

WHERE ANGELS TREAD LIGHTLY
THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY
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ADDENDUM TO AFTERWORD

When talking about the assassination of President Kennedy, David Atlee Phillips, the CIA's most adept psychological warfare and propaganda operator, enjoyed standing dangerously close to the edge of the truth without going over the cliff. He observes:

Allen Dulles was a keeper of many secrets which perforce had to be shared with a few others, a very few others. Among those secrets, there were a few marks on the dark side of the ledger: Dulles had been the senior case officer for two attempts to assassinate foreign leaders.

One of them was Castro, and Phillips avers that it is “obvious” that the revelation of that information “would have provided the Warren jurors with a possible motive for a Castro involvement in Kennedy’s assassination.”

Yet Phillips tells us that *what appears to be so is not so*. Like the cat that swallowed the canary, Phillips then states flatly, “I know of no evidence that Fidel Castro, or the Soviets, encouraged Oswald.” And why would Phillips be in a position to make such a statement? “I should add,” he says, “that I was an observer of Cuban and Soviet reaction in Mexico City when Lee Harvey Oswald contacted their embassies.”¹

In other words, in the course of telling us about a big secret—that Dulles’ operation appeared to give Castro a motive to kill JFK—Phillips lets us in on a bigger “unpopular” secret: the big secret was false.

Getting Chief Justice Earl Warren to believe that it was true was one of the most successful deception operations in history.

¹ David Atlee Phillips, *The Secret War Diaries—My Adventures in Combat, Espionage Operations and Covert Action* (Stone Trail Press, 1989), pp. 162-166.