

Cool Gray Dawn

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ACT ONE

FADE IN:

EXT. WASHINGTON, D.C. - DAY (MORNING)

Stock footage of the Capitol Building and Washington Monument.

2430 E STREET, NW - COCKROACH ALLEY

CIA personnel flash their ID badges at the GUARD in the Guard Shack then enter the compound through Gate #1.

INT. LATHAM'S OUTER OFFICE

COLLETTE DOWD is at her desk writing on her notepad. WARREN LATHAM enters. She smiles broadly.

COLLETTE

Morning.

LATHAM

You're awful cheery for a Monday.

COLLETTE

I had dinner at Old Ebbitt Grill last Friday.

LATHAM

SMOTH finally sprang for a decent meal, huh?

Collette gets up and follows Latham into...

LATHAM'S OFFICE

On his desk are three neat piles of files. Latham lays his satchel on the desk. Collette unlocks it and takes out files, adding them to the appropriate pile on the desk. Latham sits.

COLLETTE

Paul called from Tempelhof Airfield. He and Carla will board a MATS flight in an hour. The flight crew were nice; they offered to help her board and stow her wheelchair.

LATHAM

What wheelchair?

Collette looks at him admonishingly.

COLLETTE

You can't expect her to use crutches
with that hole in her left hand.

LATHAM

(chagrined)
No, of course not.

COLLETTE

And Carl Durang called.

LATHAM

This early? How did I offend the
FBI this time?

COLLETTE

He just asked if you'd come see him.
Maybe he's saving the good stuff for
when you get spanked.

LATHAM

Nice. Anything else, Miss Dowd?

COLLETTE

François Bisset called.

LATHAM

Geezus, doesn't anybody sleep late
in this town?

COLLETTE

He'd like to see you later in the
day, after the president meets
privately with William Fitzjohn.

Latham shrugs; the name doesn't immediately come to mind.

COLLETTE (CONT'D)

The Charge d'Affaires for Sierra
Leone? He was refused service Friday
at that HoJo's in Hagerstown.

LATHAM

Yeah... How the hell people can be
so damn racist is beyond me.

COLLETTE

What time should I tell him?

LATHAM

See if 4:00 is okay. Is that it?

COLLETTE

Kensington's home with stomach flu
and Berard's at General Gillis's
funeral until this afternoon.

Latham grows melancholy. He sees Collette reflect his mood and quickly changes the subject.

LATHAM

You didn't tell me how dinner went.

COLLETTE

Oh, it was nice. Larry was nice.

LATHAM

No elbows on the table?

COLLETTE

No. Wanna know who else was there?

LATHAM

Is it a short list?

COLLETTE

Carol Blair and Senator Reading.

LATHAM

(scornfully)

Hm, I wonder what country she's got her sights on now.

COLLETTE

Or who.

EXT. KASHASHA, TANGANYIKA - DAY

INSERT: "Kashasha, Tanganyika"

Oppressively hot and humid. Alone in the open grassland stands a village schoolhouse and a small storage building. PEALS of young laughter come from inside the schoolhouse walls.

INT. ONE-ROOM SCHOOLHOUSE

African girls ages 12 to 14, wearing blue school uniforms, laugh uncontrollably at their desks or roll in the aisles. Some laugh so hard they cry. Many become restless with their laughter and BOLT outside; others begin fighting. The overwhelmed teacher, MISS RUTAGERUKA, can do nothing but stand numbly at her desk and watch her out-of-control charges.

EXT. SCHOOLHOUSE

A Red Cross van, two jeeps, and a two and a half ton truck filled with township police, doctors and nurses arrive. One jeep has the Magistrate, Mr. SEFUE, a tall, lean Black man, and his driver; the other has a White couple, CAROL BLAIR and SENATOR KEN READING. The police round up the girls outside and usher them into small groups on the veldt. Sefue steps out of his jeep and is joined by Carol and Reading.

SEFUE

We closed this school three months ago, hoping that would end this. It was only reopened this month. You would think laughter means they are happy; but not this. This is a sickness.

Before them a policeman separates two girls in a fierce fight. Health professionals from the Red Cross and the township begin swabbing the girls arms, preparing them for blood to be drawn.

CAROL

We'll see that the blood samples get to the best hospitals in Britain and Europe.

SEFUE

But not Portugal, you understand.

READING

No. We're aware you're harboring members of the Frelimo group.

SEFUE

(offended)
What?!

Carol is mortified. She quickly corrects Reading's words.

CAROL

What he means. Mr. Sefue, is that we understand exiled Mozambicans like Dr. Eduardo Mondlane have found a safe haven here.

SEFUE

Dr. Mondlane formed Frelimo to gain independence for Mozambique, the way we gained our independence. We will help the Mozambique Liberation Front end Portugal's colonialist rule because they are patriots, Mr. Reading, not criminals!

CAROL

Mr. Sefue, I'll personally cover the expenses for testing.

SEFUE

Thank you, Miss Blair.

CAROL

And later, after the blood samples are taken, you'll take us to see Dr. Mondlane?

SEFUE

Yes. I'm told he's anxious to meet you. But right now; I need to speak with the teacher, Miss Rutageruka.

Sefue enters the schoolhouse. Carol glares at Reading.

CAROL

You asshole.

Reading broods while Carol approaches a group of girls.

EXT. NORTH ROTARY ROAD - THE PENTAGON - DAY

Stock footage of the landmark building.

THE CENTER OF THE PENTAGON - OPEN-AIR FOOD STAND

In an unexpected five-acre park, some CIVILIAN and MILITARY PERSONNEL wait to buy pastries; others sit on the benches or mill about. LT. COL. EASTON and GENERAL STANS stroll.

EASTON

I heard General Carroll had a hissy fit yesterday.

STANS

Really? What about?

EASTON

That Naval Resistance Force went by DIA's offices last night and ripped their signs off the doors.

STANS

They're still doing that?

EASTON

Man, it's ongoing guerilla warfare between ONI and DIA. Only things missing are the sandbags and sniper fire from the fifth floor.

STANS

ONI's gonna have to realize DIA's here to stay. Kennedy gave General Carroll carte blanche to recruit whoever he needs from every Defense Intel service.

EASTON

That doesn't stop folks from being pissed off about it. At the Armed Services Committee meeting, General Decker complained DIA's scavenging his Army Intel group.

STANS

Decker's another one who's gonna have to suck it up and live with it.

EASTON

His beef's legit. He says his own intelligence product will suffer.

STANS

Why are you so concerned with this?

EASTON

The DIA is Kennedy's baby. We don't have any control there.

STANS

We don't need any. Look, Decker will have to limit his number of targets, right? That means things will slip through the cracks, very important things. Come on. We're gonna be late for General Gillis's funeral.

They leave.

EXT. 950 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, NW - DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE - DAY

Stock footage of the building.

INT. FBI ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

"Asst. Dir. Carl Durang" is on a nameplate on the desk. MABEL, 50s, taciturn and morose, as usual, escorts Latham inside then leaves. He shakes hands with pudgy CARL DURANG and sits.

LATHAM

Haven't heard from you in a while.

DURANG

I figured I'd give you some time to miss me.

LATHAM

Yeah, well, plan on waiting a few more years. So, what's up?

DURANG

I could use your help. You still running the false defector program?

LATHAM

No, it's back with the Soviet Desk.

DURANG

I understand your CI people have gotten involved.

LATHAM

Really. You know more than me.

DURANG

Hell, we know that. Last month a Navy vet who'd worked for Rand Development returned from Russia, name of Robert Webster. Ring a bell?

Latham shakes his head no.

DURANG (CONT'D)

He defected in September of '59. Two weeks later, an ex-Marine named Lee Oswald defects to the Sovs. We put a security flash on their files to alert us if they came back.

LATHAM

Were they false defectors?

DURANG

It's possible ONI's running them.

LATHAM

Meaning the Navy's not saying.

DURANG

Yeah. Take a look at these.

He slides two photos to Latham who examines them closely.

LATHAM

These the same person?

DURANG

No. The one with the hat on is Webster; the other one's Oswald.

LATHAM

Geezus, they could almost be twins.

Latham again examines the photos.

DURANG

They both returned in the last two weeks.

LATHAM

Have you debriefed them?

DURANG

No, not Webster. He arrived as an alien under the Russian quota. But Oswald's is upcoming.

(MORE)

DURANG (CONT'D)

After we talked to ONI, we asked your CI group if they had any interest in them. They said there was some back in '59 but none now.

LATHAM

I guess they figured it's a matter for you people.

DURANG

More like your CI's full of it - at least as far as Oswald's concerned.

LATHAM

Why do you say that?

DURANG

Oswald returned from Russia on the SS Maasdam on the 13th of this month. Him, his wife and baby were met in Hoboken by Spas Raikin.

LATHAM

Who? Spas Raikin? Are you serious?

DURANG

Hey, if I was gonna make up a name, I'd use Warren Latham.

Latham rolls his eyes.

DURANG (CONT'D)

Raikin's from the Traveler's Aid Society. He's also a member of a far-right group with ties to the CIA. He referred the Oswalds to New York's Welfare Department who got them a room at the Times Square Hotel.

LATHAM

How do you know that?

DURANG

I told you, his file was flagged. Not many people travel by ship to New York nowadays. We check the manifests and see if anyone's on our Watch List. If so, we observe them.

LATHAM

And what did you observe about the Oswalds?

DURANG

For one thing, they take forever to eat dinner.

LATHAM

Don't tell me - you went through their room.

DURANG

We found their passports, travel docs and a notebook Oswald kept.

He slides a photo of a notebook page to Latham.

DURANG (CONT'D)

That's one of the pages. See that entry, F.R.G. Tempelhofer Damm?

LATHAM

What about it?

DURANG

You know what it means?

LATHAM

F.R.G. is the Federal Republic of Germany or West Germany. Tempelhofer Damm is the main street outside Tempelhofer Airfield in West Berlin.

DURANG

'Damm' means street? I thought 'strasse' meant street.

LATHAM

'Damm' means dam, as in Hoover.

DURANG

Hoover, huh? Anyway, Oswald and his family took the train from Moscow to Amsterdam. We got a copy of the schedule. The train stopped at Ostbahnhof station in East Berlin at 10:04 pm, stayed there until it left at 10:53. At 11:12 the train arrived at... Zoologischer Garten.

LATHAM

The Berlin Zoo.

DURANG

So the Oswalds crossed the border between East and West Berlin between 10:53 and 11:12 pm, through that station near Checkpoint Charlie. When they stopped at Helmstedt, on the border of East and West Germany, Marina's passport got stamped, but Oswald's wasn't stamped. Why do you think that is?

LATHAM

Hmm, Let me think about it and get back to you. Can I keep the photos?

DURANG

Yeah, go ahead.

Latham gathers the photos and gets up. Durang shakes his hand.

DURANG (CONT'D)

Thanks, Warren.

EXT. 2430 E STREET, NW - COCKROACH ALLEY - DAY

A view of the compound through the chain links of Gate #1.

INT. LATHAM'S OFFICE

Latham is at his desk writing notes on a legal pad. The intercom BUZZES.

COLLETTE (O.S.)

D-Int is here.

BILL NEALY enters. He shuts the door and takes a seat.

LATHAM

Thanks for stopping by, Bill.

NEALY

No problem. What do you need?

LATHAM

I saw Carl Durang earlier. The FBI's keeping tabs on a Navy vet and an ex-Marine who defected to Russia in '59 and just came back.

He hands Nealy the photos of Webster and Oswald.

NEALY

Is this the same person?

LATHAM

No, the one with the hat's Robert Webster; the other one's Lee Oswald.

NEALY

False defectors?

LATHAM

Not sure. ONI won't confirm it.

NEALY

I'm not surprised, given the turf war at the Pentagon.

(MORE)

NEALY (CONT'D)

Their Intel services are keeping their Ops close to the vest and away from the DIA. Still, I'd check with State's Office of Security. Has the Bureau debriefed them yet?

LATHAM

Durang said that's coming.

NEALY

Hmm, three years ago they were hot to debrief William Lind until you intervened.

LATHAM

Well, Durang's concern now is with Oswald. He came back by ship from Amsterdam to New York with a Russian bride and a baby. They were met by the Traveler's Aid Society.

NEALY

Spas Raikin.

LATHAM

Geezus, you know him too? So, while they were at dinner, the FBI went through their hotel room and found Oswald's notebook. Here's a page from it.

He hands the photo of the notebook page to Nealy who reads it.

NEALY

West Germany, Tempelhof Airfield...

LATHAM

They took a train from Moscow to Amsterdam. When they got to Helmstedt, the wife's passport gets stamped but there's no such stamp on Oswald's passport. Durang's not sure what to make of it.

NEALY

Helmstedt to West Berlin's a very direct route, which is why the trains use it. So they had to stop at Bahnhof Friedrichstrasse. You know anywhere else they stopped?

LATHAM

Ostbahnhof in East Berlin and Zoologischer Garten in the West.

Nealy nods, acknowledging something to himself.

NEALY

Okay, let's start at Ostbahnhof. If you're KGB and Oswald's your joe, is there any reason you'd have him get off the train there?

LATHAM

Yeah, to meet with his KGB contact, away from the BND's prying eyes.

NEALY

Then it doesn't matter if the KGB turned him or if ONI's plan was for the KGB to think they'd turned him - the result's the same. He'd still get off in East Berlin.

LATHAM

Right.

NEALY

Then what?

LATHAM

His contact would confirm Oswald's controller in the States and go over any late change in plans.

DURANG

How does he get out of East Berlin?

LATHAM

His contact gives him an East German travel visa and a U.S. passport. That lets him cross into West Berlin and get out of East Germany.

NEALY

Okay. Now Bahnhof Friedrichstrasse.

Latham gets up and meanders about.

LATHAM

They're on a long-distance train. You can only board it on platform A. And you have to be a West German or from the West. East Berliners aren't even allowed on the platform. Say someone boards the train there to meet Oswald. They'd get off at the zoo and be lost in the crowd.

NEALY

What if Oswald's wife were KGB, and their plan is to get Oswald off the train so she can meet her contact?

This stops Latham in his tracks.

LATHAM

That's a good point, because it doesn't matter whether Oswald's a false defector or he's doubling.

NEALY

I wonder what his plans are...

LATHAM

Hmm... So, if Oswald wasn't on the train at Helmstedt, then he probably met up with her before the train got to Amsterdam.

NEALY

Oldenzaal is in The Netherlands, just across the border with West Germany. There's a station there and it has a small airport.

LATHAM

That's probably it. Thanks, Bill.

Nealy gets up to leave then pauses, looking curious.

NEALY

Were you or your mandarins ever in Northern Rhodesia, near Ndola?

LATHAM

I think Bazzo was, before he joined the Special Section. Why?

NEALY

The president's meeting with a few Central African leaders today. His ambassador to The Congo claims Dag Hammarskjöld's plane crash last year wasn't an accident; that it was shot down in Ndola. But the Rhodesians attribute the crash to pilot error.

LATHAM

Why does this ambassador think that?

NEALY

Three days prior, Hammarskjöld ordered a U.N. military operation on behalf of the Congolese government.

LATHAM

I remember. It was against the rebels in Katanga, who eventually ousted the Belgians.

(MORE)

LATHAM (CONT'D)

Hammarskjöld was on a mission to act as intermediary.

NEALY

According to the ambassador, that's when a plane piloted by a Belgian mercenary named Jan Van Riesegehel shot down Hammarskjöld's plane, killing everyone on board. Could you ask Paul about Riesegehel for me?

LATHAM

Sure.

Nealy leaves. Latham presses the intercom button.

LATHAM (CONT'D)

Get me the State Department's Office of Security.

COLLETTE (O.S.)

Right.

He hangs up and checks the wall clock.

EXT. SAMUEL GOMPERS MEMORIAL PARK - DAY

Latham and FIONA JEFFRIES munch on Joe and Nemo's steamed hamburgers and sip fountain drinks as they stroll.

FIONA

We haven't had these in a while.

LATHAM

I was hoping you wouldn't mind it.

FIONA

Of course not. You know I'm a sucker for a cheap date.

Latham grins.

LATHAM

Earlier, D-Int and I spoke about the president meeting with several leaders from Central Africa.

FIONA

Bad timing.

LATHAM

Why is that?

FIONA

Because of what happened to William Fitzjohn over the weekend.

LATHAM

Oh, right, being refused service at that Howard Johnson's. I keep thinking it's something I'd expect down south. Then it happens here.

FIONA

Some white people deny it can happen where they live because they assume they're a cut above other people. It's only when that pretense is dropped that they realize that that type of ugliness travels very well.

LATHAM

I guess I'm guilty of that too.

FIONA

No, if anything, you're guilty of too much optimism. I could use some.

Latham leans over and kisses her.

LATHAM

I have a favor to ask.

FIONA

If it's money, I take back everything I just said.

Latham is again amused.

LATHAM

Remember when Dag Hammarskjöld died in that plane crash last year?

FIONA

Northern Rhodesia, wasn't it?

LATHAM

Yes, Ndola. Kennedy's ambassador to The Congo sent a cable back then, saying he believed it wasn't an accident. He thinks another plane piloted by a mercenary named Jan Van Riesegehel shot down Hammarskjöld's plane.

FIONA

Any truth to that?

LATHAM

That's what the White House wants to know. With Northern Rhodesia being a British Protectorate, I was hoping you could get information for me.

(MORE)

LATHAM (CONT'D)

Anything like an accident report,
witness interviews, even any MI6
reports on the crash.

FIONA

I'll have to run it by Larry.

LATHAM

That's fine.

They continue their stroll.

EXT. WHITE HOUSE - DAY

Black and white, Pathé-type newsreel footage features this
D.C. landmark - and what immediately follows.

INT. STATE DINING ROOM - DAY

On one wall is a marble replica of the 1902 mantel, complete
with bison heads. Above it is George P. A. Healy's 1869
portrait of Abraham Lincoln. The oak-paneled walls feature
rococo-revival candelabra. Three console tables with eagle
supports stand against the walls, along with Mahogany side
chairs and upholstered arm chairs. In the center of the room,
a long mahogany dining table with place settings and
surrounded by Queen Anne-style chairs sit on a wool rug
covering most of the floor.

A MILITARY SOCIAL AIDE in dress uniform announces each African
leader as he enters the room. The guests, who are greeted by
PRESIDENT JOHN KENNEDY, mingle about, meeting select members
of Kennedy's cabinet.

SUIT WORDS TO NEWSREEL FOOTAGE

NEWSREEL ANNOUNCER (V.O.)

A gala lunch was held at the White
House in the beautiful State Dining
Room, where presidents have hosted
dignitaries since 1800. Today,
President Kennedy hosts the leaders
of several Central African
nations... There's William
Fitzjohn, Charge d'Affaires for
Sierra Leone... And Julius
Kambarage Nyerere, President of the
Republic of Tanganyika... Here's
Joseph Kasa-Vubu, President of the
Democratic Republic of the Congo...
He's followed by Kenneth Kaunda,
President of Zambia... This is
Pierre Nkurunziza, President of
Burundi...

(MORE)

NEWSREEL ANNOUNCER (V.O.) (CONT'D)

President of the newly independent republic of Kenya, Jomo Kenyatta makes his way into the room... And lastly Apollo Milton Obote, Prime Minister of Uganda. Notably absent was Governor-General Manuel Maria Sarmiento Rodrigues for Portuguese East Africa, better known as Mozambique. Fierce fighting has erupted there in an attempt to oust the colonial government. All in all, though, an occasion for closer ties between the United States and these Central African nations!

ACT TWO

EXT. WASHINGTON, D.C. - THE NATIONAL MALL - DAY

Latham meets Durang along the Reflecting Pool. The Washington Monument looms in the background. Durang seems to be seething as they stroll

LATHAM

Why'd you want to meet here?

DURANG

I can't afford to be seen with you twice in the same day.

LATHAM

I discussed Oswald with our Intel Director. We think it's likely he got off the train at either Ostbahnhof or Friedrichstrasse to meet with his KGB contact. Then met up with his wife in Holland, before the train got to Amsterdam.

DURANG

Uh huh.

LATHAM

We also think this was done to get him off the train so his wife could meet with her KGB contact, without Oswald's knowledge.

DURANG

(in a snide manner)

You people are something else.

LATHAM

What are you talking about?

DURANG
You knew all along, didn't you?

LATHAM
Knew what?

DURANG
Still gotta keep up with the act.

LATHAM
Why don't you just say whatever the hell's got you so ticked off.

DURANG
I told you before your CI people were interested, remember?

LATHAM
Yeah. And...

DURANG
After you left I called Travelers Aid to see if they had anything else on Oswald, maybe an addendum or something. All they had was Raikin's routine report. So I talked to his supervisor; we talk all the time. He's also a friend of Raikin's. He told me Raikin said he had to wait an hour before the first passenger was even allowed off the ship.

LATHAM
Why?

DURANG
Why? 'Cause while he was waiting, someone he thought was an FBI agent boarded the ship. I checked with the field office. No agent went on that ship. All they did was put eyes on Oswald and search his room.

LATHAM
And you think it was a CIA officer?

DURANG
Who the hell else would it be?!

They both look around to see if Durang drew any attention.

LATHAM
It could've been ONI. I called State's Office of Security. Their director told me about a guy whom Dean Rusk had just ordered demoted.

(MORE)

LATHAM (CONT'D)

So I spoke to him. He told me there were confidential ONI messages on a Harvey Lee Oswald in Marine G-2 files.

DURANG

I wouldn't believe a thing those elitist pricks over at State said; nor would anyone else in the office.

LATHAM

I thought you and I were beyond all this.

DURANG

So did I. What was it, huh? A chance to make me look stupid? Score some more brownie points in Congress so the CIA could take over all domestic Intel?

LATHAM

For God sakes, man...

DURANG

That's what they believe upstairs!

LATHAM

I'm telling you; I knew nothing about it. Geezus, why would I lie?

DURANG

Don't you people take a course in it?

He angrily turns around and walks away.

2430 E STREET, NW - COCKROACH ALLEY - DAY

A view of the compound through the chain links of Gate #1.

INT. LATHAM'S OUTER OFFICE

Collette is on the Red phone. Latham enters; he's frustrated.

COLLETTE

He just walked in, sir.

LATHAM

What?

Collette covers the phone's mouthpiece.

COLLETTE

Berard would like to see you.

Latham nods and leaves.

COLLETTE (CONT'D)
He's on his way.

BERARD'S OFFICE

WILSON BERARD sips tea. A tea service is on a serving cart by his desk. An air of melancholy surrounds him. Latham enters.

BERARD
Have some tea if you like, Warren.

Latham pours himself a cup of tea then takes a seat.

BERARD (CONT'D)
I was at General Gillis's funeral.

LATHAM
I know. I'm sorry for your loss. I know you two were close.

BERARD
One by one, my old friends seem to meet untimely ends. Last year it was Dag Hammarskjöld; this year it's Nate. Maybe it's just coincidence, but they both believed in resolving disputes peacefully. Not a popular stance on The Hill these days.

LATHAM
No, it isn't.

BERARD
There were quite a few people there, including another old friend, General Joe Carroll.

LATHAM
From the Defense Intelligence Agency?

BERARD
Yes. I guess we can't blame the president for creating the DIA. Since the Bay of Pigs fiasco, he hasn't seen fit to trust us, though that doesn't seem to apply to you.

Latham is uncomfortable with the compliment and fidgets.

BERARD (CONT'D)
We talked quite a bit, mostly about how surprised we were to see General Stans and Lt. Col. Easton there.

LATHAM

Why was that?

BERARD

Because Nate couldn't stand them. They're right-wing reactionaries less interested in peace than in the profits they can make off this Cold War. I know you feel the same about them.

LATHAM

I think those two bastards could lead us headlong into World War Three.

BERARD

General Carroll shares your view. That's partly why he told me about rumors that those two could be involved in both Hammarskjöld's and Nate Gillis's death.

LATHAM

Geezus...

BERARD

Not directly, mind you, but through right-wing cut-outs.

Berard gets up and goes to the window. He looks around and closes the curtains, then turns to face Latham.

BERARD (CONT'D)

Since this Cold War started, our Intel Community has had to do some nasty things, very nasty things, that we tell ourselves we'd never tolerate in a true peacetime. We realize we can't afford to yield to some higher virtue while the other side of the Iron Curtain acts ruthlessly and with impunity. I'm not justifying our actions. I'm simply stating a fact.

(pours more tea and sits)

But now some of the IC are looking at their own people as though they were the KGB. They're acting as if this were as much a police state as the Soviet Union. If it continues, we'll be no better than our enemies, purging anyone whose ideas threaten the status quo, no matter how horrid that status quo has become. It has to stop.

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BERARD (CONT'D)

These people must be stopped. What I'm saying is this: if it can be proved that Stans and Easton were involved at any level in the deaths of Hammarskjöld and Gillis, then I want their service to end.

Berard eyes Latham resolutely then takes a sip of tea. Latham nods and sips his tea, trying his damndest not to betray his utter shock.

CORRIDOR

Latham leaves Berard's office and walks to the...

STAIRWELL

He takes a step or two down and stops. His face is anguished and he is almost out of breath as the enormity of Berard's request fully hits him.

EXT. THE PENTAGON - DAY

Aerial stock footage of this familiar landmark.

INT. GENERAL STANS'S OFFICE

More sitting room-cum-library than office. General Stans is at his desk. The intercom BUZZES; he answers it.

STANS'S AIDE (O.S.)

Colonel Easton is here, General Stans.

STANS

(presses the intercom button)

Send him in.

He gets up and crosses to a liquor cabinet. Lt. Col. Easton enters. Stans pours bourbon into two shot glasses. He hands one to Easton then picks up the other one. They raise their shot glasses in a toast.

EASTON

(in Russian)

Nasdarovje!

STANS

Dickhead.

Easton gulps down the bourbon and grins. Stans gulps his shot then they both take a seat.

STANS (CONT'D)

So, how'd it go?

EASTON

Kennedy had them eating out of his hand. His Assistant Secretary for African Affairs tells them 'Africa is for Africans,' then says the U.S. doesn't want to see African progress impeded by conflict.

STANS

Meaning he wants them to stay neutral.

EASTON

Uh huh.

STANS

His ambassador to Guinea - what's his name... Attwood! - he told the Arms Appropriation Subcommittee that Kennedy had an understanding of what non-aligned nations wanted.

EASTON

(scoffs)

Those niggers are one step outta the trees and here they are at the White House, meeting with the president for a state lunch. Half of them probably never even saw a knife and fork, much less use one.

STANS

Did Kennedy mention anything about the Portuguese colonies there?

EASTON

Oh, yeah. You're gonna love this. He's going to back a U.N. resolution advocating for reforms in Angola, and he's gonna terminate commercial arms sales to Portugal.

STANS

What?!

EASTON

He's also reducing our military aid program to Lisbon from \$25 million down to \$3 million.

STANS

That asshole! Didn't McNamara tell him how important the Azores are? If we lose access to them, how are we supposed to transit our forces to Europe and the Middle East?

EASTON

I know. Kennedy also told them he'd sent Carol Blair and that toady of hers, Senator Redding, to Tanganyika to talk with Eduardo Mondlane.

STANS

Who?

EASTON

Mondlane, the head of that newly formed rebel group, Frelimo. They're the ones trying to oust the Portuguese from Mozambique.

STANS

Right.

EASTON

Good thing Blair will be talking to us before she talks to Kennedy.

STANS

Mondlane... I heard he has a B.A. from Oberlin College, an M.A. from Northwestern and a Ph.D. from Harvard.

EASTON

So? He's still a nigger.

STANS

But a smart one. I think we should bring in Adlai Stevenson. He warned Kennedy earlier about pushing too hard for independence in Angola.

EASTON

You don't want to wait to hear from Carol Blair first?

STANS

No, it doesn't affect our plans - there or here.

MID-SHOW BREAK

EXT. SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS - DAY

INSERT: "Springfield, Illinois"

Stock footage of the sprawling Allis Chalmers manufacturing plant, a tire store on Route 66 with a giant figure of Paul Bunyan outside, The Roxy movie house playing "The Music Man," and the State Capitol building seen from Capitol Avenue and 6th Street where, on the northwest corner, sits...

THE LELAND HOTEL

Stock footage of this grand eight-story building. (The Illinois Commerce Commission currently occupies the building.)

INT. SECOND-FLOOR HOTEL ROOM

A typical two-star corner room; one window faces Capitol Avenue, the other looks out on 6th Street. A BELLHOP enters carrying two suitcases, one black and one tan. He's followed by JOHN, white, 30 and casually dressed.

JOHN

You can just set 'em on the bed.

The Bellhop lays the suitcases on the bed. John tips him a dollar; the Bellhop leaves. John goes to the window facing the front of the hotel. Outside, traffic flows both ways on Capitol Avenue.

There is a KNOCK on the door; John opens it. In steps ALBERT, white, 22 and dressed like John. Albert goes to the bed.

ALBERT

(eagerly)

Which one is it?

JOHN

The black one.

Albert opens the black suitcase. Inside is a disassembled .22 caliber Browning semi-automatic rifle, also a telescopic sight and full box of .22 long-rifle ammunition. He shuts the suitcase then goes to the side window facing 6th Street.

EXT. CORNER OF CAPITOL AVENUE AND 6TH STREET

At the west end of Capitol Avenue, the State Capitol building seemingly sits in the middle of the road.

John opens his window. He cranes his neck to the right to see the State Capitol. Albert opens the window facing 6th Street. After a moment, both men close their windows.

EXT. DAR ES SALAAM, TANGANYIKA - DAY

INSERT "Dar es Salaam, Tanganyika"

Stock footage of this capital city.

NEW AFRICA HOTEL

An elegant two-story hotel with signage on its facade. Located in the heart of the central business district, it overlooks the harbor where modern and traditional boats sit idly in slack water.

INT. COCKTAIL LOUNGE

Fashionably dark. The tables have candles and there is curved seating in the far corners of the room. Carol, Reading and DR. EDUARDO MONDLANE sit at a corner table sipping drinks. Mondlane is 40, solidly built and balding. Despite the heat, he wears a suit and tie.

MONDLANE

I thought you would feel more comfortable meeting here where you're staying than in our office.

CAROL

Wherever you want to meet is fine with us.

MONDLANE

We only organized Frelimo this week. Our biggest problem is money.

CAROL

(smiles)

You're very direct, Dr. Mondlane.

MONDLANE

We cannot afford pretense, Miss Blair.

CAROL

I understand the Soviet Union and China have expressed interest in your organization.

MONDLANE

Yes, they did so last week at the conference in Addis Ababa. I also met with Che Guevara there. So far, only the Committee for Liberation has assured us of its support. We'll use their money for military training.

Reading leans forward, as though speaking in confidence.

READING

Can you tell us where they'll train?

MONDLANE

No. Let's just say it's somewhere in Africa. What we need now is money for academic training of our people in exile here, and for running our office. The Tanganyika government helps us all it can, but it, too, is short of cash.

Carol lights a cigarette.

CAROL

I believe the U.S. government can help you there, but first I need to know if there's any connection between Frelimo and any Angolan nationalist groups.

MONDLANE

We will cooperate with any organization that fights for liberation from Portugal, but we are separate from Angola.

CAROL

How strong is your support in Mozambique?

MONDLANE

Mozambique is our home, and ours is an African policy, not a colonialist one. We are well organized, and we have our people on our side.

READING

And should the United States provide aid to Frelimo, what economic model will you follow?

MONDLANE

(offended)

We are not for sale to the highest bidder, Mr. Reading.

CAROL

That's not what he meant.

MONDLANE

I know what he meant. I will not impose someone else's structure on my country, regardless of who gives us aid. Our economic policy will mirror that of Tanganyika and Ghana, two free African states. Our people have no capital now, but they will have a say in running the country.

INT. HOTEL SUITE - DAY

It has a distinctly European flair. Carol and Reading enter. Reading goes to a table that has a phone and a tray with hand towels, tumblers, tongs, and an ice cannister. He opens it, takes out an ice cube with his fingers and wipes it on his face.

READING

I think he'd just as soon sidle up
to the Soviets or the Chinese.

He sits on the edge of the bed. Meanwhile, Carol grabs a hand towel and lays it open on the table. She uses the tongs to take ice cubes from the cannister and set them on the towel. She puts down the tongs, folds the towel to a few inches square, then sits in a Queen Anne chair, dabbing her face with the towel.

CAROL

I didn't get the sense he trusts the
communists anymore than he trusts
us. I think he'll do whatever's in
Mozambique's best interests.

READING

You think he's as popular there as
Castro is in Cuba?

CAROL

Maybe. I do know the circumstances
that predicate one's popularity.

READING

What does that mean?

CAROL

It means martyrs are made, not born.

Reading taps the bed, beckoning her for sex.

CAROL (CONT'D)

Later.

(picks up the phone)
Operator, I'd like to place a long-
distance call to the United States.

EXT. WHITE HOUSE - WEST WING - DAY

Stock footage of this D.C. landmark.

INT. FRANÇOIS BISSET'S OFFICE

One wall sports a bookcase where some of the books - those used most often - lay on their side. Two TV monitors sit on a lower shelf. A round table and four upholstered chairs sit in a corner where an adjoining wall features full-length windows. A mahogany desk is cluttered with a phone, trays and papers.

Behind the desk sits FRANÇOIS BISSET, his suitcoat draped over the back of his chair. Latham sits before him.

BISSET

Thanks for coming, Warren.

LATHAM

How did the president's meeting go with William Fitzjohn?

BISSET

You'd think some stupid white-trash waitress making \$1.25 an hour would have sense enough to just seat the guy, take his order and otherwise keep her mouth shut. But no! She has to insult the man. And to make matters worse, her moron of a manager goes and backs her up!

LATHAM

So, did you make up for it by taking him to Joe and Nemo's?

Bisset is taken aback, then amused.

BISSET

You know, I should have. He'd have thought we were so poor, he'd have given us aid.

LATHAM

What did you want to see me about?

BISSET

The president's going to Springfield, Illinois on Thursday to stump for Sidney Yates. He's running for the Senate. We'd like you to supplement Secret Service protection.

LATHAM

Why don't you call on the 207th Military Intelligence Brigade in Chicago? It's part of their job.

BISSET

(anxiously)

I know that; I'm asking you!

Latham eyes him curiously.

LATHAM

What's going on, François?

BISSET

There's something in the wind here. Jack's made a lot of enemies lately.

LATHAM

Is there some specific reason why?

BISSET

His stance on African independence, for one. These southern Democrats hate how he's recognized these newly independent African nations. They feel it gives Negroes here more incentive to demonstrate for their civil rights.

LATHAM

Look, I'm not saying Kennedy's disingenuous, but he is a politician. He can sense which way the wind's blowing.

BISSET

They can too - and they hate it.

LATHAM

What else would you expect from them? Kennedy's had the right wing go off on him since day one.

BISSET

It's more than just that. Look at this. It's being handed out on the University of Mississippi campus.

He hands a leaflet to Latham who reads it aloud.

LATHAM

'Do not be tricked into fighting your fellow Americans. KENNEDY is out to destroy AMERICA because he is a sick, sick COMMUNIST.'

BISSET

Today, Jack denounced colonialism and said he wants Portugal out of Angola. Now Lisbon's threatening to limit access to the Azores. Over at the Pentagon, they're furious. They see Jack's actions as tantamount to treason.

LATHAM

Who does?

BISSET

Uh uh. You know the players there. I'd like to wake up tomorrow. I need your help, Warren.

LATHAM

Paul Barry will be back tomorrow. I'll task him with this.

BISSET

We'd prefer to have you along.

LATHAM

It's either him or it's no one.

Bisset concedes and nods.

EXT. 2430 E STREET, NW - COCKROACH ALLEY - DAY (DUSK)

It's the end of a shift change; CIA personnel leave the compound.

INT. LATHAM'S OUTER OFFICE

Collette pulls a sheet of paper from her typewriter and puts it in a file. She places the file in the combination-lock file cabinet, closes it, then spins the dial as Latham enters.

LATHAM

Before you go, see if D-Int is still around, please.

COLLETTE

Sure.

She picks up the Red phone as Latham enters...

LATHAM'S OFFICE

Latham is at his desk, kneading his face. The intercom BUZZES.

COLLETTE (O.S.)

D-Int's on his way. Fiona just called; she's on Gray.

Latham answers the Gray phone.

LATHAM

Hi, it's me.

FIONA (O.S.)

I have a couple of things for you on Hammarskjöld's plane crash.

LATHAM

Oh, that's great, hon.

FIONA (O.S.)

I'll bring them home with me.

LATHAM

Thanks. See you tonight.

FIONA (O.S.)

Bye-bye.

Latham hangs up. There's a KNOCK on the door. D-Int enters.

NEALY
Need something?

LATHAM
Yes. Can you see what you've got on Robert Webster, that other defector who returned two weeks ago?

NEALY
I thought you were interested in Oswald?

LATHAM
I am. I met with Durang again. He's convinced we're in on Oswald's return, and that we stood to gain by embarrassing the Bureau to get control over all domestic Intel.

NEALY
Christ, that again?

LATHAM
He spoke to Spas Raikin's superior who told him Raikin had to wait while someone went on board the ship, ostensibly to meet Oswald. Durang's convinced it was us but I think it was ONI. I want to know if we have anything on Webster, hopefully linking him with Oswald and ONI.

NEALY
You're not looking for this now, I hope.

LATHAM
No, tomorrow's cool.

Nealy rolls his eyes and gets up.

LATHAM (CONT'D)
Oh, one more thing.

Nealy pauses and sighs.

NEALY
Lord, give me strength.

LATHAM
Have you heard any noise about the president's enemies moving against him?

NEALY

You mean a threat, like the one
from Gunnar Nagel a while back?

LATHAM

Nothing that specific. More like
backroom gossip from right-wing
extremists, maybe even the military.

NEALY

Hmm, as far as The Pentagon goes,
it's the usual grousing. But you
think it's more serious than that.

LATHAM

Yeah, I do.

NEALY

Okay, I'll ask around.

LATHAM

Thanks.

Nealy leaves.

ACT THREE

EXT. 3RD STREET, NW - APARTMENT BUILDING #704 - NIGHT

The light from TV sets flickers in most of the windows.

INT. LIVING ROOM

Gerry Mulligan's beautiful tune "Night Lights" plays softly on
the hi-fi. Fiona and Latham are on the sofa sharing papers
stamped "SECRET." On the coffee table is an open file with
more official papers. Latham sets down the paper he's reading.
Something is on his mind.

FIONA

Need a break?

LATHAM

Yeah.

Fiona sets down the paper she's reading. She leans against
Latham.

LATHAM (CONT'D)

Dag Hammarskjöld and General Gillis
were both close friends of Berard.
He asked me to see if General Stans
and Lt. Col. Easton were involved
in their deaths. And if they were,
to end their service.

FIONA

Kill them?

LATHAM

That's how I took it.

FIONA

You've mentioned them before. And both times it was in connection to a plot against the president.

LATHAM

The White House has been hearing rumors that some extremist group or maybe even someone at The Pentagon, might be moving against Kennedy.

FIONA

You think those two are involved?

LATHAM

I don't know. Something's going on out there... I just wonder if killing them is one of those nasty things Berard says we have to do to preserve our democracy.

Fiona kisses him.

FIONA

Let's get back to work. Maybe we'll find a clue while we're looking at what happened to Hammarskjöld.

Latham nods. They pick the official papers they were reading.

EXT. 3RD STREET, NW - APARTMENT BUILDING #704 - LATER

All the windows on the upper floors are dark, save for one.

INT. LIVING ROOM

Wes Montgomery's "I've Grown Accustomed To Her Face" plays softly on the hi-fi. Fiona suddenly perks up.

FIONA

Listen to this. 'The Prime Minister of Rhodesia and Nyasaland, Sir Roy Welensky, expressed in the most explicit terms his support for an independent Katanga. Sir Roy made it clear that he was prepared to intervene to protect Moïse Tshombe, president of Katanga, from the UN.'

They exchange papers. Latham reads further, then reads aloud.

LATHAM

'The world has never seen a more aggressive act since Hitler walked into the Low countries of Europe.'

He sets down the paper and picks up another from the file.

LATHAM (CONT'D)

Here's one. 'There are rumors extant that Western mining interests want to have Hammarskjöld killed.'

FIONA

Maybe someone read their minds.

LATHAM

It goes on to talk about the 'white ultras' who want white rule reintroduced in Katanga.

FIONA

That's not going to happen. Once that step toward independence is taken, there's no going back.

She lays down the paper and picks up another from the file.

FIONA (CONT'D)

'There is reason to believe that some of the French affreux hate Hammarskjöld for his support of independence in African states.'

LATHAM

Algeria.

Fiona lowers the paper.

FIONA

I think if peace had been achieved at the Hammarskjöld-Tshombe meeting, the mercenaries would have found themselves out of a job.

LATHAM

Money's always been a good enough reason to kill.

FIONA

Enough for one of them to take it upon himself to kill Hammarskjöld?

EXT. DAR ES SALAAM - HARBOR - DAY (MORNING)

The New Africa Hotel looms onshore. Fishing boats docked in a semi-circle and far off cargo ships wait beneath a rising sun.

INT. HOTEL SUITE - LIVING ROOM - DAY

The sun pours in through the window. Carol wears a peignoir and sits at the table. She sips coffee and reads *Le Monde*, a newspaper in French. The bedroom door opens. Reading bumbles in wearing pajama bottoms, eyes squinting in the sunlight.

READING

You got up early.

He crosses to the table and slumps in a chair.

CAROL

I didn't know when you'd be awake,
so I only ordered coffee for one.

READING

Anything interesting?

CAROL

The Soviets have already announced
their support for Frelimo.

READING

Hm, that didn't take long, did it?

CAROL

(in French)

'La confluence de la rivalité des
superpuissances et de la
décolonisation dans le tiers monde.'

READING

What?

CAROL

'The confluence of superpower
rivalry and decolonisation in the
Third World.' It means we're about
to fight a proxy war in Mozambique.

Reading gives her a quizzical look.

CAROL (CONT'D)

Order breakfast.

Reading picks up the phone and dials.

CLERK (O.S.)

Room Service, may I help you?

READING

This is Senator Reading, suite 206.
Can I have a continental breakfast
for two, please.

CLERK (O.S.)
Surely. Suite 206... May I have
your name again, please?

READING
Senator Ken Reading.

CLERK (O.S.)
Um, may I have the name of the
suite's registered guest, please.

READING
(humbled)
Carol Blair.

CLERK (O.S.)
Ah, yes. Thank you. The boy will be
there in 15 minutes.

Reading hangs up. Meanwhile, Carol is singularly focused.

CAROL
We're going to have to move a lot
sooner than we anticipated.
(checks her watch)
It's half past midnight in
Washington...

She reaches for the phone.

READING
Kennedy's probably sleeping.

CAROL
(grins slyly)
With whom? Anyway, I'm not calling
him. I'm calling General Stans.

EXT. WASHINGTON, D.C. - THE NATIONAL MALL - DAY (MORNING)

Stock footage of the Mall and environs.

2430 E STREET, NW - COCKROACH ALLEY

CIA personnel enter the compound through Gate #1.

INT. LATHAM'S OUTER OFFICE

Collette edits a memo. PAUL "BAZZO" BARRY sits in a chair,
reading The Daily News. Latham enters. He nods at Bazzo.

LATHAM
Come on inside.

Bazzo follows him into...

LATHAM'S OFFICE

Bazzo takes a seat, leaving the door open. Latham lays his satchel on the desk where three neat piles of files wait for him. He sits.

LATHAM
Any jet lag?

BAZZO
No, none.

LATHAM
How's Carla?

BAZZO
Okay, all things considered.

LATHAM
Good. You were in Ndola, Northern Rhodesia, weren't you?

BAZZO
Ooh, that was a while ago; before I joined the Special Section.

LATHAM
Ever meet a mercenary there named Jan Van Riesegehel?

BAZZO
(shrugs)
The Belgians hired a lot of them.

LATHAM
This one was a pilot.

BAZZO
Oh, Christ! Yeah, I remember him now. Racist prick.

LATHAM
D-Int's looking into the possibility that Riesegehel may have shot down Dag Hammarskjöld's plane last year.

BAZZO
He's definitely someone who would. He'd kill you for nothing if you were African, or you sympathized with them. Jackass used to call Hammarskjöld a KGB puppet.

LATHAM
Okay, I'll tell D-Int. Meanwhile, I have a job for you.

(MORE)

LATHAM (CONT'D)

The president's going to Springfield, Illinois to stump for some Democrat for the Senate on Thursday. They requested that we supplement his Secret Service protection detail.

BAZZO

Why don't they just ask for the 207th M.I. Brigade up in Chicago?

Latham motions for Bazzo to shut the door, which Bazzo does then sits back down.

LATHAM

Kennedy's people are worried that the military can't be trusted.

BAZZO

Do they know who, exactly?

LATHAM

No, but I could hazard a guess.

BAZZO

So could I - Stans and Easton.

LATHAM

Along with all the other right-wing extremists over there.

BAZZO

But as of now, there's no credible threat.

LATHAM

Bisset wouldn't ask for our help unless he believed there was one.

BAZZO

Yeah, you're right. When do I go over there?

LATHAM

Now. I hope it'll just turn out to be a nice little vacation for you.

BAZZO

Have you ever been to Springfield?

LATHAM

Yes. That's why you're going instead of me.

Bazzo rolls his eyes, gets up and leaves.

EXT. DAR ES SALAAM - DAR INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT - DAY

The main terminal remains unchanged since its construction by the Germans in 1918, and its blocky appearance reflects this. A second terminal is under construction. An East African Airways de Havilland DH 106 Comet (jet airliner) sits on the tarmac.

INT. EAST AFRICAN AIRWAYS GATE #3

On the wall, a manual gate departure board reads:

East African Airways
Flight: 503 Departs: 16:10
Nairobi-Khartoum-Rome-London

Carol, Reading and Sefue bid their farewells as passengers queue at Gate #3. Uniformed bodyguards stand behind Sefue.

SEFUE

I'm sorry you have to leave so soon.

CAROL

I promised you I'd see the blood samples all the way to the testing labs in London. We'll also send some to Vienna.

SEFUE

Thank you. I thought Dr. Mondlane would be here to see you off.

READING

He was tied up in meetings.

CAROL

We'll be back soon, Mr. Sefue.

SEFUE

I look forward to it. Safe journey.

They all shake hands, then Carol and Reading join the fast-moving queue. Sefue and his bodyguards watch as they walk on the tarmac toward the plane.

EXT. TARMAC

Carol and Reading are at the tail end of the passenger queue as they approach the ground boarding steps to the plane.

CAROL

The quicker we get out of here, the better.

READING

Really? I kind of like it here.

CAROL

You'll get over it.

Reading looks befuddled as he and Carol climb the steps.

EXT. WASHINGTON, D.C. - DAY

Stock footage of The Capitol Building and the White House.

2430 E STREET, NW - COCKROACH ALLEY

CIA personnel enter the compound through Gate #1.

INT. LATHAM'S OFFICE

There is a KNOCK on the door; it opens. Nealy pokes his head inside.

NEALY

Got 30 seconds for me?

LATHAM

For the Intelligence Director, a whole minute.

Nealy enters carrying a file and takes a seat.

LATHAM (CONT'D)

Let me go first. Bazzo confirms he knew Riesegehel. He said he was a racist who called Hammarskjöld a KGB puppet. Plus, Fiona Jeffries showed me some MI6 reports that detailed the hate toward Hammarskjöld after his peace meeting with Tshombe.

NEALY

That's what I've learned too. Harry Truman told a reporter that Hammarskjöld was at the point of getting something done when 'they' killed him.

LATHAM

Really... You know, the NSA listening station in Cyprus intercepts all Rhodesian air traffic. If that plane was shot down, it would be interesting to hear what's on their tapes.

NEALY

That's a good lead, Warren. Thanks.

LATHAM

Okay, now you.

NEALY

We're still digging on Webster but I have something on Oswald. You said he took the train from Moscow to Amsterdam, then a ship from there to Hoboken.

LATHAM

That's what I was told.

NEALY

He couldn't have. The SS Maasdam is part of the Holland Cruise Line. Her home port's Rotterdam not Amsterdam.

LATHAM

Come on, Bill. That's the same as saying Hoboken and meaning New York. When Oswald arrived there, he was met by the Travelers Aid Society from New York, not New Jersey.

NEALY

Rotterdam's 37 miles from Amsterdam. So it doesn't hold. Now, the train from Moscow arrived in Amsterdam Saturday morning. So the Oswalds had to take another train to get to Rotterdam. My guess is they spent the weekend there because the boat didn't leave until Monday morning.

LATHAM

Why not spend the weekend in Amsterdam?

NEALY

With a returning defector, we'd have surveilled him, right? But the station didn't even know Oswald was in the city. He did meet with someone though - in Rotterdam.

EXT. ROTTERDAM - STATION NOORD - DAY - PAST

A drab, two-story building with a clock; it could easily be mistaken for a police station. Behind it are the train tracks, atop an embankment. Stairs lead from the platform down to the side of the station. Oswald waits out front by the bus stop. He checks his watch. A bus pulls up and he gets on.

ROTTERDAM'S "BOHEMIAN DISTRICT" - WITTE DE WITHSTRAAT

A sign strung above the busy bricked street reads "WITTE." Bicyclists far outnumber vehicles on a street dominated by restaurants, outdoor cafés, boutiques and art galleries.

NEALY (V.O.)
Witte de Withstraat is the center
of Rotterdam's bohemian district.

Oswald walks along one side of the street. On the other side, HAROLD DENBY, a nondescript man - white, 5'8" and dressed like a local - mimics Oswald's gait.

"DE SCHOVW" CAFÉ

Outside, the tables are packed with patrons. At one table are 40-ish PETER NORSTRAND and his wife, EVELYN, and MR. and MRS. HANS DORFMAN, about the same age.

NEALY
There's this nautical engineer for
Holland Cruise Lines, Peter
Norstrand. He travels frequently
between New York and ports in
Europe. DCS debriefs him fairly
regularly.

The two couples stand. Peter backs into the street, his 35mm camera glued to his face. The bicyclists barely avoid him, offering an occasional sharp criticism in Dutch.

NEALY (CONT'D)
Basically, he gives them copies of
any photos he takes. Occasionally,
they have some intelligence value.
In Vienna, he took some on Linzer
Strasse, one of the city's Red
Light districts. In the background
you could see one of the unwashed
taking advantage of Vienna's
Western decadence.

Peter takes pictures of the other three. Then he and Evelyn trade places. She maneuvers to take pictures of them.

NEALY (CONT'D)
The first week this month, he and
his wife were in Rotterdam on Witte
de Withstraat with a Mr. and Mrs.
Hans Dorfmann. He's an engineer for
Siemens, the German conglomerate.

After a bicyclist narrowly misses her, Evelyn moves to the side so that the tree frames one side of her picture. At a table near the Norstrands, about a foot from the tree, Oswald and Denby have drinks while Evelyn snaps away.

NEALY (CONT'D)
This time it was his wife who took
a photo of interest.

INT. LATHAM'S OFFICE - DAY - PRESENT

Nealy hands Latham a photo.

NEALY

See the two men at the table by the tree?

LATHAM

One of them looks like Oswald, or Webster for that matter. That guy he's sitting with looks familiar.

NEALY

It's Oswald. His buddy there is Harold Denby.

LATHAM

The one here working for MOTHER?

NEALY

The same. He flew on KLM under his own name from National Airport to Paris then Amsterdam. There he most likely took the train to Rotterdam.

LATHAM

When Durang talked to CI, they said they weren't interested in Webster or Oswald. Durang felt they were lying. I guess he was right.

NEALY

About that, yes. But the Agency didn't board the Maasdam in Hoboken; it was ONI, just as you thought.

LATHAM

How do you know?

NEALY

CI-SIG has a liaison with ONI. We got Oswald's 201 file from them. It has several '119 Reports' on Oswald; those are ONI investigative reports. The file's siloed, though, so only GS-16s and up like me can see it.

Latham leans back in his chair and has a long sigh.

LATHAM

What about threats against Kennedy?

NEALY

Nothing specific, but there's this sense that something's up.

EXT. WHITE HOUSE - WEST WING - DAY

Stock footage from outside the gate.

INT. OVAL OFFICE

Bisset and Bazzo sit at the conference table. The door opens; PRESIDENT KENNEDY enters. Bisset and Bazzo stand. President Kennedy looks around and approaches Bisset.

PRESIDENT KENNEDY

I understand this is in regard to my Secret Service detail?

BISSET

Yes, Mr. President. This is Paul Barry. He was assigned to the detail by Warren Latham.

PRESIDENT KENNEDY

Good to meet you, Mr. Barry.

BAZZO

Nice to meet you, Mr. President.

He and Bazzo shake hands.

BISSET

Mr. Barry asked to speak with you privately, sir.

BAZZO

Mr. President, I'll be providing close cover. That means I'll be seated in the car with you.

PRESIDENT KENNEDY

Seated next to me? Holding my hand?

BAZZO

No, sir, we won't be holding hands.

PRESIDENT KENNEDY

(grinning)

Good. I wouldn't want to upset Mrs. Kennedy.

BAZZO

No, sir. You'll have your usual two agents in the back seat with you, flanking you to guard against fire from the crowd. I'll be sitting in the front seat. If there is a sniper about, his best shot would be with the car coming toward him. I'll have my seat raised a few inches.

(MORE)

BAZZO (CONT'D)

That way I'll provide interference,
making it more difficult for a
sniper to sight you.

PRESIDENT KENNEDY

You really think that's necessary,
Mr. Barry? It's Springfield,
Illinois. I am fairly popular
there, you know.

BAZZO

Sir, all you need is one fool who
doesn't like you.

PRESIDENT KENNEDY

There'll be mostly Democrats in the
crowd. Right, François?

BISSET

Mostly, but I think it's wise to
take every precaution, sir.

PRESIDENT KENNEDY

Is this assignment going to be your
only time with the Secret Service
detail, Mr. Barry?

BISSET

We requested him just for this one
occasion, sir.

BAZZO

Mr. President, as I understand it,
you plan to ride in an open
convertible with Governor Kerner
and Mr. Yates, with the three of
you sitting on top of the backseat,
on the trunk.

PRESIDENT KENNEDY

Yes. Did you want to join us?

BAZZO

No, sir. In fact, I strongly advise
against you doing it.

PRESIDENT KENNEDY

Mr. Barry, if I were to hide behind
my Secret Service protection,
people would interpret that as a
sign of weakness; that I'm afraid.

BAZZO

I think that, given the current
climate, they'd consider it a
prudent move, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT KENNEDY

My enemies wouldn't. And I'm not going to give them a reason to presume otherwise.

Bazzo looks away in frustration.

EXT. DAR ES SALAAM - NORTH OF DOWNTOWN - DAY (DUSK)

Stock footage of Morogoro Road, with its two- and three-story office buildings and colonial houses.

INT. OFFICE

There is a constant, overlapping PURL of voices in Swahili and English, drowning out each other. Mondlane sits at a desk poring over reports. He is constantly interrupted by both men and women barging into his office.

MRS. KASAWARI, a middle-aged woman in traditional dress, enters and walks up to Mondlane.

KASAWARI

That Makonde woman whom the Council of Elders gave the potion to protect your life has given it back to them! She says the Frelimo leader no longer deserves to be guarded by ancestral Makonde spirits.

MONDLANE

(sighs heavily)

Tell her I hope she will reconsider her decision and ask the Council of Elders to return the potion to her.

KASAWARI

I'll tell her. But that woman is hard-headed. She doesn't listen to anybody!

MONDLANE

Just go and tell her, please.

KASAWARI

Fine.

She leaves. A co-worker, JENJERE, 30, brings in the mail, several letters including two parcels and leaves them on a table. He opens one of the parcels and pulls out a Spanish-language "Reader's Digest" book on great men in U.S. history.

JENJERE

Look at what Che Guevara sent you.

He brandishes the Reader's Digest.

MONDLANE

He told me how boredom and ennui are the biggest factors to overcome in a revolution. He said one has to read to keep one's mind occupied. Reader's Digest is one of his favorites.

The phone RINGS. Frustrated, Mondlane gets up and leans into the corridor and calls out.

MONDLANE (CONT'D)

Miss Kankhomba, would you get the phone, please!

JENJERE

Do you want me to open the rest of the mail?

MONDLANE

No, I'll take them with me to Miss Wingate's house. It will be quieter by the beach. I can get more work done there.

Mondlane gathers the mail and his briefcase and leaves.

EXT. DAR ES SALAAM - OYSTER BAY - NIGHT (EVENING)

A lovely beach house sits a stone's throw from the Indian Ocean. A jeep pulls up. Mondlane alights, grabs the mail and his briefcase and enters the house.

INT. LIVING ROOM

Mondlane turns on a lamp. The furniture is a comfortable mix of wicker and western sofa and chairs. Mondlane lays his briefcase on an end table and sits on the sofa. He lays the letters on the coffee table and unwraps the parcel: it's a hardcover book, "Someone Is Bleeding," by Richard Matheson.

Mondlane smiles and flips open the cover. His face is quickly obscured by a tremendous EXPLOSION.

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