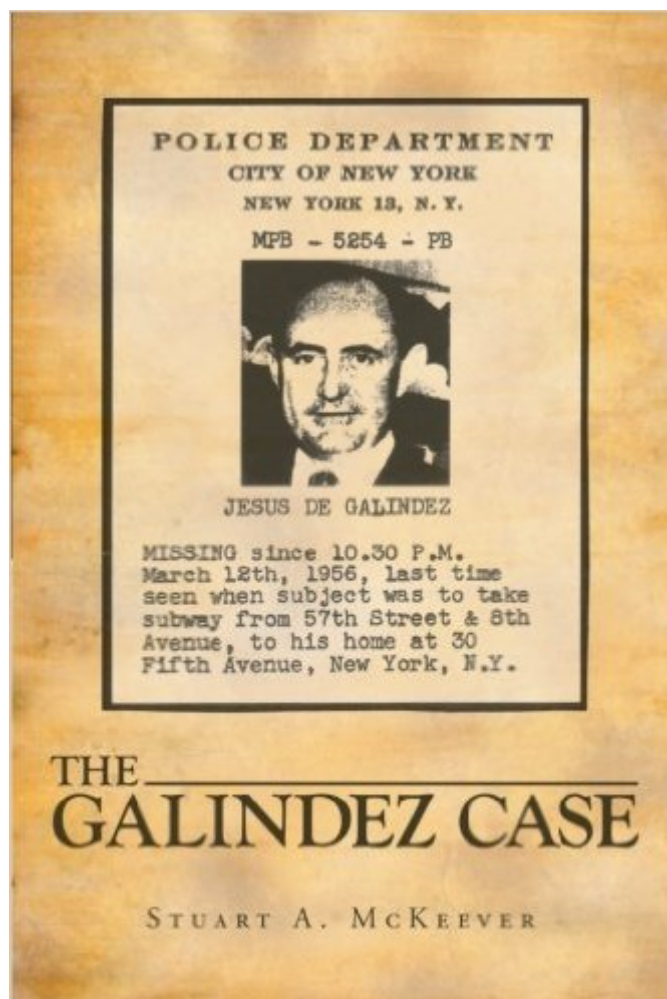


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# The Galindez Case



## Synopsis

The FBI, CIA, Justice Department, State Department and Executive Branches of the United States Government are inextricably entwined in the story of the kidnapped and still missing, Jesus de Galindez, in 1956. Galindez, a Basque Spaniard and Columbia University professor disappeared on the night of 12 March, 1956, 11 days after a faculty committee had approved his scathing dissertation, an expose on the first twenty years of the ruthless and murderous dictatorship of the Dominican Republic's, Raphael Trujillo. The person orchestrating the kidnapping was an ex-FBI and CIA agent on Trujillo's payroll. Captured in a treacherous cabal, Professor Galindez was the Basque Government-in-exile observer at the United Nations and a highly prized, though politically expendable, confidential informant for the FBI. His fate was sealed when his political advantage was deemed discomfiting to US interests and he was discarded. Outrage at what happened to Galindez and the accusations hurled against Trujillo as mastermind proved the crack in the foundation of his dictatorship and augured his assassination in 1961.

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There's a very wise saying by world's smartest man Noam Chomsky that states, in effect, that today's times are just as violent as the times of Genghis Khan but the difference is the marketing. If you needed confirmation of this, then look no further than the Stuart A McKeever non fiction book *The Galindez Case*, where he documents -- not as fully as you would like but that will be explained later -- the disappearance and probable kidnapping and probable execution of Basque nationalist Jesus Galindez in 1956. McKeever, a retired New York attorney who gathers information from what

looks to be a vast array of sources makes the assertion that Dominican Republic strongman Rafael Trujillo was behind it all. You sort of have to use your discretion as a reader to determine if his assertion was true or not. What the book is about is the disappearance of Basque nationalist Jesus Galindez on March 12, 1956. And while McKeever makes the case that Galindez made quite a few enemies who could have done him in -- everyone from fascist dictator Francisco Franco (Whom the Basques fought against unsuccessfully and who was later embraced by the United States because historically we like leaders like that...Or "look it up" as Stephen Colbert might say...) to people who might have been upset that he was an FBI informant reporting about the Communists -- he makes the argument that this was done by Trujillo. He also seems to make the argument that the CIA was involved and must have known. What isn't clear is if the FBI had known. It seems to be clear that the New York police, which had its own international bureau, which was surprising, weren't in on it. We think. You're not entirely certain because of the lack of precise footnotes. First, let's detail the strengths of the book.

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