

The Legacy of the Sixties: Kennedy's plan to end the Cold War and nuclear arms race was stopped

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On September 20, 1963, at the United Nations, President John F. Kennedy proposed converting the “moon race” to a cooperative venture with the Soviet Union.

Imagine the puzzlement that potential alien life forms would experience if they ever come across the US flag planted on the Moon. The symbols of the stars and stripes would be indecipherable to alien archeologists. The astronauts should have left an Earth flag.

JFK's change of approach on the moon race was part of a broader effort to turn off the Cold War, the reason JFK was removed from office. James Douglass, "JFK and the Unspeakable: Why He Died and Why It Matters" is one of the few books that mentions that this policy shift was contemplated and then forgotten once LBJ took over.

This de facto coup d'état was a key turning point in our conversion from a democracy to a national security state -- but too important to mention in polite conversation.

The military and financial powers who prevented the President from shifting course are the same who have deliberately ignored decades of warnings about the crises of “overshoot” of the environment, energy and economy.

How would the world look if the Cold War had ended in 1965, freeing up resources for peaceful purposes? What would “The Sixties” have been without the War on Viet Nam?

We need a South African style Truth and Reconciliation Commission about the National Security State's coup in Dallas.

President Kennedy's Commencement Address at American University, June 10, 1963

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www.ratical.org/co-globalize/JFK061063.html

One of the most important policy statements in US history. If its goals had been implemented, it is likely the Cold War could have been ended in the second Kennedy term, without the disastrous War on Viet Nam, the Watergate scandal, the divisiveness of the polarization of the country, and the waste of trillions of dollars toward useless weaponry. Kennedy's speech calling for an end to the nuclear arms race got more media coverage in the Soviet Union than the USA.

President John F. Kennedy
September 20, 1963

Address to the United Nations called for a “joint expedition to the Moon,” cooperative effort between US and USSR

“Finally, in a field where the United States and the Soviet Union have a special capacity--in the field of space--there is room for new cooperation, for further joint efforts in the regulation and exploration of space. **I include among these possibilities a joint expedition to the moon.** Space offers no problems of sovereignty; by resolution of this Assembly, the members of the United Nations have foresworn any claim to territorial rights in outer space or on celestial bodies, and declared that international law and the United Nations Charter will apply. **Why, therefore, should man's first flight to the moon be a matter of national competition? Why should the United States and the Soviet Union, in preparing for such expeditions, become involved in immense duplications of research, construction, and expenditure? Surely we should explore whether the scientists and astronauts of our two countries--indeed of all the world--cannot work together in the conquest of space, sending someday in this decade to the moon not the representatives of a single nation, but the representatives of all of our countries.**

“Never before has man had such capacity to control his own environment, to end thirst and hunger, to conquer poverty and disease, to banish illiteracy and massive human misery. We have the power to make this the best generation of mankind in the history of the world--or to make it the last.”

-- **President John F. Kennedy**, speech to the United Nations calling for an end to the Cold War and converting the Moon Race to an international cooperative effort, September 20, 1963, two months and two days before his removal from office.

www.oilempire.us/moonrace.html

www.jfklibrary.org/Historical+Resources/Archives/Reference+Desk/Speeches/JFK/003POF03_18thGeneralAssembly09201963.htm

video excerpt

www.youtube.com/watch?v=OFPnB52QqCY

JFK coup: sifting through the evidence

Official story: Lee Harvey Oswald was the lone nut

Most U.S. citizens suspect the official story is not true, but this healthy skepticism did not translate into popular understanding of how and why President Kennedy was assassinated. 47 years later, the mainstream media - and the liberal alternative media - still promote the "lone gunman" propaganda.

Fall back to the Official Story: a second gunman, but backed by Cuba

OK, we know there was a second gunman, but Oswald was a Communist sympathizer so we had to cover up the conspiracy because otherwise we would risk a repeat of the Cuban Missile Crisis that could lead to a nuclear war (since the public would demand a revenge attack on Cuba, supposedly). This claim was very persuasive shortly after the assassination in discouraging political elites from looking closer at the facts. President Johnson used this argument to cajole Supreme Court Justice Warren to head the alleged investigative commission.

Limited Hang Out: admit part of the truth to cover up the full truth

A deeper fallback claim is the Mafia killed President Kennedy, and the US government was embarrassed to admit this because the CIA used the Mob to wage war on Castro's Cuba. But this is only part of the truth. The Mafia had important roles in the assassination plot, but the mafia wasn't involved in the stand down of normal protective policies of the President, nor is the mafia in charge of the political and media coverup of the crime.

Best Evidence: a coup to keep Kennedy from ending the Cold War

Why Kennedy was removed from office (the motive) is more important than who was shooting in Dealey Plaza, even though Oswald wasn't one of the shooters.

President Kennedy had changed his mind on the Cold War, especially after the Cuban Missile Crisis, when he resisted calls from the Joint Chiefs of Staff to start a nuclear war. He called for nuclear disarmament, a different relationship with the "Third World," signed an order to start pulling troops out of Viet Nam, pushed through the Limited Test Ban Treaty, and offered to convert the "Moon Race" into a cooperative effort with the Soviet Union. Merging the space programs would also have reduced the risk of a nuclear war with rockets.

JFK vowed to scatter the CIA into a thousand pieces. The CIA (and military intelligence) scattered JFK into a thousand pieces.

Disinformation: used to discredit skepticism of the official story

There is a long list of false claims about the conspiracy to remove Kennedy from office that are flashy but false. Some claim a video shows the limo driver killing Kennedy (the limo driver slowed down just before the shots were fired, but he didn't fire any of them). Some claim the Zapruder film was faked, but the leading advocate for this view also claims the Moon landings were faked and the video of the planes hitting the World Trade Center were altered in real time by television networks to cover up the real projectiles, so this "fake Zapruder film" claim can be safely ignored. There's also a faction of white supremacist Holocaust deniers who claim the Israeli Mossad did it. These distractions are similar to the flares emitted by a plane that is under attack from a heat seeking missile - the decoys confuse the attacker and it usually goes off course.