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**Subject:** FYI - Washington Times Op-Ed from June 9, 1996  
THIS 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 no longer would speak of the murder.  
My own experience is mundane. No mysterious people, no threats. Just ridicule for daring to question the  
"sole assassin" and "magic bullet" mantra of the left and the right. The experience was as follows: I was a  
photographer for a company named Hollywood School Photo that was in the business of going to the many  
schools in California to take identification photographs of the students for the schools for their records in  
exchange for selling photographic packages to the students' families. If you were in any school in the San  
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