



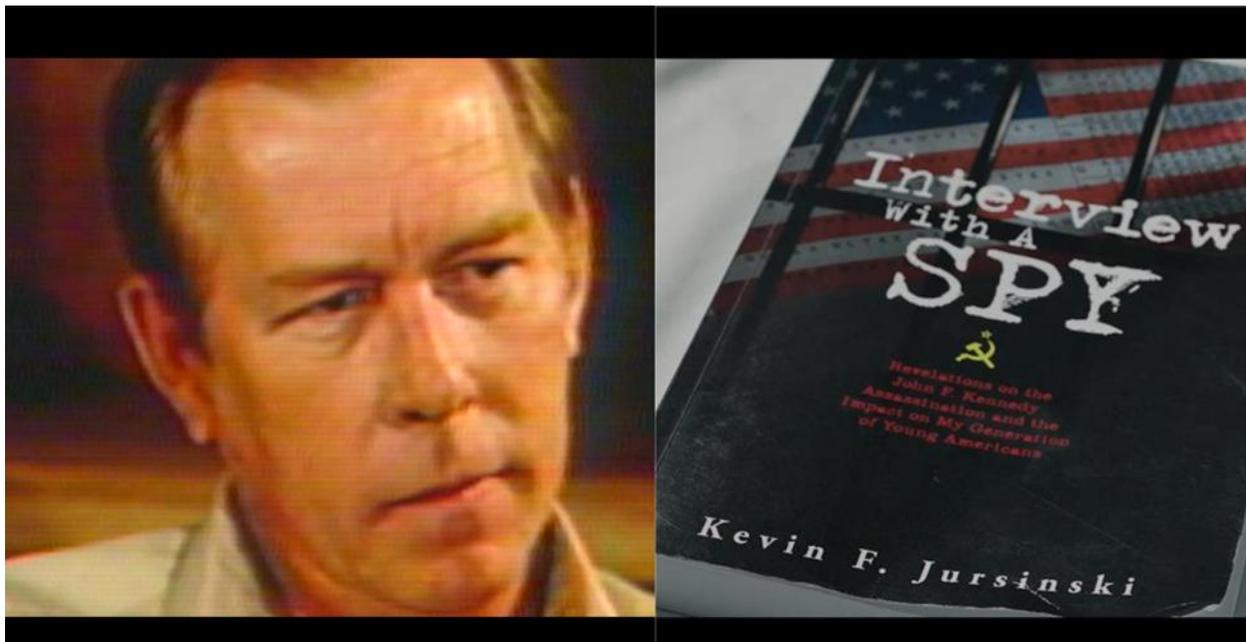
Fort Myers attorney reveals new insights in JFK assassination book release

[Anchor: Lois Thome](#)

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A Fort Myers attorney has published a new book that revisits the assassination of President John F. Kennedy and the role of an American army officer who was involved with the Soviets at the time.

The book, "Interview with a Spy," written by Kevin Jursinski, delves into the actions of Joseph George Helmich Jr. on the day Kennedy was killed.



Credit: CBS Nightwatch with Charlie Rose

The American public has long debated the events of November 22, 1963, in Dallas, a day marked by the assassination of President Kennedy.

On that same day, Helmich, an Army warrant officer, was on a flight to Paris.

"So, he boards the plane to Paris armed with top-secret codes to give to the Soviets. And he hears over the plane's loudspeakers, Kennedy had been assassinated," said Jursinski.

As Jursinski's book explains, Helmich's story describes a mission in which he met with the Soviets and handed over top-secret codes.

According to Jursinski, this act was part of a larger scheme involving intelligence agencies. "He meets the Soviets.

Gives them our top-secret codes right after the Kennedy assassination, that enabled the Soviets, for a small window of time, to see all our military communications," said Jursinski. "The idea behind this was some intelligence agency, which my client says is the CIA, that recruited him, wanted the Soviets to know that we were not going to retaliate against them for Kennedy's assassination."



Credit: WINK News

Helmich was later charged with selling classified information to the Soviet Union and was sentenced to life in prison.

He discussed his early interactions with the Soviets during a 1985 interview with Charlie Rose on CBS. "What questions did they have for you? They immediately wanted to know who and

where I was from, but you said they probably recognized you. There was a good possibility they did," Helmich said.

Jursinski first met Helmich in 1982 at Talladega Prison and agreed to share Helmich's side of the story.

Jursinski claims the government mischaracterized Helmich as an uneducated dropout motivated by financial desperation. "It was disinformation. He was brilliant, in fact, the most intelligent officer in the entire division. He had 147 IQ, which was genius or near genius. So, everything that was portrayed about him, this lone wolf, desperate traitor, is not true," said Jursinski.

Jursinski faced legal challenges when attempting to publish Helmich's story.

The Department of Justice served him with a cease and desist order, threatening prosecution.

"Now, with Helmich's own FBI file being declassified and the Trump administration finally releasing all the Kennedy files, I've been able to step forward and fulfill the promise I made to Helmich, which was to get his story out," said Jursinski. "He's passed away. He served his life in prison and died there. But I want to do this for several reasons, including getting his story out. He wasn't innocent in doing this, but wasn't guilty."

WINK News Anchor Lois Thome questioned Jursinski about why people should trust the story of a man who admitted guilt.

Jursinski argued that Helmich's plea deal never made sense.

Jursinski says someone was threatening Helmich's family, and he took the deal and stayed quiet to protect them. Learn more about "Interview with a Spy" on Jursinski's website:

www.Interviewwithaspy.com