Mafia men murdered Marilyn

T <strong>hey called it Camelot. Those 1,000 days when President John F. Kennedy and his wife Jacqueline, together with his brother Bobby, the powerful Attorney General of the United States, presided over a series of glittering social and cultural events in the White House.</strong>

Who will ever forget Marilyn Monroe's sultry rendition of Happy Birthday to the President?

— In the immediate post-World War II era, Sam "Mickey" Giancana became one of the most powerful and notorious leaders of the Mafia. Like many mobsters, he was attracted to the glamour of Hollywood, and he took an interest in the aspiring starlet Marilyn Monroe. He introduced her to the 70-year-old, powerful producer Joe Schenck and Marilyn, no stranger to the cutthroat world of show business, fell in love with him.

Schenck passed Marilyn on into the bed of another Mafia intimates, producer Harry Cohn, and by 1950 Monroe had made her breakthrough to stardom with the success of Niagara, the first film in which she had a substantial part.

Giancana kept tabs on her. He knew that Schenck had once been in a sexual affair with
Presidential Kennedy and in 1962 he became

'She struggled, but they had no difficulty holding her down'

aware that Bobby Kennedy was also showing a marked interest in Marilyn. That interest was brought to him by a CIA operative called Robert Seldon. Seldon had begged Marilyn's telephone and had recorded many conversations between her and others, indicating that she was falling in love with the handsome Ardmore General.

Sam 'Mooney' Giancana, who was assassinated by mobsters in 1975, confessed to his brother Chuck several months before his death that his knowledge of Marilyn's involvement with both Kennedy brothers gave him the perfect opportunity to kill two birds with one stone — to remove Monroe, whom he knew too much about, and the CIA's Media Stakeout and bring down the Kennedy, who were ignoring the debts they owed the Mob.

By the summer of 1962 Marilyn Monroe was in a terrible psychological state. Her first marriage was over due to her heavy drinking and barbiturate abuse, and she was deeply upset by what she perceived as her husband's affairs at the hands of Jack and Bobby Kennedy. She made a series of wild and embarrassing telephone calls to Bobby and he determined to get to California to try to calm her down.

Through her connected CIA influence, Sam 'Mooney' Giancana learned that Bobby Kennedy planned to be in California on the weekend of August 4. According to his brother Chuck, Sam sent Mafia killer, including 'Neatly' Giancana and 'Mickey' Torrinto, to make sure the Kennedy was dead. Sam was killed. He was found inside a house that had been previously rented by Marilyn Monroe. Marilyn and Bobby had an angry confrontation and the refuses which Monroe eventually became ballistic. Bobby then informed the CIA that he had been a physician, to 'calm down' and told him that she was suffering from a case of chloral hydrate, Bobby Kennedy, and his companion.

If it is true, what happened next is shocking. The four killers waited for about an hour to allow the selective administration to Marilyn to take effect and then, after pulling on rubber surgical gloves, they broke into the house. They opened Marilyn's door and, when she was deeply unconscious, they removed the tape, closed her mouth so no trace of blood would be left, arranged her body naturally on the bed. The Mafia killers were not cured for their subtility, and while the use of the lethal suppository seems like a clever murder method dreamed up by a writer of detective fiction, it was, in fact, a novel method of murder weapon. Had the murderers attempted to administer a lethal dose of

atives to Marilyn orally, forcing them down her throat, heavy bruising which would have caused police conclusions immediately could easily be made, as could vomiting, which would have reduced the drugs efficacy.

An administrative, the lethal dose was very quickly absorbed by Marilyn's system, there was no need to enter the body. And, as before, she was dead before she died, nothing left in her stomach could be pumped out to save her life.

Giancana hoped that the future over Marilyn's apparent suicide would result in the Kennedy brothers involvement with her becoming public knowledge, providing a scandal that would force them to resign. In fact, Bobby Kennedy ran more quickly and positively than expected and the Attorney General dispatched his brother-in-law Peter Lawford, the Hollywood actor, to Marilyn's house before the authorities arrived and he removed any evidence linking Mooney to the Kennedy.

Marilyn's involvement with them did not become public until six years after both brothers had been assassinated.

History is not always kind to heroes. Being the first American President of direct Irish Catholic background, John F. Kennedy became something of a link in Irish soc, but evidence has accumulated since his death that not only was he a compulsive womanizer but also that his marriage with Richard Nixon in the 1960 presidential election was achieved through Mafia influence and money.

To be fair to Jack Kennedy, he was his father Joseph, Kennedy, the former US Ambassador to the Court of St. James, who instigated the Mafia link. Joseph Kennedy smashed the foundations of his vast fortune during the Prohibition years when he was deeply involved in bootlegging liquor, and forged enduring bonds with the Mob underworld which controlled the illegal drug business.

As his political ambitions for his sons grew, Kennedy senior tried to distance himself from his former associates but the Mafia didn't let go that easily. They wanted favours repaid, and when Kennedy refused,

the boss of the New York Mob, Frank Costello, took out a mugging and the old man was delivered to Chicago, Illinois with Sam 'Mooney' Giancana in particular Giancana's help in getting the "smoking gun," his brother Chuck says that not worldwide was the Kennedy family involved in "a huge criminal enterprise that was ongoing, and embarrassing marriage of John F.'s romance to the Kennedy camp which won him the Presidency. The Mafia operates under a strict code — you do something for someone, then you expect that favour to be returned at some other time. Giancana naturally argued that when John F. Kennedy received efforts a blind eye would be turned to the Mafia's activities involving drugs and gambling. Instead, Kennedy and his newly-appointed Attorney General, his younger brother Bobby, began turning up the screws on the Mafia, bringing them mercilessly through increased FBI activity.

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The assassination in 1963 was a crime that no government could explain.

Ruvvy was under no illusion as to what his task was — to eliminate Oswald — but when the hit man dressed as the assassin that he would have risked the electric chair rather than go against orders. Mobsters who did suffer from more terrifying and painful deaths.

Chuck Giancana says that his brother told him that "Oswald knew the story when he saw Jack coming at him. He knew he had been made the patsy and Jack was gonna take him out. But he was too late for him to do anything about it."

The rest of the investigation didn't worry the conspirators. Giancana says, "For once, we didn't even have to worry about J. Edgar Hoover .... he hated the Kennedy as much as anybody and he wasn't about to help Bobby find his brother's killers. He covered up anything his boys found. And if somebody found out too much, the CIA took care of the problem."