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Who Plotted JFK's Death?

Was President John F. Kennedy the victim of a conspiracy or a psychotic assassin working alone?

This is a question that probably will remain current for generations despite the efforts of the Warren Commission to document what actually happened in Dallas on that fateful November day.

The commission has completed its basic work and it has let it be known that its report probably will substantiate the original FBI finding that Lee Harvey Oswald acting alone, murdered President Kennedy.

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A spokesman for the commission says that there has been no credible evidence of any conspiracy. Staff members have read all the published works on the assassination and studied commentaries published in this country and abroad.

None of these critical works, foreign or domestic, has come up with any new factual information, according to the commission spokesman. However, he said that he does not expect those who want to find a conspiracy to cease looking for one.

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Doubts as to the truth of the official version of the assassination probably will continue to circulate for many years. One observer probably offered as good an explanation as any when he said that when people are ideologically motivated — either left or right — they tend to give an ideological interpretation to almost every happening. This is especially true of the assassination of President Kennedy. Many people can't accept the fact that something so dreadful was also so senseless and patternless. So they impose a pattern to conform to their prejudices.

Thus, leftists see the "plot" as one by reactionary interests, even going so far as to include the FBI, the Central Intelligence Agency and the Dallas police.

The extreme right takes the opposite view, blaming the Communists. Some persons of this inclination even speculate that the United States government is determined to prevent disclosure of Communist involvement, presumably so as not to hamper efforts to improve diplomatic relations.

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Even moderates have been known to express doubts about the official version.

And as long as such speculation remains rife, there probably will be a continuing succession of such books as: "Who Killed Kennedy?", "Why Kennedy Had to Die" and "The Death in Texas — an American Tragedy."

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