



PENN JONES' THE CONTINUING INQUIRY

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In this photo the President's body has just been removed from Parkland Hospital in Dallas. The crowd, mainly of blacks, had quickly gathered outside the hospital. Sainess shows in their faces. At far right in picture is JACK RUBY who had just come out of the Hospital. Photo taken by Penn Jones who did not know Jack Ruby. After the killing of Oswald by Ruby, Jones took the picture to Ruby's sister, Eva Grant, who identified the man as her brother. She then brought the hat which she claimed was the one Ruby had on that day, November 22, 1963.

IS JOHN ADRIAN O'HARE -SUPERSPY-

DEAD OR ALIVE?

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The mysterious and continuing saga of John Adrian O'Hare is an intriguing tale which sounds more like a work of fiction from Robert Ludlum than an actual account of a real person who allegedly died on March 23, 1975, in Orlando, Florida. I use the word allegedly since many people today doubt O'Hare is six feet underground in the Florida cemetery which bears the headstone with the words "John Adrian O'Hare, Master Sergeant, United States Air Force". O'Hare was born and raised in Brooklyn, New York, and served in World War II and Korea. In 1957 he moved his family to Orlando, Florida, where he found employment as a stationery salesman. While in this position he was granted a security clearance by Martin-Marietta Company, a defense contractor. Why Martin-Marietta granted him this clearance is open to speculation. While in Florida he continued to serve in the Civil Air Patrol. On October 22, 1963, he voluntarily resigned from the printing company and his life from that point takes on a hazy, clouded picture which no one is able to document accurately. Through the 1960's he was supposedly self-employed selling education materials under the name Viking Distributors, which was actually a "dummy" corporation or "front" for other activities. On August 5, 1966, Life Magazine featured a story on O'Hare and his son, Tom. The article related how O'Hare, a dedicated Air Force Reservist concerned with the inadequate training Vietnam-bound troops were receiving in jungle warfare, acquired 24,000 acres of Florida swamp land from patriotic citizens on loan for the purpose of building a simulated Vietcong village where the United States troops could train. With the help of some fellow reservist he created a replica of a Vietnamese jungle, dressing up his son as a Vietcong who plays war games with the troops. Readers in 1966 may have believed this story but in 1984 we know no one creates a simulated Vietnamese village on 24,000 of Florida land and trains U.S. troops in jungle warfare without the full weight of the Pentagon behind him. So in 1966, John A. O'Hare was an apparent heavy weight in the United States Government who could be trusted in such an important mission as training U.S. troops in jungle tactics prior to duty in Vietnam.

By the early 1970's, O'Hare left his wife and two sons and is seen as the Director of V.I.T.A. (VOLUNTEERS IN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE), a Florida social agency with an office in Tallahassee under the auspices of Governor Askew. During this time he exhibited much "clout" in political circles, namely a relationship with Senator Ed Gurney and Governor Jimmy Carter of Georgia. To prove his relationship with Carter he had a letter

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directed to a disbelieving Florida State Official from Carter himself. To the same official he sent a post card postmarked October 13, 1974, from California which stated he was at the Stanford Medical Center undergoing treatment for his heart. The official did not believe O'Hare was in California at that time and he was correct since in October, 1974, O'Hare appeared on the scene at Daytona Beach, Florida, and was introduced to various persons as the former CHIEF, Chilean Operations, Central Intelligence Agency. By enlisting the aid of conservative citizens in Daytona Beach, O'Hare set up a combat and communications center 40 miles from Daytona using electronic equipment diverted from the Civil Air Patrol. Purpose of the facility was to train para-military operatives for future use in South America. The operation, code named "Adrian" was scrubbed prematurely due to O'Hare's mysterious death on March 23, 1975. Since O'Hare allegedly told someone in the group in early 1975 that his "cover" had been blown and he had to drop out of sight soon, his death was viewed suspiciously by the principal benefactors of the Daytona Beach Operation especially since a substantial amount of money disappeared along with O'Hare. The primary benefactor complained to the FBI that he lost money to O'Hare because O'Hare represented himself as a CIA Agent. The FBI conducted an Impersonation of a CIA Agent investigation but closed the case since the suspect was deceased. However, uncertainties lingered on long after the funeral. The following questions arose and are still unanswered today: Why was O'Hare's mother in Brooklyn, New York, never notified of his death until one week after he was buried? Why did the color of the deceased hair differ from that of O'Hare according to the hospital record? Why did all the photographs of the cadaver taken by the coroner during the autopsy fail to develop? Why was the photograph of the deceased face only taken from the nose to the mouth area, making identification of the deceased impossible? Why was there no open viewing or funeral mass for a life-long Catholic? Why did his son tell the FBI his father got sick at home and was rushed to the hospital by ambulance and then tell someone else that his father got sick on an airplane flight from Atlanta and was rushed to the hospital upon arrival at the Orlando Airport? Why did the attending nurse state that the patient's skin color and general condition did not relate to the condition of a heart attack victim?

A private investigator named Ken Smith hired by the group left holding the bag in Daytona Beach discovered that O'Hare had close connections in the Civil Air Patrol, the State of Florida, and the U.S. Government, namely suspected ties with the CIA and a definite connection with the Department of Health, Education and Welfare (Office of Child Development) in Washington, D.C.

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Smith reported that O'Hare set-up day care centers in Central Florida as conduits to launder CIA money destined for ultimate use in covert operations. Also discovered was the fact a Cuban exile in Miami by name Andres Castro was approached by a group of men (one of whom said to be O'Hare) who used his patriotism and anti-Castro sentiments in enlisting his cooperation in a CIA operation which would use his mortgage company (Bell Mortgage) for government purposes. Castro lost a large amount of money to the group and filed a suit in U.S. District Court, Miami, Florida, against the CIA. In the suit, Castro says the O'Hare group threatened him with bodily harm saying, "They had gotten rid of a President of the United States and would do the same to him".

By coincidence the private investigator is also the investigator used by Bernard Fensterwald, the famous Washington attorney who represented James McCord of the CIA at the Watergate Trial. Fensterwald also is a reputed expert on the JFK assassination and the author of the book, "Coincidence or Conspiracy". Fensterwald took an interest in the O'Hare case and now in 1984 claims that O'Hare is alive and well in Texas under the name Colonel William Bishop, U.S. Army. According to Fensterwald, Bishop has a terminal disease and has confessed to him of numerous illegal activities on behalf of the CIA in the 1950's and 1960's including the murder of Jimmy Hoffa and Trijillo in the Dominican Republic. Bishop also admits to being in Dallas, Texas, on November 22, 1963, but does not admit to participation in the assassination. Fensterwald claims that he lifted fingerprints off a glass used by Bishop and submitted the fingerprints to the FBI through a friend in Congress for fingerprint identification. He claims that the FBI concurs that the fingerprints of Bishop are those of O'Hare's. Fensterwald has convinced Robert Morrow of Baltimore, Maryland, author of the 1975 book, "Betrayal" and reputed to be a CIA contract agent in the early 1960's that Bishop is O'Hare and Morrow now has plans on writing a book on Bishop's confessions. To muddy up the waters a little more an investigative reporter from New York for NBC's "First Camera" television show has heard of Bishop and went to Texas to interview him accompanied by her own fingerprint expert. She had Bishop fingerprinted and had his prints sent to the FBI through her sources at the NYPD. Amazingly these fingerprints revealed Bishop is Bishop (not O'Hare), a convicted child molester from Georgia.

The questions remaining are these: Who was John Adrian O'Hare and where is he now if not buried in Orlando, Florida? If not deceased, what knowledge does he possess that makes him so valuable to the group who staged his phoney death? Why is Attorney Fensterwald, the defender of CIA personnel, anxious now to convince those following the O'Hare case that O'Hare is alive and well as a near-dead eccentric Army Colonel who bears no resemblance to the real John O'Hare in any size, shape, or form. One thing is sure - O'Hare must be a very hot item for his mentors to go to such lengths as staging his funeral and

then nine years later try to convince those who did not fall for the funeral theatrics that, yes, O'Hare is really living in the form of Colonel Bishop who will surely die any minute and thus put a final end once and for all to the life of John Adrian O'Hare of the CIA. (P.S. - CIA denies any knowledge of O'Hare, but is that suprising?)

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Note: John Adrian O'Hare and Colonel William C Bishop were NOT the same individual.