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Mr. Scott Koch
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Dear Mr. Koch:

Can you tell me, under the Freedom of Information Act, if there are a million C.I.A. files on the JFK assassination that have not been released yet and, if no, why not? According to the attached article they should have been.

Thank you, 


David Kramer



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Of Fidel, Cuba, The Mob & JFK

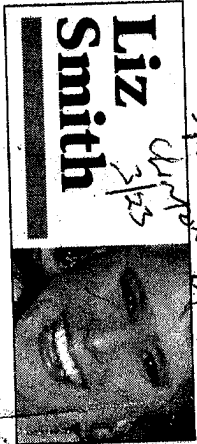
GOOD JUDGMENT comes from experience, and experience comes from bad judgment," said **Barry LePatner.**

Saturday was a big day in Cuba for the aging **Fidel Castro** and for his lieutenant Commander **Juan Almeida**, head of the army and famed hero of the revolution. It was the last day of Fidel's 80th birthday celebration. Also the anniversary of the start of the Cuban revolution. (Fidel was actually born Aug. 13, 1926.)

I believe it's a scoop to tell you that the Cubans are now frantically at work erecting a top-secret mausoleum for Castro at Pico Turquino, the highest peak in the Sierra Maestra mountains. This was Castro's favorite place as a boy growing up. With brother **Raul** now in charge, the question is whether Fidel will ever resume control of his government.

I wrote on Sept. 22 about Commander Almeida, who has been revealed as a CIA agent in direct contact with JFK/RFK people back in 1963. They were trying to overthrow Castro just before President Kennedy was assassinated. Castro evidently later forgave Almeida, and the general's story has recently been on Hispanic TV in Miami. Cubans in Florida are very interested in the commander, but the official press in Cuba keeps silent about Almeida's secret work for the United States. They either deny it or don't deal with it.

After my story appeared, Gen. **Fabian Escalante**, once head of Cuban state security, responded: "This information must be an active measure of the CIA. It's a dirty trick. There is no degree of certainty in this. I thought this book would have better arguments."



THE BOOK he refers to is by the writer **Waldron**.

ed "Ultimate Sacrifice" and a new FBI information confession of Louisiana god-father **Carlos Marcello**, the man behind JFK's assassination.

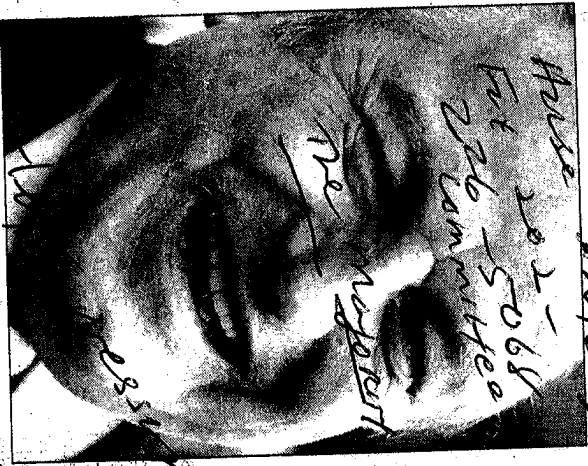
Personally, I find Waldron's arguments excellent. It's the CIA, the FBI and the Cuban government that have dumfied up. Neither Waldron nor I work for any government agency, as the Cuban general suggests. And it is journalist Waldron who brings all this to public attention after spending more than 18 years researching and writing his revealing story. Waldron has hot info fresh from the National Archives. It tells us that mob boss **Marcello** actually met with Lee Harvey Oswald and that he set up Jack Ruby in the Dallas nightclub business. Marcello ruled an empire from Louisiana to Dallas for decades. Congress determined back in 1979 that Marcello had the motive and means to have the president killed. Marcello is even quoted: "Yeah, I had the son of a bitch killed. I'm glad I did. I'm sorry I couldn't have done it myself." The FBI files reveal hundreds of hours of Marcello speaking from prison. They taped his cell. These tapes haven't been released and have been unknown to historians and journalists — until now.

An informant who knew Marcello in prison told the FBI this: "Marcello seemed to be very upset about the Kennedy's. This is all he would talk about. He told me and my friend about a meeting with Oswald. He had been introduced to Oswald by a man named 'Ferris' (probably David Ferris, memorably played in the **Oliver Stone** 'JFK' movie by actor **Joe Pesci**). Although Marcello denied to the FBI that he knew either Oswald or Ruby, he told his prison friend something quite different.

Marcello said that Ruby was homosexual "but good to have around to report to me." He said all the Dallas police "were on the take" and indicated he could get away with whatever he wanted in Dallas.

The FBI had much information on Marcello, but it was author **John Davis**, a Jackie Kennedy cousin, who mentioned Marcello's involvement in JFK's death. The FBI, however, seemed determined to keep Marcello's confessions suppressed. Bobby Kennedy certainly knew Marcello had killed his brother, but he could not act because that would have exposed the secret U.S. plan with Commander Almeida to overthrow Castro. By the spring of 1968, Bobby Kennedy was beginning to work with journalists on exposing Marcello. He was then assassinated.

HAD HE been elected president, Bobby Kennedy might have finally unleashed all the government resources at his command to prosecute Marcello. The Waldron trade paperback of "Ultimate Sacrifice" links both in boss Marcello and the man Johnny Rosselli to **Sirhan Sirhan**, the man convicted of killing RFK. But Bobby Kennedy died, and hundreds of hours of FBI tapes remain unreleased, as



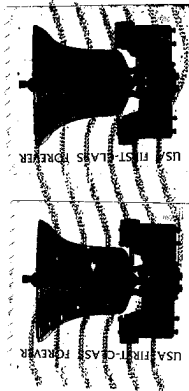
do more than a million CIA files on JFK's assassination. A 1991 act of Congress requires their release, but they haven't been.

The JFK-Almeida coup plan, called AM-World, was first written about in this very column. But, hey, it's all so complicated, maybe nobody cares anymore who or why the Kennedy's were killed and why the FBI dragged its feet and that the Castro government today protects a military man who had been the best friend of the revolutionary Che Guevara and was closely involved in all of it.

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