John F. Kennedy: Assassination or Conspiracy

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ABSTRACT

I have always been somewhat interested in history and the events that shaped up our world today. But my real interest in History began in 10th grade, where my professor, Mr. R_______ who was a Harvard graduate began lecturing us on various events which I found very intriguing. He had a particular interest in John F. Kennedy and would always enlighten us with a few interesting aspects about John F. Kennedy’s life.

At first I opted to write an extended essay about the evolution of warfare but as I researched, John F. Kennedy’s name kept popping up, particularly when looking up World War II and the Vietnam War. This led me to study and read in depth about the life of Jon F. Kennedy, his assassination, and the status quo during the time in relation to US foreign and national policies.

While writing the essay I found John F. Kennedy’s life particularly interesting as I found that many people never knew anything about the other side of John F. Kennedy and his social life was an enigma to who lived during his time. They all saw him as a father figure who benefited his country in numerous ways. His assassination was a shock to many and whether it was a conspiracy will be a question that will haunt us for a long time. The evidence available does show signs of a conspiracy but those responsible will never admit it, so it would be almost impossible to point the figure at any one party or person as long as they deny it and the US government continues to with hold evidence from the public. Personally, despite the Oswald “lone assassin” story, I believe that the US government was ultimately responsible for the Presidents assassination and Oswald was just a patsy.
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CHAPTER I: INTRODUCTION

“His winning personality, his lively family, his intelligence, and his tireless energy, and the respected his courage in time of decision”\(^1\). Those are some of the qualities used to describe the attitudes of the American people towards John Fitzgerald Kennedy. John F. Kennedy was the 35\(^{th}\) president of the United States, as well as the youngest and first Catholic President. His Uniqueness, from the beginning preempted a sort of challenge towards his presidency. His assassination was a shock to many. It was a time of Cold War and the peak of US involvement in Vietnam. To understand the full picture it is important to grasp an idea of the status quo during the time between the US, Russia, Cuba, and Germany. Further more, it is essential to understand the John F. Kennedy regime including both its national and foreign policy. Finally, it is important to look into his personal life. This would lead to motives, the primary aspect to consider when looking into any homicide, assassination or murder.

John F. Kennedy took office in January 20, 1961 by a very narrow margin win of 113,000 votes out of the 69 million against his republican contender, Richard Nixon\(^2\). He was almost immediately faced with the Cuban missile crises which he handled very carefully and through this was able to ease tensions and avert war. This immediately helped create a new image for him which is still looked up to today. However, despite John F. Kennedy’s strong and loved character, many argue that his true character was an enigma to those who lived during his time and for this reason had the love and respect of many. He had a number of affairs, including an affair with Merlyn Monroe and Judith Campbell Exner, the same lady Chicago Mafia lord Sam Giancana was having an affair with. Furthermore, John F. Kennedy’s father was a rich man who was said to have made his first fortunes by bootlegging during the prohibition and this has been linked to a number of figure in organized crime. John F. Kennedy’s father was nevertheless a prominent figure in politics and served as the first chairman of the Security and Exchange Commission, Chairman of the Federal Maritime Commission, and was appointed as ambassador to Great Britain from 1938 to 1940.\(^3\) This would quite definitely assist John F. Kennedy in achieving early political success.

\(^1\) http://gi.grolier.com/presidents/ea/bios/35pkenn.html
\(^2\) “Kennedy, Joseph P(atrick).” *Microsoft Encarta 97 Encyclopedia.* 1993-1996 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.
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CHAPTER II: THE CURRENT STORY; OSWALD

Oswald was and still is presumed the “lone assassin” of John F. Kennedy. Of course it is of pinnacle importance to look into the complicated life of Harvey Lee Oswald in order to comprehend the accusation bestowed upon him. Oswald was an ex-Marine who served from 1956-1959. During his time with the US Marine corps Oswald encountered a number of troubling events including one situation where he was sentenced to 20 days in hard labor and forfeit of $20/ month of his salary, for possession of an unregistered gun. Such events, it could be argued led to Oswald’s defection to the Soviet Union shortly after he left the Marine Corps. Oswald’s defection to Russia involved a lot of controversy and unexplained mystery. For example if one is to examine Oswald’s trip from the beginning they would find everything from bizarre visas, meetings with KGB officials, and an unusual welcome back to the United States.

Oswald and Russia

Oswald began his travel on October 11, 1959. He was then said to have applied for a visa for the Soviet Union. It is important to remember that during this time of cold war, Soviet-American relations were strained and very few Americans would visit the Soviet Union. Moreover, each country was vigilant of CIA or KGB agents infiltrating the others country. So when a visa was to be issued, it would have to be examined very carefully, and the process would usually take a week. In Oswald’s case he is said to have received it in two days and possible one. If one were to compare the date of his arrival in Helsinki and the issue of the visa, it would show that he arrived in Helsinki on the 12th (was thought to have reviewed the embassy on the 13th) and the visa was issued on the 14th. Some would argue however, that the consoler’s office in Helsinki had specifically requested the consulate be given “special powers” to issue visas on the spot. So if this was the case then it would have been normal for Oswald to obtain his visa in a matter of a day or two.

It is important to look deeper into Oswald’s stay in the Soviet Union. It is said that he asked for immigration and that it was his wish to be given asylum in the Soviet Union. This of course followed a number of meetings with the KGB. Another point arises here. How could the KGB not be interested in Oswald’s past? He had worked for the US Marine Corps, named in the U2 secret program. This information does not fit into the puzzle easily. It raises new questions on whether the soviets took part in the assassination. Could the KGB have put Oswald up for the job? During his visit in the USSR, Oswald was refused asylum. Desperate, he cut his wrists in order to force the

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4 http://www.jfk-assassination.de/WCR/app13.html
5 http://mcadams.posc.mu.edu/oswald.htm
6 Appendix 2
7 http://www.daywilliams.com/63jfk.html
Soviets to grant him asylum. Furthermore it was also said that during all the meeting with KGB officials, the KGB claims to no “classified” or sensitive US intelligence material was shared. However, Oswald’s close ties with the Russian authorities, namely the KGB, links them to the assassination of JFK. This would implicate Oswald’s devotion towards the Soviet Union as the motive for him assassinating the President. However some conspiracy theorists argue that Oswald’s involvement with the Soviet Union was part of the plot to implicate outside parties and not point the finger at the actual perpetrators. The strenuous US – Russian relations therefore could easily have led the KGB into putting Oswald up to the Job. On the other hand, it could also have been part of a larger plot by the CIA to point fingers in other directions.

Marina’s Testimony

Finally the most critical and damning testimony came from Marina Oswald, Harvey’s wife. The testimony given by his wife was criticized, as critics argued that Marina was a recent immigrant to the United States and feared the authorities so was indirectly intimidated into saying what she did. Moreover her English was very poor and so some argue that it would not have been possible for her to fully understand the questions. If one were to take a closer look at Marina’s testimony, her responses are simple, unelaborated, and in agreement with the chairman. In her testimony, Marina does admit that she is in agreement with Priscilla Johnson McMillan, when she writes

“Marina was now certain that Lee was guilty. She saw his guilt in his eyes. Moreover, she knew that had he been innocent, he would have been screaming to high heaven for his rights, claiming he had been mistreated, and demanding to see officials at the very highest levels, just as he had always done before. For her, the fact that he was so compliant, that he told her he was being treated all right, was a sign that he was guilty”.

Marina also agreed to other statements mentioned in the book, as well as admitted to passing that information to Mrs. Johnson McMillan. The chairman further points out that Oswald did not have his ring on during that day and that this was a sign that he was planning on committing a horrific crime, a claim which Marina Oswald openly agrees to and adds that “Lee never took his ring off, not even on his grimiest manual jobs”.

Probably, the last significant information given during the testimony was when the chairman questions the motives for Oswald to assassinate the President. He questions Marina about the significance or validity of the concept mentioned in the book that Harvey’s motive was that “In his eyes, his political ideas stood higher even than himself. He would talk about Marxism, Communism, and injustice all over the world.” Marina’s response was that she agreed with Mrs. Johnson’s conclusion. Therefore it is important

8 http://www.jfk-assassination.de/WCR/app13.html
9 “Marina and Lee” pg 436 by Priscilla Johnson McMillan
10 Appendix 1. testimony
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that one, despite the criticism, look into Oswald’s role as the possible lone assassin of John F. Kennedy.

CHAPTER III:
THE CONSPIRACY THEORIES

People generally believe whatever they hear on the news or whatever they are told. Information keeps going around until someone realized it doesn’t make sense and uncovers the truth. The problem is people don’t know what to believe anymore. Alya, the Israeli carrier, was involved in an accident a decade ago and was first said to have no weapons on bored. The Israeli government just recently admitted weapons were on bored as well as materials used in the manufacturing of nerve gas. Such incidents lead to an increase in public awareness over what they are told and what to believe. John F. Kennedy’s assassination carried with it a number of unexplained or vague conclusions. This created doubts in the minds of the Public and until today there is still wide spread speculation of John F. Kennedy’s assassination being a conspiracy. Without doubt some of the proposed conspiracy theories are more convincing and reasonable than others.

Firstly, it is important to look more into John F. Kennedy’s early life, personal life, and political life. It is important to look into the motives behind any conspiracy to assassinate the president. It is not secret that JFK’s policies created more foes for him. For example, the fact that he provided no air cover for bay of pigs, wanted to negotiate with Cuba and normalize relations with the country, signed the test ban treaty, planned to withdraw all troops and end the war in Vietnam by 1965, end the oil depletion allowance for southerners, limit the Federal Reserve Bank’s control of the nations money, threatened to force J. Edgar Hoover to retire, pushed for civil rights for everyone, particularly blacks, and said he would smash the CIA into 100 pieces. Taking a closer look at these events portrays a number of possible suspects with motives to have the president removed and the uncertainties associated with the Oswald “lone assassin theory”.

CIA

John F. Kennedy’s first enemies as president emerged after his refusal to provide air cover for the Bay of Pigs. The Bay of Pigs was when a group of CIA trained Cuban exiles tried to invade Cuba in order to topple Fidel Castro. The CIA was the prominent force behind the operation and for this reason felt it humiliating for such a defeat. Fidel Castro was still in power and the Cuban forces had managed to hold off the CIA trained exiles. Moreover, John F. Kennedy, despite acknowledging that he had extensive knowledge of the plan hammered the CIA for its actions. Moreover, his open will to “to
splinter the C.I.A. in a thousand pieces and scatter it to the winds”\textsuperscript{12} continued to create more enemies in the CIA. The CIA has always remained at the forefront of most conspiracies. The CIA will be mentioned again when discussing its implications with the mafia and the theory revolving around the mafia and its possible role in the assassination of John F. Kennedy.

**FBI**

Another important suspect to examine is J. Edgar Hoover. The Director of the FBI didn’t agree with a number of Kennedy’s policies, particularly his and his brother’s anti-mob stance. The only problem with pointing the finger at Hoover is that the probability that Hoover would commit such an action was small. Hoover was said to have been the master of blackmail and was said to have enough on the Kennedy brothers to put them away. For this reason it is highly unlikely that Hoover would use an assassination as a mean to end Kennedy’s regime. Moreover, it was Kennedy’s brother who posed the greater threat for Hoover.

**Organized Crime**

This leads to another point; Organized crime. As mentioned earlier the Kennedy’s took a strong stance against organized crime. This was quite ironic because if you look back at the Kennedy’s past, his family, namely his father, was closely affiliated with members of Organized crime, namely the Mafia. In fact John F. Kennedy’s father made his first fortunes by bootlegging during the prohibition. As his father made fortunes, the Kennedy’s joined the elites. The “elites” were made up rich high class people, who generally during that time made their fortunes through illegal crime. This impacted John F. Kennedy during his Presidential election, as many argue that it was due to his father’s connections (implying to the mafia) that John F. Kennedy won the election. One prominent figure that was said to have helped Kennedy was Chicago Mafia lord, Sam Giancana. The mafia was rumored to have sabotaged and stuffed ballots in order to ensure John F. Kennedy won the election. Soon after, however, John F. Kennedy was not the man they wanted to see as president. This was due to his strict and aggressive stance on organized crime. Moreover, on a personal level, John F. Kennedy was having an affair with Sam Giancana’s mistress. So it could be argued that Sam Giancana set out to assassinate Kennedy out of jealousy. Or on a larger scale the mafia could have been behind the assassination. Moreover, Jack Rubin, the man who killed Oswald at a club a couple of days before he was transferred to Washington was closely associated with the Mafia. One however can’t hold the Mafia solely responsible under any circumstances. The CIA worked closely with the Mafia during that time and rumor had it that the CIA was working on a plot with the Mafia to oust the Cuban Dictator Fidel Castro. These close contact between the two parties raise a new question. If the Mafia wanted Kennedy out and the Mafia wanted Kennedy out why not work hand in hand to ensure the safety of

\textsuperscript{12} “CIA: Marker of Policy or Tool? Survey finds widely feared agency is tightly controlled” \textit{New York Times}. April 25, 1966
both and the demise of their “enemy”? The CIA would plant a puppet (Oswald), while the mafia would do the dirty work. And at the same time they would have the backing of J Edgar Hoover, director of the CIA and of the military.

The Military

Apart from the Mafia and CIA, John F. Kennedy also created his share of enemies in the military by signing the test ban treaty and his wish to pull troops out of Vietnam by 1965. The military depended strongly on the war in Vietnam as it created more funding and an opportunity for military commanders to “experiment” using there forces in a guerrilla type environment. Moreover, the signing of the test ban treaty greatly undermined the military’s technological advance sector. These might not be sufficient enough reasons for the military to assassinate the president but it did however signal that if anything were to happen to the president the military would definitely not interfere as it would have actually preferred another Commander and Chief. This might have influenced other groups by giving them an incentive and ensure that they will most probably have the backing of the military if anything were to happen.

The Federal Reserve

Another much discussed theory is that pertaining to the Federal Reserve. The Federal Reserve had controlled the wealth of the United States for over 100 years. During President Kennedy’s term he had signed Executive Order 11,110. This executive presidential order was hypothesized by many as an act to decrease the power of the Federal Reserve.13 The E O 11,110 ordered the treasury to issue about $4.2 billion in silver certificates as a form of currency in place of Federal Reserve Notes. This infuriated the Federal Reserve but no immediate action was seen. John F. Kennedy was assassinated a couple months after signing the order. However it is also unlikely that the Federal Reserve would work alone on any plot to assassinate the President.

Other Theories

Furthermore, he created more enemies on the streets such as Cuban-exiles who were frustrated at the fact that Kennedy disapproved air cover for the Bay of Pigs at the last minute and anti-civil rights groups who detested Kennedy’s decision to bring about civil right reforms.

Finally, looking into the “lone assassin” story which is basically what is told in the Warren Commission, there are a number of unexplained or unreasonable conclusions. Firstly by looking closer at Oswald’s life he was said to have close CIA, FBI, and Army intelligence connections, three parties with motives to assassinate the president. And after his defection to the Soviet Union, despite knowledge of his contact with KGB agents, he

was readmitted to the United States. Furthermore, the State Department paid for Oswald’s return, as he didn’t have enough money. Wages were relatively low in the Communist country and Oswald was merely a steel worker. How was Oswald’s return, despite his defection, so smooth and simple? In addition, Ruth Paine and her husband were CIA agents. They brought Oswald to Dallas and got him the job at the Texas Book Depository. Also Oswald’s army records show that he was a mediocre shot. Finally, Oswald’s supposed confession was never released. Oswald said he never shot anyone and he was just a patsy. Voice stress analysis had indicated that he was telling the truth. It could have been the key to proving his innocence and implicated intelligence agencies.  

CHAPTER IV: THE WARREN COMMISSION

After Kennedy’s assassination, President Lyndon Johnson assumed power, and immediately appointed the Warren Commission, a committee led by Chief Justice of the Supreme Court Earl Warren to investigate the circumstances of Kennedy’s death. After extensive investigations, the commission published its finding in the Warren report. The 296,000-word report is based on the concluded that “Oswald, self-styled Marxist and a former private in the U.S. Marine Corps ‘acting along and without advice or assistance,’ had fired the shots that killed President Kennedy and that no evidence indicated that either Lee Harvey Oswald or Jack Ruby was part of any conspiracy, domestic or foreign, to assassinate the president.” The report was basically compiled of around 500 witness accounts and conclusions made by the investigating team.

The commission however failed to convince the public and speculation continued to arise on weather Kennedy’s assassination had been a result of a conspiracy by the CIA, FBI, Soviet Union, Cuban exiles, organized Crime figures, anti-civil rights movements, or even the Federal Reserve. In 1979 a committee of the U.S. House of Representatives, after reexamining the evidence, dissented from the Warren Report, concluding that there probably had been two gunmen and that a conspiracy was “likely”. In addition, by taking a closer look at the Hoover memo and Katzenbach memo it shows a clear cover-up.

“The thing I am most concerned about, and so is Mr. Katzenbach, is having something issued so we can convince the public the Oswald is the real assassin.”

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“The public must be satisfied that Oswald was the assassin; that he did not have confederates who are still at large; and that the evidence was such that he would have been convicted at trial. Speculations about Oswald’s motivation ought to be cut off.”

Deputy Attorney General Nicholas deB Katzenbach
November 24, 1963
Memo to press secretary Bill Moyers.

I can also be argued that the US government has indirectly admitted to hiding information from the public. An example of this is through the Select Committee on Assassinations whereby the committee publishes that by the evidence available to it “President John F. Kennedy was probably assassinated as a result of a conspiracy. The committee is unable to identify the other gunman or the extent of the conspiracy.” It is clear the commission is unable to identify the gunman or affirm that Oswald was one of the gunmen.

CHAPTER V: THE ASSASSINATION

Another quite important factor to examine is the assassination itself. The only problem with this is a lot of the information has been tampered with, such as tapes, and it is hard to determine whether the information that is published is from a reliable source. Taking this into consideration, a number of unusual occurrences during the day of around the time of John F. Kennedy’s assassination further demonstrate a conspiracy or a plot of the sort. Amongst many reports, none of which were officially verified were that, DEFCON, the military code for Defense Condition was only changed for Vietnam the day JFK was shot. Military jet codebooks were absent from jets, probably to prevent nuclear war from breaking out. Federal agency phones went dead two hours after JFK’s death. The CIA set up an Oswald “double” in Mexico City six weeks before the assassination. This “Oswald” called the KGB chief in Mexico City. This set up a false trail to make it look like Oswald had Cuba-KGB connections. This gave the Warren Commission a reason to conduct a cover-up for fear of starting a nuclear war with the Soviet Union. The Secret Service illegally (at gunpoint) removed JFK’s body from Dallas to Bethesda, Maryland. The Warren Commission declares there was no connection.
between Ruby and Oswald before Ruby shot Oswald. The Dallas police administered a paraffin test on Oswald’s cheek. It showed to traces of nitrates; evidence that he did no fire a rifle that day. Air Force General Curis LeMay sat on bleachers at Kennedy’s autopsy. He smoked a cigar and smiled. General LeMay, the head of the Strategic Air Command, was on of a handful of people with the position and power to take codebooks out of Air Force jets, control the DEFCON status, and to control federal agencies’ phone lines. Two days after Kennedy’s assassination, the Joint Chiefs of Staff said that there would be a 10-year war in Vietnam with 57,000 casualties. Oswald was seen on lower floors of the Depository during lunch time. A policeman ran into the Depository and spotted Oswald 90 seconds after the assassination. Oswald was calmly holding a bottle of Coke. It would be almost impossible for Oswald to have run up to the sixth floor, fired the shots, moved items, and run back down in the time frame. Again these reports have never been officially verified and are according to Dr. Day R. Williams, an attorney at law. (From his web site http://www.daywilliams.com/63jfk.html).
CONCLUSION

It is clear that John F. Kennedy’s assassination left behind many questions. It is also clear that the evidence revolving around it describes or hints towards some sort of conspiracy. Today 80%-85% of the public believe John F. Kennedy’s assassination was part of a conspiracy by the US government. Why else would the U.S. Government be withholding documents 35 years later? And why would congress take more than a decade before launching any investigation? Moreover, why did the Kennedy family, one of the richest and most powerful families in the world never call for an investigation?

Despite the all the controversy surrounding Kennedy’s assassination, it will be another few decades before the truth in unveiled. The problem is that people don’t know what to believe. It created more doubts in their minds such as was the Sept.11 attacks on the World Trade Organization a conspiracy. Public awareness has rise due to this, but this isn’t even enough to uncover the truth. On the other hand the truth may be dangerous and I out best interest to not know.

On a personal note, after researching and reading in depth about John F. Kennedy, I believe that very few truly know about John F. Kennedy and the other side to his life. People generally regard him as a seamless human being who took space exploration to a new level, was able to avert nuclear war from breaking out after the Cuban missile crises, savior of the United Nations ($1 billion dollar package to the UN during a time where it was close to collapse), savior of Europe from communism (through his strong diplomatic stance against the Soviet Union in Germany), and a man who returned American pride to its greatest levels since World War II (through his historic inauguration speech with the line “ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country”). But the problem is that the other side of him remains an enigma to many people. People don’t usually judge his affaires, his contacts with Organized crime figures, or enemies he
made in the government. Some might argue that if he lived to continue his presidency his “true self” would have been exposed. Nevertheless, it is important to pay our respect to this great man who was most probably the victim of a conspiracy due to his strong stance in government and belief in a great American Nation with equality, freedom, and without corruption or the evil that haunts mankind. In *Inferno*, Dante places traitors in the lowest circle of hell.
APPENDIX 1

Marina’s Testimony:

“Some of the most damning testimony about Lee Oswald came from his wife Marina. Conspiracy authors have attacked this testimony, pointing out that marina was a recent immigrant to the United States, was fearful of the authorities, and spoke English very poorly.

These criticisms are well taken, but they don’t apply to her testimony before the House Select Committee on Assassinations.

The following is from Volume II of the Hearings of the House Select Committee on Assassinations, pp.301-302. Due to remarriage, Marina is “Mrs. Porter” here. The testimony was given on September 14, 1978. Note her endorsement of Priscilla Johnson McMillan’s Marina and Lee as an accurate account.

Chairman STOKES. Now again you know Priscilla Johnson McMillan, don’t you?

Mrs. PORTER. Yes, sir

Chairman STOKES. That is the lady who wrote the book “Marina and Lee”.

Mrs. PORTER. Yes.

Chairman STOKES. And you talked with her with reference to what she was writing about the book, didn’t you?

Mrs. PORTER. Sure.

Chairman STOKES. You have read that book?

Mrs. PORTER. Yes; not recently but a year ago.

Chairman STOKES. I beg your pardon?

Mrs. PORTER. A year ago, yes.

Chairman STOKES. A year ago, right.

Let me read this passage to you from the book. I am reading at page 436

“Marina was now certain that Lee was guilty. She saw his guilt in his eyes. Moreover, she knew that had he been innocent, he would have been screaming to high heaven for his rights, claiming he had been mistreated, and demanding to see officials at the very highest levels, just as he had always don’t before. For her, the fact that he was so compliant, that he told her he was being treated all right, was a sign that he was guilty. ”

Did you tell Miss Johnson that?
Mrs. PORTER. Yes.

Chairman STOKES. Now in addition to it, you told Miss Johnson, did you not, about the police coming and taking away many possessions, and one of the possessions that they left was a small demitasse cup, and when you looked and discovered the fact that they had not taken the cup, you also found in there Lee’s wedding ring. Did you tell her about that?

Mrs. PORTER. Well, I do not – I remember the demitasse, but it is missed. I don’t know where it is.

Are you asking me did I find Lee’s ring?

Chairman STOKES. Did you find his ring?

Mrs. PORTER. Yes, sir.

Chairman STOKES. And then did you tell Miss Johnson this:

“Oh, no,’ she thought, and her heart sank again, ‘Lee never took his ring off, not even on his grimmest manual jobs.’ She had seen him wearing it the night before. Marina suddenly realized what it meant. Lee had not just gone out and shot the President spontaneously. He had intended to do it when he left for work that day. Again things were falling into place. Marina told no one about Lee’s ring.”

Did you tell Miss Johnson that?

Mrs. PORTER. Yes.

Chairman STOKES. As my time has expired, the Chair would request unanimous consent to proceed for 3 additional minutes. Without objection. Now did you tell-

Mr. FAUNTROY. Overruled, Mr. Chairman

Chairman STOKES. That is democracy.

Mrs. Porter, it has always been important for the American people to ascribe some motive to this killing. And I notice further that, in the same book, Miss Johnson writes this, and I am reading at page 434 of the book:

“In his eyes, his political ideas stood higher even than himself. He would talk about Marxism, Communism, and injustice all over the world.”

Did you tell Miss Johnson that?

Mrs. PORTER. That was Miss Johnson’s conclusion about studying Lee as a person. Her findings weren’t based only on what I told her. She did great research and met with lots of people who knew Lee. That was her conclusion, and I agree with her.”
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