

The J.F.K. Assassination - covering up a cover-up

I am the author of the text *Syphilis as AIDS*, a comparative study of the two diseases which was published in 1990. It took four years (1986-1989) of research to write this book. Amongst the information gathered during this period were many references to the Tuskegee Syphilis Experiment (TSE). It is about one of these articles, which I cannot now find, that I am writing to you.

Most published data on TSE states that it was first exposed in the mainstream media in 1972. However, this article I seek talked about how the first attempt to expose TSE was in November of 1963, shortly before the 30 year report on the experiment was to be published in the *Annals of Internal Medicine* (volume 114, pages 792-798, 1964). The interesting thing was that this article stated that the national press was supposed to break the story of TSE on November 23rd, 1963. Instead, however, as most people alive at the time recall, the papers were fully focused on the Kennedy assassination which had happened the day before on November 22nd, 1963. The article lamented what a shame it was that no national media picked up the TSE story that day, as it would have stopped the experiment nearly ten years earlier than when it finally ended in 1972.

Other than remembering the content of this article, there is little else I can recall about it. I think the title may have started with or included the phrase "Tuskegee Revisited." I have searched both the printed and computerized formats of the online medical journal database Medline for 1963 through 1993. I have also searched the printed register of periodical magazine publications from 1963 through 1993. Furthermore, I contacted the Journal of the National Medical Association and asked them to check their back issues from 1963 through 1993. Finally I have done several internet searches. Unfortunately, none of these avenues have produced this article that I am seeking.

This article is a very important document, because it ties together two things which have never been satisfactorily explained: TSE and the assassination of President Kennedy. It is my belief that Kennedy's assassination was a direct result of the attempt to expose TSE on November 23rd, 1963. As far fetched as this may initially sound, consider the following.

Abraham Lincoln freed blacks from slavery with his Emancipation Proclamation in January of 1863. In November of 1863 in the Gettysburg Address his reason for freeing the slaves was surmised by the statement "all men are created equal." Based on this moral concept of being created equal, Lincoln shifted blacks from slavery into a state of legal limbo that would last until the Civil Rights Act of 1965.

Less than thirty years after Lincoln freed the slaves, the Oslo Norway Study (ONS) of untreated syphilis in whites was underway. Most people who refer to ONS think that it was first published in 1955. However, what they are referring to is the review done by Trygve Gjestland, which was not the first, but the second published review of the ONS data. The initial study of 2000 white patients was done by Caesar Boeck from 1891 to 1910, with follow-up data on approximately 400 of these patients collected from 1925-1927 by E. Bruusgaard, Boeck's assistant in the original study. It was Bruusgaard who published the first review of ONS in 1929, four years before TSE started.

Today, if you had to pick an average sentiment that summarized how most whites feel about blacks, it would be indifference. However, back in 1932 when TSE began, that sentiment was outright hatred. This is not so to say that all whites hated blacks then, or that no whites today are concerned about the plight of blacks. I am white and believe that blacks deserve reparations for slavery. Blacks were imported to the United States against their will as chattel. They were crimeless prisoners without hope of advancement or improvement. All others who came here did so as free workers endowed with an inalienable incentive to prosper through dedication to a strong work ethic. Blacks, on the other hand, even though they did work much harder than most immigrants, would never be able to get ahead under slavery. As a child I spent considerable parts of my youth living with my grandparents and great grandparents in Mobile, Alabama, in the 1970's. They were adults during the 1930's, and through them I experienced just how deep the divide was between blacks and whites in the early 1900's.

When Lincoln placed blacks in a precarious state of not being slaves but not having civil rights, it was a delicate balancing act that would be drawn out for 103 years until 1965. However, right from the start of this limbo period, everyone knew that blacks would not stay in this legal nether land forever. They would ultimately have to move onward to civil rights at some point or regress backwards into slavery once more. The predicament for those who wanted to see the latter in the 1930's was that Lincoln had set the legal bar at "all men are created equal."

I have read James Jones' book *Bad Blood*. I have also spoken with him by phone on two occasions: once while writing my book, and one month ago about this subject I am writing about to you (he disagrees with what I am writing in this letter). In his book, Jones states over and over that the TSE results with blacks were to be compared to the ONS results with whites, so as to prove that syphilis affected blacks differently than whites. By doing this, the Public Health Service would then be able to create improved treatments for blacks affected by the disease. I agree with Jones that TSE was designed to show blacks reacted differently to syphilis than whites, but for an entirely different reason than what Jones states.

TSE was not started to help blacks affected by syphilis. It was, instead, a form of bio-medical racism (a prejudice pervasive throughout science in those days) aimed at proving that blacks were biologically different than whites. In general, all organisms of a species are affected more or less the same by the same disease. Though certain diseases like sickle-cell affect blacks more than whites, due to skewed historical patterns of genetic distribution and penetration, if you get the disease you should express a similar series of signs and symptoms, regardless of your color. If, however, TSE in comparison to ONS could have shown blacks did not react to syphilis the same as whites, then there would have been biological proof that "ALL MEN ARE NOT CREATED EQUAL," for if they were then their reactions to the same disease should have been the same.

It makes no sense to think that whites in the Public Health Service were trying to help blacks by doing TSE. Most whites hated blacks back then just like most Germans hated Jews during World War II. Imagine if the Nazis had done genetic research and announced the discovery of a "Jewish Gene." Do you think they would have used this information to genetically improve Jews or to wipe them out? The same would be true of whites back in 1932. They knew blacks were getting closer

to civil rights. They had been in legal limbo for 69 years (1863-1932) when TSE started, a limbo that would not last forever. If something did not happen to stop blacks from achieving civil rights, then whites, in their own minds, were doomed. TSE was to be that something which would save whites from the horror of blacks getting civil rights.

The data backing this position is overwhelming. If the Public Health Service was trying to help blacks, why did they do a secret study instead of telling everyone what they were doing? If they were trying to help blacks, why did they do a prospective study when it would have been much quicker to do a cross-sectional or retrospective study? If they were trying to help blacks, why did they have a stated goal in 1933 of ensuring the men died from syphilis so they could “bring them to autopsy” as Jones stated? If they were trying to help blacks, why didn’t they tell the participants the truth instead of lying to them for forty years, even after good treatments were available by the 1950’s? The answer to all of these is that the Public Health Service of the United States of America was trying to amass biological data that would refute Abraham Lincoln’s claim that all men are created equal so as to reverse the Emancipation Proclamation and return blacks to slavery.

Just like Nazis hunting a Jewish Gene, TSE was trying to prove that blacks were biologically different when compared to the whites of ONS, thus showing once and for all that blacks could not be the same as whites, that Lincoln was wrong and that all men were not created equal, that although the South lost the final battles they did not lose the war, and that blacks did not deserve or have the right to civil advancement. If TSE had been able to accomplish this, it would have been a matter of several simple legal maneuvers to free blacks from their legal limbo and return them to the chattel state of slavery. After all, the Emancipation Proclamation was a legal maneuver by Lincoln based upon the moral ground that all men are created equal. Biological data to the contrary could have outweighed Lincoln in court by the mid 20th century, the century of science.

So, is it too surprising to think that President Kennedy was assassinated on November 22nd, 1963, to draw attention away from the planned media exposure of TSE on November 23rd, 1963? Not at all. In 1963, Kennedy was a political train wreck waiting to happen. By his third year in office he was faced with overwhelming health problems, extra-marital affairs, and tax problems (if he had not been assassinated he would have likely been indicted and convicted on tax evasion charges which would have lead to his impeachment before the end of his first term). It was highly unlikely he would have sought or won a second term in office. Though he had plenty of enemies - from Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson to the mafia - none needed to waste their energy to assassinate him, as he was slowly but surely doing himself in. If worse came to worse, all they needed to do was to expose his extra-marital affairs, which in 1964 would have evaporated his entire Catholic base of support. Thus, there was no reason to assassinate a man who had already killed himself politically.

There are only four reasons to assassinate a President. The first is suicide. Kennedy’s legacy was saved by his assassination. At the rate he was going, he knew he would likely end up a shamed President. Combined with his failing health and the probability of defeat in 1964, Kennedy might have instigated his own assassination to save his reputation. Many before him have resorted to such an act when faced with impending personal doom. There are even published reports that Kennedy himself ordered the Secret Service to decrease the number and proximity of agents guarding him that

day in Dallas. Though possible, I do not believe this is probable, as I have never seen any published data to support this theory.

The second reason to attempt assassination of a President is to draw attention to a madman, such as was the case when John Hinckley, Jr., shot Ronald Reagan. Could a sociopath have shot Kennedy? This is not likely as these types of assassins seek public acknowledgment for themselves and their deeds, and no one ever came forward to declare such self-serving reasons for shooting JFK.

The third reason to kill a President is to create a martyr in order to make something happen. The perfect something to make happen by martyrdom in 1963 would have been an invasion of Cuba. If the United States was convinced that Fidel Castro had killed Kennedy, this entire nation would have jumped on top of that little island and stomped every last communist into the ocean. This never happened. As a matter of fact, the first thing Castro did after Kennedy's death was to get on the phone and start shouting that Cuba had nothing to do with it. Castro knew all too well from the lessons the Japanese learned in World War II about the dangers of waking a sleeping giant.

So if Kennedy's death was not a suicide, not the crazed act of a sociopath, and not a martyrdom, what is left but to wag the dog? An assassination is not always aimed at the person who is killed. Sometimes it is meant to draw attention away from something else - something much more dangerous. Kennedy was an expendable President in 1963, when civil rights for blacks was just around the corner. Everything was in place for the final advancement of blacks out of limbo land and into complete freedom as full citizens of the United States. It was going to happen soon and there was nothing that could stop it. So what would have happened two years before the passage of the Civil Rights Act in 1965 if it had come to light on November 23rd, 1963, that the Public Health Service of the United States had been conducting a secret study for over thirty years, killing black men to prove they were not created equal to whites so as to legally reverse Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation and return blacks to slavery? At best civil riots the likes never seen before in this or any other county, and at worse a second civil war. Surely a President's life is not as valuable as saving our country from such devastation, especially the life of a President like John F. Kennedy who was already politically dead.

I hope you will consider what I have written here. The missing link lies in this article I mentioned at the beginning of this letter. If you can help me to find it I would greatly appreciate it.

Sincerely,

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The J.F.K. Assassination - covering up a cover-up - Timeline
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READY: Nov. 6, 1860 -Lincoln Elected
President

AIM: Jan. 1, 1863 - Emancipation
Proclamation

FIRE: Nov.19, 1863 - **Gettysburg
Address**

**Tuskegee Syphilis
Experiment**
1932

Civil Rights
Act of 1965

Oslo Norway Study
(Gjestland Review = 1955)

Boeckard Study = 1891-1910
Brussgard Study = 1925-1927
First Published in 1929

President Kennedy
Assassinated
Nov 22, 1963



Tuskegee Exposed
1972?

1863

LIMBO LAND

1965