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# Ex-CIA agent admits he used JFK 'rumors'

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Author and ex-CIA employee  
Victor Marchetti admitted Friday

that key parts of his 1978 article  
linking E. Howard Hunt with a  
conspiracy to kill John F. Kennedy  
were based almost solely on

Washington rumors Marchetti said  
he heard from a Penthouse maga-  
zine columnist.

The columnist, Bill Corson, later  
denied in a sworn deposition even  
talking about the rumors with  
Marchetti, author of *The CIA and  
the Cult of Intelligence*.

"I had no corroboration of  
Corson's story . . ." Marchetti  
testified, but added that he knew  
two other reporters who were  
checking into the same story.  
Marchetti didn't say whether  
those reporters printed the story.

Hunt is in the middle of a libel  
suit against the ultra-conservative  
Liberty Lobby, publisher of *The  
Spotlight* tabloid that printed Mar-

chetti's article.

In an story headlined "CIA to  
Nail Hunt For Kennedy Killing,"  
Marchetti wrote that a House  
investigations committee had re-  
ceived a 1966 internal CIA memo  
discussing Hunt's supposed pres-  
ence in Dallas.

The committee later reported  
that no such memo had been  
received, and dismissed theories of  
Hunt's involvement in a Kennedy  
plot.

Hunt, who was never called by  
Marchetti for comment before the  
article ran, has denied being in  
Dallas then and has produced  
witnesses who say he was in  
Washington that day.