

BREAKING THE SILENCE: JFK

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The coup that occurred in the United States on November 22, 1963, not only launched our devastating war in Vietnam, it led directly to our experience of September 11, 2001, and our present circumstance of permanent war.

A timeline of critical events began with the secret April 1961 CIA-designed Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba. President Kennedy refused to support the action, dismissed CIA Director Allen Dulles and wanted to dismantle the CIA.

Crucial to emergence of a plot to assassinate Kennedy was his response to the October 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis. At the conference table arguing preemptive nuclear war was both winnable and desirable before Russians could match our nuclear arsenal, General Curtis LeMay viewed this incident as an opportunity to invade and crush Castro's Cuba.

Kennedy and Nikita Khrushchev each realized how perilously close they'd come to nuclear war and began a secret correspondence aimed at ending the Cold War. In his memoirs Khrushchev wrote, "If the situation continues much longer, the President is not sure that the military will not overthrow him and seize power." President Eisenhower had warned against the military-industrial complex in America. Kennedy was responding to that danger of misplaced power.

His repeated challenges to the powerful reveal why JFK was assassinated. To prevent inflation, he blocked 1962 steel price increases. He strongly opposed Israeli nuclear weapons ambitions. The Federal Reserve is a private bank that controls US currency and debt; five months before his murder, Kennedy signed an executive order removing the Federal Reserve's control of our currency.

A month before his murder Kennedy ordered initial withdrawal of American military from Vietnam. Simultaneously, secret meetings aimed at resolving problems with Castro's Cuba were being held. If Kennedy was aware he was recruiting enemies, his purposes remained firm.

An overwhelming number of facts surrounding JFK's assassination demonstrate conspiracy and cover up during the investigation. Twenty days earlier a nearly identical plot to murder Kennedy during a visit to Chicago was foiled. Thomas Arthur Valee was arrested; the suspected marksmen were allowed to flee.

The Secret Service violated rules regarding a safe Dallas motorcade route and protection of presidents. Oswald was likely "handled" by government agencies for many years and, like Valee in Chicago, positioned as a patsy. Both Oswald and Valee served at the same CIA/U-2 base in Japan. Secret Service agent Abraham Bolden, who exposed details of the Chicago plot, was framed and imprisoned. Secret Service destroyed records of the incident. No record of Oswald's numerous interrogations survived.

Dallas doctors described a gaping hole where the back of Kennedy's head had been blown away. This part of his skull was found next day. Before autopsy, Kennedy's head was patched to match the assassination scenario. Some autopsy notes were burned.

With the surely biased and possibly suspect Allen Dulles one of the investigators, the Warren Commission was bound to exclude any evidence inconsistent with the plot.

What conspirators hadn't counted on was Abraham Zapruder's film providing proof that not three shots by Oswald from behind but six to eight shots from three

different directions were fired. The fatal bullet came from in front, from the grassy knoll. Zapruder's film was withheld from the public for 12 years.

Two days after Kennedy's assassination, President Johnson, who the military knew would serve their interests, assured Ambassador Lodge, "I am not going to lose Vietnam."

Billions of dollars spent on such wars is bounty for business.

We can speculate what sort of country and world we would have today had John Kennedy survived or had a legitimate investigation brought the schemers to justice, had the broader conspiracy not taken the lives of Malcolm and Martin and others who threatened the powerful, or had Robert Kennedy succeeded in exposing the conspiracy. Certainly it would be better and safer than continuing, as we do under the political, spiritual and economic circumstances still emanating from this coup.

In this eight-part series of essays urging we break our silence about how our history has been distorted, I've presented information that a consensus developed among the powerful within the CIA, FBI, Secret Service, Mafia, anti-Castro Cubans, corporations and banking interests to assassinate any person who threatens their profit and power.

Kennedy condemned government secrecy, opposed US post-war world domination, exploitation and increasing militarism. A nameless cabal hired marksmen to end the prospect Dr. King would bring both blacks and whites into the streets of Washington to confront their government. Robert Kennedy was moving to expose the epic cover up by the Warren Commission when he was killed.

During John F. Kennedy's thousand days in office he evolved as a peacemaker and created civil rights legislation that would eventually become law, proving himself a true public servant, one personally answering his own inaugural challenge, "Ask what you can do for your country."