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In this meticulously researched classic of the JFK conspiracy genre that Library Journal calls "sensational," Mark North argues convincingly that President John F. Kennedy died as the result of a plot masterminded by Louisiana Mafia chieftain Carlos Marcello--&, more importantly, that FBI chief J. Edgar Hoover learned early on about the plan but did nothing to stop it. Hoover warned no one--not the Dallas police, not the Secret Service. His motives, North suggests, stemmed from a fervent hatred of Kennedy & fear the President would eventually fire him. He's documented as a close confidant of Vice President Lyndon Johnson--a man Hoover controlled due to blackmail & scandals. Hoover's day-to-day running of the FBI, his strange personality & his backroom dealings are brought to life using an extensive collection of press clippings, government documents & other original sources. **Act of Treason** is a must-read for any citizen who believes the Warren Commission failed miserably in its attempt to solve one of modern America's most pressing mysteries: Who killed JFK?

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# **From Reader Review Act of Treason: The Role of J. Edgar Hoover in the Assassination of President Kennedy for online ebook**

**Brian Benoit says**

Great Details

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**Erik Graff says**

I picked this up at the Amarynth Bookstore in Evanston during a break from work and read it soon after purchase.

The Kennedy assassination was a major event of my childhood and questions about it started becoming apparent to me thanks to the radio talkshow I listened to a few years later during the sophomore year of high school. I believe it was Mark Lane that I heard interviewed, but soon others followed.

Since then I've maintained some interest in the possibility that the Warren Commission Report was a whitewash, an interest heightened when my friend Michael Miley started doing research on the matter in order to write an article about it around the time of the release of Oliver Stone's JFK film. Since then I've read quite a few books on the matter.

This book seems to demonstrate that Hoover and his FBI failed to prevent the crime, failed to responsibly investigate it and participated in the concoction of the substantially falacious Warren report. That Hooever was active in planning or executing the planned assassination is not proved, but his motives for doing so are amply demonstrated.

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**Jay Atwood says**

The stated purpose of this book is to prove then-FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover guilty of conspiracy & treason in regards to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. While thoroughly researched and put together in a compelling manner, it fails on both counts.

Conspiracy: No hard evidence is ever produced in this book that definitively proves Hoover conspired with anyone to assassinate the president before November 22, 1963 or to cover it up after the fact. Several instances of phone calls/meetings/etc. between Hoover and those suspected of complicity in the assassination are shown but without transcripts of or witnesses to those conversations, the author repeatedly leans on words and phrases like: "apparently," "undoubtedly," "surely," "almost certainly," "must have," "obviously," "very possibly," "essentially," "presumably," etc.

Treason: The author does give ample evidence that Hoover was guilty of perjury before Congress and obstructed justice both before and after the assassination. The author also supplies a legitimate motive that could make these crimes treason (so JFK wouldn't enforce the mandatory retirement Hoover was facing upon reaching age 70.) However, with the aforementioned lack of proof of conspiracy & the lack of any other hard evidence (correspondence/phone transcripts/etc.) proving why Hoover took the actions he did, intent cannot

be proven. Without proof of intent there is no treason. At best, Hoover's felonies (and that's what perjury and obstruction of justice are) can only be called treasonous, not treason.

All that said: I believe every accusation the author of this book makes to be true: (1) I believe there was a conspiracy to assassinate JFK. (2) I believe those responsible for it were primarily organized crime figures using rogue elements of the CIA & FBI to execute it. (3) I believe Lee Harvey Oswald was just what he said he was: a patsy. (4) I believe J. Edgar Hoover & the FBI executed a massive national cover-up of the true events. And (5) I believe certain members of the Warren Commission, acting in what they then believed to be the best interests of the United States, allowed the lone left-wing nut shooter theory to become official truth, while ignoring ample evidence otherwise.

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## **Lisa Hardy says**

### **Wasted money**

Don't bother with this one . Mafia couldn't fake the autopsy findings, etc.  
Mafia wasn't the mastermind of the assassination.

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## **Mike says**

This book is more a detailed timeline with specific research from the author than anything else. It was a bit too conspiratorial for my taste, although I agree that J. Edgar Hoover was not a pleasant man and had many operations going on which were not in the best interests of the FBI or the United States of America.

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## **Pete daPixie says**

A most interesting read. Over five hundred pages of well researched data. I can understand now why Walt Brown makes so many references to this work in his 'Master Chronology of the JFK Assassination.' Mark North's 'Act of Treason' was first published back in 1991 and provides a fascinating chronology through 1960 to 1964. The sub-title of this book asserts this author's theme :-'The Role of J. Edgar Hoover in the Assassination of President Kennedy.' Not that we should be looking for this extreme right wing, pug nosed, cross dressing little runt hanging out of a window in the Texas School Book Depository. I think to any reader on this subject it should be blatantly obvious that Hoover and LBJ were primarily involved in the prevention of any truth emanating from the events in Texas. North propounds that through electronic surveillance of Mafia operatives in 1962, Hoover became aware of assassination plots against the chief executive being arranged by New Orleans 'don' Carlos Marcello. (John H. Davis 'Mafia Kingfish') These plans were never forwarded to the Attorney General or the Secret Service. Also never disclosed was Oswald's role as FBI informant.

A highly recommended and thought provoking read accompanied by a wealth of documentation. I do not agree fully with Josiah Thompson's 'Six Seconds in Dallas' treatment of ballistics/wounds, which are adopted in this book, but to be fair, that side of things is not the remit of 'Act of Treason.' Yet never explained in North's thesis is any role of CIA and their involvement in the Oswald 'legend' or Mexico City, or the instant involvement of military controlled actions at Bethesda.

