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Dear Sir:

According to Fletcher Knebel, (A New Wave of Doubt, Look, July 12), newspaperman Alonzo Hudkins has denied being interviewed by the Secret Service concerning allegations that Lee Harvey Oswald was a paid FBI informant. Mr. Knebel appears to have accepted this denial, for he criticized Mr. Epstein for printing a "secondhand report" concerning such an interview, without seeing the report himself or questioning the persons involved.

Contrary to the implications of Mr. Knebel's article, a Secret Service report of this interview does exist. I am enclosing a copy, obtained from the National Archives. It states that on December 17, 1963, Mr. Hudkins advised the Secret Service that, in the opinion of Allen Sweatt of the Dallas Sheriff's department, Oswald had informant number S 172, and was receiving \$200 a month in connection with the FBI's "subversive investigations."

This document, Secret Service Control No. 767, is part of Commission Document 320. Mr. Epstein cites it explicitly (Inquest, p. 210, note 49), but he says it is not available at the Archives. I assume that it was formerly withheld because it also refers to Jack Ruby; however, it is available now.

Mr. Knebel admitted that the Warren Commission should have questioned Hudkins and Sweatt. Perhaps Mr. Epstein should have done so also. Certainly Mr. Knebel should have pointed out that the report Mr. Epstein refers to does exist, not just in "secondhand" form, and that it directly contradicts Mr. Hudkins' denial.

Sincerely,

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