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Cuba's number 2 official today — Commander Juan Almeida — was secretly working with JFK in November 1963 to overthrow Fidel. The US government recently revealed Almeida's work for JFK, allowing the updated trade paperback of *Ultimate Sacrifice* to tell the full story for the first time (complete with new photos and documents). The authors obtained the story from almost two dozen associates of John and Robert Kennedy, starting in 1990 with JFK's Secretary of State Dean Rusk. Their accounts are supported by thousands of newly-released files at the National Archives. Almeida's "palace coup" set for December 1, 1963, was to be backed up by US forces "invited" in by Commander Almeida, then Chief of the Cuban Army. However, three Mafia bosses being targeted by Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy used several CIA assets to infiltrate the secret plot and murder JFK. This resulted in cover-ups by officials like RFK and LBJ, to prevent the exposure of Almeida and a possible nuclear confrontation with the Soviets. The new edition explains why Almeida was not a double agent, why Fidel suspected Almeida's ally Che Guevara, and what Fidel did in 1990 when he finally found out about Almeida's work for JFK.

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Donna says

It took me a long time to get through this book. So much information. It proves to me that things are never what they seem. A quote from a show (I forgot which) comes to mind after reading this, "You know too much to live!".

A great account of the events of the time, thanks to release of information. I wonder what else is still secret or destroyed?

Terry Jarrett says

Fascinating book but the poor editing made it very hard to read.

Murray says

This is an incredibly detailed book looking at the great likelihood that Kennedy was assassinated. It is less about the grassy knoll than it is about the Mafia and Cuban connections that had good reason to target the Kennedy brothers.

For legal reasons the authors do not state who they thought would have led the Cuban coup they refer to - but it is quite clear from the context of their writing who they have in mind. worth reading just for that gem!

It is well written and highly readable. It is however very long, and sits on my shelf admonishing me for only getting half way through.

Pete daPixie says

'Ultimate Sacrifice' is a huge book, getting on for a thousand pages, that proposes to demolish many of the popular conspiracy theories surrounding the Kennedy assassination, replacing them with an astounding 'for eyes only' top secret conspiracy, conspired from the White House in 1963, that planned a coup in Cuba, scheduled for December 1st 1963, and followed by a U.S. invasion of the island.

Whatever credibility the reader gives to this JFK sanctioned coup, supposedly overseen by RFK, and given the term C-Day, or the CIA cryptonym AMWORLD, Lamar Waldron and Thom Hartmann's research is not just food for thought, but a veritable feast.

Ever since the Warren whitewash, the past fifty years has seen historians and researchers question and expose the actions and cover-ups of government intelligence and investigatory agencies from the CIA, ONI, Secret Service, DIA, FBI and DPD. Accusatory fingers have pointed to involvement of many, from the lone

nut Oswald to the Vice President, to Castro, to Russia, to Texas Oil, the Joint Chiefs and the CIA's David Atlee Phillips and E. Howard Hunt, or any combination of the above.

Prior to passing judgement, (guilty your honour), I must recommend this mighty work for consideration. Yes, I think the book has it's faults too. There is a large degree of repetition in the text. Yes, it could also be better edited. I have also found missing references in the Index. Yes, the authors have worked with declassified files that have been released since the JFK Records Act, which do not form a complete picture without the remaining release in 2017. However, I go along with the review from the Sunday London Telegraph that describes this as 'A truly remarkable book, there is no doubting the compelling logic of its conclusions.'

Jimmie says

Despite the Byzantine story line, the truth behind the JFK murder. And the authors did not have to use a magic bullet. Spoiler alert, the mafia did it. Top mafia fathers were being prosecuted by Robert Kennedy and they were looking for a way out of their troubles. So, Trafficante, Marcello, Rosselli and Hoffa started a plan. But they ingeniously intertwined it with the CIA/ Kennedy brothers plan to stage a coup in Cuba on Dec 1, 1963. The mafia literally tied the government's hands in investigating JFK's murder to avoid exposing the plot and the people involved and starting a war. LBJ was convinced Castro was behind JFK's murder and left him and Cuba alone. And he was not alone. Oswald was working for the CIA, which had been infiltrated by the mafia. Oswald was set up to take the fall and Ruby was set up to silence him. And Ruby was working for the mafia. JFK's murder is one of America's biggest what if moments in history. PS, I love Thom Hartmann.

Erik Graff says

Upon the release of Oliver Stone's film JFK the Clinton administration, responding to popular pressure, ordered the release of formerly classified documents pertaining to the assassination. While the authors of this book claim that over a million documents remain to be released, their work benefits from a review of the new data and from some original interviews they conducted themselves.

The thesis of this book is that the assassination was ordered by three Mafia figures, Johnny Rosselli, Santo Trafficante and Carlos Marcello, all of whom had been and were still being persecuted by Robert Kennedy's Justice Department, all of whom had substantial links to CIA and other covert governmental schemes to kill Fidel Castro and overthrow the Cuban government. Indeed, knowing of these covert plans gave them reason to believe that the murder of JFK could be accomplished without their participation in it being uncovered and quite probably would result in their being able to regain their assets in Cuba.

The weakest part of this book is its claim that a coup, followed by US military invasion, was definitely planned for 12/1/63. While they do make a strong case that at least the military was doing contingency planning for such an event, they didn't satisfy me that the Kennedys were committed to such an invasion. Indeed, even they acknowledge the several backchannel negotiations which were occurring during the months leading up to 'C-Day' (aka 'Omega' or 'Judas'), negotiations on behalf of the President with Castro himself. However, even without accepting the priority they give to this military plan, it is clear enough that elements of the government were attempting to remove Castro and change the Cuban regime by a variety of means beginning with the Eisenhower and continuing into the Johnson administration, some of which involved the utilization of Mob resources.

Vheissu says

I read this book because of a taunt from a poster on the Thom Hartmann Message Board. I read the book, the entire book, and I checked out the authors' "end notes." Suffice it to say that the book is a complete joke that quotes other conspiracy nuts as sources for their findings. Some of their original document references contradict the books' conclusions (Jack Ruby was not a gun runner in Florida), and other references are to documents that are 200 pages long but no page number for the reader to check. Hoo boy.

I wrote this on Thom Hartmann's Message Board and I'll repeat it here: People who take advantage of the gullible in order to line their own pockets should be ashamed.

My taunter never even read the book and I got kicked off Thom's Board. Oh, well.

Richelle says

This book ended up having to be sloshed through. It turns out that previous reviews were, in fact, correct and a healthy editing could have been useful. The subject matter is so utterly fascinating; it's too bad the authors were so repetitive with their facts. This alone turned what could have been a five star outing into a mediocre sludge fest.

Bob Voges says

Massive, repetitive, kinda mind-numbing. But it covers in lots of detail the new information that has come out in the last 20 years, mostly as a result of the wave of documents that were released during the Clinton administration.

Justin says

This book was just OK for me. The subject was fascinating but the book was entirely too long and detailed. Many details were repeated over and over again (I believe partly to remind the reader of details that were given 300 pages ago). There seemed to be a footnote every third sentence.

The authors obviously did copious amounts of research and may have felt that the claims they were making (that the mafia had JFK assassinated and set-up Oswald for the fall) required such a detailed account. I sometimes got the feeling though that the authors threw so much detail at you in an attempt to keep you from questioning some of the assumptions they made in order to fill in gaps and support their conclusions.

Jamey says

"The book starts off with the premise of a fictitious covert operation, and goes from there..." --John Judge

I read 1/3 of this thing and I don't think I'm going to finish it. When it came out, I was busy editing Larry Hancock's manuscript for *SOMEONE WOULD HAVE TALKED*. I had the impression that the chief merit of both books was that each of them incorporated new material from John Martino, who ran in rightist Cuban Exile circles and had foreknowledge of 11-22 but not much of a role in it. *Ultimate Sacrifice* does that, but Larry does it better, and their book is marred by an obsession with "C-Day," a name Waldron and Hartman invented for an invasion of Cuba which they claim was scheduled for the end of 1963. I do not believe them. They also perpetuate the idea that RFK felt in retrospect, and to some degree actually was, unwittingly responsible for 11-22; I regard that claim as, at best, mistaken and at worst, sinister. Also, their prose is mediocre.

By contrast, I have just read the best 11-22 book to appear since Peter Dale Scott's *Deep Politics and the Death of JFK* in 1992. It's *JFK AND THE UNSPEAKABLE: WHY HE DIED AND WHY IT MATTERS*, by James W. Douglas; it's the best book I've read in years -- on any subject.

Ultimate Sacrifice does some things well, but it is not a book I recommend.

Kim Meyers says

This isn't my usual fare, but I found it riveting and hard to put down, despite its length. Waldron and Hartmann present exhaustive evidence for one school of thought. I found it compelling and unforgettable.

Patty Abrams says

The best JFK assassination explanation yet. Oswald thought he was going to go to Cuba on Nov 22 to help kill Castro. Instead, he became a patsy for the mafia shooting of JFK. The CIA couldn't reveal Oswald's identity. They also couldn't reveal the mafia did it, which they knew, because that would reveal the Castro plan.

Jon says

Reading this makes me think the songs from CAMELOT that really apply to the Kennedy administration are the two they didn't use in the movie: "Fie on Goodness" ("O to burn a little town or kill a dozen men/Anything to laugh again") and "The Seven Deadly Virtues." ("Let others take the high road, I will take the low/I cannot wait to rush in where angels fear to go.") Waldron and Hartmann make--at great but necessary length--the case that three Mafia leaders killed JFK, used Lee Harvey Oswald as the "patsy" (as LHO said himself), and got away with it because they knew about the Kennedy brothers' secret plan to invade Cuba on or around Dec. 1, 1963. I don't know if the book's thesis is true but it is plausible, plus it's always useful to be reminded of how sleazy liberal Democratic politicians can be (Obama supporters take note). Simply put, this makes more sense than any other JFK conspiracy theory I've heard of.

Gloria Evans says

This is a well documented book, but it needs better editing is all. Why is it that we have to wait 30 to 50 years before being able to find out what was actually going on while we were busy living our own lives. The wait is purely to cover over evil behavior and plans.

I am amazed at how the mob has organized and infiltrated so many organizations and people. There is a central Mafia governing board and individual areas under them. Not only did Kennedy have the backing (financial) of the mob, but so did Nixon (whose entire political career was guided and financed by certain mob figures in California/Chicago/Florida, Trafficante, Roselli, M. etc. - he also gambled a great deal and especially liked Cuba. He was in Cuba a great deal even before he was Vice President. A lot of the men who were caught in Watergate were mob related as well as CIA involved), Goldwater (a playboy), LBJ (whose entire political career was financed by the mafia in Dallas).
