gary Wean.

***** Investigative Journalist Silenced *****

Webb, Gary: Investigative journalist Gary Webb [Spartacus Educational biography] was only eight years old at the time of the assassination, but became an expert on intelligence service misdeeds in the late 1980s when working for the San Jose Mercury News. In 1996 he published new evidence concerning the CIA-Contra drug deals of 1985-1987, but establishment retaliation soon got him the sack. He subsequently published his material in the 1998 book "Dark Alliance: The CIA, the Contras, and the Crack Cocaine Explosion". He was found dead at his home in 2004, being adjudged to have rather cleverly shot himself twice in the head.

***** Investigative Journalist Professionally Belittled *****

Webb, George: American investigative journalist George Webb [no convenient biography but much to reward the determined browser; Twitter account] is noteworthy in the present context as the source of the American Patient Zero story [see Timeline 18th October 2019 and 26th March 2020]. The best indicator of the factuality of his story can be calculated from the sheer volume of dismissive vitriol cast his way in the weeks following its publication - click here for an example. Only time will tell whether that proportionality is direct or inverse.

"... no good at maths, no good at science ..." (vid. cit. inf.)

Webb, Justin: BBC Radio 4 Today current affairs presenter Justin Webb [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being the subject of the 23rd November 2017 interview by a La Chât [see own entry] Senior, on the theme of "Impartiality" [see Timeline that date, and follow the sub-threads <The Death of Democracy> and <The Corruption of the BBC>] …

ASIDE: Alternatively, do without the contextualising narrative and just YouTube it now. Oleagenous.

(b) for nevertheless being accused of sniggerfesting a senior Labour Party politician during the mid-2019 Brexit negotiations - see Timeline 10th July 2019, and (c) for being mentioned by BBC whistleblower John Sweeney - see Timeline 24th November 2019 - as having done "paid corporate gigs" for globe-shrinking Messrs Fix-It, Henley and Partners [see own entry].

Webber, John D. ["Death Squad"], Jnr.: Colonel John Webber [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having commanded the United States’ presence in Guatemala in the mid-1960s, and, as U.S. military attaché, for encouraging the use of government death squads in the struggle against the Fuerzas Armadas Rebeldes (FAR) [see own entry]. For more on these events we recommend William Blum’s (2004 [extracts online]) entitled "Killing Hope: U.S. Military and CIA Interventions since World War II”.


Webster, Deputy Sam: Dallas County Sheriff's Deputy Sam Webster [no convenient biography] was one of the law officers who entered the TSBD a few minutes after the assassination. For the primary account of the ensuing search see under Weatherford, Harry. Webster's evidential profile is as follows: Sheriff’s Office Notes [UNABLE TO TRACE]; Warren Commission testimony [NOT TAKEN].

Wecht, Cyril Harrison: Experienced medical examiner Cyril Wecht [Wikipedia biography] published academic critiques in the late 1960s of the medical conclusions put forward in the Warren Commission Report, and his research interests earned him the privilege, over two days in mid-August 1972, of being the first to inspect the National Archives autopsy evidence. As reported in the New
York Times on 27th August, JFK's brain was not at that time available to inspect [nor would it subsequently come to light - Ed.]. This in turn earned him a seat in 1976 on the nine-member Forensic Pathology team advising the House Select Committee on Assassinations. He was the sole dissenter to the Committee's validation of the Single Bullet Theory. Wecht's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED]; House Select Committee on Assassinations testimony [read it now]. Browse the Magic Bullet Thread to accumulate all the fragments of this story. He speaks on camera in Wim Dankbaar's [see own entry] (2007/2020 re-released) documentary movie "The Grassy Knoll" [see firstly the separate entry, and then view on Amazon Prime STRONGLY RECOMMENDED].

**Wedge Issues:** This term first appeared in the early 1990s. It refers to the deliberate and cynical targeting of persuasive discourse on divisive issues - abortion, civil rights, belief in aliens, chemtrails, etc., etc., etc. - precisely because they can be guaranteed to split a population in two and set them - ultimately - at each other's throats. As explained in Steven Hager's 2017 book "Killing Kennedy", "wedge issues are the fulcrums deployed to divide and conquer" (p152). That hum you hear - as you read these words - is social media doing exactly that. And it does not just happen: it is both a precise science and a major big-campus industry.

**Weishaupt, Adam:** Dealt with in the entry for Nesta Webster, which see.

**Weiss, Seymour:** Businessman and civic leader Seymour Weiss [Wikipedia biography] was a business associate of Clay Shaw in the NOLA International Trade Mart.

**Weiss, Victor J.:** Psychiatrist Dr. Victor Weiss [no convenient biography] was the mental health assessor at East Louisiana State Hospital, Jackson, LA, where Rose Cherami was hospitalised on 21st November 1963, suffering a drug withdrawal crisis.

**Weissman, Bernard William:** Having arrived in Dallas only as recently as 4th November 1963, 26-year-old Bernard Weissman [Spartacus Educational biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having served as a Military Policeman in the U.S. Army between August 1961 and August 1963, alongside fellow veteran Larrie Schmidt [see own entry], (b) for then helping to set up "a conservative organization" - in fact, a chapter of the John Birch Society - in Dallas, (c) for thereby being involved with Joseph P. Grinnan, organiser of right-wing protests in the run-up to the Presidential visit, even to the extent of having his name at the bottom of the famous Welcome Mr. Kennedy advertisement, (d) for later being rumoured to have met with Jack Ruby and DPD Patrolman J. D. Tippit around this time (which rumour he strongly denied), (e) for being interviewed in 1992 by forensic historian Dick Russell, who noted as follows ...

"Weisman was one of five Jews whom Schmidt had recruited in Munich in the summer of 1962. [...] Joseph Grinnan, an independent Dallas oilman and volunteer coordinator for the John Birch Society, gave Weissman the nearly $1,500 he had collected to pay for the ad [...]. Until the rapid capture of the 'fanatic leftist' Oswald, the initial press reports of November 22, 1963, focused on the right-wing-sponsored, black-bordered, ad. Its creators quickly decided to go 'underground'. [...] From all the testimony taken by the Warren Commission, Weissman certainly seemed to have no inkling of what was to transpire the day of the ad. [Nevertheless he] left Dallas a few days after the assassination" (Russell, 1992, pp204-205

Weisman's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [Part #1; Part #2 - WORTH A LOOK].

**Weitzman, Seymour:** Texas-born WW2-veteran and DPD Deputy Constable Seymour Weitzman [Spartacus Educational biography] was standing on the corner of Main Street and Houston when the shooting occurred. He then ran to the railway yard and found "numerous kinds of footprints that did not make sense because they were going different directions". He then took part in an ascending search of the TSBD, and when he saw the rifle recovered there identified it "in a glance" as "a 7.65 Mauser bolt action". Weitzman's evidential profile is as follows: Initial Report (where the Mauser was first
recorded) not found online; Warren Commission testimony [read it now]; Interview to camera, CBS 1968 [YouTube it now] in which he corrects himself.

Weizmann, Chaim: White Russian-born German-trained British naturalised chemist and Zionist activist turned munitions magnate turned statesman Chaim Weizmann [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for combining his early studies (at Darmstadt, Berlin, Fribourg, and Geneva) with Zionist activism, (b) for moving on to the University of Manchester in 1904, for being naturalised British in 1910, and for lobbying Zionism into the British political establishment at ever higher levels of seniority, (c) for discovering how to produce acetone by the industrial-scale fermentation of readily available starchy biomass such as maize and horse chestnuts, (d) with acetone (a key solvent in the production of cordite) in seriously short supply, for thereby being asked by Munitions Minister Lloyd George at the height of the 1915 Shells Crisis [see the 14-part sub-thread beginning 27th March 1915, or go direct to Part XIII at 8th June 1915], to oversee the requisitioning of brewery sites to brew acetone instead of beer, (e) for being deeply involved with the Zionist lobby in the period of the Sykes-Picot negotiations [see 5th January 1916], (f) for becoming the fifth President of the World Zionist Organisation in 1921 (a position he would hold until 1931, then again 1935-1946), and for Chairing the 1921 12th Zionist Congress [see 1st September 1921], (g) for continuing in like vein during the interwar years, (h) for succeeding David Ben-Gurion [see own entry] as Chairman of the Provisional State Council of Israel [see 16th May 1948] and (i) for becoming in due course first President of the State of Israel [see 17th February 1949]. [THREAD = THE SHAPING OF THE MODERN WORLD] [THREAD = THE NEVER-ENDED RUSSIAN CIVIL WAR, 1917-ONGOING]

***** THIS MAN HELPED FASHION OUR PRESENT HELL ON EARTH *****

Welch, Robert Henry Winborne, Jr.: [Read firstly the entries for Religious Right and Evangelism and Evangelistic Preaching ESSENTIAL] Atheist fundamentalist [!] Robert W. Welch [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) as one of the founders in 1958 of the ultra-right wing John Birch Society (JBS), and the author of its constitutional "Blue Book" [Amazon], (b) for making much of the threat of world communism, and for arguing for a return to the McCarthyist purges of the early 1950s, (c) for drafting a 200-page polemic entitled "The Politician" [Amazon], a copy of which was leaked to the Chicago Daily News in August 1960, famously accusing President Eisenhower and Secretary of State John Foster Dulles of perhaps being communists themselves, so half-heartedly did they act against it ...

***** See the JBS entry for his activities 1958-1963 *****

... and (d) for falling out with fellow JBS founder Revilo Oliver in the mid-1960s, by which time he was preaching a updated variant of the much older Illuminati Conspiracy [Wikipedia briefing], which posited a world-wide secret society which made it their business to parachute compliant politicians into nations which somehow displeased it. He died in 1985, aged 85. FURTHER READING: For the full story see Chapter 14 in John George and Laird Wilcox's (1996) "American Extremists" [Amazon].

Wellington House: Synecdoche for the War Propaganda Bureau, which see.

Welsh, David: Political journalist David Welsh [no convenient biography] was the author of the November 1966 Ramparts article entitled "In the Shadow of Dallas", in which, using the vehicle of a spoof review of a non-existent new book, he cleverly made the case for a three-shooter assassination conspiracy. The piece worked admirably in a land which knows a conspiracy when it sees one (it chooses to blind-eye them, but that's a different story). Unfortunately its very success brought the dangers posed by grass roots conspiracy theorists to the eyes of the villains of the piece, the CIA, who immediately called down fire upon them, with the result that they have fought a very one-sided losing battle ever since.

West, Louis Jolyon, MD: Psychiatrist and Korean War veteran (psychiatric) Dr. Louis West [Wikipedia biography] had been involved at Lackland A.F.B., San Antonio, TX, in the psychological debriefing of
indocrtinated repatriated prisoners of war, becoming personally convinced that simple deprivation of sleep was the most effective brainwashing vector. He later contributed papers on same to the MK/ULTRA mind control program. He is noteworthy in the present context for having visited Jack Ruby twice in hospital in order to assess his fitness to plead [although some (not least Ruby himself) have argued that it might just as easily have been to shut Ruby up - Ed.].

West, Joseph: Private investigator Joe West [no convenient biography] was one of the first to interview James Files. He speaks fleetingly on camera in Wim Dankbaar's [see own entry] (2007/2020 re-released) documentary movie "The Grassy Knoll" [see firstly the separate entry, and then view on Amazon Prime STRONGLY RECOMMENDED].

Westbrook, William Ralph ["Pinky"]: 46-year-old DPD Personnel Division Captain Bill Westbrook [no convenient biography] was in his office at DPDHQ in plain clothes when the news of the assassination came in. He then helped send all spare officers to Dealey Plaza, and, having done that then set off - on foot - himself. He arrived outside the TSBD just as the call came in that there had been a shooting out at Oak Cliff, and he duly hopped a ride in one of the responding patrol cars. Just as they arrived at the scene he was diverted to a suspect-sighted report in the Public Library, only to find that this was a false alarm. He then returned to the shooting scene and started taking witness notes. He then took off again when the call came in regarding the suspect sighting at the Texas Theater, where he observed LHO's struggle and arrest. He then returned to base. He retired the force in 1966 and took a job as a CIA officer advising the South Vietnamese police force. It is this last factor which would lead Ian Griggs (and others) to assert that Westbrook was part of the conspiracy itself, not just of its cover-up! Westbrook's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now]. Browse the LHO Wallet Thread to accumulate the various fragments of this story.

BLUE VEIN OF CORRUPTION: [Read firstly the entry for Kenneth Croy.] Westbrook's testimony makes no mention of Oswald's Wallet. Nevertheless he is clearly seen ON CAMERA handling it at the scene - see the entry for FBI Agent Bob Barrett. By any theory of jurisprudence Westbrook should therefore have been asked far more questions than he was.

Weyl, Nathaniel: WW2 veteran (U.S. Army) and right-wing journalist Nathaniel Weyl [Spartacus Educational biography] was author of the 1961 anti-Castro book "Red Star Over Cuba" and ghost-writer for John Martino's 1963 book "I was Castro's Prisoner". He also co-wrote Martino's January 1964 article claiming LHO had been to Cuba and met Castro, and was acting on Castro's behalf in assassinating JFK. This combination of career success and right-wing writing indicates he was part of the CIA's Operation Mockingbird brainwashing program.

Weyler y Nicolao, Valeriano, 1st Duke of Rubi, 1st Marquess of Tenerife: Majorcan born soldier-diplomat General Valeriano Weyler [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been installed by Madrid as Governor of Cuba on 17th January 1896, tasked with defending the island against republican insurgents in the Cuban War of Independence [check it out]. His chosen strategy [in what has recently been described as the Cuban Holocaust - Ed.] is to round up the population at large into tightly curfewed concentration areas, thus deriving the guerrillas of their popular support. This policy - known as reconcentrado in Spanish - causes no little hardship, and both sides are guilty of bloody atrocities. Unfortunately for Weyler, the Cuban insurgency has a well-oiled propaganda machine at its headquarters in New York City, and their pamphleting makes much of Weyler's "brutality" (so too will the American jingo press once they decide to jump on the bandwagon in early 1896). Madrid will be forced to withdraw Weyler following carefully stage-managed international condemnation of reconcentrado on 9th October 1897, leaving behind him an influential faction of right-wing empire-loyalists - the "Weylerites" [see next].

Weylerites: The Weylerites [no convenient factsheet] are notable in the present context for being followers of General Valeriano Weyler [above], Governor of Cuba between 1896 and 1897, and architect of the reconcentrado concentration camps. Their number included senior army officers, businessmen, right-
wing politicians, and journalists, and they shared an unquestioned loyalty to Madrid [think Ulster Unionist at the time of the 1914 Curragh Incident and you won't be far out - Ed.]. Which is why they were, and still are, one of the prime suspects in the mining of the USS Maine on 15th February 1898 [check it out].

CONSPIRACY TROPES: In the lexicon of Conspiracy Theory, the Weylerites are a natural candidate for an <over-my-dead-body socio-political elite>. They worked together, worshipped together, wrote and then approvingly read the same newspapers, and generally knew each other inside out. And because of this they were conspiratorial without resorting to lodges, fraternities, and secret signs; nor - should they occasionally resort to direct action - were they ever short of funds in the collection hat or a safe house to go to ground in.

Weyrich, Paul Michael: [Read firstly the entries for Evangelism and Evangelistic Preachers and the Religious Right.] American right-wing activist Paul Weyrich [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for founding the highly successful Heritage Foundation [Wikipedia briefing] in 1973, with financial backing from brewer Joseph Coors, and (b) for jointly founding the Moral Majority with Jerry Falwell in 1979.

Wharton, Donald J.: SS Agent Don Wharton [no convenient biography] Was the agent whom Emory Roberts ordered off the right-side riding step of limo #1 as it moved off from Love Field - YouTube it now - and who then remained at the airfield.

Whatley, Dick: [Seen sometimes, wrongly. Walley] Miami-based soldier-of-fortune Dick Whatley [no convenient biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having associated with slightly murky Los Angeles private investigator Richard Hathcock for "several years" prior to 1963, (b) for serving in Guatemala during the preparations for the Bay of Pigs Invasion (but not actually taking part in said operation), (c) for introducing INTERPEN commander Gerry Hemming and Loran Eugene Hall to Hathcock on the occasion in "late" January 1963 that Hemming pawned his Johnson M1941 and Bushnell Hunting Scope [check them out], the sniper's combo which some researchers suspect was used in the JFK shooting, and recovered at the scene.

Wheat, George Clinton: [1913-1979] Convicted murderer turned Klansman and hard-right militiaman G. Clinton Wheat [no convenient biography but see FBI FOIA below] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being associated with Loran Hall, William Potter Gale, and Wesley Swift, (b) for being mentioned by name 16th February 1968 in the Turner Memorandum (but not in the 19th March 1968 Boxley Memorandum) ...

CAMEO - WHEAT IN THE TURNER MEMORANDUM: Here is what the (possibly vexatious) Carol Aydelotte had to say about Wheat in her Turner Memorandum evidence against Edgar Eugene Bradley ... 

"Mrs Aydelotte mentioned one other man as being very close to Bradley, a Clinton Wheat. She was unable to expand upon this relationship. [...] This Wheat is probably identical with the Clinton Wheat of Hollywood area who has been a backer of Col. Gale of the California rangers and his colleague Wesley Swift of the Church of Jesus Christ - Christian" (Turner Memorandum, 1968 [full text online], p3).

(c) for being briefly mentioned in Joan Mellen's (2005) book "A Farewell to Justice" [Amazon] as "an ex-Klan member who held meetings at his house where they discussed the assassination, and who disappeared after Garrison attempted to have him subpoenaed” (p278), and (d) for a similar brief mention in Peter Dale Scott's (2015) book "Dallas '63" [Amazon] ...

"A flurry of dubious stories connecting Col. Gale and his associate Clinton Wheat to the Kennedy assassination filled FBI files in 1964, and were later used by Gerry Patrick Hemming to distract the Garrison Investigation" (Scott, 2015, K4502).

FURTHER READING: Probably the most informative supporting source on Clinton Wheat is a FOIA'd FBI dossier on him - read it here. Note the links to Gerald Smith, the pushy letters to J. Edgar Hoover, and the confusion over what Jim Garrison might have had in mind when he subpoenaed him.
Wheeler, Keith: Columnist Keith Wheeler [no convenient biography] was author of a *Life Magazine* article entitled "Cursed Gun: The Track of C2766", published 27th August 1965, which tells the official version of the movements of *Mannlicher-Carcano C2766* from importation through to delivery to LHO's P.O. Box 2915, and thence to Room 317 (Homicide Bureau) at DPDHQ.

Whitaker, George, Sr: In the days after the assassination Ford Motor Company technician George Whitaker [no convenient biography] was involved in repairing the windscreen of *limo #1*, and would subsequently report seeing a front impact bullet hole. Assassination theories now regularly tie this to JFK's throat wound. This explanation becomes even more attractive if the throat wound is seen as a fragment wound rather than a complete bullet.

White, Geneva: [later Geneva Dees; later Geneva Galle] Wife of deceased DPD officer Roscoe White [q.v.], Geneva White [no convenient biography] came forward in 1975 with a previously unknown third Backyard Photograph CR-133-C. She would then feature in Gary Cartwright's (1990) paper entitled "I was Mandarin" in which she alleged that she had overheard her husband plotting the assassination with Jack Ruby, and had then tried unsuccessfully to talk him out of it.

White, George Hunter: [Read firstly the entry for Operation MK/ULTRA.] California life guard turned crime reporter turned private detective turned agent with the Federal Bureau of Narcotics (FBN) George Hunter White [no convenient biography but much to reward the determined browser] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being headhunted into the OSS at the outbreak of WW2 and sent for special operations training in Canada at Camp X [Wikipedia briefing], (b) for spending a year as OSS training instructor, passing on his experience to the likes of Richard Helms, William Colby, and James Jesus Angleton, (c) for becoming a field operative in October 1942 in the Middle East, (d) for returning state-side in summer 1943 to work with Stanley Lovell [see own entry] On the latter's Truth Drug Committee [see own entry] ...

ASIDE: White seems to have been responsible for the field trialling of various psychoactive chemicals and their delivery vectors. In its simplest application, an agent would befriend an unsuspecting target, slip them the mickey, and then take notes as the target - his/her tongue now loosened - tells you everything you want to know.

(d) for then being transferred to OSS counter-intelligence projects in India and Burma for the remainder of the war ...

ASIDE: The biographies say little about White's experiences in Burma, but it seems reasonable to presume that he had taken his truth potions with him and was using them in counter-intelligence operations against the Japanese.

(e) for returning to his old job at the FBN after the war, (f) for thereby being head-hinted 9th June 1952 by Camp Detrick's famed Doctor Death, Sidney Gottlieb, to undertake projects within Operation MK/ULTRA (Wojculewski, 2013, K1987), (g) for testing LSD on himself and former student Angleton one evening in November 1952 (and reportedly enjoying the experience immensely), (h) for setting up an elaborate laboratory-cum-brothel at 81 Bedford Street, Greenwich Village, NYC, in July 1953, there to conduct live subject experimentation as part of the (very aptly named) Operation Midnight Climax [see own entry] ...

ASIDE: The thrust of the Midnight Climax program was that men availing themselves of the brothel could be filmed at their enjoyment through two-way mirrors by MK/ULTRA technicians. The Independent Variable - the Stimulus - in these experiments was a secretly administered dose of LSD or similar psychoactive chemical. The Dependent Variables - the Responses - were the mood changes and Altered States of Consciousness which might occur as a result. Informed consent was not obtained.

and (i) for continuing these experiments in San Francisco from March 1955, until retiring due to ill health in 1965. He died of a heart attack in 1975, aged 67. FURTHER READING: This entry has
been condensed from material in Stan Wojculewski's (2013) book "Danger, Drugs, and Dirty Work" [Amazon], wherein considerably more detail is given if interested. See also researcher Colin A. Ross' excellent review piece to camera - YouTube it now.

White Helmets : [Properly Syria Civil Defence (SCD)] Ranging far and wide in rebel-held territory in the three-way Syrian Civil War, 2014-2018 (ongoing), the White Helmets [Wikipedia briefing] were founded in 2014 by British mercenary and intelligence asset James le Mesurier [q.v.]. According to their friends the 3000-strong White Helmets deliver humanitarian and civil defence resources to point of civilian need in the battlezone. According to their doubters they are a cover organisation for covert operations and intelligence gathering.

White, Jack D.: WW2 veteran (U. S. N.) turned photographer-journalist Jack White [Spartacus Educational biography] made himself such an expert on the three Backyard Photographs [q.v.] that he was asked to be one of the photographic scientists advising the House Select Committee on Assassinations - read his testimony. He testified at the outset that the backgrounds to all three shots was the same, that is to say, that they could not have been taken from a handheld camera, but rather either (a) from a tripod, or (b) photo-engineered in a darkroom "from a single photograph originally". After further consideration of bodies, heads, shadows, etc., his judgement, on balance, was "just as Oswald said, I think they are fakes", and - more importantly, perhaps - "extremely sophisticated" ones. White died in 2012, but not before leaving some useful online documentaries - YouTube his critique of the Zapruder Film - COMPULSORY VIEWING.

White, Ricky: Assassination celebrity Ricky White [no convenient biography] did not enter the histories until he announced at a 2nd August 1990 press conference that his father, Roscoe White, had been one of the Dealey Plaza shooters. The story was that some ten years earlier White had found his father's diary and a treasure trove of related artefacts, and had been working with researchers like Gary Shaw and Joe West not just to explain their significance but to monetarise them - YouTube the fuller story. In the end, however, many of the artefacts were dismissed by mainstream researchers such as the La Fontaines as fakes.

White, Roscoe ["Rock"] Anthony: Only recently recruited into the DPD, Officer Roscoe White [Spartacus Educational biography] has recently emerged as a possible shooter for JFK's throat shot. For example, Rod Mac Kenzie (and Hooke)'s 2016 analysis of the assassination asserts that White (in uniform) was, along with J. D. Tippit (also in uniform) and Frank Sturgis, part of a three-man shooting team assigned to the eastern end of the Picket Fence. ASIDE: White would thus be an excellent candidate for Badge Man. It would also account for the two men in uniform seen at that location by Lee Bowers [q.v.]. Note that JFK's throat wound would probably be better explained as the result of a fragment of a full metal jacketed round (fragmented by striking the windshield first), and not an intact round. Awkwardly there are two other potential frontal firing positions, namely the western end of the Picket Fence (see the entry for J. C. Price) and the South Knoll (see the entry for Sherry Fiester).

Other suggestions include Gary Cartwright's (1990) paper entitled "I was Mandarin" in which White's wife Geneva White alleged that she had overheard her husband plotting the assassination with Jack Ruby. There are also theories to the effect that White went on to kill fellow-officer Tippit some 40 minutes after the assassination, and that he had personally silenced up to 28 of the witnesses. Also that his was the body used in the incriminating Life Magazine photocomposite.

White, T. F.: 60-year-old Dallas auto mechanic T. F. White [no convenient biography] was at work at Mack Pate's garage at about 1400hr on 22nd November 1963 when he saw a blue 1957 Plymouth (all cheesy-chrome smile and shark's fins) pull into the El Chico restaurant across the street and park "behind a billboard facing Davis Street".
ASIDE: We checked these addresses on Google Earth February 2018 and it looks like Mack Pate's Garage is now the service station at postal 150 East Davis Street and El Chico - now a building lot - is, although just across the road, postal 599 North Beckley. Both addresses appear to be full block sites between West/East Davis to the north and West/East Seventh to the south. Assuming that the service bays in 1963 were where they are now, then there is a perfect line of sight across to the northern parking bays of the El Chico restaurant.

On his toes because of sirens screaming everywhere he noted that the occupants were behaving suspiciously, and crossed the road to get a better look. One of them, he would soon realise, was a decent LHO Look Alike. Taking note of the car's registration number - PP4537 - he then wisely backed away.

The 1957 Plymouth story continues in the entry for Wes Wise.

Price's story was re-examined by the 1976-1978 House Select Committee on Assassinations under the heading "The Wise Allegation", whereupon it was adjudged that White must have taken the car number down wrongly.

Pivotal Moment: Be that as it may, White's line of evidence makes perfectly good sense if the LHO Look Alike driven away from the rear of the Texas Theater a few minutes previously - see the entries for Bernard Haire and Warren Burroughs - had been handed over to a get-away car, whose next move was to drive the remaining mile to Oak Cliff International Airport (OCX) to catch a CIA flight out of town - see the entry for Robert Vinson.

Browse both the Balcony Arrest Thread and the LHO Look Alike Thread to accumulate the various fragments of this story.

Whitmeyer, George: Commander of all the U.S. Army reserve units in East Texas Lieutenant-Colonel George Whitmeyer [no convenient biography] was in the middle-rear seat of the Pilot Car at the time of the shooting.

"Whitten, brilliant if overbearing" (Morley, 2008, p89)

Whitten, John Moss: [1920-2000] [Nom-de-witness-box John Seelos] WW2 veteran (U.S. Army, military intelligence) turned CIA careerist John M. Whitten [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been appointed in March 1963 as head of CIA covert operations in Mexico and Central America, thus ...

"‘Our Mexico station was the most elaborately equipped and effective in the counterintelligence field of any we had in the world,’ said John Whitten, who played a big role in the CIA's Mexican and Central American operations for close to five years” (Morley, 2008, p89).

"CIA official John Whitten would recall: ‘The main thrust of the station's effort was to attempt to recruit Russians, Cubans, and satellite people,’ an action program he called 'absolutely enormous’” (Whitten, HSCA testimony 16th May 1978, quoted in Russell, 1992, p144).

(b) for thereby being very much in the thick of things during mid-1963 operations against Fidel Castro, not least Operation AM/WORLD, the wizard wheeze which utterly backfired when it was piggybacked by the JFK assassins, (c) for thereby also being very much in the thick of things during the immediate post-assassination drains up ...

ASIDE: Rapidly scanning the archives, and reporting directly to Director of Plans (DDP) Richard Helms, it took only 48 hours for Whitten's investigations to allow Helms (who later freely confessed to lying through his teeth to defend the Agency) to reassure President Johnson that LHO had acted alone. During December he oversaw the investigation into the relationship between LHO and Silvia Duran. Helms then took him off the case 24th December 1963.

and (d) for testifying in May 1978 to the House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA). Whitten would in due course be assessed by Mellen (2005) as "the one [CIA] officer who had spoken
frankly to the HSCA regarding the Agency's manoeuvres with respect to the assassination" (p359), and by Kaiser (2008) as "a man of intelligence, integrity, and strong opinions" (p283).

Wilcox, Robert William Kalanihiapo: Native Hawaiian politician Robert Wilcox [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having led the counter-rebellion - the Wilcox Rebellion - of 1889 [check it out], in an honourable but unsuccessful attempt (a) to fight the United States' possible annexation of the islands, and (b) to restore the powers of the Hawaiian monarchy stolen in the Rebellion of 1887 [check it out].

Wilford, Hugh: Academic historian (California State University) Hugh Wilford [no convenient biography] was the author of the 2008 book "The Mighty Wurlitzer: How the CIA Played America", in which the CIA's use of "front" organisations such as the National Committee for a Free Europe (NCFE) [q.v.] is explored.

Wilkinson, Sydney: Assassination researcher Sydney Wilkinson [no convenient biography] purchased a third generation copy (the best ordinary mortals can get) of the Zapruder Film from the National Archives in 2008, and set about forensic digital reconstructions of it in an attempt to spot tinkering. Early online chatter [2010-2014] had it that the dirty hands of Hawkeye [q.v.] were clearly to be seen, but at the time of writing [February 2018] things have gone eerily quiet and we still await the definitive publication.

Williams, Arthur Frederic Basil: British civil servant and Boer War veteran Basil Williams [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for graduating from Oxford in 1891, and then working as a clerk in the House of Commons until the outbreak of the Second Boer War in 1899 ...

ASIDE: It happened that in 1896 he clerked the Parliamentary Inquiry into the Jameson Raid [see own entry], coming into contact with Cecil Rhodes and generally helping to cover up that which needed covering up.

(b) for volunteering for service in South Africa, where he adventured alongside Erskine Childers [see own entry], (c) for forsaking Westminster life for the Transvaal civil service during the 1900s and for thereby becoming a member of Milner's Kindergarten [see own entry], (d) for finding the time to act as foreign correspondent for The Times, and for writing Volume IV of "The Times History of the South African War", (e) for being commissioned in 1903 to go first author to Childers in producing the HAC's 1908 regimental memoir "With the HAC in South Africa" [full text online], (f) for joining the Royal Artillery in WW1, (g) for becoming involved with the War Refugees Committee [see own entry], being based for some time at Folkestone, then one of the BEF's main transit ports, (h) for his 1918 monograph "Raising and Training the New Armies", in which he provides "a general survey of the methods of enlistment and training and of the organisation of the New Armies" (Preface, v) ...

ASIDE: This book had been in preparation for at least a year (the Preface is dated November 1917), and is from the outset well-informed, wide-ranging (it extends to the training of intelligence officers and joint operations between tanks, infantry, and aircraft), and detailed. Published by Constable, it is as "official" a publication as you can hope to get without an HMSO imprint.

(i) for then settling down after 1921 to a series of professorships in modern history, one of the products of which was the 1921 biography "Cecil Rhodes".


Williams, Bonnie Ray: 20-year-old order checker Bonnie Ray Williams [no convenient biography] was with Harold Norman and James Jarman at the TSBD5 window directly under the Sniper's Nest, it not being possible to safely access TSBD6 because it was being refloored by outside contractors at the time. Unlike Norman he did not recall the sound of cartridges hitting the TSBD6 flooring above. Williams' evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now].
Williams, J. Doyle.: Dallas-based FBI Special Agent J. Doyle Williams [no convenient biography] was sent by SAIC Gordon Shanklin to Parkland Hospital to establish liaison with the Secret Service, speaking to Roy Kellerman and Jackie Kennedy and almost coming to blows with some very stressed SS men (Hurt, 1985). Accounts differ as to whether he was who placed the Magic Bullet on the stretcher.

Williams, Harold Whitmore: New Zealand-born Methodist preacher turned state propagandist Harold Williams [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for relocating to Germany in 1900 and living the life of a poor student, (b) for obtaining a doctorate in linguistics from the University of Munich in 1903, (c) for using his grasp of the Russian language to earn a living 1903-1914 as special correspondent on Russian affairs for The Times, interviewing Leo Tolstoy in 1905, (d) when Europe descended into war in August 1914 for reporting from the Russian lines during the campaigns in the Carpathians, (e) for thereby becoming confidante and adviser to the British Ambassador in Petrograd, Sir George Buchanan [Wikipedia biography], and thus in effect a field agent for the Foreign Office in London, (f) for contact 1914-1917 with author-journalist-spy Arthur Ransome [see own entry], (g) for helping to set up a Foreign Office propaganda service in Petrograd in 1916, liaising with the Tsarist press in publicly bigging up Allied progress in the war whilst privately loudly warning of impending revolution, (h) come the Revolution in 1917 for generally supporting Allied intervention in support of the White Russians, (i) for continuing to report on the Revolution through until the signing of the Brest-Litovsk Treaties in early 1918, being then forced to relocate to London where his experiences were constantly in demand, (j) for syndicating highly politicised positional propaganda concerning Russian affairs to newspapers in the United States, (k) for returning to Russia in 1919 to represent The Times on the Southern Front of the Russian Civil War, (l) for thereby featuring large in propaganda theorist Walter Lippmann's [see own entry ESSENTIAL READING] landmark analysis of how America's views on the Bolsheviks were carefully constructed by the media in the period 1917-1920 [see Timeline 1st May 1917 FASCINATING STUFF], and (m) for returning to London as Foreign Editor of The Times 1921-1928. He died in 1928 aged 52 years.

Williams, Kenneth: Phoenix-based FBI special agent Kenneth Williams [no convenient biography] was the author of the 10th July 2001 "Phoenix Memo" to FBIHQ, in which it was reported that a number of suspicious Middle Eastern types had been/still were on pilot training courses at Prescott's Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. Williams suggested that a nationwide intelligence trawl be conducted for terrorist airstrikes under preparation, but his suggestion was not followed up.

Williams, Otis N.: Bookkeeping Supervisor Otis Williams [no convenient biography] was spectating from the front steps of the TSBD. After the shooting he ran up to TSBD4, checked around, and then returned to his office on TSBD2.

Willing, Thomas: Lawyer-businessman-politician-revolutionary Thomas Willing [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context for having been one of the United States' first bankers. In fact, he did as much for his country before the war as after it, having been an associate of Robert Morris [see own entry] in supplying the Continental Army with munitions and military supplies. ASIDE: Willing, Morris and Company first transacted with banker Francis Baring [see own entry] in December 1774, and Baring with the French government in September 1776, just as they were beginning shipments of arms via Martinique (Tearle, 2017, Chapter 9).

After the war he became president of the new Bank of North America [see own entry], and became one of the richest Americans in history

Willis, Phillip LaFrance and Rosemary: WW2 veteran (U.S.A.F.) now realtor Phil Willis [Wikipedia biography] was spectating with his family from the corner of Main and Houston. After the first four cars had passed he ran northward along Houston toward Elm, followed closely by his daughter Rosemary Willis [Wikipedia biography], then 10 years of age. In all he took 12 slides over the last 25 seconds of JFK's
life, and one of them - "Willis5 - shows the President just grasping at his throat. Willis' evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [read it now]; Clay Shaw trial testimony [read it now]. Ms Willis interview to camera, 1991 [YouTube it now].

***** THIS MAN HELPED FASHION OUR PRESENT HELL ON EARTH *****

***** Candidate JFK Top-Management Primary Conspirator *****

[Selected the target; assembled the top team; arranged finance; trumpeted the propaganda]

"It is not stretching a point to say that Willoughby was a racist, an anti-Semite, and, as even MacArthur referred to him, 'my little Fascist'" (Russell, 1992, p.66).

Willoughby, Charles Andrew: [possibly (for even his birth and education might be cover stories) Adolf Karl Tscheppe-Weidenbach] German-born1892 American WW1 veteran (A.E.F. and - quite likely - Prussian intelligence), interwar U.S. Army intelligence officer, and "Franco-German Nazi" in U.S. uniform General Charles Willoughby [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been pro-Mussolini and pro-Franco before the war, (b) for being assigned "G-2 Far East Command" to General Douglas MacArthur throughout WW2, the occupation period (1945-1950), and the Korean War ...

ASIDE: The U.S. Army divides its staff officer resources into five headings, namely G-1 (Personnel), G-2 (Intelligence), G-3 (Operations), G-4 (Logistics), and G-5 (Civil-Military Operations).

(c) presumably working in close concert with the CIA, for collating and directing the intelligence gathering effort of all army corps in the Far East, including therefore those of Texas' own Philip Bethune [see own entry], with Eighth Corps at the time. (d) more importantly, for also controlling the war narrative, overseeing the production of news releases in which carefully selected elements of the available intelligence were merged with falsehoods here and there, prior to being fed to home and international news service, (e) for being affectionately referred to by MacArthur as his "little fascist", (f) after retiring in 1951, for associating with Texas oilman H. L. Hunt and rabid right-winger General Edwin Walker in promoting extremely right "umbrella" organization activities ...

CAMEO - THE FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE DIGEST: On behalf of his backers Willoughby edited the Foreign Intelligence Digest 1958-1963, campaigning, amongst other things, for the use of "weapons of mass destruction" against North Vietnam (Twyman, 1997, K14453). On White Russian issues he is known to have consulted ex-Waffen SS man and Ukrainian patriot Yaroslav Stetsko.

CAMEO - WILLOUGHBY AND STETSKO: HAVING noted the link between Willoughby, the SS, and Ukrainian politics, Twyman then reminds us that Stetsko had founded the Americans Friends of the Anti-Bolshevik Bloc of Nations (AFABN), and that it was another of that organisation's senior officers - a certain Spas Raikin - who, at the request of the State Department, would later calmly collect LHO and Marina Oswald from the New Jersey quayside as they arrived back from the Soviet Union 13th June 1962.

(g) for similarly associating with those doyens of the "Religious Right", Billy Hargis and William Gale, (h) for founding and heading the International Committee for the Defense of Christian Culture (ICDCC) [no convenient briefing but much to reward the determined browser], with funding from Hargis and Nelson Bunker Hunt, and (i) for supporting Young Americans for Freedom (YAF). Willoughby would in due course feature large in Dick Russell's (1992) heavyweight "The Man Who Knew Too Much" [Amazon] as a possible JFK conspirator, by virtue of his being a "leading member of numerous radical right organisations" (xxviii, p112), thus ...

"In the thick of it all, and much more, was Charles Willoughby [...] whose holy war against the 'Red Menace' found him sitting on the boards of most of the major conservative groups, and reaching into Europe and Latin America to start his own International Committee for the Defense of Christian Culture" (op. cit., p111)

Wilson, Charles: Pro-Israel Congressman from Texas Charles Wilson [Wikipedia biography] organised Operation Cyclone [q.v.], the arming of the Mujahideen in Afghanistan during the 1980s as proxy warriors against the Soviet occupation.

Wilson, [Sir]1915 Henry Hughes [1st Baronet]: Ulsterman and careerist British Army officer [Field Marshal]1919 [Sir]1915 Henry Wilson [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been so tall that it delayed development of his brain [he failed his Army entrance examinations a number of times, and this was his excuse :=)], (b) for being a veteran of the Third Burmese War, 1886-1887, during which he was wounded in action, (c) for being transferred 1887-1893 to the British Army's Camberley Staff College to recuperate, and for impressing his tutors, (d) for becoming thereby the protégé of Lord Roberts (at that time C-in-C, Ireland), (e) for wangling an 1894 posting to the War Office as an intelligence officer, (f) for helping the 1897-1899 planning of a possible invasion of the Boer republics should the situation deteriorate (it did), (g) for serving 1899-1900 in the 2nd Boer War, learning much from the succession of British defeats, (h) for being promoted to Lord Roberts’ staff in September 1900, returning to Britain shortly afterward to re-join the War Office, (i) for being promoted to DMO [=Director of Military Operations] in 1910, with the task of planning a hypothetical deployment of an expeditionary force to France ...

**ASIDE:** [See firstly the inset in the entry for Lord Haldane.] Wilson spent the winter of 1910-1911 studying a map of the Franco-German border, and came to the view that "there was no military problem to which the answer was six divisions". He therefore spent many months supervising "a great strategical war game" to determine what a German invasion of France might look like, and how Entente Cordiale [=British and French] forces might best respond to it.

**DOUBLE ASIDE - THE RELEVANCE OF RUSSIA:** The single most important factor in these war games turned out to be whether the Germans were using merely half their army or all of it. Against an all-out German attack, France on her own would have no chance, and the Franco-British Entente would have to work for a stalemate on the ground in the hope that the Royal Navy could decide things at sea. It therefore became militarily vital that a Russian-German conflict be taking place simultaneously, in order to divert as many German troops as possible to her frontier in the east. This explains why Entente relations with Russia would be assiduously cultivated between 1912 and 1914, and then desperately maintained for as long as possible thereafter.

**TREBLE ASIDE: SPECIFICALLY, IT IS ALSO WHY THE M.I.(6) STATION IN NEW YORK CITY TOOK SUCH PAINS IN 1916-1917 TO KEEP THE RUSSIAN REVOLUTION FROM SUCCEEDING, AND WHY THE GERMANS, BY BACKING LENIN AND HIS BOLSHEVIKS, TRIED SO HARD TO SUPPORT IT.** The British operation was ultimately unsuccessful, of course. For the fuller narrative, see the entries for Sir William Wiseman and Jacob Schiff.

(j) for being promoted Major-General in November 1913, and for becoming more and more ensnared in the political wranglings in Ireland which led to the 1914 Curragh Mutiny [see 20th March 1914] ...

**ASIDE - WILSON AND ULSTER:** Wilson was a Unionist Ulsterman, that is to say, he was against a partition of the old British Ireland into a self-governing south and a "Loyalist" north. Many on both sides took entrenched, over-my-dead-body, positions, headed, in Ulster, by the likes of Sir Edward Carson. The Unionists were not universally loved at Westminster either, with Asquith describing Wilson as "that poisonous tho' clever ruffian" on one occasion, and as a "serpent" on another. And that's just what's down on paper - Ed.,

(k) for stage-managing the no-longer-hypothetical deployment of the B.E.F. in August 1914 [see 5th and 9th August 1914], (l) for spending much of 1915 performing liaison duties with the French High Command, (m) for returning to field command in early 1916, conducting major corps-level actions in Artois (May) and on the Somme (July-September), (n) for returning to the War Office in September 1917, attending the Rapello Conference [Wikipedia briefing] in November and thereafter helping to set up the inter-Allied Supreme War Council [Wikipedia briefing] in Versailles, (o) for being promoted CIGS [=Chief of the Imperial General Staff] in February 1918, thereby becoming buck-stops-here during the touch-and-go defeat of the German Spring Offensive and the war-winning Allied Summer Counter-Offensive, (p)
for overseeing the ongoing **North Russian Campaign** [see 2nd August 1918 and follow the onward pointers], (q) for being Britain's chief military adviser at the 1919 **Versailles Peace Conference**, during which time he came to approve of Zionist help in governing occupied Palestine, (r) for re-turning his attention to Ireland in June 1919, taking a consistently hard line against Republicans, be they armed or not, and (s) for entering parliament 21st February 1922 as Ulster Unionist member for North Down, only to be assassinated by Irish Republican gunmen in the street outside his London residence four months and a day later, for being "a violent Orange partisan" (Michael Collins, attrib.).

**Wilson, Robert Anton:** Author and mystic Robert Wilson [Wikipedia biography] was the author of the *Illuminatus!* Trilogy (1969 to 1971), a fictionalised glorification of the 18th Century cult, the *Illuminati* [Wikipedia briefing]. No problem so far. HOWEVER, in his 2017 book "Killing Kennedy", counterintelligence analyst Steven Hager notes that this work was the "launching pad for decades of nutty Illuminati conspiracies" (p156). And the cyberlemmings are still [February 2018] lapping it up.

**Winstanley, Asa:** British investigative journalist Asa Winstanley [Professional homepage] is noteworthy in the present context for maintaining *The Electronic Intifada* website, a research and campaigning database of investigations into malpractice by the Labour Party's anti-Corbyn advocacy groups. For a typical investigation, see *Timeline 7th and 13th March 2019*.

**Winston, Patricia:** See the joint entry with Mumford, Pamela.

"A wicked little white snake"** (attrib. Mark Sturgis)

**Winter, [Sir]**1922 Ormonde de l'Épée:** British artilleryman turned intelligence officer turned very deep international masterspy Brigadier-General [Sir]**1922 Ormonde ["O"] Winter [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for service with the Royal Artillery before (India and Ireland) and during (Gallipoli and Western Front) WW1, (b) for serving with the Army of Occupation in Europe during 1919, reportedly with the *Boundaries Commission* set up under the authority of the **Versailles Peace Conference** [see *Timeline 18th January 1919*, then browse by <Boundaries and Borders>], (c) for being headhunted by Secretary of War Winston Churchill in May 1920 into the Army of Occupation in Ireland, based at Dublin Castle, as head of military intelligence during the second half of the **1919-1921 Irish War of Independence** [Wikipedia briefing], (d) for surviving an IRA assassination attempt 2nd June 1920 with just a wound to the hand, (e) for generally dark operations, some of which possibly in Palestine, 1921-1924, (f) for then helping to run the **British Fascisti** [see own entry] through until the late 1920s ...

**ASIDE:** It has been suggested that this membership might have been as a *planted agent* of some sort. We see little value in that particular analysis; indeed there is a strong natural affinity between the hard right in Dublin Castle and the hard right in England.

... (g) for going even darker during the 1930s, with hinted at involvement in a couple of major anti-Communist operations ...

**ASIDE:** During this period (if not earlier) he learned Russian - *vid. inf.*

... (h) for redeploying, now as a Russian speaker, in 1940 to assist early SOE operations on the Tornio Sector of the Finnish-Russian War, (i) for the 1955 autobiography "*Winter's Tale*" [Amazon]. He died in 1962, aged 87. **FURTHER READING:** For more of the detail read ideally with the autobiography [difficult to come by]. Other than that, try Peter Hart's (2002) "*British Intelligence in Ireland*" [Amazon]. For a brief mention of his mission to Finland see Alan Ogden's (2011) "*A Spur Called Courage: SOE Heroes in Italy*" [Amazon].
Three Tramps Photograph [view it now]. Wise's evidential profile is as follows: Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED].

Wise, Westley Arthur: [Read firstly the entry for T. F. White.] WFAA/KRLD-TV reporter Wes Wise [Wikipedia biography] covered the motorcade in Dealey Plaza. Then, on 23rd November, he returned to TSBD to obtain background material, parking his KRLD truck in the Houston Street dead end to the east of the building. While parked there he spoke briefly to Jack Ruby, an encounter which duly became something of a scoop after Ruby's murder of LHO the following day. Then on 4th December 1963 he was giving an after-luncheon talk at the El Chico restaurant about the Ruby encounter when Mack Pate, the owner of the service station over the road, told him that one of his mechanics, T. F. White, had seen an LHO Look Alike. They went immediately to speak to White, and he gave them the number of the 1957 Plymouth he had seen. Wise then contacted the FBI, initiating the link to Carl Mather ... The 1957 Plymouth story continues in the entry for Carl Mather.

This line of evidence was re-examined by the 1976-1978 House Select Committee on Assassinations as "The Wise Allegation", whereupon it was finally adjudged that White must have taken the car number down wrongly. Wise went on to be three-term Mayor of Dallas between 1971 and 1976, and was interviewed in 1993 during the post-"JFK" reawakening of interest in the assassination [YouTube the 1993 retrospective now]. Browse both the Balcony Arrest Thread and the LHO Look Alike Thread to accumulate the various fragments of this story.

Wiseman, Abe: [Read firstly the entry for Rod Mac Kenzie.] Murky figure Abe Wiseman [no convenient biography] is cited in Rod Mac Kenzie (and Hooke)'s 2016 book "The Men That Don't Fit In" as the Defense Intelligence Agency handler who got Mac Kenzie his "CIA Seals and Flaps School" training.

Wiseman, John: Dallas County Sheriff's Deputy John Wiseman [no convenient biography] was spectating from the steps of the Sheriff's Office when the first shot was fired, and was already around the corner into Houston Street by the time the last one was fired. He was directed by bystanders toward the TSBD, where he quickly searched TSBD7. He then assisted DPD officers in the more methodical search of TSBD6 and was close at hand when the rifle was found. Wiseman's evidential profile is as follows: Report, 23rd November 1963 [read it now]; Warren Commission testimony [NOT CALLED].

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Wiseman, [Sir]1918 William George Eden [10th Baronet]1893: [Read firstly - and very carefully - the entries for Jacob Schiff and Richard B. Spence] Minor British aristocrat-businessman turned WW1 army officer turned master-spy turned banker [Sir]1893 William Wiseman [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for being a junior investment banker before WW1, (b) for enlisting in the British Army in 1914, being one of those gassed in April 1915 in the chlorine attack during the Second Battle of Ypres [see 22nd April 1915], (c) for being invalided out of the front line and into military intelligence, (d) for arriving 28th October 1915 in New York City to head British SIS [=Secret Intelligence Service; later M.I.6()] operations from the Consulate there, perhaps his most important assignments [Wiseman took his orders from "C" - Mansfield Cumming [see own entry] - in London] being (1) to keep Russia in the war by fair means or foul, and (2) to bring the United States in as well, if he could ...

CAMEO - LEON TROTSKY IN THE BIG APPLE: War games conducted by Sir Henry Wilson [see own entry] in 1911 had indicated that the Franco-British Entente would be unlikely to win a ground war against the Central Powers unless half the German Army was simultaneously diverted to a war in the east against Russia. Wiseman is mentioned in Chapters 30 and 31 of Macgregor and Docherty's 2017 book "Prolonging the Agony" [see own entry], and repeatedly throughout Richard B. Spence's 2017 book "Wall Street and the Russian Revolution, 1905-1925". The authors of both works are making the case that Leon Trotsky's mysterious 1917 visit to New York City was part of a multifaceted conspiracy to influence the outcome of the
then-daily-unfolding Russian Revolution. Penniless and exiled from Russia for sedition, Trotsky had sailed (first class) from Barcelona 28th December 1916 aboard the Spanish liner Montserrat, arriving NYC 13th January 1917, being met on the quayside by representatives of that city's Jewish activist groups (coordinated, in all probability, by the fanatical anti-Tsarist banker Jacob Schiff [see own entry], partner in investment bankers Kuhn, Loeb and Company). Macgregor and Docherty note with interest that during the crossing Trotsky had reportedly spent time in conversation with a larger-than-life Swiss performance artist and (failed) prize-fighter Arthur Cravan [Wikipedia biography]. Cravan, they suggest, had likely been engaged by the British secret service to loosen Trotsky's tongue en voyage. If so, then he would have had to have been debriefed in NYC by Wiseman. Trotsky spent the next three months working the audiences (and wallets) of NYC's Jewish community, and presumably met secretly with who-knows-which intelligence factions, offering who-knows-how-much for who-knows-what political favours.

**ASIDE - THE PROBLEM OF CUI BONO:** One of the enduring historical mysteries is why Schiff and Wiseman appear to have been working to the same ends. Schiff was anti-Tsarist by conviction but pro-German by birth and family links. By rights, therefore, he should have been supporting the German-backed Vladimir Lenin rather than his pro-Allied rival Trotsky. Equally, a Lenin-Trotsky alliance had a better chance of taking Russia out of the war than a revolution at odds with itself, so why should Wiseman have been supporting that, when it meant doubling the number of Germans on the Western Front? The scholarly debate goes on to this day. For the fuller - but still open-ended - story see the entry for the Trotsky-in-NYC Affair.

Trotzky departed NYC 27th March 1917, was delayed for a month in Halifax, Nova Scotia, while the British closely observed the outcome of the February Revolution [see 8th March 1917], and arrived back in St. Petersburg 17th May 1917. His first major act was to attend the just convened All-Russia Congress of Peasants' Deputies, where - presumably as agreed - he threw his weight behind Lenin's Bolsheviks against the Provisional Government of Prince Lvov [see 15th March 1917]. By the time of the more decisive October Revolution [see 7th November 1917], he was ready to become one of the seven members of the new Communist Politburo, taking the post of Foreign Minister. He then switched to being Minister of War [=People's Commissar of the Armed Forces] 13th March 1918, overseeing the creation that year of the Red Army and its attendant Supreme Military Council, and remaining in post during the first five years of the ensuing Reds-versus-Whites Russian Civil War. He was finally "thrown overboard" during the rise to power of Joseph Stalin in 1924.

(e) for liaising closely with White House adviserextraordinary Edward Mandell House in the period 1916-1919 ...

**ASIDE:** House master-minded Woodrow Wilson's re-election in the 1916 second term presidentials (marginal though that victory had been). This included constructing Wilson's European foreign policy from scratch. In so doing, since he had no great personal expertise in such matters, he is widely regarded as having taken perhaps a briefing too many from British diplomats such as Wiseman. Indeed, much of what we nowadays know about Wiseman comes from the House archives in Yale University's Sterling Library.

(f) for being part of the British delegation to the 1919 Versailles Peace Conference, (g) for continuing in post during the period of ultimately unsuccessful Western interference in the Russian Civil War through to 1922, and (h) for becoming a partner in investment bankers Kuhn, Loeb, and Company [see own entry] in 1929, no doubt having earned his keep many times over. [THREAD = WW1 GRAND STRATEGIES] [THREAD = THE BATTLE FOR HEARTS AND MINDS] [THREAD = THE SHAPING OF THE MODERN WORLD] [THREAD = THE NEVER-ENDED RUSSIAN CIVIL WAR, 1917-ONGOING]

----- THIS MAN HELPED FASHION OUR PRESENT HELL ON EARTH -----

Wisner, Frank Gardner: WW2 veteran (U.S.N./O.S.S.) and the fledgling CIA's Director of Plans Frank Wisner [Spartacus Educational biography] was the founder in 1948 of Operation Mockingbird [q.v.], the CIA's masterplan to have the American mainstream media - and thus the world's - reduced to little better than mindless parrots [and my, what a good job he did]. In fact, however, the media was only one facet of the broader interventionist program - that of "political warfare", thus ...

"The CIA constructed an array of front organisations that [Wisner], the Agency's first chief of political warfare, liked to compare to a 'Mighty Wurlitzer' organ, capable of playing any propaganda tune he desired" (Wilford, 2008, p7).
On 1st June 1949 Wisner set up the **National Committee for a Free Europe (NCFE)** [q.v.], appointing **DeWitt C. Poole** [q.v.] as its first Director. Other front organisations were to follow, initially targeting the many refugee communities displaced by the Soviet occupation of Eastern Europe in 1944-1945 and using them to foment dissent back home, and then - after embarrassing fails in Albania and the Baltic States, and the catastrophic **Hungarian Insurgency** [q.v.] - casting its eyes to easier targets on other, less well-defended, continents. The harsh realities of his Hungarian meddling crushed Wisner's crusading spirit and he was hospitalised for depression for some months before being sinecured. He committed suicide on 29th October 1965.

***** A VERY strange tale *****

Witt, Louie Steven: [a.k.a. Umbrella Man] [Read Firstly the entry for Burris Memorandum] Based in the **Rio Grande Building** [q.v.], insurance man **Louie Witt** [no convenient biography] was self-confessedly the so-called Umbrella Man [Wikipedia briefing], seen from behind in the Zapruder Film at the very edge of the killing zone - YouTube him now. He was gesticulating with his umbrella from no more than ten feet away at the moment of JFK's throat injury, and after the shooting simply sat down on the kerb next to **Dark Complied Man** (radioman Orlando Bosch) before making off into the crowds outside the TSBD. When he came forward in 1978 he explained that he was "a conservative-type fellow", knew that "the umbrella was a sore spot with the Kennedy family" [since 1939 it had been a symbol of cowardice - Ed.], and had simply decided it would be a good idea to "do a little heckling". Then came the smoke screen counter-story in the form of the Umbrella Dart Theory [q.v.], the in-our-opinion-preposterous notion that Witt's umbrella was some sort of cross between a set of bagpipes and a poison-dart blowpipe.

**Pivotal Occurrence:** We side with those who regard the umbrella as a brutal farewell message, a symbolic "So long, you yellow S.O.B.!". And so the pivotal question is who instructed Witt to be where he was when he was, how did they know, did they share the Rio Grande Building with him, and how much he was paid for his umbrella to be one of the last things JFK ever saw! **FIND THE MAN BEHIND UMBRELLA MAN AND YOU HAVE A VERY SENIOR CONSPIRATOR INDEED!!** And there is a feeling out there in the histories that a good place to start would be with **Buck Turgidson** himself, General **Curtis LeMay**.

Witt's evidential profile is as follows: **Warren Commission testimony** [NOT CALLED]; **House Select Committee on Assassinations testimony** [read it now].

**RESEARCH ISSUE:** After the shooting Witt simply sat down on the kerb. Giving him the benefit of the doubt, we read this as follows. He had been duped into delivering his schoolboy insult, only to see JFK's head blown open and his umbrella (by then 50 feet away, but straight downwind!) spotted with his brains. He suddenly felt very weak in the knees. He realised that he, too, was just a patsy, and would have been very, very afraid. So it would be nice to know who knew him, who he told, etc., etc.

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Wolff, Harold George: Psychiatrist-neurologist **Harold G. Wolff** [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for studying as a young physician with the likes of **Ivan Pavlov**, (b) for coming to specialise in the mind-brain relationship, (c) for thereby being head-hunted by the CIA in the early years of the **MK/ULTRA** psychoactive drugs program, and (d) for thereby getting the contract (and the attendant government funding) to set up the **Human Ecology Foundation**[see own entry] research program in 1954. **FURTHER READING:** For more on the MK/ULTRA program in general and Harold Wolff's involvement with it in particular, see Colin Ross' (2000/2006) book "**The CIA Doctors**" [Amazon].

Wolfowitz, Paul: Classified within **Ron Paul's List of Neocons** [q.v.] as a "Leo Strauss student and philosophical adherent" and further described by him as a "key player in designing our new strategy for pre-emptive war" **Paul Wolfowitz** [Wikipedia biography] was "the most influential underling in Washington" (Mann, 2004, §678) between 1972 (when he worked under **Fred Iklé** [q.v.] at the **Arms Control and Disarmament Agency**), and May 2005 (when he left politics to become President of the World Bank). After his early work on arms control he was promoted in 1977 to be Deputy
Undersecretary of Defense for Regional Programs at the Pentagon. In 1981 he was made Director of Policy Planning at the State Department, then in 1982 Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs. Between 1989 and 1993 he was Undersecretary of Defence for Planning in the George H. W. Bush administration, during which period he headed the production of the Defense Planning Guidance Report, 1992 [q.v.], nowadays regarded (e.g., Mann, 2004) as the first clear statement of the "Lone Superpower" strategy [this report set U.S. policy in the wake of the Gulf War of winter 1990-1991 and the breakup of the Soviet Union - Ed.]. Between 1994 and 2001 he was Professor of International Relations at Johns Hopkins University, and in that role was (1) closely associated with the Project for the New American Century (PNAC) [q.v.], (2) one of the authors and signatories of the 30th May 2000 Joint Vision 2020 [q.v.] strategy report calling, among other things, for U.S. "full-spectrum dominance" on the world's battlefields by 2020, and (3) one of the Vulcans [q.v.] advising George W. Bush on foreign affairs during his 2000 presidential campaign. Following Bush's electoral success he was rewarded by being made Deputy Secretary of Defense on 2nd March 2001, and it was in this latter role that he delivered the now infamous 6th June 2001 Pearl Harbour Speech [q.v.], in which the American public was taken to task for being so slow to anger [no warnings are heeded, Wolfowitz complained, until spectacular attacks actually take place - Ed.]. He also hosted talks at the Pentagon on 18th January 2002 in which the spirit of Israel's 1982 Yinon Plan [q.v.] was resurrected as a blueprint for joint US-Israel operations in North Africa and the Middle East. He was made President of the World Bank in May 2005, departing during a maliciously contrived scandal in June 2007. Much of his time since then has been spent as blogger for the American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research [q.v.].

Wood, Edward Frederick Lindley, [Lord Irwin]1925-1934, [Lord Halifax]1934-1959(d.): British WW1-era politician and front-line army officer, turned Viceroy of India (as Lord Irwin) and later senior WW2 diplomat. Edward Wood, [Lord Halifax]1934 [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having entered parliament in 1909 as member for Ripon, which seat he would hold until 1925, (b) for service on the Western Front between 1916 and 1917, (c) for promoting a hard line against Germany during the 1919 Versailles Peace Conference [see own entry], (d) for rising to cabinet level in Bonar Law's 1922 administration, a job he did so loyally that (e) he was appointed Viceroy for India in 1925, a position he would hold until 1931, (f) for having closely associated during the mid-1930s with the generally Nazi-admiring members of what would in 1937 be named the Cliveden Set [see own entry], (g) for holding informal discussions (possibly including proposals from that opinion group) with Adolf Hitler and senior Nazis in 1937, following which he was made Foreign Secretary in 1938, a position he retained until December 1940, and (h) for then serving as Ambassador to the United States between December 1940 and the beginning of the Cold War in 1946.

Wood, Leonard: Soldier-diplomat General Leonard Wood [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having commanded the 1st Volunteer Cavalry Regiment in 1898 (before handing over to second-in-command Theodore Roosevelt), and (b) for having commanded the American forces at the Moro Crater Massacre [see 5th March 1906].

Woolsey, Robert James, Jr.: Classified within Ron Paul's List of Neocons [q.v.] as an "Other", R. James Woolsey, Jr. [Wikipedia biography] was DCI [=Director of Central Intelligence] between 1993 and 1995, and then a member of the Project for the New American Century (PNAC) [q.v.]. Prior to the Iraq War of 2003 he argued that an engineered coup against Saddam Hussein would not be anywhere near as likely to succeed as would a war on the ground.

World Bank: See the entry for International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD). The other four component organisations are not covered in this resource.

***** HIDING IN PLAIN SIGHT *****

World Trade Center and Performance Art: In 1997, the Lower Manhattan Cultural Council (LMCC) [see own entry] started to encourage the use of the (Old) World Trade Center's spaces and
resources as part of a rolling residency program for artists. Here is a little background from the LMCC's program director Moukhtar Kocache [see own entry], written nearly six months after the 9/11 Attacks ...

"The program was initiated four years ago and provided emerging artists with studio space on the 91st and 92nd floors of the North Tower. Artists worked in painting, sculpture, new media, photography, and art installation and were selected by a jury for residencies that lasted six months. At the end of each six-month period, the studios were opened to the public. Thousands of people came to the Open Studios each year. The LMCC also organized public performances in the large plaza of the Trade Center for thousands of audience members. . . . a venue often noted as one of the city's most democratic public spaces" (Kocache, 28th February 2002 [full text online]).

The work of two of the troupes involved in the scheme is worth noting - check out the artistic practice of The E-Team [see own entry] and Gelatin/[Gelitin]2005 [see own entry]. However, note also that there may be a significantly darker side to all the arty posings and caperings ...

THE ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM: The work of the LMCC and its sponsored artists and performers has not gone unnoticed by 9/11 conspiracy theorists. Indeed, it is central to the Mossad Did It Theory of 9/11 [see own entry], which argues, in short, that a special operations team infiltrated the genuine North Tower exhibitors and secretly planted controlled demolition charges in the structural steelwork.

"World Views": [See firstly the entry for World Trade Center and Performance Art.] Sponsored by the Lower Manhattan Cultural Council (LMCC) [see own entry], "World Views" [New Museum Digital Archive briefing] was an all-media artists' residency program housed on the 92nd Floor of the WTC North Tower between 1997 and its destruction in the 9/11 Attacks.

ASIDE: The New Museum piece referenced above lists the following as among the 15 recipients of residencies approved for the period May to November 2001: Simon Aldridge [Wikipedia biography], Naomi Ben-Shahar [no convenient biography, but lots on social media], Monika Bravo [Wikipedia biography], Laurie Halsey Brown [Wikipedia biography], Justine Cooper [Wikipedia biography], Lucky DeBellevue [no convenient biography, but lots on social media], Carola Dertnig [Wikipedia biography], Mahmoud Hamadani [no convenient biography, but lots on social media], Kara Hammond [no convenient biography, but lots on social media], Jeff Konigsberg [no convenient biography, but lots on social media], Motonobu Kurokawa [no convenient biography, but lots on social media], Geraldine Lau [no convenient biography, but lots on social media], Nathan See [difficult to isolate with certainty on Internet], and Hyungsun Shin [no convenient biography, but lots on social media].

W. R. Grace and Company: Founded in 1854 in Columbia MD by politician-businessman William Russell Grace [Wikipedia biography; modern website], W. R. Grace and Company [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context for (a) having a century-long diversification into high profit strategic supplies, initially guano (for gunpowder), and later cotton (for nitrocellulose, uniforms, and webbing), cattle (as leather, for belts and strapping), and sugar (for, inter alia, industrial alcohol), and, later still, steamships (eventually Grace Line) and an airline (eventually Panagra) (b) for getting a listing on the NYSE in 1953, and (c) for still going strong [modern website]. Read next the entry for its longest serving CEO J. Peter Grace.

Wright, Elizabeth L.: [previously Goode] Mother (then as Mrs. Goode) of the wife of DPD's Sergeant Patrick Dean [q.v.], Elizabeth Wright [no convenient biography] was Director of Nursing at Parkland Hospital. She was off site at a workshop at the time of the assassination, and made her way through heavy traffic into the hospital, arriving at 1325hr. She then spent the remainder of the afternoon and most of the evening in necessary administration, and some time before 2245hr was able to inform her husband Otis Wright, Personnel Director, of the path taken by the bullet which had injured Governor John Connally. She then signed off. She attended church on the morning of 24th November 1963 and noted the precise time that the priest asked the congregation to pray for LHO. "Thy will, not ours, be done," he said. It was 1125hr. LHO had been shot four minutes previously and would be at Parkland shortly. Wrily she would note in her 11th December report that He "had already dealt". Little would be heard of her until she was interviewed in 1993 by Wallace Milam for the Assassination Records Review Board, and on 11th October 1994 by Mark Oakes. Wright's evidential
Yarmolinsky, Avraham: White Russian WW1 refugee turned American librarian-historian Avraham Yarmolinsky [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context as the author of the 1928 book "The Jews and Other Minor Nationalities under the Soviets" [Amazon]. The aim of this work (produced in only the sixth year of the Russian experiment with a Sovietised Communist government) was to provide a "scientific and impartial" account of how the 1905 and 1917 Russian Revolutions had affected Russia's Jewish and other ethnic minorities. Yarmolinsky's main accusation was that the Tsarists had consistently failed during centuries of imperial expansion to ensure that conquered peoples be assimilated as "Russian". Here is Yarmolinsky's central thesis (we have deliberately read it now)

"History, in assembling an agglomeration of peoples under Russia's harsh sovereignty, brought into being the so-called 'national question'. This was among the most weighty and urgent matters of domestic policy which confronted the government set up by the triumphant revolution of March, 1917. That the problem became so galling and knotty was largely the fault of the old regime."

ASIDE #1: This specific accusation warrants further discussion - see ASIDE #2 and our closing remarks.

"The treatment accorded the subject nationalities was, indeed, one of the worst aspects of Russia's notoriously bad government. During the last half century of its existence the Petersburg administration pursued a narrow,
coercive, illiberal policy which was bound to cause profound discontent among the non-Russian elements of the population [...] The law distinguished between ordinary citizens and inorodtzy (subjects of alien birth). These formed a special estate which included, besides the Jews, the aborigines of Siberia and Turkestan and some of the more primitive tribes of the European part of the country. [...] Generally speaking,] the inorodtzy leading a settled life enjoyed all the usual rights, while the nomad and roving 'aliens' were on a par with the peasant class. [...] The idea of a super-national State failed to take root in Russia. The empire remained Russian, in a narrow sense, although it had spread far beyond the ethnic frontiers of the people that was historically identified with it. [...] The intolerant aggressive nationalism of the administration increased [...] and under the last two Romanovs it was erected into a system. The idea of forcible Russification was rigorously pursued [...] and the use of other languages, some of them ancient and cultivated instruments of expression, was considered subversive [...] In order to appreciate what the non-Russians had to contend with, let us look at the typical case of the Ukrainians. Under Peter I it was forbidden to print a Ukrainian primer, and under Catherine II Russian became the language of instruction in all the southern schools. [...] In 1875 the importation as well as the publication of all Ukrainian printed matter became a criminal offence. [Two pages of similar complaints omitted.]

**ASIDE #2:** Readers confused by Yarmolinsky's distinction between Russian Russians and non-Russian Russians should check out the Timeline entries for the Novgorod Republic [Part 2, 1136 C.E.], the Great Northern War [Part 5, 22nd February 1700], and the Great Game [Part 7, 2nd July 1834]. The heartland of the Russian Empire was Muscovite, with an administrative and diplomatic capital at St. Petersburg. Moving anti-clockwise from there, the Estonian and Latvian states, great swathes of the ancestral Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and the Ukraine (with their high numbers of Jews), the Cossack lands of the Caucasus, the Islamic States of mid-Asia (which so threatened British India), and the wastelands of Siberia, were all acquired by Muscovite conquest, and - just as England became the centre of an empire which largely hated the English - non-Russian Russians hated the real Russians. In the fullness of time of course, no matter that the Tsar had been assassinated and the Bolsheviks were now in charge, these non-Russian Russians were finally persuaded to get together as a coordinated anti-Muscovite confederacy - the "White Russians" - in the Russian Civil War [see the summative ASIDE in the entry for DeWitt Poole, Jr.], heavily supported (surprise, surprise) by the Western Allies. When the Whites proceeded to lose that Civil War, the anti-Russian intrigues were simply redirected onto Stalin's U.S.S.R. instead; and there (witness the daily word storm directed at Putin's Russian Federation) they have stayed ever since [May 2019]. Indeed, the West now uses professional sludge stirrers such as the International Crisis Group [see own entry] to coordinate such operations. Der kamf geyt foroys.

"It goes without saying that official attempts to Russianise the population were not crowned with success. Here and there the upper classes were won over, but the masses resisted assimilation. In fact, all through the second half of the nineteenth century a nationalist movement was steadily gaining ground among the lesser peoples of the empire. Some of them, notably the Poles, organised secret schools of their own. The Lithuanians transferred their presses to Prussia and the United States, the Ukrainians drew spiritual sustenance from Lwow in Galicia, and in the east Pan-Islamic and Pan-Turkic propaganda raised its head. [...] This insurgent nationalism naturally found itself aligned with the forces hostile to the existing regime" (Op. cit., pp2-7).

Yarmolinsky's concluding sentence is especially noteworthy because the practice of stirring up one's enemy's internal dissidents is both the single most cost-effective tool for achieving "dominance" in time of peace, and a valuable adjunct to force of arms in time of war. Yarmolinsky clearly recognises this factor, but neglects to quantify its effect. As such, we suspect he has inadvertently underplayed the extent to which Russia's problem of "insurgent nationalism" had been deliberately made "galling and knotty" by Russia's enemies earlier in the 19th Century, rather than being "largely the fault of the old regime". Russia did not just fall, in other words, it was pushed. [THREAD = THE NEVER-ENDED RUSSIAN CIVIL WAR, 1917-ONGOING]

***** Too many curtain rods! *****

**Yates, Ralph Leon:** Refrigeration mechanic Ralph Yates [no convenient biography] gave a hitchhiker a lift on 20th November 1963. He was carrying a long brown paper parcel containing - he said - curtain rods. The conversations then turned to the forthcoming Presidential visit, whether it would be possible to assassinate him from a high building, what sort of rifle would be needed, etc. He dropped the hitchhiker off at Elm and Houston. Yates would then come forward two days later once pictures of LHO started to appear on the TV, and when interrogated by the FBI identified his passenger as "identical with Oswald". The FBI - including J. Edgar Hoover personally - then spent the ensuing months belittling the report, probably, it is now suggested, because it clashed with Buell Frazier's
story [q.v.]. The final confrontation saw Yates carted off to psychiatric hospital. He was never able to work again, and died 3rd September 1975 of heart failure at 39 years of age.

Ydígoras Fuentes, José Miguel Ramón: Guatemalan soldier-politician President[1958-1963] Miguel Ydígoras [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having confronted the growth during the 1960s of the MR-13 left-wing insurgency [see 2nd March 1958], and (b) for having been the CIA-friendly president of Guatemala at the time of both the Bay of Pigs Invasion [see 17th April 1961] and the Cuban Missile Crisis [see 16th October 1962].

Yinon Plan: The Yinon Plan [Wikipedia briefing] was a February 1982 blueprint by Israeli defence journalist Oded Yinon [no convenient biography] for joint US-Israel operations in the Middle East aimed at recreating Eretz Israel at the expense of large tracts of Syria and Iraq. The plan seems to have been resurrected on 18th January 2002 and incorporated into the Iraq War of 2003 and the Arab Spring Offensive [q.v.] of 2010 (ongoing).

ASIDE: Eretz Israel means literally "Land of Israel", but in the sense of Israel as the Biblical "Promised Land" before the diasporas and hence usually translated as "Greater Israel". Click here for a map of the Arab territory at risk.

YMCA: The YMCA/World YMCA [Wikipedia briefing] is the Geneva-based headquarters organisation of a worldwide network of national charitably funded socio-humanitarian support groups for needy male youth. It was founded in 1844 to deal with victims of Dickensian industrialisation, but the idea soon went international. Our present interest in the organisation is restricted to its humanitarian involvement in WW1 war zones, in which respect it worked closely with similar agencies. For the fuller story see the separate entries for British Red Cross, American Red Cross Mission, 1917, and the YMCA WW1 Missions.

YMCA WW1 Missions: The YMCA [see own entry] had aid teams in Russia from 1899 onward, passing their skills on to indigenous look-alike groups badged as Mayak [Russian = "lighthouse"; YMCA briefing]. From 1915 YMCA workers - known as "secretaries - operated the War Prisoners' Aid (WPA) field network [Western Michigan University minibrief] from offices in Geneva, Switzerland, providing support to Central bloc prisoners-of-war in Russia's Siberian prison camps. 

LEST IT BE OVERLOOKED: Readers are reminded that humanitarian field networks such as the WPA are routinely used by intelligence services as cover. The pay-off in this case would have been to identify, and if possible "turn", potential dissenters for future operations against their home nations.

FURTHER READING: For a repository of YMCA documents from this period see the University of Minnesota archives "Records of YMCA International Work in Russia" [catalogue online]. After that, there is a lot of microscopically documented background in Jennifer Polk's (2012 [full text online]) dissertation entitled "Constructive Efforts: The American Red Cross and YMCA in Revolutionary and Civil War Russia, 1917-1924". For Britain's share of the action, overt and covert, see "YMCA and other British volunteer organisations 1914-1918" [full text online].

Young Americans for Freedom (YAF): Founded jointly by Bonesman and ex-CIA officer William F. Buckley, Jr. and CIA asset Douglas Caddy [Wikipedia biography] on 11th September 1960 as a youth-oriented non-profit proselytising committee for right of centre political views, Young Americans for Freedom (YAF) [Wikipedia briefing] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for collaborating from the outset with Texas right-wing extremists like Generals Edwin Walker and Charles Willoughby, (b) for liaising specifically with Larrie Schmidt in 1963 [he would in due course become Secretary of the group's South-western Division - Ed.], and (c) for still going strong - see the current set-up.

Youngblood, Rufus Wayne, Jr.: Assistant Special Agent (SS) Rufus Youngblood [Wikipedia biography] had been in charge of Vice-Presidential security since March 1961, and was duly rear-seat right in the
Vice-Presidential car, protecting LBJ to his left. Upon hearing the shooting he noted - like many, many, others - something different about the first shot, thus ...

"But in my mind, I think I identified the last two positively as shots, whereas the first one I thought was just an explosive noise, and I didn't know whether it was a firecracker or a shot. It seems, as I try to think over it, there was more of a crack sound to the last two shots. That may have been distance, I don't know."

He immediately ordered LBJ down and covered his body with his own during the drive to Parkland. Youngblood's actions during the ensuing hour or so have since been analysed by Larry Hancock in his 2006/2010e book "Someone Would Have Talked".

Young Enterprise: Founded in Britain in 2014 as the U.K. chapter of the broader JA Worldwide [see own entry], and with an annual charity glean of £6.5 million, Young Enterprise [Charity Commission briefing; Charity No. 313697] is noteworthy in the present context for being tangentially associated with the star of Pedleygate Three, Ryan Jacobsz [see own entry].

Yusuf, Gokay Hasan: Assassination researcher Gokay Hasan Yusuf [no convenient biography] was author of the 2014 essay entitled "Gerald Hill and the Framing of Lee Harvey Oswald" [extract online], which accused DPD sergeant Gerald Hill [q.v.] of planting much of the evidence which incriminated LHO; also of a 2016 blogged essay entitled "Who Was Behind the Assassination?" [read it now], which suggested that LHO's cover mission was to observe "known subversive" Joe Molina.

Zabludowicz, Chaim ["Poju"]: Finnish-born billionaire Poju Zabludowicz [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) per se as one of Britain's 151 billionaires, having inherited his initial fortune in 1994 from his father's Israeli arms company, and (b) for funding pro-Israel lobbyists the British Israel Communications and Research Centre (BICOM) [Wikipedia briefing]. In this 4th January 2009 piece in The Guardian entitled "How the Pro-Israel Lobby in Britain Benefits from a Generous London Tycoon" [full text online], investigative journalist Rajeev Syal gives some of the background ...

Britian's most active pro-Israeli lobbying organisation - which flies journalists to Israel on fact-finding trips and organises access to senior government figures - has received nearly £1.4m in two years from a billionaire donor whose father made a fortune manufacturing arms in Israel. The British Israel Communication and Research Centre, known as Bicom, has been one of the most active organisations behind the scenes in the UK during the present Gaza offensive, organising briefings and interview opportunities with senior Israeli spokesmen. Its biggest funder is Poju Zabludowicz, a London-based tycoon, who has underwritten its campaigning since 2007. [...] Foreign affairs specialists say that the injection of funds has ensured that Bicom has become one of the most persistent and slickest media operations in the battle for influence over opinion formers. Company accounts show that Zabludowicz, whose fortune was founded on the success of his father's arms company, donated £937,995 to Bicom in 2007, around half its total income, and £341,694 in 2006. Bicom, which claims to be an independent organisation devoted to seeking a more supportive environment for Israel, is at the forefront of the campaign to win over the British media. Foreign reporters are bombarded with press releases and invitations to interview senior Israeli ministers and advisors at top London restaurants. Set up in 2001, it has regularly flown journalists to Tel Aviv. Despite its prominence, Bicom has declined to discuss its operations. But insiders claim that the company is based in plush offices just off London's Oxford Street and employs more than 20 people. While the CEO is Lorna Fitzsimons, the former Labour MP for Rochdale, those close to the organisation say that Zabludowicz, the chairman, controls it. 'He and his associates are very important in defining the direction of the organisation,' said one former employee. Zabludowicz, 55, [...] is the 31st richest man in Britain with a £2bn fortune, according to the Sunday Times Rich List. His father, Shlomo, an Auschwitz survivor, built up the Israeli arms company Soltam in the 50s after working closely with Shimon Peres, who was then the director general of the Israeli defence ministry. After Shlomo's death in 1994, his son took over the business and most of the defence interests were sold. The family business is now controlled through the Tamares Group, which is based in Liechtenstein, with huge property portfolios in Israel and Las Vegas. Some journalists believe that the resources behind Bicom have contributed to an improved image of Israel in the British media over the past seven years. One foreign reporter said: 'The scale of their activity is amazing. They fire off press releases several times a day, and have access to those at the very top of the Israeli government. You cannot compare them to the pro-Palestinian groups' media operations, which are frankly amateurish".
There is a town in eastern Poland called Zabłudów [Wikipedia briefing], spelled with the Polish-Lithuanian letter ą, which can be either phonetically westernised to a "w", or visually westernised to an "l". We therefore presume that Zabłudowicz's ancestors, and perhaps even those of the famous Abraham Zaprudder, have roots in this region.

***** THE CLASS-DEFINING "MERCHANT OF DEATH", WW1 *****

Zaharoff, Basil: Greek arms-dealer-extraordinary Basil Zaharoff [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having in 1877 had the good fortune and personal strength of purpose to blag [English slang = persuade by any means] his way into the arms industry as agent for the Nordenfelt Company [see 1875], spending the ensuing decades hawking machine guns and (later) submarines around the procurement ministries of whichever states could afford such expensive luxuries, (b) for doing likewise for the Maxim Company [see 1888] after their merger with Nordenfelt, (c) for having been duly cultivated by the Rothschild banking empire, who saw great profits to be made from war industries ...

**ASIDE:** In their 2017 book "Prolonging the Agony" [see own entry], Jim Macgregor [see own entry] and Gerry Docherty [see own entry] summarise Zaharoff's part in WW1 profiteering thus ...

"As an arms dealer, Zaharoff was pre- eminent in his time. [...] The First World War represented the peak of his career and influence, and he was described as 'virtually the minister of munitions for all the allies'. More convincing is the allegation that it was he who ensured that governments refrained throughout the war from attacking and destroying mines, factories, blast furnaces, and armaments production sites" (p332).

... (d) for having acquired an especial hold over David Lloyd George during the latter's tenure firstly as Britain's Minister of Munitions, and subsequently as Prime Minister, thanks to an (alleged) infidelity with his wife, (e) for reputedly helping to broker Greece's entry into the war on the side of the Allies in December 1916, (f) for featuring in mid-1917 [see Timeline 1st June 1917] in the failed global carve-up sometimes referred to as the "Ottoplan" [see Timeline 1st June 1917], and (g) for continuing in like vein through into the 1920s. He died in 1936, aged 87. The average age of those killed by the weapons he peddled has yet to be reckoned.

Zakheim, Dov S.: Alternating between Department of Defense official in some administrations and pundit-advisor in others, Rabbi Dov Zakheim [Wikipedia biography] was a fringe member of the Vulcans [q.v.] during the 1990s (Mann, 2004), one of the contributors to the September 2000 think-tank report Rebuilding America's Defenses [q.v.], and specialist in defense budgeting systems during the Bush administration's 2001-2004 investigations into Pentagon overspend. He retired in 2010, but features in some of the more fanciful conspiracy theories relating to the 9/11 False Flag Attacks [q.v.].

Zangwill, Israel: British-born to recently arrived Jewish immigrants from Latvia (in that era part of the Russian Empire) journalist, novelist, and playwright Israel Zangwill [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for popularising the use of the term "ghetto" to describe the lives of Jews in Central Europe [he wrote five novels with that word in the title between 1892 and 1907 - Ed.], (b) for popularising the use of the term "melting pot" to describe the way America was taking immigrants of all ethnicities and turning them into Americans [his thesis, not ours - Ed.] ...

**ASIDE:** No visit to New York City is complete without taking in the Ellis Island National Museum of Immigration [see museum website], for it is one of the most moving places on the planet. Based in the middle of New York Harbour, it was the main control station for immigrants from Europe between 1892 and 1954. 450,000 immigrants were processed in its first year of operation, and by the time it closed 12th November 1954 the number had reached some 12 million. Ellis Island is nowadays a heritage museum, and a haunting witness to the inability of the European nations to offer these people a future in the lands of their birth. Here is the tale of one Irishman for whom passport control turned out to be the least of his problems: "I came to America because I heard the streets were paved with gold. When I got here, I found out three things: First, the streets weren't paved with gold; second, they weren't paved at all, and third, I was expected to pave them."
and (c) for advocating a Jewish homeland, although falling short of the harder line Zionist insistence that this should be in the Holy Land itself.

**Zapata Petroleum Corporation:** [usually just *Zapata Oil*] Zapata Petroleum [Wikipedia briefing] was founded in 1953 by a consortium of investors led by George H. W. Bush. The company lent its resources to the CIA-backed Bay of Pigs Invasion, but started to shed its original management team in a parade of deals starting in 1964.

**Zapata, Abraham:** [a.k.a. (uncharitably) after 1998 compensation as *sixteen million dollar man*] Everybody knows where Ukrainian born fashion clothes manufacturer Abraham Zaproduer [Wikipedia biography] was at the time of the assassination. Not so frequently mentioned is the fact that his offices on the 4th floor of the Dal-Tex Building were a mere 10 feet above a CIA front company (where in all likelihood a shooting team was based (no matter that they were possible executing a false flag operation designed to incriminate Fidel Castro)). Nor that he knew Jack Ruby (from synagogue). Nor that he suffered an acute psychiatric episode in the hours between having his camera safely locked away by his P.A. Lillian Rogers [q.v.] at, say, 1330hr, and then sitting in on the negotiations for the film rights between his partner Erwin Schwartz and *Life Magazine's* Richard Stolley in "late evening". It would therefore not take long for the more suspiciously minded researchers to ask "How did Zapruder know where to stand?", and whether what he saw happen was what he had been told was going to happen (his breakdown indicates that he, like LHO, suddenly realised he had been used). Harrison Livingstone goes into all this in his 1995 book "Killing Kennedy", which see. Browse the *Zapruder Film Thread* to accumulate all the fragments of this story.

**Zapruder Film:** Simply accumulate the 50 or so references to "Zapruder Film" in this glossary and you will have a decent entry. (And take care not to forget the rarely seen lead-in clips of Lillian Rogers [q.v.] and Marilyn Sitzman.)

**Zavada, Roland:** Photoscientist Roland Zavada [no convenient biography] was the Standards Director for Imaging Technologies at the Eastman Kodak Works (and thus closely associated technically and physically with Hawkeye). Although he had retired in 1990 he was called upon in 1998 to inspect the National Archives copy of the *Zapruder Film*, duly declaring it to be a "camera original". For the purposes of this glossary we shall regard this as purchased testimony, and go instead with the film's every-bit-as-well-qualified critics - see the entry for Ron Redmon and this Doug Horne [YouTube]. Browse the *Zapruder Film Thread* to accumulate all the fragments of this story.

**Zelikow, Philip David:** Lawyer, diplomat, and academic political theorist Philip Zelikow [Wikipedia biography] was third author of the influential 1998 think-tank report entitled "Catastrophic Terrorism" (Carter, Deutch, and Zelikow, 1998 [full text online]), in which the phrase Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) was first loudly introduced. He was appointed Executive Director of the 9/11 Commission on 27th November 2002, presenting its conclusions on 22nd July 2004.

**ZH-29:** This is our stab at the "magnificent Czech-made automatic" rifle featured in the entries for Robert Easterling and "Manuel Rivera". According to various gun enthusiast websites, the 7.00mm option [=275"] began life as an 1892 Mauser calibre, but was subsequently taken up by the Zbrojovka works at Brno, [then] Czechoslovakia. The 7.00mm proved popular for export orders to Spain, and South America, not least Argentina and Mexico, while an 8.00mm option proved popular in the Far East. [YouTube an 8.00mm variant demonstration.]

**Zhabotinsky, Ze'ev:** [Born Vladimir Yevgenyevich Zhabotinsky, but often misleadingly transliterated as Jabotinsky, despite the fact that this invites it being read as Yabotinsky] White Russian journalist turned anti-tsarist pamphleteer turned Zionist activist Ze'ev Zhabotinsky [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for learning his journalistic craft through overseas placements (Bern and Rome) as cub foreign correspondent for the
Zhou, En-Lai: Initially one of the CPC’s most active youth officers, then from 1924 a political officer at the Whampoa Military Academy, Zhou En-Lai [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having been purged from the KMT army in the April 12th Incident [see 12th April 1927], (b) for having shown some promise as a military commander at the Nanchang Uprising [see 1st August 1927], (c) for having then developed CPC structures nationwide (including a network of intelligence agents reporting from inside the KMT), (d) for having then taken part in the 1934 Long March [see 16th October 1934] and the war against Japan [see 7th July 1937], (e) in 1943 for becoming one of Mao Zedong’s top team, active in such matters as foreign affairs and intelligence gathering, and (f) in 1949 for becoming Foreign Minister of the People’s Republic of China [see 1st October 1949].

Zimmern, [Sir] Alfred Eckhard: British liberal scholar turned WW1 propagandist turned expert on world government [Sir] Alfred Zimmern [Wikipedia biography] is noteworthy in the present context (a) for having graduated from Oxford in 1902 and for having then spent the remainder of that decade as an academic and social campaigner, (b) for taking a sabbatical in 1909 to tour Greece, there to research his 1911 book “The Greek Commonwealth” ...

ASIDE: This work will be well-thumbed over the ensuing decade by those responsible for shaping the British Commonwealth [see own entry]. Also, as an Oxford man in the Balkans at a time of tectonic political unrest [check it out], readers must suspect that he had been asked to combine his legitimate research activities with some political note taking on the side.

(c) for supporting the Round Table Movement [see own entry] after its foundation in 1910, (d) for publishing articles promoting a post-war "League of Nations", (e) for coming thereby to the attention of those within government charged with influencing public opinion (at home as well as abroad), who eased him into the Political Intelligence Bureau [see own entry] in 1918 alongside Arnold Toynbee [see own entry] and Lewis Namier [see own entry], (f) while there, for doing much of the spadework for the Versailles Covenant [see own entry], as eventually taken by Lord Cecil to the 1919 Versailles Peace
Conference [see own entry] (Quigley, 1949; Markwell, 1986), (g) for attending said peace conference on Lord Cecil's staff, (h) for helping to set up Chatham House [see own entry] in 1920, (i) for taking an administrative post with the League of Nations [see own entry] between 1926 and 1930, spending much time in Paris and Geneva, (j) for being appointed in 1930 Montague Burton Professor of International Relations at Oxford, and for the resulting 1936 book "The League of Nations and the Rule of Law" [Amazon], (k) for serving as state propagandist a second time during WW2 [his biographer prefers the words "did much work for the Foreign Office" (Markwell, 1986, p281) - Ed.], (l) for helping to set up UNESCO in 1946, (m) for relocating to the United States in 1947 as visiting professor at Trinity College, Hartford CT, and there helping to set up the Hartford Study Center for World Affairs [since incorporated into the World Affairs Councils of America movement we think - Ed.].


Zinsser, Hans: This entry will be found in the COVID encyclopaedia.


ZRRIFLE: ZRRIFLE [Spartacus Educational briefing] was the CIA codename for William Harvey's assassination plot against Fidel Castro, which, some believe, lent resources to an even more covert CIA false flag attempted assassination plot against JFK (that is to say, an attempted failed-assassination which, by itself failing, became a successful one).