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## THE 1963 AMERICAN COUP

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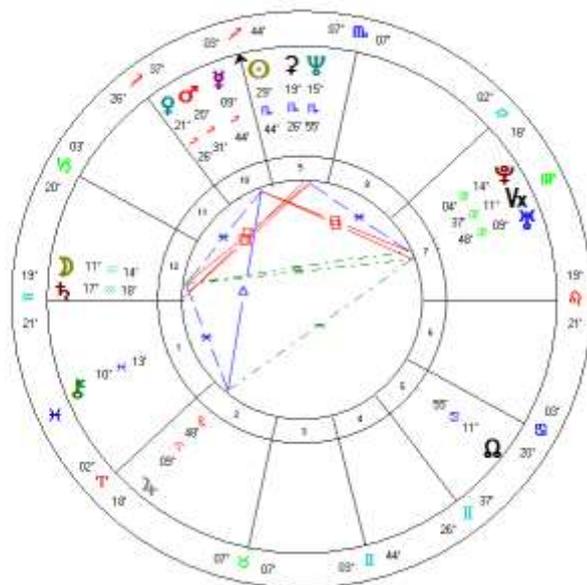
This is otherwise known as the assassination of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy, which took place on 22 Nov 1963 in Dallas Texas at Dealey Plaza. It is not my intention here to go through all the theories about why the assassination took place or who was behind it. Rather, it will be a look at the astrology, who stood to gain from it, what was happening leading up to the event and what happened afterward. More than that, it will be a look at how that event affected the United States itself in the decades to follow, because much more happened as a result of that fateful day than simply the assassination of the President. The history cited here is greatly condensed and simplified for brevity.

So, to begin, we have the chart of the event itself below:

**JFK Assassination  
Natal Chart**  
22 Nov 1963, Fri  
12:30 pm CST +6:00  
Dallas, TX  
32°14'02.5"W 44°  
07'19.9"N  
Tropical  
Ploche  
Zodiac Astro



Pt	Name	Lat	Long	Decl
♁	444 126708	3	07°14'02.5"	+16°29'
♂	64284 80377	3	20°19'49.9"	+08°43'
♃	Hyllada 19	3	05°10'43.9"	+18°52'
♄	Varuna 28080	3	07°16'13.9"	+06°47'
♅	2082 Aha'107 5504E	3	07°15'48.9"	+07°06'
♆	Orion 30682	3	13°12'52.9"	+17°21'
♇	2085 P19 399901	3	07°12'04.9"	+15°11'
♈	2083 EL61 9990E	3	08°18'03.9"	+24°03'
♉	Dracon 59090	3	07°14'02.5"	+20°11'
♊	Solon 12976	3	07°14'02.5"	+21°38'
♋	Fallex 2	3	00°16'05.9"	+08°22'
♌	Ceres 1	3	19°16'25.22"	+19°14'
♍	Nesta 4	3	08°14'42.7"	+19°12'
♎	2082 T180 55636	3	10°12'00.0"	+21°51'



Several things immediately stand out from this chart, beginning with Saturn on the ascendant in the 12<sup>th</sup> house conjunct the Moon, indicating the fatefulness and gravity of the event among other things. These are both square to Neptune, elevated in the 9<sup>th</sup> house. We also find Ceres elevated in the same house and in partile square to the ascendant. The attacker(s), represented by the rulers of the 7<sup>th</sup> house (the Sun and Mercury) are also in the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> houses respectively conjunct the Midheaven in the last degree of Scorpio (Sun) and the first decanate of Sagittarius (Mercury). The method of death (8<sup>th</sup> house) in this case was indicated through Venus, which is partile Mars, showing the shooting and the violence of the event. Both Mars and Venus were out-of-bounds, as well as being elevated in the 10<sup>th</sup> house, in full public view, indicating the extremity of the event. The event was also in the context of a precession/parade, also indicated by Venus, ruler of the third house of transport and vehicles. As I have seen so many times when Ceres is in hard aspect with angles in a chart or with the Sun or Moon, this event marked a turning point in American history.

The event also initiated a period of ‘wailing at the crossroads’, which is a part of the myth of Ceres<sup>1</sup> after her daughter is abducted by Pluto. The myth of Ceres is indistinguishable from that of the Greek goddess Demeter.

Theories abound about why JFK was murdered,<sup>2</sup> much of it conjectural and conspiratorial in nature. The murder was quickly pinned on Lee Harvey Oswald, assumed to be the lone gunman in the event, who was in the Dallas Book Repository building at the time of the assassination, with shots reported from the 6<sup>th</sup> floor of that building. However, it is worth noting that no one actually saw Oswald do the shooting, and a fingerprint of Mac Wallace,<sup>3</sup> a known Lyndon Johnson ‘hit man’, was found on a box near the window in the sniper’s nest from where the shots came. There will be a bit more on Johnson a little later. One of the bullets that hit Kennedy (if there were more than one) came from that building, most assuredly, but whether or not it was the ‘kill shot’ remains disputed. That shot from the book depository hit Kennedy in the back just below his throat, exited and then entered the body of Governor Connally of Texas, who was in front of Kennedy in the limousine at the time. This shot was the supposed ‘magic bullet’, the single bullet that was said to have killed the President. We won’t go into all that here.

Further, the ruler of the 7<sup>th</sup> house (the assassin) is elevated in the 9<sup>th</sup> house, which rules foreign relations and foreign agents. The rulers of that house – Mars and Pluto – are in the 10<sup>th</sup> and the 7<sup>th</sup> houses, respectively. There is thus a strong relation between the assassin and foreign states. It has been theorized and there is evidence that there were foreign assassins hired to do the job. Of course, *evidence* does not in itself constitute *proof*. Also, the 12<sup>th</sup> house (hidden enemies of the state and the secret service), ruled by Saturn, is strongly activated, with the ruler of that house conjunct the ascendant, the indicating the purpose of the event. Further, the Moon, ruling the 6<sup>th</sup> house (police, the army and service groups) is conjunct Saturn in the 12<sup>th</sup>. It was later determined that the various government agencies on the day did not sufficiently protect the President.<sup>4</sup> These latter points are square to Neptune (cover-ups, confusion, deception, etc.), as mentioned previously, which is in the 9<sup>th</sup> house, in a wide conjunction with Ceres and square to the horizon of the chart. These factors imply or indicate the following things, to name a few:

- A cover-up
- Foreign actors in the event
- Careful planning beforehand
- Mishandling of the investigation after the fact
- Involvement of secret services
- Revenge (Saturn)

In addition, Mercury (co-ruler of the assassin) is at the midpoint of Sun and Mars, square to Uranus, and Uranus rules the ascendant, the latter indicating the targeted person in this instance. Uranus also indicates the suddenness and unexpectedness of the event and the national shock to follow. There is also a connection between the Aquarian ascendant and the soul quality of the US. This combination of planets indicates sudden, if not violent action.

Kennedy made some powerful enemies after coming into office. We can list a few here:

- Anti-Castro Cubans (the more militarily-based). They felt betrayed by Kennedy after the failure of the Bay of Pigs invasion,
- The Mob, who wanted Havana ‘liberated’ from the communists under Castro for the gaming rights in the casinos that were once there before Castro had them closed,
- The ultra-right wing in the US who hated Kennedy for virtually everything he stood for,
- The ultra-right hawks in the CIA who had been fired because of the Bay of Pigs,

- The military-industrial-intelligence complex, because of the President's decision to withdraw the troops from Vietnam. That was their war. They didn't want the peace in the world that Kennedy promoted, nor the end to the Cold War with the Soviet Union.

So, for a bit of background, Castro had just taken over Cuba in the year prior to Kennedy taking office and the US government, especially with the CIA, was keen to have Castro removed and the fascist dictatorship of Batista or someone like him restored to power in Cuba. The US mafia was also very interested in having Castro removed, because they had a very lucrative gambling business in Cuba under the Batista regime. That all ended with the communist takeover. In addition to all that, there were large numbers of Cuban refugees in Florida who fled when Castro took over and they were also very interested in having Castro removed so they could return to Cuba. When the CIA launched their Bay of Pigs invasion attempt to try to oust Castro, which was initially OKed by Kennedy, Kennedy called a halt to it, fearing international pressure. He afterwards fired the director of the CIA (Allen Dulles) and said he would 'break the CIA up into a thousand pieces and cast the pieces to the wind'. The reason the Bay of Pigs failed was because of major miscalculations on the part of the US intelligence services, Castro's forces and the Soviets knowing of the attack beforehand and the lack of support from the Cuban people. It was a severe embarrassment to the new administration, drove the Cubans further into the arms of the Soviets and did much to foment the Cuban missile crisis a couple of years later. The Cuban missile crisis was a direct result of Cuba's fears, probably justified, of another attempted US-backed invasion. We see echoes of this sort of situation with the current nuclear standoff with North Korea, who fear another US invasion of their land, while not excusing the brutality of their regime.

In addition to the above factors we have to add the strained relationship of the Kennedy brothers (John, Bobby and Ted) with the then-director of the FBI, J. Edgar Hoover. There was no love lost between Hoover and the sons of Joe Kennedy, and Hoover made it known to the Kennedys that he had plenty of material with which he could blackmail them if they threatened either the FBI or him with his job. Their father, Joe Kennedy, was friends with Hoover, the former having had a large investment in Coca Cola in Cuba, which was lost when Castro took over. The elder Kennedy also was known for his mob connections,<sup>5</sup> which he had reportedly used to get his son John elected in 1960 – further fuel for Hoover's 'security blanket' of potential blackmail material. And then, there was a very ambitious Vice President Johnson who was increasingly coming under suspicion as a result of the Bobby Baker<sup>6</sup> and the Billie Sol Estes<sup>7</sup> scandals, which were threatening to take Johnson down and possibly send him to prison. The Baker scandal happened just before the assassination. It is not difficult to see, then, why so many conspiracy theories abound about the Kennedy assassination.

So, why do I say this was a coup instead of simply an assassination? We see that when we place the event chart on juxtaposition with the chart of the US, seen on the following page. There are three midpoint connections that stand out clearly, the first one being the most important:

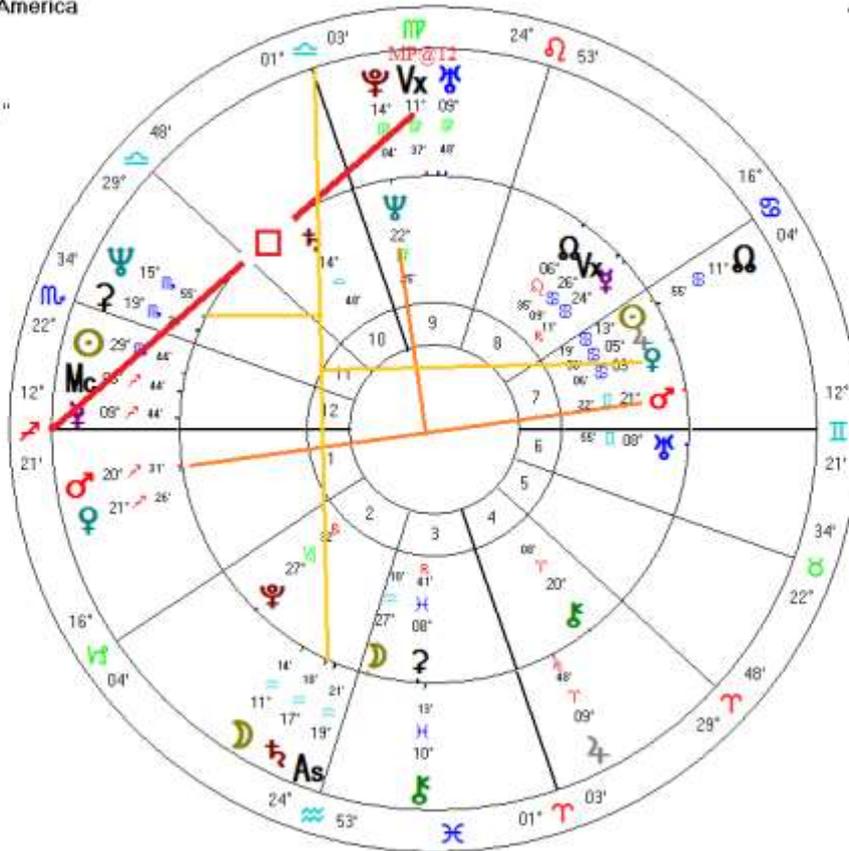
- 1)  $\text{♁}/\text{♇} = \text{ASC}$
- 2)  $\text{♄}/\text{♁} = \text{MC}$
- 3)  $\text{♄}/\text{♁} = \text{♀}$

The first midpoint, represented by the base Uranus/Pluto conjunction, points to destruction of old orders, upsets, the process of transformation and revolution. Being square to the US horizon, this is one of the primary reasons I say that the Kennedy assassination was a coup. That event transformed the US, and mostly in an unhealthy manner. I will have a bit more on that in a bit. Pluto square to the ascendant represents the subversive nature of the event, coming in from the 9<sup>th</sup> house, and Uranus represents the transformation and new course the nation was to take after the event. Turning to the other midpoint structures, the Saturn/Neptune midpoint indicates "undermining circumstances also leading to a state of illness".<sup>8</sup> Given that the midpoint was the Midheaven of the

US, this points to the undermining of the Kennedy and subsequent administrations, as well as the esteem to which the US was held worldwide. We'll have a bit more on this point a little later, too. That same Saturn/Neptune can give a tendency toward renunciation and suffering, and in this case that was toward the head-of-state, the latter represented by Venus, ruling the 10<sup>th</sup> house. The renunciation and assassination of Kennedy was a blow to the US public (represented by the 1<sup>st</sup> house) and to the rule of law (represented by the 7<sup>th</sup>). Although the installation of Johnson as President after the fact was seen as an affirmation of the proper working of the Constitution in times of such a crisis, it was in effect a subversion of the law by virtue of the cover-up that followed.

Inner Wheel  
**United States of America**  
**Natal Chart**  
 4 Jul 1776 NS, Thu  
 5:10 pm LMT +5:00:39  
 Philadelphia, PA  
 39°N57'08" 075°W09'51"  
 Geocentric  
 Tropical  
 Placidus  
 True Node

Outer Wheel  
**JFK Assassination**  
**Natal Chart**  
 22 Nov 1963, Fri  
 12:30 pm CST +6:00  
 Dallas, TX  
 32°N47'09"W48'  
 Geocentric  
 Tropical  
 Placidus  
 True Node



In terms of the transits on that day, we see Saturn was sesquisquare the US Venus, the latter again representing Kennedy and the loss and heartbreak the assassination represented to the public. The US was undergoing a Uranus square to its own place, indicating the changeability of the times in the US, the unexpectedness of the event and the change of course the nation took after the fact.. Neptune was sesquisquare to the US Midheaven, representing the deception around the event, the clouding of issues, again contributing to the cover-up. And as for solar arcs, we see Saturn by solar arc on the US Chiron, showing the wound to the nation and the heartbreak of the people. Kennedy was one of the most beloved of the US Presidents in the eyes of the people, rising to almost a mythical status after his death. That status was unfounded, as his administration was no shining example of ethics. But, Saturn/Chiron is often a heartbreaking combination, and in this case the event led Jackie Kennedy to say after JFK's death, "There'll be great Presidents again, but there'll never be another Camelot again... It will never be that way again." The Saturn/Neptune combination also has a way of bringing people down to earth – in other words, to burst one's illusions, myths or dreams. Positively aspected or used, it can also have the opposite effect, but in this case the reaction was decidedly negative. And lastly, there was an activation of an eclipse that had taken place on the US Neptune by Mars and Venus, this also opposite the US Mars, indicating the violent event and the efforts to move public opinion in the direction of the official narrative by the media as a result of the event.

But there is more than astrology to lead one to think that Kennedy's assassination was a coup rather than a simple murder. In 1976, the United States House Select Committee on Assassinations was formed in order to investigate the assassinations of Kennedy and Martin Luther King, Jr. They completed their investigations in 1978 and concluded that there was indeed evidence for a conspiracy in the assassination of Kennedy, from acoustic evidence. Based on *available evidence*, they concluded that there was no conspiracy by the FBI, CIA, Cuba, organized crime, the Soviet Union or anti-Castro groups to assassinate the President. However, their final claims are disputed by private and independent investigators. So, they said there probably *was* a conspiracy, but according to the evidence available to them they could not determine who the culprits were or the extent of the conspiracy. There are other things to consider, too.

As is the case of any event such as the one discussed here, the question always follows: Who benefits from it? In following the benefit (i.e., the money trail) some useful insights can be had, whether or not the benefitted parties were also parties to the event. The biggest beneficiaries of Kennedy's assassination were eventually the defense industry (also known as the military-industrial complex), the CIA and Lyndon Johnson. Organized crime in the US, the anti-Castro factions, the Cubans and the Soviet Union all lost out, the latter because of the extended Cold War. Kennedy had inherited the Vietnam War from the Eisenhower administration and was seeking to wind it down. Also, as a result of the Cuban missile crisis in October 1962, both Kennedy and Khrushchev (of the Soviet Union) had agreed to establish a hotline between Washington and Moscow, and seeing how close the world had come to nuclear war, efforts were begun toward nuclear test ban treaties. But also at the same time, the Soviets became determined as a result of that crisis to reach nuclear parity at least with the United States, and we would eventually have what we now know as MAD – Mutually Assured Destruction, and the nuclear standoff we have to this day.

Prior to his death, Kennedy had gone to the Pentagon and gotten a written assessment of the situation in Vietnam, stating that the situation was such that the existent troops there could begin to be withdrawn. Three days after the assassination the Pentagon issued another statement saying they had re-evaluated the situation in Vietnam and that their evaluation under Kennedy had been 'overly optimistic'<sup>9</sup>. So, as to the results of Kennedy's death, in August of 1964, a little over 8 months after the assassination, the Gulf of Tonkin incident – a known false flag event<sup>10</sup> – was used as an excuse to escalate the Vietnam War, which was one of the most divisive and costly wars in US history. The defense industry made billions in profits, all the while the US lost over 50,000 soldiers and Vietnam lost untold numbers of civilians and troops. All investigations of Johnson were sidelined. People lost faith in the government after the Warren Report investigating the assassination was released. It was a subversion of American faith in government, and one from which the country has not recovered. One of the biggest aids to the cover-up in the Kennedy investigation was the American press, who would not report anything outside the government version of the event. Thus trust in the American press was lost. People refused to believe the official story because too many things, such as the few items listed in this article, did not jibe with the official reports. Only the radio talk shows at the time aired any whiff of conspiracy, but their voices were enough to keep conspiracy theories alive, to the extent that now well over half of Americans believe that the Kennedy assassination was a conspiracy of some sort, in direct conflict with the Warren Commission report.

The point just made especially has relevance for today. In 1967, as a result of all the conspiracy talk and theories flying around after the assassination, the CIA made a concerted effort via the media to label anyone who sought to counter the claims of the Warren Commission report as a 'conspiracy theorist'.<sup>11</sup> This took place in 1967, and term stuck. As a result, much in the way of alternative media now is labeled as 'conspiratorial', fallacious or 'just plain nuts'. In point of fact, such labeling, in an effort to discredit the alternative view, is an assault on free speech and press and needs to be vigorously countered. Without it we have no free and open discussion in the US. We have just seen the Russian-backed network RT America labelled as a foreign agency, for instance,

in an effort to discredit the views aired on their shows. And this follows on to anyone who appears on their network, which includes many well-known and acclaimed investigative journalists. Such a move could, in effect, end the careers of such people, at least in the US. This sort of action sets a very dangerous precedent and is typical of authoritarian governments.

So, was the Kennedy assassination a coup? The reader can decide. But since that day, the military industry and the CIA have had large say and sway over US policy and all Presidents since Kennedy have toed the line to some degree or another. The US has engaged in some very costly conflicts since – the Vietnam War, the 1<sup>st</sup> Gulf War, the conflict in the Balkans, the War in Afghanistan, the Iraq War and the ‘War on Terror’. One has to wonder what would have happened had Kennedy lived and fulfilled his policies. Think: a hobbled or non-existent CIA, perhaps a world with far fewer nuclear weapons, better relations with Russia, a far lesser defense industry, greater prosperity for the nation and worldwide as a result (probably). Who can say? What I can say conclusively is that every time Pluto has made a hard aspect to the US ascendant since WWII, the American people have had their rights, prosperity and security subverted: 1962/3, 1984, 2000/2001, and in 1972 and 2008/9 when it aspected the US Midheaven. And it will make another hard aspect to the US ascendant again early in the next decade, in 2022/23. But that’s another story...

Blessings,  
Malvin  
Nov 2017

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<sup>1</sup> Servius on Vergil, Aeneid, 4.609. Cited in Spaeth, 107

<sup>2</sup> The best summary I have seen of all these theories and evidence of the same is in a series of short films by Nigel Turner from 1988 called *The Men Who Killed Kennedy*, a nine-part series, currently available for viewing on YouTube. It was a British production by the BBC. The last three parts were pulled by the US because they aroused too many suspicions and too much controversy, because they put forward the theory that LBJ, the CIA and the mob had Kennedy killed. The first film can be seen here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WJQOwQwAVhA> See also:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The\\_Men\\_Who\\_Killed\\_Kennedy](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Men_Who_Killed_Kennedy)

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XdF64wI-3Fg>

<sup>4</sup>

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United\\_States\\_House\\_Select\\_Committee\\_on\\_Assassinations#Conclusions\\_regarding\\_the\\_Kennedy\\_assassination](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_House_Select_Committee_on_Assassinations#Conclusions_regarding_the_Kennedy_assassination)

<sup>5</sup> <http://channel.nationalgeographic.com/killing-kennedy/articles/jfks-secret-mafia-history/>

<sup>6</sup> [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bobby\\_Baker#Scandal](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bobby_Baker#Scandal)

<sup>7</sup> <https://library.cqpress.com/cqalmanac/document.php?id=cqa162-878-28129-1324475>

<sup>8</sup> Midpoint information taken from *The Combination of Stellar Influences*, by Reinhold Ebertin (1972).

<sup>9</sup> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cMA8UvR9OjA> start at around 45:00.

<sup>10</sup> <http://www.zerohedge.com/news/2017-03-07/ever-growing-list-admitted-false-flag-attacks>

<sup>11</sup> <http://new.euro-med.dk/20170506-the-cia-launched-the-term-conspiracy-theory-in-1967-to-conceal-its-own-and-politicianscrimes.php>