

Castro Chicanery

Nixon, the Kennedy brothers, the CIA, the FBI, the mafia, and Cuban refugees tried like hell to kill Castro, and failed miserably time after time. Castro outsmarted them all.

There was also a plot to blame Castro for the JFK assassination. In the months leading up to Nov 22, 1963, the CIA was working feverishly to establish links between Oswald and Cuba. His links to Russia had already been established. Once JFK's head was blown off, LBJ, a mastermind of the assassination and central figure (along with his good buddy J Edgar Hoover) in the coverup, LBJ had three options. One was to play up the Oswald / Russian defection angle to blame Russia for the JFK hit. Second option was to play up the Oswald / Cuba connection to force an American invasion (another one) of Cuba. That was the option strongly favored by the CIA.

But LBJ decided on the single assassin / lone nut coverup scheme. One of the main reasons for that is that the other two options left him personally vulnerable. He didn't want Cuban or Russian hitmen coming after him. Also, those options were much harder to control and contain.

So, LBJ packed the Warren Commission with men he could control and trust to do as they were told. Warren kept the Commission from investigating anything. Instead, they simply accepted whatever the FBI fed them. J Edgar Hoover shut down any investigation by the FBI, telling his men within a couple of days to wrap it up. The case was solved. No need to waste any more time. They had their man -- Lee Harvey Oswald. Just as LBJ instructed. (Hoover's key role in the coverup was made much easier with Gerald Ford on the Warren Commission. Ford secretly let Hoover know everything that went on at the commission. Any attempt at real investigation work was quickly nipped in the bud by Warren and Hoover. Just as LBJ ordered.)

Castro was visibly shaken when he learned of JFK's death. The Kennedys had established secret back-channel negotiations with the Cuban dictator, and it seemed to be promising. Castro knew he was likely to be blamed for the

murder. What he didn't know is that parallel to the secret negotiations, the Kennedy boys were also plotting to kill Castro. If the secret talks failed, plan B was a Castro assassination.