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Big Bob!

In response to the inquiry about *JFK: Murder Solved*, I would say that the strongest part of Jimmy Files's confession is its compatibility with a solid body of research, not only by the Truth, Truth, Truth group, but also by renowned and highly respected researchers in the field.

First, let me remind you that I was hired by Oliver Stone as his highest-paid consultant in his *JFK* film project. Very soon, I became and remained a dissenting consultant. Stone glorified Jim Garrison in order to hammer President Kennedy's assassination to fit his own obsession with the Vietnam War and his abiding anger at the "Establishment." Joe West confided in and consulted with me for years because I'm a hard sell. I was the one who exposed the Roscoe White diaries as Geneva White forgeries.

When a highly-decorated FBI agent gave Joe the Jimmy Files lead and Joe first interviewed the man in prison, both Joe and I shifted gears. Feeling he had possibly discovered an invaluable source in the Kennedy assassination case, Joe did a masterful job of gradually winning Files's confidence and getting him to open up--a process that you continued successfully after Joe's untimely demise.

And I began to respond, at first with healthy skepticism. However, Files has never attempted to exaggerate his knowledge of the assassination. He was a young body guard of a top Chicago hit man--that is abundantly documented through FBI and court records. He sticks to what he really would have known as Nicoletti's driver who was called upon to assume a backup role.

Others, including the House Select Committee on Assassinations, HSCA counsel and Notre Dame law professor Robert Blakey, MIT professor David Scheim (*Contract On America*), and Charles Rappleye and Ed Becker (*All American Mafioso*) have established the Mafia's motive and intent to kill Kennedy. It was exceptionally clear and strong.

Joe Kennedy had ties to the Mafia and specifically to Sam Giancana. Giancana and Carlos Marcello both contributed to John Kennedy's successful presidential campaign. It is documented that Joe partied at the Giancana-owned CalNeva Lodge. JFK shared the favors of Judith Exner with Giancana. By all rights, Giancana and his associates thought that had protection in the White House.

Instead, JFK launched his brother on an all-out effort completely to break the Mob. Giancana was hounded. Marcello was ignominiously and extra-legally thrown out of the country. Others were jailed. RFK targeted Jimmy Hoffa in a very personal feud. A billion-dollar industry and the personal survival of the Mafia's top figures were at stake.

Moreover, the Warren Commission and the HSCA established that top Mafia leaders were plotting Kennedy's death. Marcello made clear statements to that effect. So did Trafficante. So did Hoffa. Before late November 1963, they said John Kennedy had to

be killed in order to shut down Robert's investigation. That Kennedy was to be hit. That he would be killed with a high-powered rifle. That a patsy would be set up for the blame. J. Edgar Hoover warned Kennedy of the plots on his life. President Kennedy's travels were modified in planned visits to Chicago and Miami shortly before the assassination in Dallas.

Robert Blakey, who as HSCA counsel had access to more information and evidence about the assassination than anyone, concluded that, "I am now of the opinion that the Mafia killed Kennedy. It is a historical fact."

This is the context in which Files's detailed account of his knowledge of the activities in Dallas and Dealey Plaza in mid-November 1963 must be evaluated. If Robert Blakey and the others are correct, then the publication of Files's insights is of exceptional historical significance.

Sincerely,

John Stockwell