

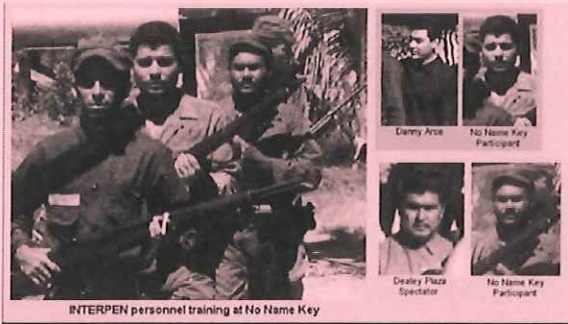
## The Cubans Killed Kennedy

### The Motive:

The simplest Cuba theory is that Fidel Castro ordered Kennedy murdered because Kennedy had tried to have him murdered. The CIA tried several times to kill Fidel Castro. Operation Mongoose considered killing him with poisoned cigars, poisoned diving suits, and a mafia rub out.



In a variation, exiled Cubans who were angered at Kennedy's failure in the Bay of Pigs invasion arranged to have him killed. And in a second version of that variation, the same right-wing Cubans ordered the murder because Kennedy had resolved the Cuban missile crisis by promising the Soviets that he would keep his hands off Castro. Cubans, and Jack Ruby's job was to silence him.



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Castro theory had a marquee believer: Lyndon Johnson. Six months before he died, Johnson told a journalist, "I never believed that Oswald acted alone, although I can accept that he pulled the trigger." He said he believed Castro ordered the retaliatory murder.



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The Cuban conspiracy theories gained weight because Oswald adored Castro and had tried to travel to Cuba not long before the assassination, and because Jack Ruby had visited the island nation in 1959. Mere coincidences, say the lone-gunman believers. Impossible coincidences, say the doubters.

**The Evidence:** Oswald was the lone gunman but he was acting on behalf of Cuba..... Use evidence for Oswald.



## The KGB Killed Kennedy

### The Motive:



Under this theory, Soviet agents—using Oswald as the assassin—killed Kennedy because the president had embarrassed Premier Nikita Khrushchev in the Cuban missile crisis.



Conspiracy theorists happily note that Oswald had lived in the Soviet Union from 1959 through 1962. During this period Oswald married a Russian woman, spoke a little Russian, and was obsessed with Russian literature and music.

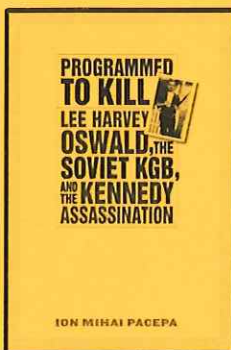


According to a 1966 FBI document, Colonel Boris Ivanov—chief of the KGB at the time of the assassination—stated that it was his personal opinion that the assassination had been planned by an organized group, rather than a lone individual.



Much later, the highest-ranking Soviet Bloc intelligence defector, Lt. Gen. Ion Mihai Pacepa, said that he had a conversation with Soviet officials who told him about "ten international leaders the Kremlin killed or tried to kill":

- "László Rajk and Imre Nagy of Hungary
- Palmiro Togliatti of Italy
- Lucrețiu Pătrășcanu and Gheorghiu-Dej in Romania
- Mao Zedong in China
- Rudolf Slánský and Jan Masaryk, in Czechoslovakia
- American President John F. Kennedy
- The Shah of Iran



Pacepa claimed that "among the leaders of Moscow's satellite intelligence services there was unanimous agreement that the KGB had been involved in the assassination of President Kennedy." Pacepa later released a book, *Programmed to Kill: Lee Harvey Oswald, the Soviet KGB, and the Kennedy Assassination*, in 2007.

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