Did the Mafia and CIA conspire in the assassination of John F. Kennedy in 1963? And did the ill-fated president seal his own doom with a decision he had made several months before?

New evidence now appears to support the credibility of this astounding theory concerning JFK's murder in Dallas.

Members of America's top-secret spy organization and known triggermen for the Mafia were reportedly observed on the scene when the fatal shooting took place.

Several CIA agents and at least one member of the Mafia were allegedly taken into custody shortly after the shooting ceased, but were quickly released by Dallas police.

It has never been ascertained just why they happened to be at that particular spot when JFK was brutally cut down.

Few experts believe that Lee Harvey Oswald could have fired all the shots which poured into the president's open convertible.

Many are now convinced that he was simply a patsy who was set up to take the blame for a carefully planned execution. They believe he was telling the truth when he insisted that he was not involved with the assassination.

The popular theory now is that Oswald himself was eliminated to keep his lips sealed.

His killer, nightclub operator Jack Ruby, was known to have close associates among underworld figures.

Witnesses claim photographs prove that former CIA agents E. Howard Hunt, convicted Watergater, and Frank Sturgis were present when JFK was slain.

Also identified in a photo of those nearby the presidential motorcade was a parolee with a criminal record as long as your arm.

Eugene Hale Brading, with a record dating back to 1934, was allegedly an associate of James (The Weasel) Frattiano, a well-known Mafia figure linked to gangland killings, who was then of the "Smaldones Family" of Denver.

In 1963, Brading was living in Los Angeles — on parole at the time. He claimed to be an oil prospector and obtained permission from his parole officer to visit Dallas on a business trip.

He was scheduled to be in Dallas only for the day of Nov. 21, according to records. He was supposed to be in Houston on Nov. 22, the day JFK was shot.

Why did he stay on in Dallas? It is known he did visit the offices of a huge oil company on Nov. 21. It was later admitted by Jack Ruby that he visited those offices on the same day.

Did they know each other, and did they meet by a prearranged plan? And did they speak of the assassination which was to take place the following day?

Ruby told the Warren Commission that he visited the Hunt Oil Company offices on Nov. 21 to get a job for an attractive coed named Connie Trammel.

The Commission did not connect Ruby's visit with Brading's actions, who had given a phony name and story when questioned by the FBI just after the shooting.

This coincidence did not come to light until years later through the efforts of concerned private citizens, headed by Dallas pharmaceutical salesman Al Chapman.

It is now learned that JFK may have incurred the wrath of the CIA and underworld figures, because of the touchy Cuban situation at the time.

The young president, allegedly, discussed the possible assassination of Cuban Premier Fidel Castro with a close friend, Sen. George A. Smathers of Florida in 1961 and 1962. He absolutely refused to consider the suggestion, although it has now been learned that the CIA had been linked with assassination attempts throughout the Caribbean for years.

The conversations between JFK and Smathers are allegedly contained in oral history archives of the Kennedy library.

"As I recollect," Smathers began, "he (Kennedy) was throwing out a great barrage of questions — he was certain that it could be accomplished...."

"The question was whether or not it would accomplish that which he wanted it to do — whether or not the reaction throughout South America would be good or bad... And when asked what people would react, would the people be gratified?"