

JFK Assassination Song: Magic Bullet is a Lie!

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(to ALL ALONG THE WATCHTOWER by Dylan)

Failure at the Bay of Pigsⁱ chords: Am
 It was 1961 F G
 Was blamed on JFK Am
 By right wing sons' a guns. F G
 So the Joint Chiefs and CIA Am
 In the following year F G
 Proposed to crash an airplane Am
 Instigating our fear, F G
 Then blame it on Castro Am
 To invade Cuba again, F G
 But JFK said no way Jose' (hozay) Am
 And nixed the Northwoods plan.ⁱⁱ F G

The Cuban missile crisis Am
 Was in '62 F G
 Lemay wanted World War Threeⁱⁱⁱ Am
 But Jack said "That won't do." F G
 Instead he said to Khrushchev Am
 "Let's wind down the Cold War"^{iv} F G
 So the Military Complex^v Am
 Showed JFK the door. F G

Magic bullet is a lie!^{vi} Am
Single gunman is a lie! F G

He vowed to exit Vietnam^{vii} Am
 In 1963 F G
 But war criminals with napalm^{viii} Am
 Would not let it be. F G
 Their bullets gave us LBJ, Am
 And war by fabrication F G
 By their killing JFK Am
 We got escalation.^{ix} F G
 That's why they did it. Am
 That was the plan: F G
 Two bullets in JFK Am
 Killed two million in Vietnam. F G
 Fifty thousand soldiers died Am
 In the CIA's war. F G
 An equal number of suicides, Am
 It's time we settled a score. F G
 The CIA and corporate media^x Am
 Together in bed they lay. F G
 Mostly hype and propaganda.^{xi} Am
 Can't believe a word they say. F G

Magic bullet is a lie! Am
Single gunman is a lie! F G

After the Bay of Pigs Am
 Jack purged the CIA F G
 But he did not purge enough Am
 'Cause they blew him away. F G
 Jack tried to bust the spooks Am
 But they busted him instead. F G
 Now it's time to do it for him Am
 Since they killed him dead. F G
 Today the drones of the CIA Am
 Are making enemies galore. F G
 If JFK had his way Am
 We would not have endless war. F G
 It's time for us to pay our dues Am
 We can stop the corporate brass, F G
 Their corporate news and corporate coups, Am
 And throw them all out on their ass! F G

Magic bullet is a lie! Am
Single gunman is a lie! F G

ⁱ Kennedy's assertion of control over the CIA after the Bay of Pigs fiasco was a major cause of his assassination. On April 17, 1961, about 1,500 Cuban exiles, supported by the CIA, landed in Cuba on that day with the goal of sparking a popular uprising against the government. Most were quickly captured or killed by the Cuban armed forces. The CIA had lied to Kennedy in order to get his approval for the invasion. JFK swallowed defeat instead of committing U.S. troops. In recognition of the CIA's trap, he said he wanted "to splinter the CIA into a thousand pieces."

ⁱⁱ <https://www.tikkun.org/nextgen/jfk-obama-and-the-unspeakable>

ⁱⁱⁱ **Operation Northwoods** "After the Bay of Pigs botched invasion of Cuba in 1961, JFK took away planning from the CIA and gave it to the joint chiefs. He also fired the head of the CIA, Allen Dulles. In 1962 the joint chiefs were still obsessed with invading Cuba. They presented Kennedy with a plan called Operation Northwoods, which was signed by Lyman Lemnitzer and all of the joint chiefs, called for an invasion of Cuba based on a false pretext, some suggesting a fake plane, filled with college students, and blowing it up and blaming Cuba. The plan was presented in late 1962; Secretary of State Robert McNamara thought Lemnitzer had lost his mind, and Kennedy said no. He has already taken away operational planning from the CIA; now, he finds that the joint chiefs are simply a different set of lunatics."

http://www.dissentingview.net/file/What_is_the_Historical_Context_of_the_Kennedy_Assassination.html

^{iv} In his 1995 article "[The General and World War III](http://www.newyorker.com/online/blogs/backissues/2012/10/waiting-for-world-war-iii-fifty-years-after-the-cuban-missile-crisis.html)," Richard Rhodes wrote about the Air Force General Curtis LeMay, "a man who, like many others in the American military, spent the crisis waiting, **eagerly**, for nuclear war."
<http://www.newyorker.com/online/blogs/backissues/2012/10/waiting-for-world-war-iii-fifty-years-after-the-cuban-missile-crisis.html>

^{iv} “When President Kennedy stood up to the Pentagon, the CIA, and the military-industrial complex, he was treated as a traitor. The doctrine of “plausible deniability” allowed for the assassination of a president seen as a national security risk himself. At American University on June 10, 1963, President Kennedy proposed an end to the Cold War, an act of resistance to the military-industrial complex.”

<http://www.wanttoknow.info/assassinations/kennedy/john-kennedy-assassination-facts-theories>

^v “JFK and the Unspeakable: Why He Died and Why It Matters” Paperback by [James W. Douglass](#)
“At the height of the Cold War, JFK risked committing the greatest crime in human history: starting a nuclear war. Horrified by the specter of nuclear annihilation, Kennedy gradually turned away from his long-held Cold Warrior beliefs and toward a policy of lasting peace. But to the military and intelligence agencies in the United States, who were committed to winning the Cold War at any cost, Kennedy’s change of heart was a direct threat to their power and influence. Once these dark “Unspeakable” forces recognized that Kennedy’s interests were in direct opposition to their own, they tagged him as a dangerous traitor, plotted his assassination, and orchestrated the subsequent cover-up.”
<http://www.amazon.com/JFK-Unspeakable-Why-Died-Matters/dp/1439193886>

^{vi} “President Kennedy’s back wound was located lower than his throat wound. Both wounds could not have been caused by one shot from the sixth floor of the Texas School Book Depository, which was 60 feet above the road” as the limo drove away from the TSBD. “Dr Malcolm Perry stated three times that he considered the wound in Kennedy’s throat to be one of entrance, not exit. Dr Perry, who was experienced in interpreting bullet wounds, had inspected the wound before he performed a tracheotomy on the president. A shot in the throat from the front would, of course, both invalidate the [single-bullet theory](#) and, when combined with certain uncontroversial items of evidence, prove that at least two gunmen took part in the assassination.” Senator Specter later got Perry to renege.
<http://22november1963.org.uk/what-is-the-jfk-assassination-magic-bullet-theory>

And:

<http://themysteriesofdealeyplaza.blogspot.co.uk/2013/11/nova-cold-case-jfk-case-study-in-cherry.html>

^{vii} “Kennedy in October 1963 signed National Security Action Memorandum 263, stating that the withdrawal would begin in December of 1963 and be completed in 1965.”
“In 1963, JFK ordered a complete withdrawal from Vietnam”
-James K. Galbraith
<http://www.bostonreview.net/us/galbraith-exit-strategy-vietnam>

^{viii} “It was not only the CIA and the Pentagon who wanted him to send troops to Laos and Vietnam. Lyndon Johnson, Robert McNamara, Dean Rusk, Alexis Johnson, McGeorge Bundy,

Walt Rostow and Roswell Gilpatric, were also strongly in favor of Eisenhower’s policy of “intervention in remote areas backed by nuclear weapons”.

<http://educationforum.ipbhost.com/index.php?showtopic=6274>

^{ix} “Kennedy’s attempt to withdraw from Vietnam was first stopped, and then reversed in three months. With NSAM 288, in March 1964, President Johnson signed off on battle plans for a huge air war against North Vietnam. In other words, what Kennedy refused to do for three years, LBJ did in three months. Less than 18 months after Kennedy’s death, Johnson inserted combat troops into Vietnam, something Kennedy had never contemplated and specifically rejected eight specific times. This would result in the deaths of over 2 million Vietnamese and 58,000 Americans.”

<http://www.consortiumnews.com/2013/11/25/jfks-embrace-of-third-world-nationalists>

^x **How the CIA Controls the News Media:**

“William Colby (1920 - 1996), former and murdered Central Intelligence Agency director, once remarked that the CIA controlled nearly every news establishment of importance in America.” **Mark Lane**, who was the target of many CIA smear operations, documents in his superb book, *Last Word*:
<http://theamericanchronicle.blogspot.com/2012/02/how-cia-controls-news-media.html>

For example, the *Washington Post*’s new owner, Jeff Bezos, recently secured a \$600 million contract from the CIA.
<http://www.thenation.com/blog/177661/amazon-washington-post-and-600-million-cia-contract#>

^{xi} “Rush to Judgment” by Mark Lane, attorney, wrote: “the **House Select Committee on Assassinations (the United States Congress) concluded that probably a conspiracy was responsible for the murder** and that, therefore, the Warren Report that Holland defends so aggressively is probably wrong. In addition, the only jury to consider this question decided in a trial held in the US District Court in a defamation case that the newspaper did not defame E. Howard Hunt when it suggested that Hunt and the CIA had killed the President. **The forewoman of the jury stated that the evidence proved that the CIA had been responsible for the assassination.**” *The Nation* (20th March, 2006)
<http://www.spartacus.schoolnet.co.uk/JFKlaneM.htm>

Books to read: “*Last Word*” by Mark Lane, 2011
“*JFK and the Unspeakable*” by James W. Douglass, 2008
“*Destiny Betrayed*” 2nd edition by Jim DiEugenio, 2013

Lyrics, video performance and footnote links at:
www.freefromterror.net