

### **Conclusions**

Joseph Milteer had precise knowledge of how the assassination was to occur thirteen days in advance. The FBI and the Secret Service knew about it, but nothing was done to protect the president in Dallas. Milteer knew the plot would take place in an office building with a high-powered rifle that could be broken down. He knew a patsy would be picked up within hours to throw authorities off. He was dead-on accurate on all four points.

Milteer was in Dallas three times before the assassination, as well as on the day of the assassination. Milteer attended seemingly every radical-right meeting in the country, tape recorded the speakers, and offered the tapes for sale beginning in at least 1958. His long, extensive ties to the national far right and his willingness to commit violence for the cause made him a valuable and trusted figure that put him in a position to know about the far-right plot to kill the president. While some felt that Milteer was just a crackpot shooting off his mouth, the evidence presented in this chapter alone should have been sufficient to seriously consider his involvement—it is just the tip of the iceberg and more evidence of conspiracy will follow in the next chapters.

Willie Somersett's characterization of Milteer as "the most violent-minded man in America" who had "a taste for terror by bombing" gave law enforcement all the reasons they needed to take his prediction with grave concern. Further, they knew he associated with at least two of the most violent Klansmen in the country, Kenneth Adams and Jack Brown. The segregationists and the extremists in the Ku Klux Klan and related groups had as much motive as any group to kill the president at the time, based on their militant opposition to President Kennedy and his plan to put an end to the Southern institution of segregation. Murder as a weapon was not new for the racist extremists in the country at the time. Bombings, beatings and shootings of black citizens took place on a daily basis during the civil rights-era reign of terror that took place at the time of the assassination.

Milteer, like Guy Banister, had ties to the Citizens' Council, John Birch Society, National States' Right Party, Minutemen, American Nazi Party, Ku Klux Klan, and Gerald L. K. Smith's anti-Semitic organization. They were birds of a feather. Milteer associated with two members of the American Nazi Party, Robert Surrey and Ray Leahart (remember, Banister bailed Leahart out of jail in the 1961 Hate Bus incident). Surrey, a Warren Commission witness, was the top aide to General Walker, a close associate of Guy Banister. More evidence of Milteer and the far right's involvement in the assassination of President Kennedy follows in the next chapter.

# CHAPTER FIVE

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## MILTEER IN DEALEY PLAZA

*I didn't go to kill him. But I didn't mind seeing him killed.*

*— Joseph A. Milteer*