

Oswald tops JFK at signature auction

LEE Harvey Oswald beat Jackie O and Adolf Hitler at the Herman Darvick autograph auction the other day on West 49th Street. The Marine Corps orders that sent Oswald to the El Toro Marine Air Control Squadron in Santa Ana, Calif., in 1959 went for \$8,250. The assassin of President John F. Kennedy not only signed the orders but scribbled, "Now for the next adventure," on one page. Also sold was a picture of a Moscow street, with the note, "We walk here sometimes," written by Oswald to his brother, Robert, during his visit to Russia. It went for \$3,300. In stark contrast to the Oswald items were a couple of greeting cards written and signed by Jack and Jackie Kennedy. Surprisingly, the Jackie note — which says "Merry Christmas Mische and Cathy/ with all my love as always/ Jackie" — and the Jack card — which bears his signature — only fetched \$770 and \$990, respectively. "There's a big demand for anything bearing a Kennedy signature, but there's also sizable supply," explains auctioneer Darvick. "With Oswald, there's a smaller demand but there's a much smaller supply, therefore the prices run high." At the same auction, there was a 1936 letter from Hitler assuring Egypt's King Farouk, whose country he invaded in World War II, "of my most perfect esteem and my sincere friendship and my best wishes for the well-being of Your Majesty and for the prosperity of Egypt." The letter sold for \$2,750.

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