

TRANSLATION FROM GERMAN

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Information

Joachim Franz Joesten, born June 29, 1907, at Cologne/Ehrenfeld, formerly a German citizen, a United States citizen since 1948, writer and journalist, believed to be married to May Joesten, Catholic, residing at Jamaica 32, New York City, 87-70 173rd Street;

Since 1965, he has been traveling in Europe with a VW bus, German Customs No. 243-Z-296, bearing the stamp of the Customs Office of Waldshut-Rheinbruecke;

Residence and mailing addresses:

Waldklaus Luebeck, 2401, Radekau, German Federal Republic.

Gurtweil ueberk Waldshut, 7891, c/o Reinmund.

General Delivery, Milan, Italy.

Since July 27 - 29, 1966, Joachim Franz Joesten has been residing with his Volkswagen bus on the Seebucht camping ground in Zurich. He indicated Geneva as his destination. In the meantime, it was learned that he visited Milan, Italy, where he stayed at the Hotel New York between August 1 and August 4, 1966. During this period of time, his VW bus remained in Zurich. Joesten himself called the attention of the police to his VW bus parked and locked in Zurich by sending two anonymous open letters to the Criminal Police of Zurich with the report that he had good reason to believe that a serious crime would be committed in the vehicle or in its vicinity. After uneventful surveillance, the vehicle was towed away on August 2-3, 1966, and placed in a secure spot. Joesten's present whereabouts are not known. He indicated to the Post Office in Zurich that his forwarding address would be "General Delivery, Milan, Italy."

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As it was learned, Joesten, during his stay in Zurich, made several mentions of his copyright to the second volume of his set of books entitled "The Truth About Kennedy's Murder." He claims that President Johnson is responsible for J.F.K.'s assassination. Joesten further claims that he feels that because of the imminent publication of the book -- in which he accuses President Johnson of having collaborated with the conspirators -- he is in real physical jeopardy and his life may be threatened, possibly also by CIA agents. It should be noted in this connection that the VW bus contained among other things, the manuscript of the book in question and copies of short letters (dated July 25, 1966) to the Speaker of the "White House" and Senator Mike Mansfield in which Joesten publicly made his accusation against President Johnson. In another writing, Joesten has mentioned that 13 people have already been killed or died under suspicious circumstances because they had ventured to become involved in the matter.

It is our opinion that Joachim Franz Joesten is a "prevaricator." Nevertheless, may we be allowed to request a short comment about him? We extend kindest thanks in advance.

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