

DID THE CIA kill John F. Kennedy?

Russian investigators claim elements within the secretive agency ordered a hit on the president and even helped carry out what they called a "coup" in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963!

They say JFK had angered some top CIA officials by meddling in their attempts to kill Cuban dictator Fidel Castro. And higher-ups at the agency also worried that Kennedy was going to dismantle their organization.

The Russian experts also claim "lone gunman" Lee Harvey Oswald had ties to the CIA, and he "defected" to the Soviet Union in 1959 on the orders of his CIA handlers — who continued to monitor and direct his every move, even on that fateful day in Dallas!

Upon taking over the Oval Office, Kennedy was an advocate of a hard line on Castro and was a fan of "the kind of counterinsurgent warfare employed by the CIA," a government source notes.

But the disastrous Bay of Pigs "invasion" on April 17, 1961 — just months into Kennedy's presidency — changed his mind. The CIA masterminded an attempt to overthrow Castro by delivering a small army of 1,400 Cuban exiles onto a beach. But security was loose, bombers sent from Nicaragua to bomb Cuban airfields missed their targets, and Brigade 2506, as it was called, came under heavy fire.

PUBLICLY ACCEPTED BLAME

Castro ordered 20,000 soldiers to the beach, while the Cuban air force controlled the skies. The invaders were attacked from the air, two escort ships were sunk, and though JFK authorized an "air umbrella" of unmarked U.S. fighters to aid bombers during a second strike on April 19, all were shot down. Some of the would-be invaders fled, but 100 men were killed and 1,200 surrendered to Castro's forces.

Kennedy publicly accepted blame for the disaster, but privately he blamed the CIA for bungling the operation.

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■ JFK addresses the nation on the Cuban Missile Crisis on Oct. 22, 1962. The CIA blamed Kennedy for not supporting its efforts to overthrow Castro, leading to the crisis. Protesters (left) opposed the invasion of Cuba



He also transferred control of all paramilitary operations to the Defense Department.

But within the CIA, many blamed JFK for his failure to overtly support the operation, and were especially angered that he refused to authorize more air strikes against the Cubans. As they seethed, longtime CIA Director Allen Dulles and other top officials were forced to resign, and control of the anti-Castro efforts went to JFK's brother Bobby, the U.S. attorney general.

The Cuban Missile Crisis the following year only fanned the flames of the anti-Castro and anti-Communist CIA operatives. One secretly sent a team into Cuba as the stare-down over Russia's attempted delivery of missiles continued until a compromise was finally reached that averted war.

"Was the CIA involved in the Kennedy assassination?" asks one source. "Certainly there were those in the Agency — particularly among those involved in the Bay of Pigs and other anti-Castro operations — who came to hate President Kennedy over lack of action to remove Castro."

While the Warren Commission concluded that Oswald acted on his own and killed Kennedy, some Washington insiders suspected that the CIA played a role in the assassination.

They believe that Oswald was a low-level CIA agent and that he "defected" to Russia "at a time when U.S. knowledge of the Soviet Union was lacking (prior to satellites)."

One source says Oswald may in fact have been a "false defector" sent to the country to spy for the CIA. "This suspicion was fueled by the U.S. government's curious treatment of the man (Oswald) who declared he would give radar secrets to the Soviets and renounce his



■ CIA boss Allen Dulles was forced to resign

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by links to killing

citizenship. The government loaned him money to return to the U.S., never prosecuted him, and claimed never to have even debriefed him."

The Russian investigators also concluded in their official report that Oswald was a "low-level CIA agent," sent to Russia to "pass false information about the U.S. radar net around Japan to the Soviets."

The report claims that in addition to wanting to get rid of JFK because of his failure to support the Bay of Pigs invasion and its fears he would reduce the role of the agency, the CIA also wanted him dead because he was going to cut the U.S. military's involvement in the then-growing Vietnam War AND seek friendlier ties with Russia.

The Soviet report says that the Russians never were fooled by Oswald's alleged defection, and that the CIA then brought him home and went to great lengths to build him up publicly as a Communist sympathizer.

VENGEFUL KENNEDY BLAMED SPY AGENCY FOR BAY OF PIGS DISASTER

"Oswald was prepared as a patsy — an ideal instrument to cover up the truth of the crime," the report says. "Oswald did not fire the shots that killed President Kennedy. His rifle was too inaccurate to hit anyone. At least three people (other than Oswald) shot at Kennedy."

MANIPULATING THE COVER-UP

Another source claims that James Angleton, the CIA's head of counter-intelligence, might have been "running" Oswald during his three-year defection to Russia — and claims as well that

deposed CIA head Allen Dulles became a member of the Warren Commission and was "the key player manipulating the cover up" of the assassination conspiracy by the commission, which concluded that Oswald was the lone gunman.

That source also claims that Oswald was a "patsy," as Oswald himself claimed, and that the plot to kill Kennedy involved an "out of control CIA hell bent on a coup."

In Dallas, CIA operatives had hoped to kill Oswald soon after the assassination to prevent him from talking. But after Oswald was arrested, they sent Jack Ruby in to do the job, the Russians claimed in a report titled "Echo of the Shots in Dallas."

Ruby had strong ties to New Orleans mob boss Carlos Marcello, leading some to conclude that U.S. mobsters were actively recruited by the CIA to kill Kennedy.

Says one source says: "The evidence is circumstantial, but not absent." ■

■ Castro's soldiers (left) thwarted the U.S.-backed invasion of the Bay of Pigs, leading the Soviets to send a freighter to Cuba loaded with missiles (right)

