

he was a key player who organized the others? Or whether he was just Marcello's tool?

Whatever the answers may be, they lie in the buildings around Lafayette Square — within a stone's throw of where the Warren Commission held its hearings in New Orleans.<sup>20</sup> Next to the Federal court house. Under the noses of the most powerful Congressmen in the land. With the cooperation of former members of the FBI. With the knowledge of the CIA. With the participation of the press. With the cooperation of leaders of American medicine.

In hospitals guarded by Marines. With the help of organized crime. And in the name of freedom. With flag-waving allegiance to colors and slogans that mask a contempt for law. With smoldering hatred and flaring impatience. With the cynical belief that you really can't tell the people what you need to do, because they might not let you do it. That you can't trust democracy to produce the right answers or the right leaders. That it as patriotic to intervene illegally in the politics of our own country as it is for us to intervene illegally in the politics other countries. These are the lessons of our Labyrinth. And we have Judyth Vary Baker to thank for bringing them to our attention.

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- 1 Frankly, I would prefer that Judyth present it herself. I have watched her for five years. She has tried and tried to get her story out. In fact, in 2003 the History Channel presented an excellent documentary which featured Judyth Vary Baker as part of their legendary series entitled *The Men Who Killed Kennedy*. This well-produced narrative presented Judyth and her story clearly and powerfully, but it was bundled with two other episodes which erupted into lawsuits. Though I never saw news of any legal complaint involving Judyth's story, it was withdrawn along with the other two episodes. This was not because it was not popular. Over 50,000 copies of the DVD were sold in the first week. A week later all three were withdrawn. If that DVD were still available, I would not feel the need to provide such a detailed review of her story; but right now it is not.
  - 2 Judyth's father was an electrical engineer who invented various TV components. After the family moved to Florida, the money from selling his patents ran out.
  - 3 Judyth was considering becoming a nun. Her family strongly objected. Her father drove to the college and essentially kidnapped her in the middle of the night, bringing her home to Florida.

- 4 Tulane University was on a traditional semester schedule. Judyth's university in Florida switched to a new trimester schedule in 1963. The result was that Judyth's campus shut down (cafeterias, etc.) three weeks earlier than normal. Due to Judyth's problems at home, she headed to New Orleans early.
- 5 Lee Oswald advised Judyth that this Royal Castle was a favorite dead-drop spot for Bobby Kennedy's agents who were spying on Carlos Marcello, who was not only the local Mafia boss, but one of its national leaders.
- 6 Complicating Judyth's story (and her life) was the impending arrival of Robert Baker, her fiancé. She explains this part of her story in detail in her book, but it is extraneous to our discussion here, and I therefore ignore it.
- 7 Also, Lee's mother dated Sam Termine when Lee was a teenager. Termine had been Carlos Marcello's chauffeur.
- 8 Imagine how easy it would have been to discredit a whistleblower if she had first been rounded up in a brothel and then photographed at the Mafia boss' motel. Who would believe such a person? Was all this a safety precaution?
- 9 Remember Elmener Peterson, Mary's maid? Judyth was given her work schedule, so that she could arrange her visits when Elmener was not there. I wish I had known about Judyth when I spoke to Alvin Alcorn.
- 10 We have no way of knowing if the Reilly management knew about the events going on in their building. Until we do, I will assume that they did not. But professional investigators might want to explore this question.
- 11 Was Lee able to borrow cars from Alba's garage to carry out his activities? Imagine how difficult it would be to track his activities in different cars belonging to different people each time he went somewhere!
- 12 The question of whether there were actually mice in David Ferrie's apartment in the summer of 1963 has been the subject of debate in the news groups and on the Internet. One JFK researcher, who has interviewed a lot of Ferrie's "young male friends" about this, points out that none of them recall seeing mice at Ferrie's apartment on Louisiana Avenue Parkway in the summer of 1963. Even Perry Russo, a witness that I interviewed who had seen Ferrie's mice at a previous apartment, said that he did not see any in Ferrie's apartment when he attended a party there in the summer of 1963. So I asked Judyth whether David Ferrie kept mice in his apartment. Judyth said that she did see a small collection of live mice in Ferrie's apartment the first time she went there (April 27, 1963), but he removed them when he cleaned up his apartment for the party (April 28, 1963). After that, she did not see any mice living in cages in Ferrie's apartment on a regular basis. I think the answer is simply that once they cranked up the secret lab work, he realized that having a bunch of people seeing mice at his apartment was not good security, so he moved the few mice he had in his apartment to the apartment across the street. Judyth told me that the mice she used for her research sessions in Ferrie's apartment were brought there in cardboard boxes from another location somewhere nearby. Each box contained about 50 mice. They were all killed and disposed of the same day.
- 13 The secretary involved was a temporary covering for Dr. Ochsner's regular secretary (a nurse) who was on vacation. Involving an outside person in the communication between Judyth and Ochsner was a risky move, to which Ochsner strongly objected. He told Judyth that she should have communicated her concerns to him directly.
- 14 These untraceable phone calls between Lee and Judyth were arranged by David Ferrie using the Mafia's secret sports-gambling telephone network, which deliberately did not keep records of the phone calls. This Mafia connection seemed reasonable to Judyth

because she and Lee had gone together to the 500 Club (a famous strip-club and bar in the French Quarter), where they had spoken to Carlos Marcello himself.

- 15 David Atlee Phillips is a well-known name in the JFK assassination research circles. He was a CIA officer stationed primarily in Mexico City at the time. He has long been suspected of being the organizer behind the JFK assassination by those who believe that it was the CIA that murdered Jack Kennedy. We now have a real, live witness, who can prove that she worked with Lee Harvey Oswald, state that Oswald (the man accused of the JFK assassination by former-CIA Director Allen Dulles, FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover and the others on the Warren Commission) personally told her two days before the JFK assassination that Kennedy would be killed on Friday, and that a CIA officer name David Atlee Phillips was organizing the hit. This is a serious charge which should not be ignored. And it raises serious questions about the composition of the Warren Commission.
- 16 Judyth's book entitled *Lee Harvey Oswald* was released in June of 2006. It was published by Trafford press and could be ordered on their Web site. After about two weeks, it was suddenly withdrawn without explanation. I do not know why and will leave that for others to explain and to discuss. I was given my copy directly by Judyth Vary Baker. Used copies may be available from time to time: Check the Internet.
- 17 It was INCA's Executive Director Ed Butler who said that the newspaper clipping about Oswald's defection to the Soviet Union used in the WDSU radio debate from Congressman Willis' office.
- 18 Edwin Edward Willis (1904-1972) had been a U.S. Congressman representing the Cajun parishes of Louisiana since 1949. A senior liberal Democrat, Willis was a loyal LBJ ally in building the "Great Society." From 1963 to 1968 Willis chaired HUAC, once the anti-Communist bludgeon of Senator Joe McCarthy.
- 19 Judyth assured me that Willis knew about Lee, and knew that his defection to the USSR was not a real one — which is why he was allowed to work for Reily: the ex-FBI agent at Reily's would have never hired a defector with an undesirable discharge to work for one of the city's most prominent anti-Communists.
- 20 On July 21, 1964 (the day Mary Sherman's murder was discovered), LBJ suddenly headed from the White House to the Pentagon for an unscheduled visit. After that meeting, he stopped at Arlington National Cemetery, and stood alone at JFK's grave for the first time since the assassination. One has to wonder if this was LBJ's epiphany? Was this the day LBJ finally understood the dimensions of the forces that Kennedy had faced? Was this the day LBJ was told about Mary Sherman's murder and the bio-weapon that she had been developing with Lee Harvey Oswald? The timing does make one wonder.

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