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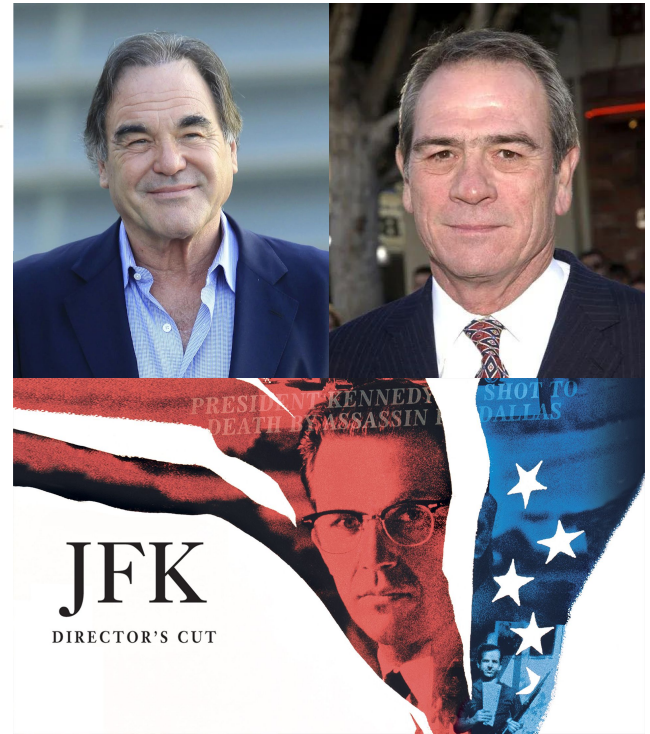
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The film showed the investigation into the assassination of President John F. Kennedy in 1963 and the potential conspiracy. Jones played Clay Shaw the only person ever tried for involvement in the JFK conspiracy.

Stone who co-wrote *JFK* as well as directing was criticised for including too much **speculation** given the film was based on real events. Text at the end of the film told viewers that the majority of government records into the assassination were still classified.

The film led President George H. W. Bush to sign the 'JFK Records Act' in 1992 requiring assassination records to be gathered at the National Archives and released wherever possible. Given there were 5 million documents, this was a process that didn't finish until 2025.



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- Can you think of other ways film, tv and social media has an impact on politics?

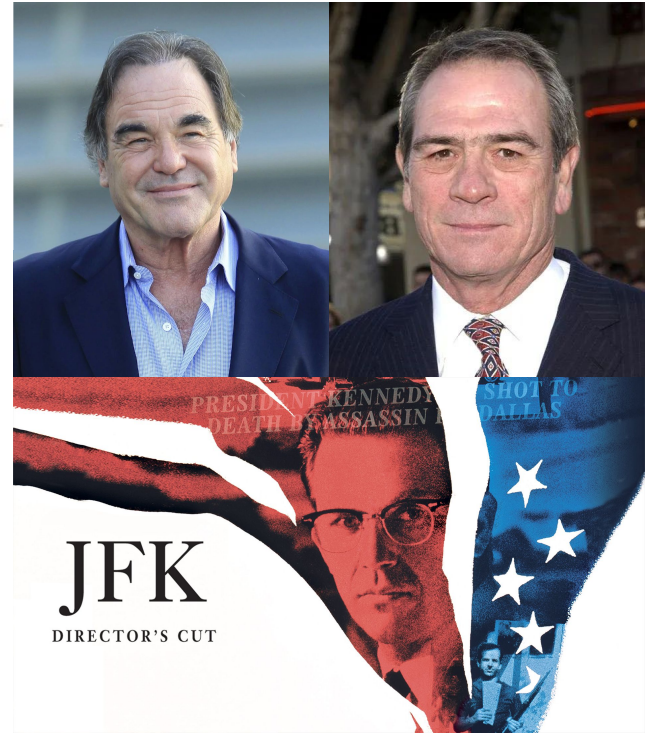
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