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WHAT THEY'RE SAYING . . . Reader's Digest is getting set to let loose that new Edward Jay Epstein book called "Legend: The Secret World of Lee Harvey Oswald." (Epstein, remember, wrote "Inquest," that very first anti-Warren report, as his master's thesis, way back when). He's been beavering away on this one for years, costing the Digest 500 grand and using most of the 250,000 pages of Warren Commission documents in the Archives. New Times maggie says Epstein believes Lee Harvey Oswald was sent by the CIA to Russian language school, then to Japan with the Marines, then on to the U.S.S.R., where he posed as a double agent for the KGB. There's a suggestion that the KGB plotted with the Cubans to assassinate JFK, New Times says, and that within 32 hours of the assassination, the CIA and KGB sniffed each other out, to arrange to off Oswald. Then, guess what? New Times says the CIA asked Ruby to shoot Oswald. Don't worry, the Company said (says they), we'll help you fake cancer and death, and slip you away afterwards. New Times says that they did that; Newsweek, out today, says they *didn't*. Honestly. Whom can one believe? Tomorrow: You can believe Ear.