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SAC, San Antonio

Director, FBI

BOOK REGARDING LEE HARVEY OSWALD  
AND ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY  
BEING WRITTEN BY EDWARD JAY EPSTEIN  
RESURANCE (EXTERNAL AFFAIRS)

Edward Jay Epstein, who has written about the findings of the Warren Commission in the past, is writing a book for the "Reader's Digest" bearing upon the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. The book will be devoted primarily to Lee Harvey Oswald and will attempt to trace all phases of his life.

Epstein visited FBIHQ early this year to discuss his plans to write this book. He was accompanied by Miss Pam Butler, whom the "Reader's Digest" has assigned to assist him on this project. Since that time, FBIHQ has received several requests from Epstein primarily involving public source-type information.

Miss Butler telephoned FBIHQ last week to advise that Epstein hopes to interview former SAC Clark D. Anderson in connection with this book. Through a source unknown to FBIHQ, Epstein is aware that Anderson was Legat at Mexico City at the time of the Kennedy Assassination. Anderson's last known address reflected in FBIHQ records is [redacted]

Please contact him and advise him (1) that he has been advised by a source unknown to the FBI that he was Legat in Mexico City at the time of the Kennedy Assassination;

- 1 - Columbia
- 1 - Jackson
- 1 - Los Angeles
- 1 - Newark
- 1 - Omaha
- 1 - Phoenix
- 1 - San Francisco
- 1 - Washington Field
- 1 - Legat, Mexico City
- 1 - Mr. [redacted] (attached)
- 1 - Mr. Gallagher (attached)
- 1 - Mr. Leavitt (attached)
- 1 - Mr. [redacted] (attached)
- 1 - Mr. Kolesnikov (attached)

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(2) that Epstein has advised he hopes to interview Anderson in connection with the book; he is writing about Oswald and the Kennedy Assassination; (3) that the FBI has not furnished Anderson's address to Epstein; and (4) that the decision of whether or not he should see Epstein is strictly one for Anderson himself to make. In connection with the last point, he should most tactfully be reminded of his pledge of confidentiality regarding data which came to his attention as a result of his official duties.

Epstein has also requested a list of the names and last-known whereabouts of the other Agents who were assigned in Mexico City during the Fall of 1963 and the early months of 1964. In the interest of protecting the privacy of the employees--past and present--involved, this information has not been given him. He has, however, been told that those Agents involved whose whereabouts are known to us would be informed of Epstein's interest in talking to them.

In addition to Anderson, 11 other such Agents are believed to be still alive. [redacted] of Mexico City is the only such Agent who is currently on the rolls. The others, together with their last known addresses, are the former Agents listed below:

- [redacted]
- [redacted]
- [redacted]
- [redacted]
- [redacted]
- [redacted]
- [redacted]

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With the exception of Mexico City, each Office receiving a copy of this communication should contact those former Agents identified above whose last known address is in its Field Office territory. These former Agents should be told that Epstein has contacted FALIN in connection with the book about Oswald and the Kennedy Assassination which he is writing for "Reader's Digest." It should be pointed out to them that Epstein has requested--and, in the interest of protecting the privacy of those involved, has been refused--a list of the names and last known whereabouts of Agents who were assigned in Mexico City in the Fall of 1963 and the early months of 1964. They should be advised that Epstein can be contacted through Miss Pat Butler of the "Reader's Digest," 200 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10017--telephone (212) 972-6175. Each of these former Agents should be told that the decision as to whether he desires to contact and/or be interviewed by Epstein is strictly his own to make; however, the FBI hopes that the pledge of confidentiality which he made while an employee will continue to guide his actions and any responses he may make to questions involving official investigations.

If any of these individuals has moved from the address listed for him above, no investigation or other inquiries should be launched to locate him. Furthermore, FALIN need not be notified of the results of your efforts to contact these former Agents.