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EX-CIA AGENT CLAIMS HE BOUGHT RIFLES FOR KENNEDY KILLING  
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NEW YORK, NOV 19, REUTER - A MAN CLAIMING TO HAVE BEEN  
LINKED TO THE U.S. CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY SAYS IN A NEW  
BOOK THAT HE BOUGHT AND CUSTOMISED FOUR RIFLES HE SAYS WERE USED  
BY THE CIA AND THE MAFIA TO KILL PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY.

IN

FIRST HAND KNOWLEDGE: HOW I PARTICIPATED IN THE  
CIA-MAFIA MURDER OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY,:: ROBERT MORROW CLAIMS  
THAT UNDER ORDERS, WHILE ON CONTRACT TO THE CIA, HE BOUGHT FOUR  
7.35 MM MANNLICHER RIFLES AND SUPPLIED SEVERAL CIA HIT MEN WITH  
SOPHISTICATED ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT TO HELP KILL THE PRESIDENT.

IN A LECTURE AT NEW YORK UNIVERSITY ON THURSDAY, MORROW SAID  
HE WAS NOT AWARE AT THE TIME THAT THE EQUIPMENT HE SUPPLIED WAS  
TO BE USED TO KILL KENNEDY.

I THOUGHT THEY WERE TO BE USED AGAINST A HEAD OF STATE IN  
CENTRAL AMERICA,:: HE SAID.

ALTHOUGH TWO WEEKS BEFORE THE NOVEMBER 22, 1963 SHOOTING HE  
HEARD A RUMOUR THAT A KENNEDY ASSASSINATION WAS IN THE WORKS AT  
THE CIA, HE SAID HE DISREGARDED IT UNTIL HE SAW ONE OF THE  
RIFLES HE HAD BOUGHT SHOWN ON TELEVISION THE NIGHT OF THE  
SHOOTING.

I DIDN:T PAY ANY ATTENTION UNTIL THE RIFLE WAS SHOWN ON  
THE AIR THAT NIGHT,:: HE SAID, REFERRING TO BROADCASTS OF LOCAL  
DALLAS POLICE HOLDING UP A RIFLE REPORTEDLY SEIZED FROM LEE  
HARVEY OSWALD.

THEN I WENT INTO A STATE OF PANIC. I WENT TO MY  
(CIA) CASE OFFICER AND HE SAID :SHUT UP.:::

MORROW:S CLAIMS ARE PART OF A LONG LINE OF CONSPIRACY  
THEORIES ABOUT KENNEDY:S ASSASSINATION AND THE EARL WARREN  
COMMISSION THAT INVESTIGATED IT. THESE THEORIES CLAIM KENNEDY  
WAS KILLED BY SEVERAL ASSASSINS, SOME CONNECTED TO THE CIA.

SUCH THEORIES WERE THE SUBJECT OF OLIVER STONE:S FILM  
JFK,:: WHICH FOCUSED ON ATTEMPTS BY THE LATE NEW ORLEANS  
DISTRICT ATTORNEY, JIM GARRISON, TO CONVICT A NEW ORLEANS  
BUSINESSMAN AS A CONSPIRATOR IN KENNEDY:S DEATH.

A CIA SPOKESMAN CONTACTED ON THURSDAY SAID:

THERE IS NO

RECORD THAT ROBERT D. MORROW WAS EVER A CONTRACT AGENT OF THE  
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY.::

BUT MORROW CLAIMED THE AGENCY WAS USING A LINGUISTIC TRICK  
TO AVOID NAMING HIM.

I WAS A CONTRACT EMPLOYEE, NOT AN AGENT,  
AND I WAS PAID BY THE U.S. ARMY,:: HE SAID.

MORROW REFERRED TO OSWALD, LONG THOUGHT TO BE KENNEDY:S

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ASSASSIN, AS

A PATSY:: IN THE WHOLE PROCESS, WHICH HE CLAIMS  
LED TO THEN VICE PRESIDENT LYNDON JOHNSON AND FEDERAL BUREAU OF  
INVESTIGATION DIRECTOR J. EDGAR HOOVER.

HE SAID HE HAD HEARD OSWALD:S NAME MENTIONED BEFORE THE  
SHOOTING AS A

LOW-LEVEL CIA OPERATIVE WHO HAD BEEN SENT TO  
RUSSIA.::

MORROW CLAIMS IN HIS BOOK THAT HE CUSTOMISED THE RIFLES SO  
THAT THEY COULD BE DISMANTLED, HIDDEN AND REASSEMBLED QUICKLY.  
HE ALSO CLAIMS THAT HE SUPPLIED CIA OPERATIVE DAVID FERRIE WITH  
FOUR RADIO TRANSCEIVERS THAT WERE NOT DETECTABLE BY ANY  
COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT THEN AVAILABLE ON THE MARKET.

MORROW SAID HIS CIA CASE OFFICER ASSURED HIM AFTERWARDS THAT  
HE WOULD BE

CLEAN AS A WHISTLE:: AND COULD NOT BE IMPLICATED  
IN THE ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT.

HE SAID HE DID NOT COME FORWARD WITH ANY OF THE INFORMATION  
BECAUSE BARNES TOLD HIM HE WOULD BE SENT TO PRISON FOR VIOLATING  
THE OATH OF SECRECY THAT ALL CIA AGENTS TAKE.

MORROW, 65, SAID THERE HAVE ALREADY BEEN TWO ATTEMPTS ON HIS  
LIFE SINCE THE KENNEDY ASSASSINATION.

BUT HE SAYS HE WAS DETERMINED TO WRITE THE BOOK IN LIGHT OF  
THE FACT THAT THE DANGER TO HIMSELF AND HIS FAMILY HAS ABATED  
WITH THE EXPECTED RELEASE OF CONGRESSIONAL FILES ON THE  
ASSASSINATION.

MORROW ALSO CLAIMS THAT U.S. PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH HAD FULL  
KNOWLEDGE OF THE ASSASSINATION CONSPIRACY, THOUGH HE DID NOT  
SPECIFY WHEN BUSH, DIRECTOR OF THE CIA FROM 1976 TO 1977, MIGHT  
HAVE BECOME AWARE OF IT.

GEORGE BUSH KNEW EVERYTHING,:: SAID MORROW.

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