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BEGIN FORWARDED MESSAGE. FROM: THIS IS A STRANGE PIECE, POORLY WRITTEN, AND I'M NOT SURE THAT I SEE THE POINT, other than that he thinks there is more to the assassination, and why can't the FBI now cooperate by releasing documents? This sort of thing doesn't help the conspiracy partisans. See you in a couple of weeks... --BillTo: INTERNET-BOARD <INTERNET-BOARD@notes.worldcom.com>Cc: ALL <ALL@notes.worldcom.com>From: Tom Samoluk <Tom_Samoluk@jfk-arrrb.gov>Date: 17 Jun 96 16:26:22 Subject: FYI - Washington Times Op-Ed from June 9, 1996Mime-Version: 1.0Content-Type: Text/PlainThis is an op-ed that ran in the Washington Times last week. We we were not contacted about it.(c) 1996 Washington Times. All rts. reserv.08661070 The Day Democracy Died Washington Times (WT) - Sunday, June 9, 1996 Edition: Final Section: COMMENTARY FORUM Page: B5 Word Count: 776TEXT: The day of President John F. Kennedy's assassination remains in my mind and is seldom far from the surface of my thoughts. I associate it with the time when America's demise as a democratic Republic had begun. A free society that was just beginning to truly blossom into a nation that was open to all its citizens began its decline. The people were beginning to come together, though still reluctant to be totally open to accepting each other despite differences. We had just elected an Irish Catholic as president. This was considered the remotest of possibilities by many Americans. There was a time when there were signs in saloons stating: "Shoot a mick (Irishman) and get a free drink." Kennedy's election was a milestone of acceptance in America. I must state, at this time, I was not supporting Kennedy for president. My reason for this was a mix of many. The one that still stands out was: The attitude of many women, young and old, voter or not, to Kennedy was irrational. They did not seem to care if he was competent. Not once did I hear one woman refer to his administrative skills or his potential to head the nation. Many behaved as though all he had to do was beckon and they would be undressing as they ran to him. I began to question female suffrage. Of course, Kennedy's charisma extended to and enchanted many males as well. I had questions about them as well. Despite the reservations I had when Kennedy was murdered I have not been able to distance my thoughts of the horror of his death . It is an itch I cannot scratch.This week the Federal Bureau of Investigation refused to release more of the files pertinent to the investigation. Why? What is it that must be suppressed? Why did President Lyndon Johnson seal the records for seventy-five years? Why is such secrecy needed if indeed there was a "lone gunman"? A friend of mine who was a disc jockey on the East Coast, before I knew him, was told by government agents to stop making statements about the murder even off the air. When this subject was discussed at a party, this fellow turned ashen, the color drained from his face and he began to shake and stutter. The only remark he would make was that agents had warned him and threatened him. He
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