

# David Phillips

Who was David Phillips?

David Atlee Phillips was born in Fort Worth, Texas, on 31st October, 1922. He was educated at William and Mary College and Texas Christian University. Since he had inherited some money from his dad, he went off to Chile after the war with his second wife and bought a newspaper called the South Pacific Mail.

This caught the attention of the newly formed CIA.

In 1950 he joined the CIA.

What he really wanted to be in life was an actor, an author and a writer. In many respects that's what he became when he joined the CIA. He became a beautiful writer of fiction known as propaganda. He was put to good use by the CIA in Guatemala. He was responsible for creating propaganda which was necessary in taking down Jacobo Arbenz.

In the late 1950s and early 1960s, David Phillips was used in Cuba for pretty much the same reasons. Principally he worked under Win Scott who was the CIA station chief in Mexico City. They were good friends.

David Phillips had lived in Cuba during the 1950s, and he was fluent in Spanish, so it's not surprising that he would later be named the overall supervisor of the Cuban theater.

After helping take down Arbenz in Guatemala in 1954, he participated in Operation Zapata, otherwise known as the Bay of Pigs invasion. Of course, that didn't go so well.

After the Bay of Pigs he continued his work in Mexico City in taking down Castro.

Since he was in charge of the Cuban theater, it was his responsibility to work with people in Miami, New Orleans and Mexico City. It was a large responsibility. One of the people who was working under him was George Joannides who was working with the DRE in New Orleans.

It's inconceivable that David Phillips would not at least hear of Lee Harvey Oswald.

It was reported by Antonio Veciana that his handler in the CIA, a man known as Maurice Bishop, was seen collaborating with LHO in Dallas. It's definitely possible. The Republic Bank Building where they reportedly met was a known haven of businesses that were either CIA or CIA collaborators.

Was this man David Phillips? Antonio Veciana was somewhat evasive in his answer to that question over the years. Maybe yes, maybe no.

The question is important and yet is not important. It's not important because we don't need that identification in order to link LHO with intelligence services. There's plenty of other evidence to

suggest that. Yet, the question is important because it leaves the causal viewer with the idea that David Phillips might be the man directing LHO in the assassination.

I will argue that David Phillips was *not* the man directing LHO to any significant extent as it pertains to the assassination.

I think it's important that I make this case lest you the reader be led astray.

1. David Phillips did not have the experience in planning missions. His expertise was in writing and producing propaganda.
2. David Phillips did not have the time to plan an assassination. He was too occupied with coordinating different Cuban factions across a number of cities. That includes Mexico City. He was also responsible for monitoring the comings and goings of Americans at the Cuban and Soviet embassies in Mexico City.
3. David Phillips did not have the political connections to effectively carry out an assassination. To effectively plan an assassination you have to be able to control venues such as the TSBD, the Dal-Tex building, Hardy Shoes, the Texas Theater. That means you have to personally know people who can control things with no questions asked. This requires someone who operates higher up on the food chain.
4. David Phillips did not have the personality to work alongside people who he knew would be hung out to dry or killed. A man who is upset at CIA officers dying at the Bay of Pigs is not going to betray anyone in the CIA. Many people with intelligence connections were hung out to dry after the JFK assassination. People like Ruth Paine, Michael Paine, George DeMohrenschildt, and Clay Shaw had their lives compromised by this assassination. David Phillips isn't going to do this. Only a politician thinks like this. Only a politician hangs people out to dry. David Phillips was no politician. He operated on a rung below Win Scott, actually two rungs below.
5. This assassination of JFK came from the top down, not the bottom up. A bottom-up driven assassination would not have been able to control the autopsy, the Zapruder film, the police response, the political response, the Warren Commission.

It is true that David Phillips did not like JFK, but there's a big difference between not liking someone and planning to kill them. David Phillips was more inclined to using his energies not to kill JFK but to provoke him to be more aggressive toward Cuba. He felt that the secret shenanigans of the CIA were no substitute for what armies were supposed to do.

David Phillips was another man who was used over the years as a distraction point from the real killers of JFK.

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