

could be solved by letting us go to trial. Why don't they let us go to trial? As we've been trying to do since last fall? Why don't they let me fall on my face? Apparently they don't want me to fall on my face. They would rather postpone the trial and just keep announcing these false statements.

In other words, it's the same power, the same power which was able to get the Warren Commission to come up with a total lie. It is now engaged in keeping Clay Shaw from going to trial. But even while he's not going to trial, they have to manufacture these falsehoods to make my office look like fool man shoe's office. We've never lost a major case and, more important than that, we've never had a case reversed because of any methods used by the office. But already, the press picking up these charges, some of the press has made us look like monsters. We wouldn't use a witness we didn't think was telling the truth nor would we consider tapping anybody's line.

KEVIN: Well, Jim, I hope...

GARRISON: Doesn't keep them from trying, from resorting to these methods.

KEVIN: I hope, Jim, anyway, that we are, you know, allowing a full airing of these charges and allowing a refutation of them, which is in the best interests of us all, as a nation and as human beings. Jim, kind of a philosophic thought just as a final question. I know that you have worked for many many months to the point of great exhaustion and I know that it's been a great personal risk through conversations that you and I have had at other times. But is the truth, the truth as you know it to be and as it exists ever going to come out in your case and in these other tragedies that have befallen us as a nation?

GARRISON: The truth was not as difficult to come across, for us to find, as it is to communicate. That's a good question. I'm answering kind of elliptically. We know the truth, I think quite precisely, but to communicate it is almost impossible because of the steady brainwashing now from the Administration, from some organs of the press. I don't know. It would be brought out at a trial, but I don't know now if we can ever get him to trial because of the forces arrayed against us and the reasons for postponing the trial, which they bring up continually.

The truth is, to put it simply, that America is - it's so damn unbelievable unless you're into it that - it begins with the time that, in a few sentences, the fact that Jack Kennedy was stopping the cold war and getting ready to dismantle the CIA. By then, the CIA was too powerful to dismantle, and it dismantled him, instead. And what I said in the two hours, the war in Vietnam was resumed, the troop buildup was resumed, whereas Jack Kennedy had brought troops back.

Any leader in this country who speaks out effectively against the war in Asia or against the continuation of the cold war machine or against the continued development of power by the military war complex, will be assassinated. And it will be announced that it was by a lone assassin. Many months ago I said even if a President was elected and he tried to stop the cold war and end Vietnam and tried to achieve genuine peace, that he'd be assassinated. And that's still true. And it's just a matter of a professional cover, which is no problem for the CIA because they work on it beforehand and then all you see is the lone assassin.

One final point I might make is - you see it already coming up to the surface in the case of Ray, the man who is charged with killing Martin Luther King, although it's still not clear that he was the professional shooter for the Central Intelligence Agency. But you can see from this pattern, that the CIA is involved in this too, just as they were with John F. Kennedy. And if you became a successful political leader and you spoke out effectively against the war in Vietnam, they'd kill you, too. But it would be announced that it was a lone assassin and evidence would be produced and most of the people in the country would never be allowed to see any of the details.