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- 1 The purchase of the United Fruit land has always been presented in the U.S. media as socialists nationalizing foreign owned assets. To the contrary, the Guatemalan government paid United Fruit exactly what the company had declared the value of the land to be for tax purposes. This was a case of eminent domain, not nationalization. United Fruit felt "cheated" because they had deliberately under-valued the undeveloped land to avoid paying taxes on it.
 - 2 The 1954 coup d'etat in Guatemala was engineered by CIA officer Howard Hunt, who later master-minded the Watergate burglary. It has always amused me to read that John McCloy (Chairman of the Chase Manhattan Bank, architect of the Japanese internment program, target selector for the World War II bombing of German cities, and member of the Warren Commission) said, "The Warren Commission must show the American people that we are not a banana republic." The Dulles brothers' stock position in United Fruit is discussed by Hinckle and Turner, *Deadly Secrets*, p. 40.
 - 3 It has been reported that the Ochsner Medical Center treated wounded Contra soldiers for free (Carpenter, "Social Origins," p. 163) as part of a commitment to fight Communism in Latin America, but that should not be confused with Freckles' comment, which referred to a deliberate attempt to develop a biological weapon to assassinate a foreign head of state.
 - 4 DiEugenio, *Destiny Betrayed*, p. 38. Numerous other references in JFK assassination literature point to the FBI's Chicago office. For example, in *Deadly Secrets* Hinckle and Turner discussed Robert Maheu (p. 31-32) and William Harvey (p. 136-137), both of whom worked there before joining the CIA. Maheu was the CIA's contact with the Mafia, and later joined Howard Hughes' organization. Harvey headed the CIA's assassination squad. Guy Banister headed that same Chicago FBI office.
 - 5 Hinckle and Turner, *Deadly Secrets*, p. 231.
 - 6 *Ibid.*, p. 233.
 - 7 The Honorable F. Edward "Eddie" Hebert (last name pronounced A-BEAR). I knew where his New Orleans office was because I went there once in 1968. From his window you could see the line at the unemployment office.
 - 8 Espionage field work is divided into two primary roles, spies and spymasters. The spy-master "handles" the spy, giving him or her assignments, rewards, and/or money.
 - 9 Garrison, *On the Trail of the Assassins*, p. 40.
 - 10 I remembered his precise answer because it contained a W, which is the FCC prefix for "east of the Mississippi," plus the first letter of each of the major networks, NBC, CBS, and ABC. Since New Orleans straddles the river, it has both "K" and "W" stations.
 - 11 Garrison, *On the Trail of the Assassins*, p. 41.
 - 12 Hale Boggs was House Majority Whip, the third most powerful member of that chamber, and helped pass LBJ's Great Society budget. One of two U.S. Representatives appointed to the six-man Warren Commission, he was one of the only members of the Commission to raise substantive questions during their sessions. When the theory was proposed that the bullet which entered Kennedy's back exited through his throat and then hit Connally, Boggs asked about the earlier medical reports which said that bullet path only went a few inches into Kennedy's back. Years later, Boggs is said to have expressed his doubts about the Commission's conclusions. He became Majority Leader in 1971. In October of 1972, as he campaigned for a colleague, his plane and the entire entourage disappeared over the Gulf of Alaska; no trace of it was ever found.
 - 13 Frankly, I do not remember now if Thompson said that he knew Butler's brother or that Butler knew Thompson's brother, but a brother was a bridge between them.
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