

## **On Hoffa, Marcello, Trafficante, and the JFK Murder**

### **Tributes to *The Hoffa Wars* by Dan E. Moldea for saying it first**

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The following are quotes that credit the 1978 book, *The Hoffa Wars*, for being the first to present the case that Teamsters President Jimmy Hoffa, along with Mafia bosses Carlos Marcello of New Orleans and Santo Trafficante of Tampa, arranged and executed the 1963 murder of President John Kennedy in a crime that evolved from the CIA-Mafia plots to kill Fidel Castro that began in 1959.

In July 1979, the U.S. House Select Committee on Assassinations released its final report, declaring that Hoffa, Marcello, and Trafficante had the “motive, means, and opportunity” to kill the President.

G. Robert Blakey, the chief counsel of the committee declared: “The mob did it. It’s a historical fact.”

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\* "The murder of President John F. Kennedy was the American crime of the century, and Dan Moldea, in *The Hoffa Wars*, was the first person to publicly arrive at what now appears to be the correct solution." —**Jonathan Kwitny, *Wall Street Journal: Introduction, the 1993 edition of *The Hoffa Wars****

\* “[Moldea has] tackled this subject and the greater field of organized crime with more courage than anyone I know. [He was] the first to bring out the Marcello-Trafficante-Hoffa alliance and machinations as related to this case.” —**David Scheim: Author, *Contract on America*, March 14, 1988**

\* "Author Dan Moldea was the first to publicly assert that the Mafia killed President Kennedy." —***The Assassination of John Kennedy*, PBS documentary, November 18, 1988**

\* "Some believe Ragano has the best of all reasons not to lie. Dan E. Moldea, who made the Teamsters-JFK-Ragano link in his 1978 book, *The Hoffa Wars*, says the mob lawyer has put himself at great personal risk." —**Eloise Salholz: *Newsweek*, January 27, 1992**

\* "Dan Moldea [was] the reporter who first documented the Hoffa-Marcello-Trafficante theory in 1978." —**John Aloysius Farrell: *Boston Globe*, February 23, 1992**

\* "Investigative journalist Dan Moldea . . . was the first to draw a link between organized crime and the assassination." —**David Talbot: *San Francisco Chronicle*, March 29, 1992**

\* "In 1978, a Washington journalist released a controversial book that began to unlock the secrets of the brutal murder of President Kennedy. He did it by piecing together the Hoffa-Marcello-Trafficante puzzle for the first time. That journalist was Dan E. Moldea, and his book was *The Hoffa Wars*." —**Attorney Frank Ragano, who represented Hoffa, Marcello, and Trafficante, June 1992**

\* "In 1978, Moldea's book, *The Hoffa Wars*, raised the possibility that Hoffa was involved in a plot to assassinate President John F. Kennedy. The book named two likely co-conspirators with Hoffa: Mafia figures Carlos Marcello and Santos Trafficante. Since then, Moldea has been credited [as] being the first to link the three in the plot." —**Abe Zaidan: *Cleveland Plain Dealer*, December 26, 1992**

\* "Dan Moldea published *The Hoffa Wars*, the first book to lay out the theory that Teamsters boss Jimmy Hoffa recruited mobsters Carlos Marcello and Santos Trafficante to arrange the assassination." —**Associated Press, November 22, 1993**

\* "The goal for the mob was to plan the [JFK] assassination using the arms-and-planes deal as a cover. . . . Then the mob would assassinate Castro, coincident with a CIA-backed coup against Castro that would leave a Cuban leader like Menoyo, Varona, or Artime in charge of Cuba.

"The complexity of this four-part arrangement has stymied investigators for decades. It was only through the efforts of Bobby Kennedy's investigators in 1959—and work by Dan Moldea, whose mentor was Bobby's top investigator, Walter Sheridan—that the operation can be documented today, despite all of the CIA files that remain classified." —**Lamar Waldron with Tom Hartmann: Co-authors, *Ultimate Sacrifice*, 2005**

\* "Dan Moldea, author of *The Hoffa Wars* (1978), was the first to suggest that Marcello, Trafficante, and Hoffa had conspired in the assassination of President Kennedy." —**David Kaiser: Author, *The Road to Dallas*, 2008**