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"The best book ever written about the strangest CIA chief who ever lived." - Tim Weiner, National Book Award-winning author of Legacy of Ashes

A revelatory new biography of the sinister, powerful, and paranoid man at the heart of the CIA for more than three tumultuous decades.

CIA spymaster James Jesus Angleton was one of the most powerful unelected officials in the United States government in the mid-20th century, a ghost of American power. From World War II to the Cold War, Angleton operated beyond the view of the public, Congress, and even the president. He unwittingly shared intelligence secrets with Soviet spy Kim Philby, a member of the notorious Cambridge spy ring. He launched mass surveillance by opening the mail of hundreds of thousands of Americans. He abetted a scheme to aid Israel's own nuclear efforts, disregarding U.S. security. He committed perjury and obstructed the JFK assassination investigation. He oversaw a massive spying operation on the antiwar and black nationalist movements and he initiated an obsessive search for communist moles that nearly destroyed the Agency.

In *The Ghost*, investigative reporter Jefferson Morley tells Angleton's dramatic story, from his friendship with the poet Ezra Pound through the underground gay milieu of mid-century Washington to the Kennedy assassination to the Watergate scandal. From the agency's MKULTRA mind-control experiments to the wars of the Mideast, Angleton wielded far more power than anyone knew. Yet during his seemingly lawless reign in the CIA, he also proved himself to be a formidable adversary to our nation's enemies, acquiring a mythic stature within the CIA that continues to this day.

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## From Reader Review The Ghost: The Secret Life of CIA Spymaster James Jesus Angleton for online ebook

### Gavin says

Thoroughly enjoyed this bio of a man who popped up throughout my early years of Watergate and Church Committee interest, but before I really was capable of getting down to the nitty-gritty. So here I am now with the most recent study of James Jesus Angleton.

I'll have to watch some interviews or footage from the Church hearings to get a better idea of Angleton, but Jefferson Morley does a great job of giving you a sense of looking over Jim's shoulder as he served the US and the CIA for his many decades.

A lot to absorb here for many, who probably don't even know the name of James Jesus Angleton, but we all should. WW II, Cold War, Lee Harvey Oswald, Kennedy Assassination, other assassination attempts, and Israel's nuclear program amongst many things all have spiderwebs reaching to Angleton.

One particular scene depicted, or should I say contrasted, is with the Fall of Angleton and Nixon we find Gerald Ford, Don Rumsfeld, and especially Dick Cheney propping up the 'unbridled power of presidential power' versus the constitutionalists in Congress who were trying to right the balance of powers. Cheney's wrote a memo that resulted in the Rockefeller Commission to attempt to circumvent any Congressional investigations post-Watergate. That commission was not successful due to the revelations regarding Angleton, Hoover's FBI, and the CIA's uncooperative actions with the Warren Commission.

At that point I saw Cheney as the new Jim Angleton, a point Morley underscores twenty pages later.

Jim Angleton is described by Morley as a 'Machiavelli, Svengali, and Iago' all rolled up into one.

I agree, and hope that I live long enough to read a similar book about Dick Cheney and his invasion into the mail and conversations of Americans.

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### Mandy says

Author Tim Weiner called this book "The best book ever written about the strangest CIA chief who ever lived" and although I'm not knowledgeable enough to know whether it is in fact the best book ever, it is certainly an endlessly fascinating and engaging biography, entertaining, painstakingly researched, accessibly written and often quite astonishing. I've noticed some reviewers have quibbles about the facts, but these I can't comment on. All I know is that I really enjoyed this well-written account of an intriguing and remarkable character.

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### Pete daPixie says

A very thorough biography of the career of James Angleton as CIA's Associate Deputy Director of Operations for Counterintelligence (ADDOCI) from 1954 to 1975. I have come to this publication through my interest in the Kennedy killings and have previously met

Jefferson Morley back in 2013, when he gave a keynote lecture in Dallas and have read his 'Our Man in Mexico-Winston Scott and the Hidden History of the CIA' published in 2008. Morley also edits the internet blog 'JFK Facts', and has shown himself to be one of the more circumspect researchers of the JFK case. After reading Michael Collins Piper's 'Final Judgement' I discovered some intriguing points involving Angleton and Israel's Mossad, so I was eagerly looking forward to 'The Ghost' to discover if Morley's digging would corroborate MCP's findings. He certainly did, and more.

I concur with Tim Weiner's review of "Morley's stellar reporting and superb writing...it's essential history and highly entertaining biography."

The skeletons in Angleton's closet rattle on and the ghost will continue to haunt those who wish to uncover the mysteries of our time.

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## **Carole Scrivo says**

### **An interesting book**

I lived through this time and was surprised by how little I knew about this story. I can recommend the book to anyone interested in history.

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## **Jarno Mehtiö says**

“It is inconceivable,” he replied, “that a secret intelligence arm of the government has to comply with all the overt orders of government.” Niinpä.

Vastavakoilun päällikkö, pääaineena kirjallisuus ja erikoiskiinnostuksena runous. Humanisteista on moneksi.

Angleton ehti olla mukana OSS:ssä toisen maailmansodan aikana, minkä jälkeen siirtyi sujuvasti perustettuun CIA:n palvelukseen.

Ystävän Philbyn paljastuminen yhdeksi historian kuuluisimmista pettureista sai aikaan järkyttävän suuren vastavakoiluoperaation CIA:n sisällä, mikä tuhosi monia uria. Syyttä. Yhtään myyrää ei löytynyt.

Suurempia ongelmia Angletonissa oli kuitenkin väitetty ydintietojen ja materiaalin vuotaminen Israelille, tai ainakin tapahtumisen hyväksyminen. En toki tiedä kuinka laajasti tästä oikeasti tiedettiin ja kuinka korkealla tasolla se hyväksyttiin.

Amerikkalaisten postien avaaminen vuosikausien oli kuulemma kauheaa. Mutta nykypäivänä tämä on tavallista, USA:ssa, kaikkialla ja (ainakin pian) myös Suomessa. Maailma muuttuu Eskoseni.

Kuka tappoi Kennedyn? Angletonin vihjataan ehkä tietävän jotain. Ainakin hän peitteli vimmatusti tiedon siitä, että juuri hänen vastuulla oli vuosia Oswaldin seuraaminen, heti hänen loikattua NL:oon. URan kannalta ei kannattanut kertoa, että henkilö oli tiedossa ja tarkkailussa. Ja kuka oikeastaan tappoi Kennedyn? Oswal ampumalla luodin, joka kulki edestakaisi ja sai ruumiin retkahtamaan luodin tulosuuntaan.

Hyvin kirjoitettu.

## **Jill Mackin says**

I loved The Ghost! What an interesting history of his time at the CIA as Counterintelligence Director! Cuba, Castro, Kennedy, Hoover..they are all there. Not to mention his operations spying on Americans by opening their mail..

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## **Robin Henry says**

The Ghost, as the subtitle foretells, is a fairly comprehensive biography of James Jesus Angleton, CIA spook extraordinaire. Angleton began working in national security with the OSS during World War II in Italy. Because of his unusual childhood, much of it spent abroad, he was fluent in several languages and could work well with Europeans. During his time in Italy, his preference for fairly far right ideology became apparent. Angleton reached the height of his power and influence during the Cold War, when he ran a secret operation in tandem with J. Edgar Hoover, in which he intercepted and often had opened and read civilian mail, which actions he justified by reason of the communist threat. According to Morley, Angleton was obsessed with moles, especially after the Philby scandal—Angleton supposedly never suspected Philby was a Communist spy and was deeply disillusioned and even more mistrustful after Philby's defection. Morley argues that Angleton was almost an evil puppet master who, with the help of his influential intelligence friends and colleagues, pushed United States anti-Communist policies and knew more than he let on about JFK's assassination. Morley's writing is overdramatic to say the least and there is missing evidence about Angleton's surveillance of Oswald, that while suggestive, in no way supports the wild conclusions Morley draws. The Angleton Morley gives us begins as a promising and talented young agent who drinks and thinks himself into a dark lonely world. This much is probably true, but the oversized influence on foreign policy and even CIA operations the Morley attributes to Angleton needs a closer look. Some of the passages on the Cuban Missile Crisis and the JFK assassination smack of conspiracy theories—all shock and very little substance. Although Morley has made slight use of the online CIA historical collections, most of his sources are secondary and he does not add to the conversation substantially.

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## **Becky Loader says**

Why read a fictional thriller when you can read about the real thing?

James Jesus Angleton was a spy master. OK, he was a counter-intelligence spy master.

Growing up, he knew privilege, culture, and education. He had a brain and knew how to use it. He decided to use it in the field of counter-intelligence. Angleton was trained in the field by the best, and he counted Kim Philby (yes, that Kim Philby) as a personal friend. He learned to work the angles and be the best in the world at running the system behind the scenes. Oh, and don't forget: ruthless, cunning, devious, cut-throat, and sneaky.

I actually remember the demise of Angleton's career in 1974. The cold war took down a lot of people, and above all, he deserved it.

What a chilling picture of a time in the not-so-distant past.

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## **Scribe Publications says**

*James Angleton's real life is the most intriguing, moving, and at times shocking spy story in American history. In *The Ghost*, Jeff Morley has captured the man in all his brilliant and sometimes delusional eccentricity. Angleton is woven through many of the strangest episodes of the 1950s and 60s — including the Kennedy assassination — in what was invisible thread, until Morley's book. A 'must read' for anyone who wants to understand just how strange and secretive the CIA was at the height of the Cold War.*

**David Ignatius, Columnist for *The Washington Post* and Author of *The Director***

*The best book ever written about the strangest CIA chief who ever lived. No screenwriter or novelist could conjure a character like Angleton, but Morley's stellar reporting and superb writing animate every page of this work. It's essential history and highly entertaining biography.*

**Tim Weiner, National Book Award Winning Author of *Legacy of Ashes***

*Anyone interested in the CIA should not fail to read *The Ghost*. I encountered James Angleton time and again, not only in the course of research but, one memorable evening, literally. I say 'memorable,' but only because amongst hundreds of interviews I have conducted he indeed came over as a phantom, seemingly cooperative yet always inscrutable. Nobody has focused on him, mined what can be mined, as Jefferson Morley has now done. Essential reading for anyone intrigued by the vital mysteries of U.S. intelligence at a pivotal time in our history.*

**Anthony Summers, Pulitzer Prize Finalist for *The Eleventh Day***

*Americans are finally coming to know the Cold War spymasters and other hidden figures who lived their lives in secrecy while shaping our national destiny. *The Ghost* reveals a fascinating chapter of this hidden history. It is a chilling look at the global power that is wielded in Washington by people who are never known — until a book comes out to spill their secrets.*

**Stephen Kinzer, Author of *The Brothers***

**The Ghost* is the compulsively readable, often bizarre true-life story of American spymaster James Jesus Angleton — the CIA's poetry-loving, orchid-gardening mole-hunter for almost 20 years. Capturing the extent of Angleton's eccentricity, duplicity and alcohol-fueled paranoia would have challenged the writing skills of a *Le Carré* or *Ludlum*, and Jeff Morley has done it with flair. This important book depicts the trail of wreckage left behind by Angleton in a CIA career that involved him in virtually every major spy-versus-spy drama of the Cold War and drew him deeply into the mysteries of the Kennedy assassination and the murder of one of JFK's mistresses.*

**Philip Shenon, Author of *A Cruel and Shocking Act***

*Jefferson Morley, an American investigative journalist, is the latest to try to wrestle Angleton from the layers of mystery that surround him, and he does a fine job of filleting out the man's talents and charisma from the dark deeds he committed ... Morley adeptly builds a picture of a spymaster weaving a web in which his concept of duty gradually eroded his moral sense.*

**Ben Macintyre, *The Times***

*Transcending mere thriller comparisons, this gripping read is filled with descriptions of events that sometimes beggar belief and open the reader's eyes to a world that often has much greater influence on world politics that we might realise. *The Ghost* is compulsory reading for anyone interested in contemporary history, American politics and the mysteries of the 20th century secret intelligence community.*

***All About History***

*This is the book to read if you've ever doubted the extent to which powerful countries can meddle or if you've ever naively disbelieved that the CIA has a reprehensible record of interference, both domestically and internationally.*

***The Listener***

*A fascinating insight into a murky, labyrinthine world, one which ultimately trapped the man who built it.*  
***Daily Telegraph***

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## **Debra Daniels-zeller says**

A fascinating read about one of the most powerful political figures of the last century. Sinister and powerful don't quite do justice to describe James Jesus Angleton. I previously enjoyed the Devil's Chessboard about Allan Dulles, but this one really adds to the story of the CIA in the early years. The connections to the Kennedy assassination, how Israel got nuclear weapons, details of the Cold War and wars in the Middle East. The huge betrayal and the constant look for communist infiltrators everywhere; the musings of a mad man at his peak of power; what he hid from the Warren Commission. That the CIA killed Kennedy is just a conspiracy theory planted by the Russians you say? That's exactly what Angleton's dream was, to spread the propaganda so thick we're still believing it. If you're interested in the politics that shaped the country and military and how spies in the cold war operated, this book is a must read.

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## **Steven Z. says**

When one thinks of the history of the CIA the names that readily come to mind are "Wild" Bill Donovan, Allen W. Dulles, and a host of others. One name that sometimes remains in the shadows is James J. Angleton. Of these men it is safe to say that Angleton probably affected American national security the most between the onset of the Cold War and the investigation into CIA activities that permeated the mid to late 1970s. Angleton's life and intelligence career is the subject of Jefferson Morley's new study, *THE GHOST: THE SECRET LIFE OF CIA SPYMASTER JAMES JESUS ANGLETON* that successfully answers the questions: Was Angleton a defender of the republic? Did he become the embodiment of double government? Was he an avatar of the emerging "deep state?" For Morley the answer to these question seems to be an emphatic, yes.

Morley's monograph is not a complete biography, but more of a work of synthesis that briefly explores Angleton's background then delves into the affect that the spymaster had on American foreign and intelligence policies. As one explores his life the author uncovers numerous policy decisions and actions taken by Angleton that on the surface seem controversial and once implemented evolve into the dominant policy of the emerging national security state. In examining certain aspects of US intelligence history we can see Angleton's imprint and historical importance. Morley's analysis reflects his influence in many ways. First, his relationship with Kim Philby, the British spy who served as his mentor and teacher as Angleton became consumed with counterintelligence after the World War II. Philby along with Norman Pearson educated Angleton on the ins and outs of the German spy system called ULTRA where he learned how deception could shape the battlefield of powerful nations at war. The Angleton-Philby friendship is important because the Englishman, along with Guy Burgess and Donald McClean were part of the Cambridge five who spied for the Soviet Union for years. The greatest shock in Angleton's life was learning Philby's true identity and how he facilitated his spy craft.

The second area that most people are not aware of is Angleton's culpability in recruiting and protecting the

freedom of former Nazis after the war, i.e., Eugene Dollman, a translator for Hitler and Mussolini and Walter Rauff who was responsible for the death of over 250,000 Jews during the war. A third area that might surprise some is Angleton's role in developing the CIA experimentation and use of LSD as a tool in compelling suspected spies to tell the truth. The program known as MKULTRA encompassed a wide range of experiments to control the workings of the human mind in the name of national security. As a result a number of people died and many others had their lives ruined. Once Dwight D. Eisenhower assumed the presidency and appointed Allen W. Dulles as the head of the CIA, Angleton's influence increased markedly. Angleton was able to convince Dulles, an old friend and compatriot of the need to develop a staff of people who were knowledgeable and understood the KGB and its methods. This was designed to oversee covert operations and protect against Soviet penetration of the US government and the CIA. As a result we have Angleton's fourth area of importance, the development of his own clandestine service within the CIA – his own empire. Furthering his influence, Angleton was able to convince FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover to cooperate by sharing domestic counterintelligence dealing with the Soviet Union. If this was not enough Angleton developed LINGUAL, a program in concert with the FBI's COINTELPRO operation to illegally open the mail bound for the Soviet Union. It was through this program that Morley effectively introduces the reader to Lee Harvey Oswald and Angleton's knowledge and possible culpability in the Kennedy assassination.

One of the criticisms, if in fact it can be considered as such is that Morley presents these aspects of Angleton's career in a cursory way for the first half of the book. As a shorter work I guess this is acceptable, but I would have liked the author to engage in the type of exploration of motive and effect as he did with Angleton's role in covering up the Kennedy assassination investigation. In the fifth and most important area Morley examines Angleton's investigation of Oswald from 1959 to 1963, from his defection to the Soviet Union and return to the United States, his affiliation with pro-Fidel Castro organizations, his visits to the Cuban embassy in Mexico City, a hotbed of pro-Castro activity, and where Oswald wound up in September, 1963. After the assassination Angleton gave the impression he knew very little about Oswald before November 22, 1963, when in fact his staff had monitored his movements for years and his special investigations provided him with numerous reports of Oswald's travels. Obviously this led to an epic counter-intelligence failure. One of Angleton's major roles was tracking defectors and he received three FBI reports on the intelligence function of the Cuban embassy in Mexico City the two months leading to Kennedy's death, but he would never speak publicly about this. We are all aware of the CIA conspiracy theories concerning the Kennedy assassination because of their anger over the Bay of Pigs and the Cuban Missile crisis, anger that Angleton shared.

Angleton's power was at its apex during the investigation into the Kennedy assassination which happened on his watch. In perhaps his best chapter, Morley describes how Angleton managed to wind up in charge of the CIA's investigation of Oswald. During the Kennedy administration, Angleton's staff knew more about the obscure and "unimportant" Lee Harvey Oswald than anyone in the US government. After Kennedy's death, Angleton would orchestrate the cover-up of what the CIA knew and engaged in obstruction of justice as he did not want anyone to find out that he had been investigating Oswald for years. In addition, Angleton hid the knowledge that Castro probably knew of the CIA's recruitment of Rolando Cubela to assassinate the Cuban dictator - in a sense Castro got Kennedy, before Kennedy got him. Angleton should have been fired for malfeasance; instead he would remain in a position of supreme power for another ten years. Despite that power, Angleton would be beleaguered by Kennedy's death and would spend his time putting out fires when others came forth with new information, fires that ruined careers, resulted in the seizure of personal material, and a few questionable deaths.

There are numerous other areas of Angleton's shadowy work and influence. As he grew up and was educated he held many anti-Semitic views, but would come to realize the importance of Israel's intelligence community. Almost from the foundation of the Jewish state, Angleton developed a strong relationship with the Mossad and Shin Bet, Israeli intelligence agencies that would benefit both countries, as they shared intelligence, weaponry, and other information geared against the Soviet Union and the Arab world. Two

useful examples are KKMOUNTAIN which resulted in millions in annual cash payments to the Mossad and in return the Israelis authorized their agents to act as American surrogates throughout North Africa, and Angleton's surreptitious support for the Israeli development of a nuclear weapons program. Further, Angleton assisted Israel during the 1967 War and helped whitewash the investigation into the Israeli attack on the USS Liberty. In fact one high ranking Israeli intelligence official described Angleton as a Zionist and the Jewish state almost seemed like his second home.

One of the major themes that Mosley develops throughout the book is how the suspicious mole hunter that Angleton had become throughout his career grew more and more paranoid by the late 1960s. Angleton's conspiracy theories about the Soviet Union and the KGB provoked questioning within the CIA, but as long as Richard Helms, his old friend and compatriot was DCIA he was safe. Angleton's paranoia ruined many careers of innocent people and he eventually lost the support of J. Edgar Hoover. One thing was clear, as Angleton grew old he became more obsessive about Russian infiltration and spying, and to his dying day believed that the Soviet Union had a mole inside the CIA for decades.

Angleton's role in domestic surveillance is one that lives on today with the NSA and other aspects of the Patriot Act. In the 1960s as the anti-war movement and a black insurgency were seen as threats, Helms and Angleton set up a new intelligence collection program – Operation CHAOS. It would infiltrate the anti-war movement, index the names of over 300,000 Americans, and create files on 7200 people. As more and more domestic violence took place President Nixon resorted the Huston Plan which emerged three years later during Watergate, a plan that was the brainchild of Angleton. The plan called for a dramatic expansion of domestic intelligence collection and Nixon lifted any restrictions that might get in its way. Nixon would have to shut down the Huston Plan months later because of the opposition of Attorney General John Mitchell, and J. Edgar Hoover, but Angleton continued to oversee its operation.

The reelection of Richard Nixon in 1972 witnessed the firing of Helms which signaled a bad time was coming. Without Helms as cover Angleton would have to deal with William Colby as the new DCIA, a man he had been in conflict with for years. Colby understood that the CIA had to adapt to the new realities in American politics and society in the 1970s, something Angleton could not. Colby would suspend a number of surveillance programs and limit others. Angleton also made an enemy out of Henry Kissinger as he seemed to have misread intelligence pertaining to the Arab attack that launched the 1973 Yom Kippur War. Despite these problems, Angleton remained obsessed with Russian deception operations and even argued that British Prime Minister Harold Wilson was a Soviet agent. Once the Nixon tapes were released, the domestic role of the CIA and Angleton in particular came into plain view. This would lead to Seymour Hirsh's expose in the New York Times, and the formation of the Senate Church Committee which would attack and question Angleton's beliefs and life's work.

Morley tells Angleton's story in a concise and lucid manner with numerous important observations. His research and analysis, particularly in the second half of the book are top drawer. For those who worry about civil rights and the abuse of power, Angleton's life is a lesson that should be studied by all, as his career is emblematic of what some would describe as the "deep state."

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## **Jay says**

### **A Worthy Title—well worth the read.**

A 'Ghost' is exactly how I've come to think of Jim Angleton. He's long been a fascinating figure, one I (and apparently many more) have never completely figured out.

I highly recommend *The Ghost* to anyone who is interested in history, government & of course, Mr. Angleton himself.

Redundant as it may be to refer to Mr. Angleton as a fascinating character, that's exactly what he is. From his upbringing in Boise, Idaho to becoming an internationally educated young man to his career in intelligence, one certainly can't say he lived a dull life.

The author makes comparisons of Angleton to Machiavelli, Svengali & others. I must say they are extraordinarily on the mark. What made this guy tick? Was it the power? The intellectual game—brilliantly mad as he may have been? Creating a world unto himself through which even his closest 'friends' & associates never appear to have fully penetrated?

I'm guessing the answer is most likely some combination of the above, yet even with that, I believe you've only got the tip of the iceberg.

The only thing I'd love to know more about was Angleton's family. Granted, his family life appears nearly non-existent, yet you can't help but want to picture his wife Cicely & their children. One can't help but wonder what they made of this man. Of course, I also understand & respect why they would opt for their privacy to remain such.

In any event, you can't help but want to delve deeper in to Angleton's head. For the better & the worse, I believe he contributed more to the US government than many realize. Having been born around the time he passed, I have known James Angleton only through books & similar. As a history geek, this is one book I highly recommend.

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### **Nick Winlund says**

This is a gripping and detailed book about James Angleton, one of America's foremost spies after the end of WWII and into the 1950s and late 1960s. If you want to know more about the secret history of the United States government pertaining to counterintelligence this is a great book to read.

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### **Chad says**

Among the scholarly writers on subjects related to the JFK assassination, Jefferson Morley is in the top rank. *The Ghost* is not about JFK, and neither is an earlier biography by the same author, *Our Man in Mexico*, about longtime Mexico City station chief Winston Scott. But for those of us who retain the conviction that JFK was murdered as the result of a conspiracy, Morley's writing and research are indispensable.

Angleton is possibly the most peculiar of all the key titans of the CIA's early days. He was undeniably powerful, ruling the CIA's Counterintelligence Staff for two decades. But he exhibited such blatant weirdness on so many levels, it is difficult to believe even the strange characters populating the CIA would not have concluded something was desperately wrong much earlier than they did. Angleton was formally removed at the beginning of 1975 by CIA Director William Colby. The firing was long overdue.

It is impossible to come away from reading anything in-depth and serious about Angleton without concluding that he must have taken vital information on JFK's assassination to his grave. What is impossible to contemplate for too long is how. Yet you look at Angleton's physical appearance through the ages, and

you realize that something was taking a serious toll on him, both physically and psychologically. He looked much older than he was at the time he was removed from CI Staff Chief. Something was eating away at him, maybe a "subconscious conscience." At the end of his life, he was reputed to have said something to the effect that there was a place in Hell reserved for him and his ilk. What a very strange man indeed.

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### **Chris Schaffer says**

It was a quick read which was nice given that the subject matter of CIA/espionage can be pretty complex and detail oriented..but the author jumped from subject to subject without any real structure even though you did get a sense of the initial upward arc of Angleton's career and then the ultimate downward trajectory. It was odd that there was not more on some of the early greats of the CIA from the era - Helms, Fitzgerald, Wisner, etc..as well as more on some of the contemporaries from the 1950s/1960s like the Bundy brothers, the Dulles brothers, etc. I got the sense that the author wanted to see Angleton skewered historically a bit more than he has been.

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