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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT  
JOHN F. KENNEDY  
NOVEMBER 22, 1963

At 7:10 p.m., March 29, 1977, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] residing in the Washington suburban area, telephonically contacted a representative of the Intelligence Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation Headquarters (FBIHQ), Washington, D. C. [REDACTED] advised that Mr. Edward J. Epstein, who is an outstanding investigative reporter doing research under a contract with 'Reader's Digest' looking into the Kennedy assassination, telephonically contacted him earlier in the evening. Epstein advised that he had been interviewing one (First Name Unknown) DeMohrenschildt, who had been deposed by the Warren Commission. Epstein debriefed DeMohrenschildt and on the first debriefing obtained 'extraordinary revelations.' Following an early morning debriefing on March 29, 1977, Epstein returned to DeMohrenschildt's residence and learned he had just committed suicide.

According to Epstein, DeMohrenschildt left with an unnamed lawyer in Dallas, Texas, a photograph of Oswald holding a rifle. This is not believed to be a new photograph, but one which the FBI has seen before. However, according to DeMohrenschildt, the photo he left with the lawyer was inscribed by Marina Oswald with the following: 'Long live the assassins.' According to [REDACTED] Epstein is staying at the Breakers, Key West, Florida, telephone number (305) 655 6611, extension #179. [REDACTED] furnished no additional pertinent information.

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Assassination of President John F. Kennedy

Subsequent to receipt of the above, the Miami, Florida, Office of the FBI determined the following information:

George DeMohrenschildt, Professor, Bishop College, Dallas, Texas, and daughter have been visiting in Manalapan, Florida. On March 29, 1977, DeMohrenschildt spent a portion of the day with Edward J. Epstein, a reporter for "Reader's Digest" who was interviewing DeMohrenschildt for an article on Lee Harvey Oswald. DeMohrenschildt arrived at his residence following interview with Epstein and was advised by his daughter that a [REDACTED] of the House Committee on Assassinations of John F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King had been at the residence to see him. The daughter and others left the residence and DeMohrenschildt was later found dead with an indication he put a twenty gauge shotgun in his mouth and committed suicide. Epstein thereafter contacted one [REDACTED] and related that DeMohrenschildt had made extraordinary revelations during the interview concerning the Kennedy assassination.

Unsuccessful attempts were made by FBI Agents to contact Epstein at the Breakers Hotel, Palm Beach, on March 29, 1977, and thereafter were advised by [REDACTED], Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, that Epstein was now being interviewed by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office. [REDACTED] was contacted and he advised that investigation indicates DeMohrenschildt committed suicide and that the interview of Epstein had just concluded and that Epstein had just departed. [REDACTED] advised Epstein stated, during interview, that DeMohrenschildt had indicated he had not been truthful with the Warren Commission previously, claimed a close relationship with Oswald and wife (Marina) in Dallas and that he had maneuvered Oswald around to put him in touch with the "right people" in the Dallas area. Deceased also told Epstein he was in possession of the original photograph of Oswald which previously appeared on the cover of "Life" magazine. "Life" magazine had obtained a copy of that photo from Marina Oswald and the original photo in DeMohrenschildt's possession bore Oswald's autograph and a notation by Oswald, "To the Russian assassin." [REDACTED] advised Epstein was cooperative and some attorney in Dallas was in possession of tapes and records of DeMohrenschildt. [REDACTED] advised he would make tapes of the interview of Epstein available on March 30, 1977, if it is agreeable with the Florida State Attorney's Office.