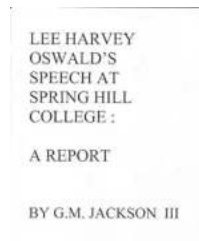


Lee Harvey Oswald: Unveiling the Controversial Speech that Shook Spring Hill College



Lee Harvey Oswald is an infamous name that will forever be associated with the assassination of President John F. Kennedy on November 22, 1963. Oswald's role in the tragic event has been extensively discussed and analyzed, but there is one aspect of his life that often goes unnoticed – his controversial speech at Spring Hill College in Mobile, Alabama.

Spring Hill College, a small Jesuit liberal arts college, may seem an unexpected venue for such a consequential speech. However, it was this very setting that shaped Oswald's controversial ideas and beliefs, ultimately leading him down a path of radicalism.



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The Background of Lee Harvey Oswald

Born on October 18, 1939, in New Orleans, Louisiana, Oswald had a turbulent childhood. At a young age, he struggled with abandonment and was constantly on the move with his mother and siblings.

It wasn't until his teenage years that Oswald arrived at Spring Hill College. Initially drawn to the college's reputation for academic excellence, Oswald quickly became involved in political organizations on campus.

During his time at Spring Hill College, Oswald increasingly embraced Marxist ideology and developed a deep sense of disillusionment with American society and government. These feelings would eventually lead him to commit one of the most notorious acts in American history.

The Infamous Speech

On April 26, 1963, Oswald was invited to deliver a speech at the Spring Hill College campus. Titled "The Threat of American Capitalism," the speech was met with mixed reactions from the audience.

Oswald's speech argued against the capitalist system and expressed his belief that it perpetuated inequality and injustice. He criticized the American government for its alleged involvement in world affairs, particularly in the escalating Vietnam War.

Although Spring Hill College was known for hosting speakers from a wide range of political backgrounds, Oswald's speech was particularly contentious. His radical ideas and controversial statements pushed the boundaries of acceptable discourse, leaving many in shock and disbelief.

Some students and faculty members saw Oswald as a charismatic and passionate speaker, ready to challenge the status quo and fight for social justice. Others viewed him as a dangerous provocateur, fanning the flames of radicalism among young minds.

The Aftermath and Legacy

Following his speech at Spring Hill College, Oswald's notoriety continued to grow. He became increasingly involved in activist circles and even spent time in the Soviet Union, where he attempted to renounce his American citizenship.

Months later, on that fateful day in Dallas, Texas, Oswald's radical beliefs seemingly drove him to assassinate President Kennedy. The nation was

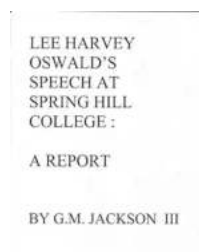
left in shock and mourning as Oswald's actions reverberated through history.

As the years have passed, the legacy of Oswald's speech at Spring Hill College remains a topic of intense interest and debate. Some argue that his speech was a turning point, confirming their suspicion that Oswald's radicalism and discontent would inevitably lead to violence.

Others believe that focusing on the speech alone oversimplifies the complex motives behind Oswald's actions. They argue that his involvement in different groups and his interactions with influential individuals created a network of influences that cannot be distilled into a single event.

Lee Harvey Oswald's speech at Spring Hill College was a crucial moment in his journey towards radicalism and eventually the assassination of President Kennedy. While the speech itself may not have directly caused his violent actions, it provides a window into Oswald's mindset and the ideological turmoil that ultimately consumed him.

Spring Hill College, once an incubator of intellectual and political discourse, unwittingly played a role in shaping a figure that would forever be etched in history. If Oswald's infamous speech teaches us anything, it is the power of ideas and the impact they can have on an individual's path.



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While attending Spring Hill College, a Jesuit institution in Mobile, Alabama, I was a reporter for the campus newspaper, The Springhillian. In that function, for the December 8, 1972 issue of that paper, I wrote an account of Lee Harvey Oswald's appearance at the Jesuit House of Studies, the seminary, on July 27, 1963, four months before that tragic day in November.

I based my story on material featured in the Warren Report and the recollection of a Jesuit priest who attended Oswald's speech.

Since my editor published a condensation of my report, reduced due to the limitation of space, I would now like to use Kindle to publish a more representative version of what I originally wrote.

Oswald's cousin, Gene Murret, was one of the scholastics (novices in the study for the Jesuit priesthood) who lived in the seminary. As the House of Studies sponsored lectures on a variety of subjects, Murret felt that his cousin could give them insight into communism as he had returned from Russia after studying marxism on his own.

Oswald complied with that request and traveled to Mobile from his then-current home in New Orleans, along with his pregnant wife Marina, their baby daughter June, and members of Murret's family.

According to information compiled by the FBI for the Warren Commission, Oswald described his life as a factory worker in Minsk and contrasted the advantages and disadvantages in living between Russia and the United States.

During the Oswalds' stay at Spring Hill, one of the scholastics asked Marina, a native born Russian, to help him in his study of that language. Afterward, he sent her a letter in Russian which the FBI discovered after the assassination.

An investigation determined no criminal intent.

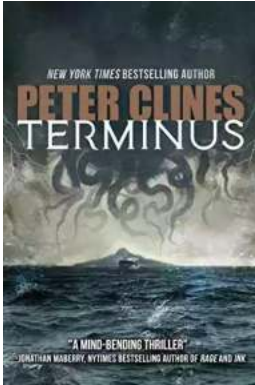
The version of my article that was finally published concludes by revealing "an interesting coincidence."

New Orleans businessman Clay Shaw visited Spring Hill "a month before Oswald arrived" to participate in an international business forum.

The last words for my piece run as follows: "Clay Shaw was later indicted by New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison for masterminding the conspiracy to assassinate President Kennedy."

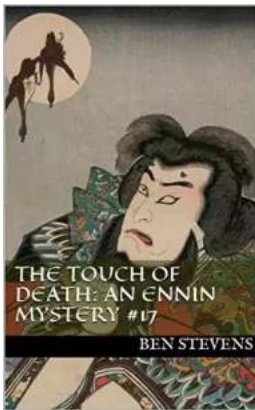
Whether one feels that Oswald, alone, was responsible for the Kennedy assassination, and the murder of Officer J.D. Tippit, or accepts his assertion that he was a "patsy," and, therefore, a victim of circumstances beyond his control, through their collection of Oswald's writings, (e.g. the notes he had prepared for that speech, along with his letters and his "Historic Diary") the Warren Report offers anyone concerned with the murder of John F. Kennedy a probe into Lee Harvey Oswald's psyche. (With the proviso that, "The motives of any man, however, must be analyzed in terms of the character and state of mind of the particular individual involved.")

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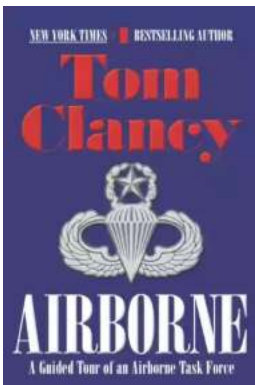
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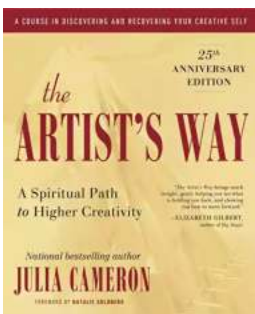
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