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Honorable Marvin Watson  
Special Assistant to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Assassination  
of President John  
F. Kennedy

Dear Mr. Watson:

Reference is made to your inquiry concerning the  
forthcoming book by Joachim Joesten entitled "The Kennedy Murder  
Fraud."

This book appears, from the promotional brochure  
of it you furnished, to be but another in a series of books and articles  
by Joesten in which he attempts to support the incredible thesis that  
the assassination of former President John F. Kennedy was a plot  
conceived by President Johnson which was participated in by a  
number of United States Government and Dallas, Texas, officials.  
In all of these writings, Joesten's accusations have been utterly  
unfounded with not a tissue of evidence to support them.

By memorandum dated November 8, 1966, the White  
House was furnished with background information concerning Joesten  
which is summarized as follows:

ENCLOSURE

Joesten, who is also known as Joachim Franz Joesten,  
Walter Kell and Paul Delanthuis, was born in Cologne, Germany, on  
June 29, 1907. He reportedly fled Germany in 1933 because of his  
"pacifist and Liberal-Socialist connections." During the period 1934  
to 1940 he resided in the Scandinavian countries working as a news-  
paper correspondent, and following his entry into the United States in

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- 1 - Mr. DeLoach (sent with cover memo)
- 1 - Mr. Wick (sent with cover memo)
- 1 - Mr. Gale (sent with cover memo)
- 1 - Mr. Rosen (sent with cover memo)
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NOTE: See M. A. Jones to Mr. Wick memo, 1-30-67, entitled "Joachim  
Joesten, author of 'The Kennedy Murder Fraud.'"

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1941, he became a free-lance writer, contributing articles to a number of American newspapers and periodicals.

[REDACTED] However, he has once identified himself as a "left-wing liberal."

Since the assassination of former President Kennedy, Joesten has been engaged in attacking by books and articles the findings of the Warren Commission. One such book, "Oswald: Assassin or Fall Guy?" was published by a New York City firm whose owners allegedly had past Communist Party connections.

In March, 1964, Joesten is said to have commented that his research into the assassination was based on newspaper articles and a four-day visit to Dallas, Texas, in December, 1963.

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The fingerprint files of the Identification Division of the FBI contain no arrest data identifiable with Joesten based upon background information submitted in connection with this name check request.

A copy of this communication has not been sent to the Acting Attorney General.

Sincerely yours,