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SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY  
11/22/63, DALLAS, TEXAS  
(OO: Dallas)

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Enclosed for the Bureau are 28 copies of an FD-302 containing results of interview with JOACHIM JOESTEN on 3/21/64.

Following is for information of Legats not receiving enclosure:

JOESTEN's "exhaustive, carefully documented findings, which convinced (him) that OSWALD was innocent and also provided (him) with valuable clues concerning the identity of the real assassins and their motives..." is based on four days in Dallas in early December, 1963, in which he reviewed newspapers, principally "The Dallas Morning News" and talked to two individuals who furnished him information. One of these was a casual passer-by near the book depository in Dallas. The second was the landlady at the apartment where OSWALD stayed in Dallas. This landlady told JOESTEN what she had heard from her housekeeper, Mrs. ROBERTS, and also what OSWALD was wearing when he left her boarding house in Dallas.

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JOESTEN's belief that OSWALD is innocent is based on his analysis of the times involved in the various incidents on the day of the President's assassination taken from earlier press reports. He says that these first press reports were factual and that later information was part of a cover-up in which OSWALD had been picked as the fall guy to cover the identities of the real assassins. The identities of the actual assassins are unknown to JOESTEN, however, they were in the employ of Texas oilman HUNT and well-known oil tycoon J. PAUL SETTY. These two individuals conspired with other unknown persons to assassinate the President because he intended to deprive them of income through a change in the oil depletion allowance regulations and because he intended to crack-down on them for the failure to pay adequate income taxes. According to JOESTEN, instruments of the conspiracy were District Attorney WADE, Sheriff DECKER and Chief of Police CURRY. General WALKER actually planned the carrying out of the assassination according to JOESTEN.

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Jesse HENRY (Bill) Edwin A. Winkler  
For the information of the Bureau, London and Paris, the Cultural Attache in the American Consulate in Hamburg, advised that he had learned that "Der Stern", after seeing the draft of JOESTEN's forthcoming book, had refused to publish it and are attempting to abrogate their agreement with JOESTEN and get their money back. JOESTEN stated, however, during interview that he has sold publishing rights in France to a condensation of his book to the firm of Opera Mundi in Paris. He said he instructed the publisher to send a copy of the condensation to Mr. RANKIN of the President's Commission. He also said he intends to go to London to interest a publisher there in British rights to his book.

JOESTEN would not reveal where he is staying in Hamburg nor would he give his forthcoming itinerary in detail although he said he can be reached in London through General Delivery after he leaves Hamburg. He also hinted at possibly going to Berlin.

For the information of the Bureau JOESTEN displayed a copy of a letter dated December 11, 1963, addressed to Justice WARREN at the Supreme Court in which he summarized briefly

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his ideas relative to the assassination of the President. He said he never received a reply. *GEN*

JOESTEN's statement in the letter received by Assistant Attorney General MILLER that he had been sent to Dallas, Texas, by "Der Stern" is somewhat misleading. JOESTEN is a "staffer" for "Die Zeit" which is published by the same firm which publishes "Der Stern". His normal headquarters is New York. He cabled "Der Stern" after the assassination stating that he would prepare an exclusive article for that magazine on the assassination if the magazine would pay his expenses and pay him for the article. The magazine agreed to this. He said he arrived in Dallas on December 6 or 7, 1963, and was there for four days.

JOESTEN presents a completely normal appearance, however, he became agitated when any of his "facts" were questioned. He based his conclusions on earlier newspaper reports but dismissed as a "cover-up" any subsequently reported information which tended to show the original reports were inaccurate as they often are in the confused after-math of a major event.

ADDENDUM:

Letter received from JOESTEN March 23, 1964, states he departed Hamburg, Germany this date for Paris where he will stay about one week. His address will be Poste Restante, Paris, France.