

# Meek, Boylan and Bleau JFK Assassination Research Project

During the 2023 Lancer Conference last November in Dallas, Paul Bleau, Dave Boylan and Jeff Meek met in person for the first time. We all had topics to present to over 200 attendees. Through all this, a few interesting subjects came up. We discussed how current researchers seem to have specialized in various areas.

Among us there seems to be a group that clustered around the path set out by Jim Garrison: These include William Davy, Joan Mellen, Jim DiEugenio and Dave Melanson who have done important work around the goings-on in New Orleans during the summer of 1963. The illustrious Gaeton Fonzi paved the way for people like Larry Hancock, Bill Simpich, Jefferson Morley, John Newman and others who have shed light on JM Wave and CIA operations as a whole.

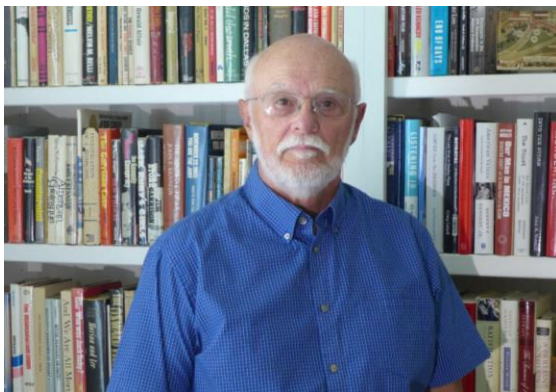
And while they and many others have touched on a lot more than this, we agreed that it would be interesting to see how the bodies of work interconnect. What were the mechanics in place that ensured coordination among the many factions spread out around Washington, Dallas, New Orleans, Miami, Mexico City etc. that involved New Orleans right wingers, the Mafia, Cuban exiles, intelligence operatives and others.

Our team also agreed that while we wanted to know more about the nature of the conspiracy, we did not want to spend any time researching proof of a plot. For us, a conspiracy is a given. We are interested in the Who, What, Where, When, Why and How around what happened on November 22<sup>nd</sup> 1963. We believe that the people we wish to target in a research project we have decided to work on have many of the answers and can make useful insights. Group sourcing should be a better honed strategy for the research community going forward. We need to ask the right questions to the right people. We hope that this project will stimulate a group sourced catalyst to present plausible scenarios of what really happened.

Based on the reactions to our first survey, we are off to a great start. Thank you all.

## THE RESEARCHERS

Jeff Meek



Jeff Meek is a career Illinois educator and JFK assassination researcher since 1975 when he first saw the Zapruder film presented by Robert Groden and Dick Gregory on Geraldo Rivera's "Goodnight America." Nine months later he began his serious research, accepting an invitation from Mary Ferrell to visit, which he did on 2 occasions. Meek then spent many hours with Ferrell looking through then-newly released documents and interviewed several Dallas Police officers.

Meek was the first to pry documents from the CIA relating to Jean Rene Souetre back in the late 1970s. He has written three books on President Kennedy's assassination and also does a once-a-month newspaper column for the Hot Springs Village Voice on JFK's assassination and administration. These columns are based on interviews with the likes of Dan Hardway, Ruth Paine, Judge John Tunheim, Judge Burt Griffin, Dr. Cyril Wecht, Roland Zavada, Jefferson Morley, Buell Frazier, and many others. Meek has presented aspects of his research at CAPA, JFK Lancer and JFK: The Continuing Inquiry conferences.

Paul Bleau



Paul holds an MBA from McGill University, Montreal, Canada. With over 25 years' experience as a strategic planner on national accounts, Paul eventually took ownership of, and presided over Bleau Marketing Communications. He co-founded Harmonia in 2006 which has grown to become a leading commemorative services provider in the Quebec Market. Paul has also sat on many boards. He now is in his eighteenth year as a teacher in the P. W. Sims Business Program at Champlain St. Lawrence College. Presently a CAPA member, he has a long track record of research and writing about the JFK assassination which includes appearing in Oliver Stone's documentary JFK Revisited: Through the Looking Glass, writing numerous articles for KennedysandKing.com, and speaking regularly as a guest on BlackOp Radio and on other podcasts.

Dave Boylan



Long time citizen researcher. Author of "A League of Their Own- A Look Inside the Christian Defense League". Co-author with Larry Hancock of "The Wheaton Lead - An Exploration" and "The Red Bird Airport Leads." Speaker at the JFK Lancer Conferences 2020-2023. Crypt and Pseudonym contributor to the Mary Ferrell Foundation.

### **Methodology**

The research will focus on between 8 and 12 topics and will last between 8 months and a year to complete. The first topics will be general in nature, beginning with motive and chronology with respect to the assassination. Each topic will begin with an anonymous survey, sent to a qualified population of recipients who are likely to be interested in the overall subject and accept the premise that there was a conspiracy. The researchers have a database of over 400 such potential participants. The second step will consist of interviews of high-level specialists considered by the researchers and others to be leaders in the field being investigated. Broader contribution will be encouraged through discussion on forums and collection of insights with open ended questions in the surveys allowing for personal comments of participants. If a point about a topic was omitted in a given survey, it will be addressed in a subsequent one. Documentary research around certain topics will be conducted throughout the whole project.

Survey results will be relayed periodically, through forums and online platforms and will be communicated regularly.

The researchers will seek out forums and other methods to present findings to the whole community and larger audiences at the end of the research project.

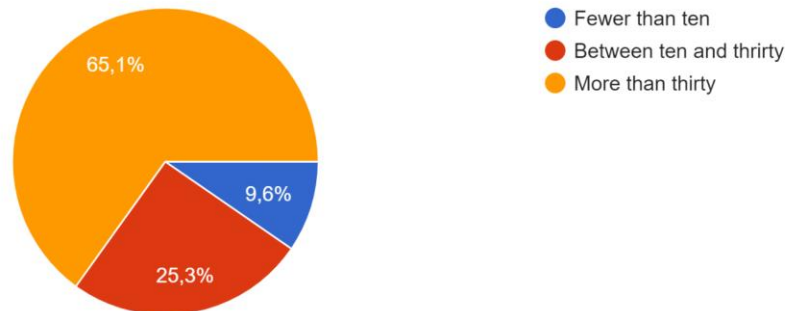
### **Survey results on the topic of motive Feb. 29, 2024:**

- 1) Participation: a mass email to 430 recipients generated, with one reminder sent five days later generated 146 responses. One person asked to be removed from the email list. Over 80 of the respondents wrote comments in the open-ended section at the end

of the survey encouraging respondents to write down insights. Still others sent emails with suggestions and comments. 65% of the respondents indicated that they had read more than thirty books on the JFK assassination 25% responded that they had read between 10 and thirty books. We can conclude that there has been so far much enthusiasm from a knowledgeable group of participants.

How many books have you read about JFK

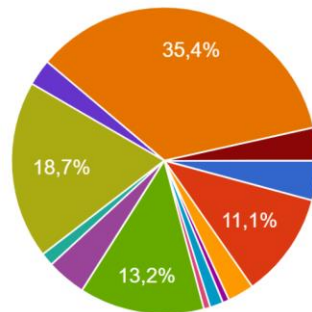
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- 2) Motives: One thing that is clear is that there were many motives that are seen as plausible for wanting to eliminate JFK. JFK foreign policies and his threat to clamp down on the CIA are seen across the board as motives that participants by and large agree or mostly agree with. Most participants agree that foreign adversaries did not have a significant motive to assassinate JFK. The strongest motives were that he was seen as a national security threat (78 strongly agreed and 38 mostly agreed) and his threats to clamp down on the CIA (80 and 34). The following chart reflects what respondents believed was the top motive for assassinating JFK:

Which of the choices below stands out as the top motive for assassinating JFK ?

144 réponses



- he did not provide the required suppor...
- he did not want to engage war in Vietn...
- he did not want to strike Russia with a...
- his economic policies
- his social integration policies
- his clamp-down on the oil industry
- friction with the Eastern Establishment
- his foreign policies

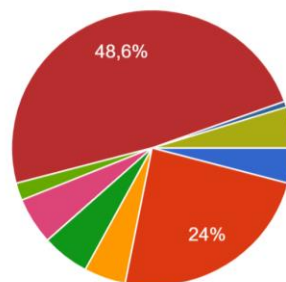
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- the clampdown on the mafia
- his diplomatic overtures to Castro
- he threatened to curb the power of the CIA
- he failed to invade Cuba
- he was seen as a threat to US national security
- No opinion

3) The next area of inquiry confirms that many groups did not like Kennedy. The Russians and Cubans are the only groups who were not seen as threatening. Very few strongly agreed that the FBI wanted JFK eliminated. To the question: *Which group that was motivated to assassinate JFK was the most significant for ensuring that the plot would go into effect?* 48.6 % answered rogue CIA officers followed by the Joint Chiefs of Staff 24 %. One criticism the researchers heard was that we omitted to measure perceptions around the CIA as an institution in this area.

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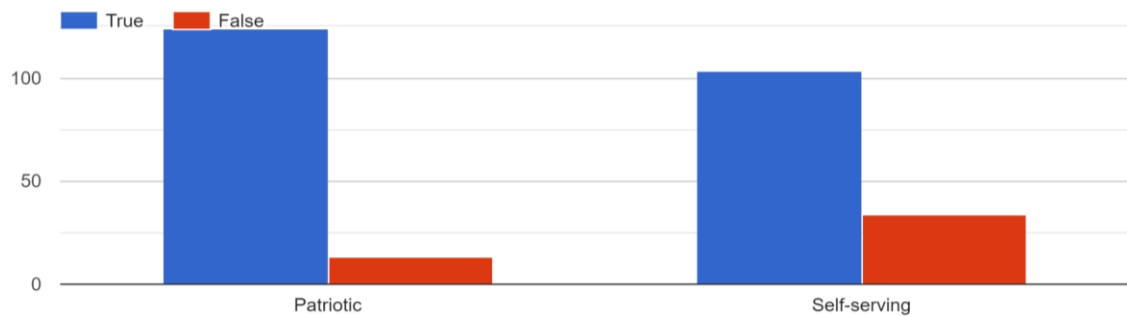
- The Mafia
- The Joint Chiefs of Staff
- Powerful US Business Interests
- Lyndon Johnson's Political Circle
- The Russians
- Castro Forces
- Extreme right-wingers
- Anti-Castro Cuban Exiles

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- Rogue CIA Officers
- The FBI
- US Oil Barons
- The Anti-Communist Network of New Orleans
- No Opinion

- 4) 90% of the respondents felt that the plotters saw themselves as patriotic and 75% said they were also self-serving.

True or false: The Plotters, in their own minds, felt their actions were...



- 5) In the comments section on what could be some good sources of information a few stood out:

David Atlee Phillips, Trafficante and Marcello all connected, all had a target on Kennedy. LBJ also had his nose in it as his successor.

Documents still being withheld by Presidents Trump and Biden.

John M Newman's work, along with other noted on this site, has been illuminating

The work of Larry Hancock and Bill Simpich.

Still JFK and the Unspeakable is a top recommended book.

DiEugenio's books, Douglass' JFK & The Unspeakable, Jeff Morley's books, Michael T. Griffith's website and books, History Matters & The Mary Ferrell Foundation websites, books by Josiah Thompson, Peter Dale Scott, Jim Marrs, Robert Groden.

"Harvey and Lee" by John Armstrong, Doug Horne's Inside the AARB volumes.

To see full results please follow this link:

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### Conclusion

The next topic that we will delve into is general chronology/timelines. We will also clear up a few loose ends around the current one. This should be sent out within a few weeks. If there is a close-ended question you would like to propose or if you did not receive the first survey but would like to participate in the next ones please contact [paulbleau30@gmail.com](mailto:paulbleau30@gmail.com).