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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY NOVEMBER 22, 1963

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March 30, 1977

Enclosed for your information are the original and three copies of a memorandum setting forth information received by the FBI which indicates that George S. DeMohrenschildt may have committed suicide on March 29, 1977, following interview by a "Readers Digest" reporter, Edward J. Epstein, during which DeMohrenschildt allegedly made revelations concerning his knowledge of the captioned matter.

The FBI is continuing efforts to locate and interview Epstein, following which all logical leads will be expeditiously pursued. Investigation will include the interview of Deliohrenschildt's family members when appropriate and the identification and interview of the -Dallas, Texas, attorney who allegedly possesses tapes and records of Dellohrenschildt.

Enclosures (4)

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This is to provide the Department with information NOTE: received by the FBI on 3/29/77, concerning the death (apparent suicide) of George S. DeMohrenschildt on 3/29/77, and the fact that he is alleged to have made revelations to a "Readers Digest" reporter shortly before his death on 3/29/77, indicating that he may not have been entirely truthful in past statements made to the FBI and the Warren Commission concerning the assassination of President Kennedy. Bufiles indicate that DeMohrenschildt was born in Poland of Russian parents and is a naturalized citizen. He was a social acquaintance of Lee and Marina Oswald in Dallas prior to the assassination. There was considerable speculation during the investigation of the assassination that DeMohrenschildt might have been involved, but no evidence was ever developed indicating this to be so. In 1964, he took up residence in Haiti where he worked as a consulting engineer for the Haitian Government. He has been described as an unprincipaled adventurer who has lived primarily by his wits. He has also been characters of poor moral character. At approximately 9 a.m., 3/30/77, Supervisor Joe Ball, Miami Division, advised that efforts thus far to locate and interview Epstein have been negative; however, they have additional leads in that regard and are pursuing same. Also, at approximately 9 a.m. this morning, Bureau Agents were to have listened to a tape made of the interview of Epstein by the Palm Beach, Florida. Sheriff's Office, at which interview a representative of the State Attorney's Office was present.

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