with killing Jack, you must neutralize Bobby at the critical moment. If you stymie Bobby, you might get away it. If you don’t, you could be in really big trouble.

The question: How do you paralyze Bobby at the critical moment?

The answer: By publicly accusing one of his agents of the crime!

If Bobby says, “But Lee’s legitimate; he’s with me,” then J. Edgar Hoover is able to say, “If Lee’s with you, then you have just murdered your own brother, you ambitious little bastard.”

Did Lee Harvey Oswald secretly work for Bobby Kennedy? Was Lee Harvey Oswald chosen as the patsy because accusing him would neutralize Bobby? Is this why Bobby failed to act at the critical moment?

Far from being a “lone nut,” Oswald was connected to so many powerful and/or corrupt people that no one wanted him to get into a courtroom and start talking. Not even the Attorney General.

It was brilliant planning. The work of professionals. And they got away with murdering the President.

At least … that’s the way it looks to me today.

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1 Recall that the first photo on the back cover (see page 164) is of Hale Boggs, who was Congressman from the District where the linear particle accelerator was located. He was later a member of the Warren Commission, and was the father of NPR’s political analyst Cokie Roberts.

2 Edgar Stern was a close associate of Dr. Alton Ochsner. Stern was a major financial backer of Ochsner’s hospital and a member of INCA, Ochsner’s anti-Communist crusade. Edgar Stern and his wife Edith organized press parties to support their friend Clay Shaw when Garrison accused him of conspiring to assassinate Kennedy.

3 Guy Banister is a well-known figure to JFK assassination readers. He was briefly Agent-in-Charge of the FBI’s Chicago office and briefly Deputy Chief of the New Orleans Police Department. He founded a small private investigations agency in New Orleans, where he was famous for collecting and distributing anti-Communist intelligence. The fact that he worked with and for Carlos Marcello’s attorney is well known.

4 Bobby Kennedy was President Kennedy’s brother. At the time he was the U.S. Attorney
General and was responsible for enforcing the Neutrality Act. Training an assassination squad to assassinate a foreign leader was a violation of federal law. So was possession of the explosives found at the training camp.

5 Judyth Vary Baker said that Lee Oswald took her to Banister’s office, introduced her to Banister, and showed her military weapons stored on an upper floor there.

6 As we discovered in his FBI file, Dr. Alton Ochsner had been cleared for a “Sensitive Position” for the U.S. government in October 1959. With Oswald’s trail at Ochsner’s feet, it was virtually impossible for anyone to investigate Ochsner without coming into conflict with the U.S. government over disclosing his sensitive assignment. Conversely, it would be difficult to investigate Ochsner’s assignment without dredging up the JFK assassination. What was his “Sensitive Position”?

7 Imagine the Director of the FBI being blackmailed by the organized crime figures whom some say supplied (and paid) the actual shooters in this assassination. How could anyone rely upon Hoover’s evidence at this point without questioning his ability to shape the “evidence” to align with his motives? Which may have really been the Mafia’s motives!

8 In the 1960s, I heard this Willis-Marcello connection discussed on several occasion by various people, some of which were staff members who worked for other members of Louisiana’s Congressional delegation. It appeared to be common knowledge among people inside Louisiana politics at the time.

9 Carlos Marcello was born in Sicily and came to the United States as a child. He never formally acquired citizenship, despite the fact that he lived here for decades. Technically, he was not an American citizen. But when you control the political machine of Louisiana, such technicalities don’t really matter very much.

10 Judyth Vary Baker tells us that Lee’s favorite TV show was I Led Three Lives, based upon the story of an American agent posing as a “card-carrying Communist.” If his fantasy was to be a double-agent, this scenario would have given him that opportunity.

11 It should be noted that in both Dallas and New Orleans, Lee Oswald worked virtually next to the Federal Courthouse. Is this a coincidence? Was he there to be close to his handlers? Was he spying on crooked judges for the Attorney General? Was he there to deliver bribes on behalf of the Mafia? Was he working for RFK or Marcello? Or both?

12 The phone log of J. Edgar Hoover shows calls to Banister in the summer of 1963. Did Hoover figure out that Oswald was working for Bobby, and use Banister to alert Marcello?

13 According to Judyth Vary Baker.

14 The idea of Lee Oswald working for Bobby Kennedy was first presented to me by Mrs. Ellis. I did not understand it at the time, but I remembered it. Over the years, I slowly realized that it would explain many things. And I have never heard it discussed publicly.

15 Upon hearing that Lee Harvey Oswald had been arrested, Bobby Kennedy picked up the phone and called CIA Director John McCone, and asked him if the CIA had killed his brother. Bobby and McCone had been working together to track down renegade CIA operations, especially those involved with anti-Castro Cubans.

16 The Attorney General should have sent agents into the Dallas Police Station immediately to make sure that the suspect’s safety was assured, and to make sure that everything was handled by-the-books, so that the suspect could be prosecuted successfully in a court of law. Was it to Bobby Kennedy that Lee Oswald was directing his comments when he looked in the camera and requested legal representation?

Epilogue: The Perfect Patsy