



□ MARILYN MONROE was used as a pawn between the Kennedy brothers to bring about their downfall after the Mafia boss was humiliated



MARILYN MONROE did not commit suicide in August 1962. She was killed by the Mafia. That is the theory here. Her stage-managed death was an attempt to embarrass, and possibly frame Bobby Kennedy, America's attorney-general who was having an affair with her.

The same Mafia "Outfit" had arranged John F Kennedy's assassination and later that of Bobby Kennedy. The killings were revenge for the Kennedy's failure to "deliver", according to the book *Double Cross* (out on Monday), the latest theory on the triple deaths which have pre-occupied writers for the past three decades.

It has been written by Chuck Giancana, the younger brother of one of America's biggest Mafia bosses, Sam "Mooney" Giancana.

Giancana was the Mr Big, who claimed to have masterminded the three murders. The co-author is Chuck's son, also called Sam, named after his Mafioso uncle.

Mafia boss Mooney Giancana had donated millions to John Kennedy's election fund, confident that the president would be in his pocket once in office. Mooney Giancana also believed John Kennedy would be grateful because Giancana had saved the life of John's father, bootlegger, Joseph Kennedy.

Joe Kennedy, who founded his dynasty during prohibition, had a contract put on him by another Mafia overlord and Giancana used his influence to have it removed

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DOUBLE CROSS, by Sam and Chuck Giancana (Macdonald, £16.99)

clear that John Kennedy wanted no connection with the Mafia and had no intention of paying favours to his father. Giancana had been made a fool of.

Moreover, Bobby Kennedy, now attorney general, was set to clean up America, getting rid of the mob.

The hapless Marilyn was a pawn. According to the book, Sam "Mooney" Giancana had the sex lives of the Kennedys taped, literally. Indeed the women the Kennedys slept with, including Monroe, were provided as go-betweens by the Outfit.

Monroe's infatuous relationship with Bobby was foundering and she caused fury by trying to contact Bobby at his home. An embarrassment for a man just voted "family man of the year".

However, the Mafia's attempt to implicate Bobby in the film star's death failed. Told of her death

removed from her house. Her diary was never found.

She died, we are told, not by an overdose of pills she took deliberately, but with a lethal suppository of the barbiturate Nembutal.

This undignified death was as ingenious as it was macabre. Because the drug was absorbed rapidly and directly into the blood stream, should she have been discovered, there was nothing in her stomach to pump out and, since no needle was used, there was no suspicious mark.

THE Dallas assassination of President John F Kennedy, apparently took months for the Mafia "Outfit" to mastermind.

"The politicians and the CIA made it real simple." Each provided men for the hit. Jack Ruby (a long established Mafioso) was provided by the outfit. The CIA made the se-

could have nailed Jack Kennedy".

Kennedy's death was just another coup, say the Giancanas.

According to the book, several leading American politicians, including Lyndon Johnson, who succeeded Kennedy as president, knew about the assassination.

The point the book makes is that decency aside (in the unlikely event that these politicians had any) nobody dared defy the Mafia.

The Outfit ruled with a reign of terror. People who opposed it, policemen who refused bribes, men who "talked" and even Mafia members who failed in their assignments, were horribly killed.

If you were born into a Mafia family, you worked in the Outfit, anything else was regarded as lack of "respect", the ultimate crime.

As for the women, don't ask. They certainly didn't. Caught between the greed and the glitter, they were just dolls to be decorated. Luckier possibly than Monroe, but toys just the same.