



"CRACKING THE JFK CASE" CONFERENCE (WASHINGTON, D.C., November 18-20, 2005)

Former Senator Gary Hart will speak on "The Church Committee and the Still Unanswered Questions" at the "Cracking the JFK Case Conference" to be held in Washington, D.C. November 18-20, 2005. Senator Hart and Senator Richard Schweicker led a two-man subcommittee of the Church which investigated President Kennedy's assassination in 1975.

The conference will also hear a speech at its Saturday evening dinner by Prof. G. Robert Blakey, who as Chief Counsel for the House Select Committee on Assassinations, ran the congressional probe which concluded in its 1979 report that it was highly likely that President Kennedy had been assassinated as a result of an conspiracy. His speech is entitled "Second Thoughts." Persons interested in his most recent comments on that investigation should consult the AARC's blog, jfkaccountability.org, to read his 2003 addendum to his 1993 Frontline interview setting forth his current views on the CIA.

Has the case really been closed on the murder of President John F. Kennedy? Is it too late to solve the greatest mystery of the 20th Century? The conference hosted by the Assassination Archives and Research Center (AARC) and the Cyril H. Wecht Institute of Forensic Science and Law will address these and other significant questions.

Much has been revealed about the plot against Kennedy since the passage of the 1992 JFK Assassination Records Collection Act, which compelled the release of thousands of significant government documents related to the crime. While the media has remained generally silent on the mysterious crime in recent years, scholars and researchers have quietly been using these records to fill in important holes in our understanding of what happened in Dallas on November 22, 1963. Much of the groundbreaking research will be showcased at "Cracking the JFK Case."

The AARC and Wecht Institute's November conference is dedicated to the proposition that the murder of John F. Kennedy is still an open investigation. In a season when four-decade-old civil rights murders in the South are suddenly being reopened and solved, it is incumbent on the public, the press, and the government to take advantage of the new research momentum on the JFK case to solve the most shocking assault on American democracy in the past century. If the ghosts of Mississippi can finally be exorcised, so must the ghosts of Dallas.

Among the conferences speakers and panelists will be

--Temple University professor Joan Mellen, author of the forthcoming book "A Farewell to Justice: Jim Garrison, JFK's Assassination and the Case That Should Have Changed History," which is certain to provoke the most heated discussion of New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison's probe of the Kennedy murder since Oliver Stone's "JFK."

--Gerald D. McKnight, professor emeritus of history at Hood College in Maryland, whose definitive new book on the coverup of the JFK assassination, "Breach of Trust: How the Warren Commission Failed the Nation and Why," has been hailed by historian Douglas Brinkley as "essential reading by anybody trying to solve the 20th Century's greatest murder mystery."

Conference speakers will also include Washington Post reporter Jefferson Morley, whose ongoing lawsuit in federal court, Morley v. CIA, has unearthed important new evidence about an undercover operations officer who never disclosed what he knew of contacts between accused assassin Lee Harvey Oswald and an anti-Castro student group funded by the Agency; Salon founder David Talbot, whose forthcoming book "Brothers" will examine what Robert Kennedy believed was the real story behind the killing of his brother and what he was planning to do about the case if he had lived and been elected president in 1968; author Richard Whalen, whose new book will explore how the events in Dallas erupted out of Kennedy's Cuba policies; and investigative journalist James Bamford, author of the best-selling books on the shadow world of the National Security Agency, "The Puzzle Palace" and "Body of Secrets," and the recently released "A Pretext for War: 9/11, Iraq and the Abuse of America's Intelligence Agencies" (Doubleday).

Among the other featured speakers and panelists will be veteran assassination researchers Anthony Summers, Peter Dale Scott, John Newman, David Wrone, Josiah Thompson, Dr. Gary Aguilar,

Jim Lesar, Dan Alcorn and Rex Bradford. As names are added to this they will be posted on the AARC's web site, aarclibrary.org.

To register for a room at the hotel call (800) 233-1234 or (301) 657-1234 and tell the attendant you are attending the "JFK Case" conference. A special rate is available through October 28th.

To register for the conference, all (202) 628-6608 or email us at truthisourclient@yahoo.com.

For more information about the conference, visit our website, aarclibrary.org and our blog, jfkaccountability.org.