

# JFK, LBJ, J. Edgar Hoover, The CIA, The Mob Italian Rifles And Conspiracy?

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## FOLKS...

I have made a conscious attempt to keep from getting into the conspiracy theory routine concerning Kenney, but just thought I'd throw out a few little tidbits for you gents to chew on.

## THE RIFLE:

The rifle! I can't answer for miracles, but the Marines got dragged into the peripherals of the investigation when government agencies brought the "Oswald Rifle" down to Quantico to see if the rifle was capable of performing its supposed feats of speed and marksmanship.

The Corps put its best bolt action rifleman at their disposal to test the speed of manipulation of the bolt, and its inherent accuracy. Mel Dunham was assigned the job, and while with a bit of practice, he was able to acquire the requisite speed of bolt manipulation, but not to get off aimed shots within the requisite time. True Story!

Next, if the rifle they brought down for the Corps to test was **THE** rifle Oswald supposedly used, he sure as he++ couldn't have hit much of anything with it except by pure chance as the scope was misaligned with the bore (make that "badly misaligned"), and unless he had the traditional silver horseshoe inserted in his posterior, not only could he not have gotten off the requisite number of shots, even if he had, the chances of hitting a head sized target (even within 80-yards!) would have been slim and none!

## OSWALD'S USMC RECORD:

Oswald was NOT a trained rifleman. He had only qualified as a sharpshooter once (suspected he had help in the butts on that one), and that he had usually gone "unk" (unqualified). Granted the shot(s) would have been relatively close, but when you crank in the "oh my Gawd" adrenaline factor, you have every chance for a true "trigger yank"... I personally don't think he or the rifle were capable of doing the job he has been credited with in some revisionist history.

For some small amount of time immediately following the assassination I was in possession of LHO's USMC Record Book (SRB). I was assigned to the 8<sup>th</sup> Marine Corps Reserve and Recruitment District (designation later changed to the 8<sup>th</sup> Marine Corps District) in New Orleans, and was in charge of signing off discharges for those who had completed their obligated service – however I also had all the record books in my files (no microfiche in those days) of those who had not yet finished their obligated service. Out of pure curiosity I checked the files, and lo and behold whose did I find? Hummm... I perused it in some detail

and could find no reference to any disciplinary action, and his service was all honorable. Any changes had to have taken place after it left my hands that November day in 1963. We had already acquired Xerox Machines, and everything in me said go down and burn a copy of this before someone finds out what you have! Common sense prevailed however, and after I had satisfied my curiosity, I took it down to the District Director for his action – I was never told what happened to it, and I didn't ask ... Mrs. Culver didn't raise any fools!

### **THE INFAMOUS AND MUCH MANIPULATED WARREN REPORT:**

This is the largest piece of fiction ever foisted off on the American Public. Interestingly enough, I don't believe it was meant to be a cover-up in the true sense of the word, but rather a document that would salve the feelings of an outraged citizenry. Plainly put, the elite in power had miscalculated the ability of the citizenry to handle the truth (unfortunately they may well have been right at the time it was published). There were those who were afraid that an outraged country might well have pushed the United States into a nuclear exchange over Cuba or Cuba's Russian influence, although I seriously doubt that either one was directly involved, but there have been a lot of quasi-innocent citizens lynched on pure suspicion!

I think that Earl Warren (whom I didn't much like or trust with the affairs of my country) was basically an honorable man (even if I thought his politics sucked). I honestly think he did what he (and his handlers – he probably didn't even realize he was being "handled") thought would be best for the unwashed and unlettered in our country.

### **OTHER MEMBERS OF THE WARREN COMMISSION:**

John McCloy was a born manipulator and I wouldn't have trusted that clown with my lunch money. He wasn't an ELECTED politician, but he probably had more influence on Franklin Roosevelt than most of those who were elected to office! He was a truly dangerous man, and could be trusted to swing the "jury" in the manner desired by the controlling factors.

Alan Dulles was an OSS and CIA man to the core! He truly hated JFK and felt that the Agency had been hung out to dry when the air support was scrubbed during the battle itself. Dulles may or may not have been one of the good guys, but he understood loyalty to his men, and had a burning hatred for the administration under Kennedy.

Many of the Southerners on the Commission were no admirers of JFK either, and were probably secretly glad he got "whacked" although they would have preferred to see him publicly humiliated and not returned to office. JFK's demise however allowed a Texas Democrat (and an extremely crooked one at that) to take over the presidency, and going overboard with the investigation might well have caused a revelation or two that would have gotten Johnson hard time if not execution – probably a case of leaving well enough alone! At least they had a Southern Democrat in Office...

Gerald Ford (as the saying often goes) played one too many football games without his helmet. I have absolutely no doubt that he believed what was written word for word.

Witness who came up with stories that conflicted with the ultimate "desired outcome" of the orchestrated report were ignored or their stories deliberately left out. If it didn't conform to the pre-ordained outcome, it simply wasn't added to the pot... In JAG investigations, such conduct will get you dismissed from the military, or if it causes a patently wrong (or harmful) result, it's also worth jail time. Not so when you give marching orders to the inmates told to

run the asylum! The Warren Report (yes RED, I've read the thing and marvel at how it was masterfully guided to the desired conclusion[s])... Couldn't have done a better job myself – BUT after having analyzed it with your head on straight, and you still REALLY believe it, I've got some oceanfront property in Montana I'll be happy to sell you!

And then there was the magic bullet routine of Arlen Specter... You've GOTTA' be kidding! I offer only my personal expertise to this one. Let me say that I have a Master's Degree in Physics, and am a designated Ordnance Engineer. I did my thesis on interior and exterior ballistics, and Arlen belongs in Fantasy Land... Holy Catfish Batman, he ought to be working on "cold fusion"... we'd all be energy independent with an imagination like that one! Geesch!

### **LBJ:**

Hummm... Let's see now, what do we know about this lad? He accepted the vice presidency after one of those in his political entourage produced a Democratically inclined Doctor to give him a report on JFK and Addison's Disease! Little wishful thinking on that one I'm sure, as at one time Addison's Disease was considered to be ultimately fatal (no longer, but LBJ was no doctor and wanted to know how the disease effected/affected Kennedy's performance of the duties of office).

LBJ was treated like the proverbial "red headed stepchild" by the Kennedys and he resented he++ out of it. He knew that he was the choice of the Kennedy Clan for vice president to give JFK southern votes who traditionally distrusted any Roman Catholic as possibly/probably owing their allegiance to the Pope versus the country in a push comes to shove situation. No doubt incorrect, but the perception existed just the same. Hence JFK's choice of the "uncouth Texan" as his running mate. LBJ plotted his revenge (although I don't think it initially included "doing" JFK with a rapidly spinning projectile launched from a rifle). Whatever the cause, the result of JFK's demise was a definite plus in Johnson's book!

One of the principal backers and contributors to Johnson's political career was the Brown and Root Construction Company in Texas. They backed him in his almost failed bid for the Senate years before, and he won only after a recount of the votes (now cleverly including the **graveyard** votes) put him barely over the top. Johnson, whatever else he might have been was not an ingrate, and B&R reaped their contributions back many times over. Once he escalated the war in RVN after his miraculous rise to the presidency, he saw that B&R got the appropriate contracts to build bases in RVN. The one at Cam Ran Bay (sp?) was supposedly built with concrete furnished by Hanoi, bought through a dummy company in Singapore (it may have been in Malaysia, I disremember). The purchase of much (very expensive) military gear was furnished by LBJ's backers as a payback for earlier political favors. Johnson always paid his debts! ...And don't forget, JFK had already planned to reduce our presence in RVN, but shucks, how's a guy gonna' pay back political favors if he pulls the troops out? Hummm...

### **J. EDGAR HOOVER:**

In all honesty, I don't think Hoover had a dam\*ed thing to do with JFK's demise per-se... But one mighty temptation WAS there! The Kennedy's made no pretenses of liking Hoover (overt hate comes to mind), but he had too much on 'em for them to throw him out on his ear. The dislike was returned in spades. That having been said, Hoover couldn't be removed as a political extraction, because the fall-out would have been humongous! The Kennedys were licking their lips big time as Hoover's 65<sup>th</sup> birthday was rapidly approaching, and needless to

say they didn't plan on allowing him to extend his long tenure as the Director of the FBI. They were planning on giving him his gold watch and wishing him well.

Hoover however was almost a next door neighbor in the neighborhood with Johnson in his D.C. digs, and often helped LBJ chase down his wayward Beagles. They dined together frequently, and shared an almost pathological hatred of the Kennedy Clan (my enemy's enemy is my friend?). Johnson was no fool either because he knew that Hoover had plenty on him to render him (also) as unelectable/re-electable... A sort of devil's truce was concocted, even assuming there was no genuine affection between the two. Johnson had said many times (when the two were discussing their object of mutual hate and discontent) that if HE (Johnson) was the president, he'd allow Hoover to serve as the Director of the FBI as long as he wished! Imagine that?

When Johnson suddenly gained the sacred office, Hoover wasn't exactly overcome with a rabid desire to capture the evil doers, especially if such a capture were to result in a less favorably inclined man in the Whitehouse. With JFK gone and now Bobby firmly under the Johnson leash, Hoover would be free to do as he pleased with a (his?) guy (with a rather large FBI dossier of personal misdeeds) running the show from the Whitehouse! Definitive proof? Of course not, but at least faintly suggestive!

#### **THE MOB:**

This one is tricky, but not out of the question. Kennedy (because of his intellectual elite status, and his daddy having humungous amounts of available money to buy the votes he needed) was not exactly a shoo-in for president. His Roman Catholic ties were viewed with great suspicion from the South, and his snobby background didn't appeal to the working class man. Joe Kennedy (JFK's Daddy) was well known in the Mob as he had been FDR's personal bootlegger during prohibition. Joe had to make many deals with the devil to stay afloat in the old days. Joe (Sr.) had even been fired by FDR for expressing pro-Nazi sentiments when he was the Ambassador to the Court of Saint James! Now that Joe Junior was deceased, that left him only JFK as the logical choice for president in his (Joe Sr.'s) lifetime. Unfortunately he was essentially unelectable. JFK's brother Robert was hitting the Mob figures hot and heavy and leaning on organized labor. Labor and the Mob (sometimes considered inseparable by some), weren't favorable to backing the brother of their major pain in the fanny. Joe (always the deal maker) convinced the Mob/Labor contingency that if they'd throw their support to JFK, he (JOE) would see that they (the Kennedy offspring) laid off the Labor/Mob consortium... Apparently a deal was struck, and Kennedy was elected by the narrowest of margins, certainly not the landslide that the Kennedy admirers seem ready to believe today.

Big problem – JFK appointed his much disliked brother (disliked by Labor and the Mob that is), as the Attorney General, and RFK continued to charge ahead totally ignoring his Daddy's promises to those who felt had elected JFK president. The Labor/Mob connection felt that they had been double crossed, and JFK was getting so popular that he wouldn't need their help in the next election. It would seem that SOMETHING had to be done, these guys were losing millions if not billions of dollars that Joe P. had guaranteed them that would be their due, since they felt that THEY had elected the president!

#### **THE CIA (OR SUB-GROUPS THEREOF):**

Dulles and the splinter groups of the Agency (usually the operational folks, as opposed to the politicians), were still smarting from having been betrayed by the Kennedy's during the invasion at the Bay of Pigs. Castro was reportedly having his plane warmed up on the runway to escape what he viewed as his inevitable downfall when the air failed to materialize! The sudden and unnecessary cancellation of the close air support doomed a bunch of brave men and comrades of the operational elements of the Agency and got many either killed, executed or imprisoned due to either poor advice or a lack of spine of the President. Allan Dulles resigned of course, but never forgave Kennedy for getting his operation blown and many of his men either killed or imprisoned. In the meantime, the Kennedys (plural) had decided to do away with Castro their own way, and cleverly enough, using the Mob to pull it off. They got the operational CIA folks to make contact with the lads who stood to make mucho-dinero if Cuban Gambling was opened back up and Castro deposed. This holding of hands by the splinter/operational groups in Agency and the Mob w/Labor connections, was to have unintended consequences however. It got two groups together who mutually had much payback to gain if they could eliminate the unappreciative upstart in the Presidency. Bobby would be controlled by Johnson and slow down the constant prosecution of Labor/Mob interests... Hey guys, this could be a win-win situation, huh? Honor and control would be regained, and revenge for lost comrades avenged! Military and para-military groups have loooongggg memories, and blood feuds in the mobs are taken care of lest they lose control over some pretty unruly characters!

After JFK met his demise, RFK's popularity took off, and the Mob saw a repeat of an earlier scenario, and one that would be much harder to control. Who whacked RFK? Dunno' but I can see several possibilities, and I suspect that many glasses of Champaign were hoisted and collectively held breaths relaxed when Kennedy number two went down in flames! Teddy (I'm a terrible swimmer) Kennedy was considered for a pine tuxedo, but he was his own worst enemy and did the job for them... Carlos Marcellus, where are you now that we need you? Hee, hee, hee... I used to live next door to his Daughter-in-law in New Orleans during those times, and he was no one to screw around with!

Who actually pulled the trigger? Who knows? I'd bet big "hollalas" (a fractional Saudi coin) that it wouldn't have been anyone who could be connected to either group (to do so would have been stupid beyond belief), and it's perfectly believable that the Mob's international connections called in some markers and had the job done by someone that no one would be looking for! Frenchmen? Gawd I hope not, but it would have to be someone who spoke believable English, perhaps with a slight French accent slightly reminiscent of New Orleans Cajun ancestry... Just a thought you understand.

## **LEE HARVY OSWALD:**

I've already given you my observations on that one above, but even the FBI admitted that "Lee Baby" was one of their snitches/informers. This may (heavy on the MAY) have accounted for the possibility that J. Edgar Hoover had some sort of inkling that something was afoot. Oswald was a Walter Mitty type who was no doubt conned into playing along as "a secret agent" under deep cover for the United States Government. Certainly his military record seemed to be spotless, and his Russian Language School training and his release from active duty before the actual expiration of service is strange indeed. He applied to go see his mother who was supposedly in a puny way, but never even made a move to go see her. He then put in for a visa to go to Russia (NOT granted in those days unless there was some underlying reason for the trip). Oswald's was granted without even a question, and he kept in constant touch with the American Embassy in Moscow. Now wait just a minute?

How's that again? I sure as he++ couldn't have done it, and I had a spotless record! Nope, something doesn't smell right here. There's a better than even chance that the slight smell of rodent wafts across the keyboard! Nope, Oswald was set up, and kept his mouth shut as he was sure that it was part of the "greater plan" of which he was proud to play a part... As I said, he was a born Walter Mitty...

### **AND FINIS:**

I'll not connect the dots for you, but as I said above, the entire thing smells heavily of rodent. Well probably never know for sure, and of course the final truth would rob lots of individuals of attempting to complete a life's work. A plot? A conspiracy? He++ I dunno! What do you think?

### **OH YES, the recent book "CASE CLOSED:"**

The author should do a bit of homework on wound and terminal ballistics... Newton's laws are still in force, and I've seen more than my share of men shot with high velocity rounds and such rounds NEVER caused the head or body to recoil towards the direction of the shot! I'd be happy to demonstrate to this gent if we could just get a volunteer or two... Maybe Diane Fineswine, Chuckie Schumer, or Barbara Boxer Shorts?... come on guys and gals, be a sport (or sports)!

Culver's LECTURE is closed, and YES I have read the most momentous work of creative fiction of all times, turned out by a gentleman who no doubt thought he was sparing the American Public... Who knows, maybe his motivation was correct for the time, but I sure hope he didn't think everyone's that stupid!

Best regards and Semper Fi,

## **Dick**

Oh yes, if you think I got wound up on that one, wait until you read my treatise on "Lee Harvey McVey!" Hee, hee, hee...