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 SUBJECT JFK: Search for Conspiracy, Part One

DIANE REHM: Americans still argue over how John F. Kennedy died. Was there a lone, independent assassin, or was there a conspiracy to murder the President?

The first official inquiry, done by the Warren Commission, concluded that one man, Lee Harvey Oswald, shot JFK. But in 1979 a congressional committee decided that Kennedy was probably assassinated as a result of a conspiracy.

Beginning today and continuing every day this week, we'll look at various theories as to who was responsible for Kennedy's murder. We'll start with the intelligence community, then tomorrow the Cuban connection. On Wednesday we'll examine the role of the ultra-right, and Thursday the Mafia. On Friday we'll have 90 minutes of open phones....

Attorney Bernard Finsterwald is here with me. Mr. Finsterwald is Executive Director of the Committee on Assassinations. Jeff Goldberg is in the studio. He's Co-director of the Assassination Information Bureau. My third guest is Richard Billings. He's coauthor with G. Robert Blakey of a new book called "The Plot to Kill the President."

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Bud Finsterwald, Lee Harvey Oswald really does remain at the center of this very complex set of events. And I think to this day, we still ask ourselves -- and perhaps you do, as well -- just which side he was on.

In your opinion, do you think he was more one of theirs or one of ours?