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PART ONE: Deep Politics, Vietnam, and the Assassination

Chapter One: The Kennedy Assassination, Deep Politics, and Denial

Theme of deception of the Warren Commission, for example: the FBI concealed Jack Ruby's associations with organized crime in Chicago; the autopsy.

There are deeper structural problems in governance that allowed the crime to go unpunished.

How HSCA refuted the Warren Commission: 1) Ruby had help from Dallas Police in entering the basement. 2) Ruby knew Dave Yaras, one of the syndicate's top killers.

There is not an external enemy but an internal problem in the US

(6) **Parapolitics**: power and system or practice of politics with no accountability; the intelligence community where secrecy is practiced as deliberate policy.

But there are also deeper irrational movements under rational politics.

Parapolitics: only one manifestation of deep politics: Political arrangements which are usually repressed rather than acknowledged. Organized crime-CIA-drug-trafficking-right wing nexus influencing those in ostensible positions of power.

(13) Kennedy assassination is not written about in mainstream press
also avoided is the Kennedy plan to withdraw from Vietnam: a hiatus from November 1963 to 1964 in the scholarship that is echoed through the years.

(16) conspiracy theories allow people to externalize evil; say it's something outside the normal practice of politics

(19) La Cosa Nostra is a fiction, a construct created by the FBI designed to lead away from looking into organized crime. La Cosa Nostra is too narrow.. The history of organized crime and its prosecution are intertwined.

Areas that need more attention: Castro plots; influence of Carlos Marcello on Democratic politics in Louisiana.

(20) Problem shared by Warren Commission and the HSCA: emphasis on damage control. HSCA hurt by evidentiary record provided by the FBI.

Chapter Two: Kennedy, Johnson, and Vietnam; A Tale of the Two NSAMs

Chapter Three: The Dialectical Cover-up

Leads from Mexico were the hidden key to the 2-phase dialectical coverup: **phase one**: a false but plausible story of an international Communist conspiracy spread by the Dallas Police department; eventually replaced by **phase 2**: Oswald as the lone assassination promoted by J. Edgar Hoover.