

NOVEMBER 22, 1963: sifting through the evidence

Official Story: Lee Harvey Oswald was a lone nut

Most US citizens suspect the official “lone gunman” story is not true, but this healthy skepticism did not translate into popular understanding of how and why President Kennedy was assassinated.

“If you understand it, you understand the way the media works in this country.”

— Jim DiEugenio, www.kennedysandking.com

Fall back to the Official Story: a second gunman, but backed by Cuba

We know there was a second gunman, but Oswald was (framed as) a Communist so the conspiracy was covered up to prevent a repeat of the 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis that could lead to a nuclear war (since the public would supposedly demand a revenge attack on Cuba). Blaming Castro was to be an excuse for a US invasion of Cuba, which Kennedy refused to allow during the Bay of Pigs or the Missile Crisis.

This claim was persuasive shortly after the assassination and discouraged political elites from looking closer at the facts. **President Johnson used this lie to pressure Supreme Court Justice Earl Warren to become chair of the alleged investigation.** JFK had back channel communications underway to normalize US - Cuba diplomatic relations when he was killed. www.jfkmlkrfk.com/cuba.html

Limited Hang Out: admit part of the truth to cover up the full truth

A deeper fallback claim is the Mafia killed President Kennedy, and the US government was embarrassed to admit this because the CIA used the Mob to wage war on Castro's Cuba. This claim is a mix of truth and lies. The Mafia had important roles in the assassination plot, but **the Mafia did not coordinate the stand down of JFK's protection, nor is the Mafia in charge of the ongoing political and media coverup which continues nearly six decades after the crime.**

Best Evidence: a coup to keep Kennedy from ending the Cold War

Why Kennedy was removed from office (the motive) is more important than the number of bullets fired in Dallas, even though Oswald wasn't one of the shooters.

The biggest secret is not how many gunmen shot at JFK but the perpetrators knew they would succeed due to collective fear from the politicians, media and the public.

President Kennedy resisted calls from the Joint Chiefs of Staff to start a nuclear war during the Cuban Missile Crisis. He called for nuclear disarmament, a different relationship with the “Third World,” ordered troop removal from Viet Nam, negotiated the Limited Test Ban Treaty, and offered to convert the “Moon Race” into a cooperative effort with the Soviet Union. Merging the space programs would have reduced the risk of a nuclear war with rockets.

JFK vowed to scatter the CIA into a thousand pieces. The CIA (and military intelligence) scattered JFK into a thousand pieces.

Disinformation: used to discredit skepticism of the Official Story

There are many hoaxes about the conspiracy to remove Kennedy from office that are flashy but false. The Qanon sense campaign associates legitimate interest in the assassination with ridiculousness. There is a blurry video claiming to show the limo driver killing Kennedy (the limo driver slowed down just before the shots were fired, but he didn't fire any of them). There is a claim the Zapruder film was faked, but the leading advocate for this also claims the Moon landings were faked and video of the planes hitting the World Trade Center were altered in real time by television networks to cover up the real projectiles. Some white supremacist Holocaust deniers claim the Israeli Mossad did it.

These distractions have the function of flares emitted by a plane under attack by a heat seeking missile — the decoys confuse the attacker and it usually goes off course.