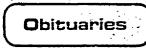
## BERK 6425TTE 2/20/78 p-22 Did Oswald give Russia information about the U2?

Harvey Oswald may have was passed on to the White helicopter he was flying provided the Soviet Union House. with secret information Epste with secret information Epstein says Hoover be-about the American U-2 lieved that with the nelp of book that the FBI seized plane, enabling it to shoot the official — code named down Francis Gary Pow- "Fedora" — he could ers' spy plane in 1950, ac- compete with the CIA, and cording to a new book by author Edward Jay Eps-

World of Lee Harvey Os-wald," that the FBI, anxi-ous to support its finding that Oswald acted alone in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, relied upon statements of a Russian defector who may have been a Soviet secret agent trying to dispel any connection between Os-wald and Soviet intelligence

And in an interview in the current issue of New York magazine, Epstein says that in 1962 a Soviet official attached to the United Nations duped former FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover into thinking he had defected as a Soviet secret police officer and fed Hoover false information about Russian ac-



## Caterina L. Valpredo 🖗

ALBANY - A Rosary will be recited tonight at 7 p.m. for Caterina L. Valpredo, 88, who died Friday in Albany. A native of Tonco Monferrato, Italy, she lived in Albany and

The Rosary will be in the 1959 and returning in 1962. chapel of Ellis-Olson Mor-Powers died in 165 tuary, where services are also scheduled for 8:30 a.m. Tuesday. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Tuesday at 9 a.m. at St. Ambrose Church. En-tombment will follow at St.

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that Hoover did not pass the information on to the tein. Epstein also says in his "Fedora's" identity to the book, "Legend: The Secret egency. Epstein says that World of Lee Harvey Os-model " that the FBI, anxi-oral" provided the FBI misleading informa-CIA and refused to disclose "Fedora's" identity to the with misleading information on a wide range of subjects.

Two excerpts of Epstein's book are in the March issue of Reader's Digest, which will publish the book in April. Epstein, who had examined the Warren Commission's investigation of Kennedy's assassination in the 1966 book "Inquest," said his latest work is based on information from present and former CIA, FBI and other officials.

In writing on Oswald and the U-2, Epstein says that while Oswald was a Marine radar controller at Atsugi Air Base in Japan the U-2 take off and land and heard its high altitude Oswald provided Russia said. with information either then or when he defected to the Soviet Union that enabled them to knock down Powrs' plane while it was flying over the Soviet Union.

Oswald spent 2½-years

Powers died in Los doubts about the defector.

NEW YORK (AP) - Lee tivities, cinformation that Angeles in 1977 when the for a radio station crashed.

upon the statements of Yuri Nosenko, who de-fected in early 1964 shortly after Kennedy's assassina-tion and told U.S. intelligence gents that Oswald had no ties to the Soviet secret police.

At the time, the Warren Commision was trying to determine whether Oswald acted alone, as the FBI concluded, or was part of a foreign conspiracy in the shooting of Kennedy on Nov. 22, 1953, in Dallas.

According to Epstein, James J. Angleton, former chief of the CIA's counterintelligence section. supected that Nosenko was not really a defector but had been sent by the Russians to deceive American intelligence officials and was still working for the Russian secret police, the KGB. 💷

The theory that Nosenko was a bogus defector was in 1957, he frequently saw conveyed privately in mid-1954 to then-Chief Jus-tice Earl Warren by requests for weather in- Richard Helms, then head formation on the radio. s of the CIA's covert opera-Epstein suggests that tions division, Epstein

> The chief justice was shaken by the questions Helms raised, Epsetin says, but at a closed meeting later that same day. the Warren Commission decided not to interrogate Nosenko.

> Epstein writes that Hoover tried to suppress