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## **WORTHY OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE: STORIES OF THE SECRET SERVICE AND FBI**

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**With**

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**And**

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### **Program description**

Jerry Ballarotto's latest novel reveals in the inner workings of a Secret Service criminal investigation. Get the scoop with this 1.0 CLE.

## **I. Introduction**

- ***Worthy of Trust and Confidence* – novel/fiction by Jerome Ballarotto**
- **Novel begins in the Summer of 1963 and ends on the morning of November 21, 1963 on the streets of Newark**
- **Graduated from college in 1971**
- **Right into the secret service**
- **Deaths of John and Robert Kennedy were the impetus for secret service protection – secret service was a small agency but would use other treasury law enforcement in campaign season for secret service protection**
- **After Robert Kennedy was killed – entire secret service was upgraded – prior to 1972 campaign hired more people for secret service**
- **Hired 25-30 men right out of college for secret service – never happened before – new hires had no prior police experience**
- **Did not have to go into the military – great opportunity**
- **Training – in Washington DC for 18 weeks and then sent to special academy in Maryland for physical training**
- **Legal training, firearms training – secret service must qualify with weapons every month compared with FBI that had to qualify 1 time per year**

## **II. Role of secret service in investigating counterfeiting**

- **Before US currency changed, it was easy to counterfeit – did not have safety features that we have today**
- **Old \$100 bills were easy to counterfeit**
- **Counterfeiters would use photography to burn onto metal plate an image of the basic bill and would use that as a plate to make the money**
- **Commercially made paper by Hammermill and it was fairly close to the bill paper used for real money**
- **Regional counterfeiters – would stay in the US – not many exporting counterfeit money except in WWII during Nazi regime – was unsuccessful because too late in the war**
- **Secret service was given job by Congress to investigate counterfeiters**
- **In 1865 federal law enforcement agency designated by Congress to investigate counterfeiting**

- **Secret service did not get into presidential protection until 1901**
- **Before Secret Service there was the Pinkertons because there was no FBI at the time**
- **In Secret service training you learn how to make counterfeit money**

### **III. Protection**

- **A great deal of training for protection**
- **“Hogan’s alley” – street built and would be used as a training ground for protection details**
- **Director of Secret Service in 1973 was at the Kennedy assassination**
- **Assassinations were very real part of the training and part of the culture in the secret service**
- **Secret service agents are trained to remain standing straight up when there is gunfire and to shoot from a standing position**
- **CAT – counter attack teams – security is set up in teams – concentric circles – those closest to the President has the obligation not to fight but to get into the car and to safety and then counter attack team addresses the shooter**
- **When started Nixon was President, then Ford, then Carter**
- **Very detailed job**
- **Secret service is small organization – rely on other agencies to do sweeps and investigations prior to arrival at a location – military provides bomb technicians and secret service merely supervises**
- **Try not to rely on local police because don’t know who the people are – rely on the FBI or Homeland Security**
- **Travelling with weaponry – diplomatic passports, luggage not subject to search, travel in entourage with President on Air Force One and then backup plane with the President’s car**
- **Security on limos upon arrival – the only place where the secret service knew for sure that a private conversation could take place**
- **12 hour shifts**

### **IV. Off duty**

- **Never off duty**
- **May not be “on shift” but never off duty especially when in foreign country**

**V. 1963**

- **Rumor that agents were not well rested**
- **Agents who were with the President in the follow-up car arrived with the President that morning – all arrived to Dallas that morning**
- **Working long hours is part of the job**

**VI. Travel**

- **All over US**
- **Paris**
- **Germany**
- **Italy**
- **Western Europe**
- **Greece**
- **Middle East**

**VII. When dignitaries come to the US**

- **Other governments were happy to say to secret service you are in charge**
- **While others would come and insist on their own protection (i.e. Israel)**
- **Secret Service protects the Pope**
- **President can designate that certain people be protected by the secret service**

**VIII. Assassination of the President was not a federal crime in 1963**

- **Defendant would have had to be tried in Dallas**
- **FBI did not have jurisdiction – and only way to get jurisdiction is by order of President**
- **Not federal crime to assassinate any federal figure head at that time**

**IX. Writing the Book – Worthy of Trust and Confidence**

- **Had a story wanted to tell**
- **CBS New York chose as summer beach read**
- **Story starts with counterfeiters running counterfeit notes through slots at Caesars in Vegas**
- **Lead character “Jake” was in California and sent to Vegas to help and conducts surveillance on team of counterfeiters**

- **One counterfeiter is a woman that he ends up chasing around Vegas and throughout the story**
- **Some organized crime**
- **A Cuban agent that Castro sneaks into US**
- **Plot on President Kennedy**
- **Researched Kennedy assassination for the book**
- **Personal theory that Fidel Castro was personally involved in assassination of Kennedy**
- **Cuban undercover sneaks into US and aligns with counterfeiters**
- **Assassination of President Kennedy could have been avoided if someone was seeing what was going on – other agencies should have shared information**
- **Writing a book is extremely hard work – dealing with editors is very painful – but ultimately very satisfying**
- **Always had a beginning and an ending to the story – but did not know how to get there**
- **Book for sale on Amazon, Kindle, the Nook, all bookstores**

**X. Protecting Intellectual Property**

- **Copy written**
- **Hired a lawyer to copy write it**
- **18 USC 701 – official badges, identification cards, other insignia: applies to secret service as well as other agencies**
- **In forward of the book –give disclaimer that any relation to actual events is coincidental**