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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY, NOVEMBER 22, 1963,
DALLAS, TEXAS.

REBUAIRTEL TO NEW YORK, APRIL 6, 1977.

ON APRIL 12, 1977, EDWARD JAY EPSTEIN, INVESTIGATIVE WRITER,
"READERS DIGEST MAGAZINE", WAS REINTERVIEWED, IN ACCORDANCE
WITH HIS STATED DESIRE, AT APAQUOGUE ROAD, EAST HAMPTON, LONG
ISLAND, WHERE HE IS WRITING A BOOK ON THE CHARACTER, PERSONALITY
AND MOTIVATIONS OF LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

CONCERNING THE DUTCH JOURNALIST, WILLEM OLMANS, EPSTEIN
STATED ANY REPRESENTATION BY OLMANS THAT GEORGE DE MORENSCHILDT
HAD CLAIMED ANY PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF OR INVOLVEMENT IN THE
ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY WOULD BE ABSOLUTELY FALSE.

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ACCORDING TO EPSTEIN, GEORGE DE MORENSCHILDT (HEREAFTER CALLED GEORGE) TRAVELED FROM HOUSTON, TEXAS, TO BELGIUM AT OLTMANS' REQUEST IN THE PERIOD FROM ABOUT MARCH 1, 1977, UNTIL MID-MARCH, 1977. OLTMANS TOLD GEORGE IF GEORGE COULD JUST MEET WITH A MYSTIC, "LA CROISSETTE" (PHONETIC), IN BELGIUM, THEY COULD WRITE A BOOK ABOUT THE ASSASSINATION.

GEORGE HAD EXPERIENCED A SERIES OF SET-BACKS AND CRISES IN HIS PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LIFE, HIS SPIRITS WERE AT BOTTOM AND HE DESIRED TO TRAVEL TO EUROPE ANYWAY, SO HE AGREED TO OLTMANS' REQUEST. IN ADDITION, BASED ON TRAVELERS CHECKS SEEN BY EPSTEIN IN GEORGE'S POSSESSION AT PALM BEACH, FLORIDA, EPSTEIN SPECULATED GEORGE WAS ALSO PAID ABOUT \$5,000.

WHEN INTERVIEWING GEORGE ON MARCH 28 AND MARCH 29, 1977, GEORGE MADE FRAGMENTARY REFERENCES TO THE BELGIAN TRIP. EPSTEIN DID NOT PRESS HIM ON ANY MATTERS CONCERNING THE TRIP SINCE HE EXPECTED TO RETURN TO THESE MATTERS IN SUBSEQUENT INTERVIEWS, WHICH WERE NEVER HELD.

BASED ON GEORGE'S STATEMENTS UPON HIS RETURN FROM BELGIUM, HE WAS COMPLETELY REVOLTED AND APPALLED BY OLTMANS AND HIS ASSOCIATES AND CONSIDERED OLTMANS DESPICABLE FOR TRYING TO PUT

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WORDS IN HIS MOUTH AFTER GEORGE SPECIFICALLY TOLD OLMANS HE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANY CONSPIRACY OR DETAILS RELATING TO THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY.

AT OTHER TIMES, GEORGE REFERRED TO OLMANS AND HIS ASSOCIATES AS NUTS AND INDICATED OLMANS AND HIS ASSOCIATES WERE HOMOSEXUALS AND AT SOME POINT PLACED HANDS ON HIM AND TOUCHED HIM.

EPSTEIN IDENTIFIED THE INDIVIDUALS GEORGE MET IN BELGIUM, IN ADDITION TO OLMANS, AS FOLLOWS:

1. "LA CROISSETTE", THE MYSTIC.
2. A TELEVISION PRODUCER AND AGENT (THIS MIGHT HAVE BEEN TWO INDIVIDUALS, ONE A PRODUCER AND ONE AN AGENT).
3. A SOVIET, NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED AS TO NAME OR DESCRIPTION BUT POSSIBLY AFFILIATED WITH THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN BELGIUM.

ON TWO OCCASIONS, GEORGE STATED TO EPSTEIN THAT OLMANS WAS LOOKING FOR REVELATIONS AND WANTED TO PUT WORDS IN HIS, GEORGE'S, MOUTH. GEORGE SAID THEY GAVE HIM NO PEACE AND HASSLED AND BADGERED HIM. GEORGE MENTIONED THAT "THEY TRIED TO GET THE MONEY BACK". GEORGE SAID THEY TOOK HIM FOR A LONG CAR RIDE AND

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MADE REFERENCE TO ATTEMPTS TO GET HIM DRUNK OR TO DRUG HIM.

WITHOUT ELABORATION, GEORGE REFERRED TO OLTMANS AS A COMMUNIST AND AS A SOVIET AGENT.

GEORGE INDICATED THAT AT THE END OF THE LONG CAR RIDE, HE WAS INTRODUCED TO THE ABOVE MENTIONED SOVIET WHO SEEMED INTERESTED IN HIM. GEORGE FURNISHED NO OTHER DETAILS CONCERNING THIS MAN.

AT THAT POINT, GEORGE SAID THE EVENTS HAD BECOME A NIGHTMARE AND WHEN HE RETURNED TO HIS HOTEL, HE RAN AWAY FROM OLTMANS WITHOUT EVEN TAKING HIS CLOTHING. GEORGE CLAIMED TO HAVE STAYED THEREAFTER WITH AN OLD FRIEND, ~~JANKA POLANSKI OR CAPILENSKI~~ (PHONETIC) IN BRUSSELS. Belgium

EPSTEIN SAID DURING THE PERIOD GEORGE CLAIMED TO BE STAYING WITH JANKA, HE, EPSTEIN, RECEIVED A LETTER WRITTEN BY GEORGE WHICH BORE JANKA'S NAME AND RETURN ADDRESS IN BELGIUM. EPSTEIN CAUSED A EUROPEAN "READERS DIGEST" REPRESENTATIVE TO CHECK OUT THE ADDRESS. IT WAS FOUND TO BE A GOOD NUMBER AND A JANKA DID IN FACT LIVE THERE.

EPSTEIN SAID GEORGE SPOKE OF NO OTHER CONTACTS EXCEPT THOSE ABOVE DURING HIS BELGIAN TRIP AND, SPECIFICALLY, MENTIONED NO CONTACT OTHER THAN JANKA POLANSKI OR CAPILENSKI, AFTER FLEEING

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OLTMANS.

CONCERNING GEORGE'S RELATIONSHIP WITH A POLISH DIPLOMAT IN HAITI, EPSTEIN ADVISED AS FOLLOWS:

IN CONNECTION WITH A CONTEMPLATED APPROACH TO GEORGE DE MORENSCHILDT FOR HIS REFLECTIONS ON LEE HARVEY OSWALD FOR INCLUSION IN EPSTEIN'S BOOK, EPSTEIN AND "READERS DIGEST MAGAZINE" INTERVIEWED A NUMBER OF GEORGE'S FRIENDS IN THE DALLAS AREA, SOME OF WHOM HAD VISITED GEORGE IN HAITI DURING HIS STAY THERE, 1963-1965. WHEN QUESTIONED ABOUT GEORGE'S ACTIVITIES THERE, SOME OF THESE FRIENDS MENTIONED HIS ASSOCIATION WITH A POLISH DIPLOMAT AND MENTIONED MANY INTERESTING DISCUSSIONS GEORGE HELD WITH HIM ON THE VIETNAM WAR AND WORLD EVENTS. GEORGE HAD TOLD ONE OF HIS FRIENDS THIS DIPLOMAT WAS EXTREMELY INTELLIGENT.

WHEN EPSTEIN FIRST QUESTIONED GEORGE ABOUT THIS INDIVIDUAL, HE DID NOT IMMEDIATELY RECALL HIM. HE THEN REMEMBERED AND IDENTIFIED HIM AS ONE W. GALECKI WHO SERVED AS ECONOMIC COUNSELOR AT THE POLISH EMBASSY IN PORT AU PRINCE, NOW BELIEVED SERVING IN A HIGH DIPLOMATIC CAPACITY IN PORTUGAL.

GEORGE TOLD EPSTEIN HE FIRST MET GALECKI IN 1961. GEORGE EXPLAINED THAT IN 1961, HE AND HIS WIFE WALKED THROUGH CENTRAL

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AMERICA FROM MEXICO CITY TO GUATEMALA CITY AND THEN TOOK A TRIP TO HAITI. THIS WAS WHEN HE FIRST MET GALECKI. WHEN GEORGE RETURNED TO HAITI IN 1963, HE RENEWED HIS ACQUAINTANCE WITH GALECKI WHOM HE CONSIDERED HIGHLY INTELLIGENT AND WELL INFORMED.

GEORGE MADE NO OTHER COMMENT CONCERNING GALECKI, AND EPSTEIN HAS NO OTHER KNOWLEDGE OF HIM.

IN VIEW OF EPSTEIN'S PLAN FOR CONTINUED STAY IN NYC AREA AND POSSIBILITY ADDITIONAL CONTACT WITH HIM MAY EVENTUATE, MIAMI IS REQUESTED TO FURNISH NYO WITH COMMUNICATIONS OR FD-302S INCORPORATING RESULTS OF PRIOR INTERVIEWS WITH EPSTEIN.

INTERVIEW CONDUCTED BY SAS JOHN FRANCIS CURRAN AND JAMES M. KENNY.

FD-302 WILL BE FURNISHED DALLAS, BUREAU AND MIAMI.

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 ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY

Attached from New York contains the results of a reinterview requested by Edward J. Epstein, Investigative Writer, "Readers Digest Magazine", who is writing a book concerning Lee Harvey Oswald. Epstein furnished additional info concerning George De Morenschildt, who committed suicide on 3/29/77, and De Morenschildt's association with Dutch journalist, Willem Oltmans, who claimed De Morenschildt had personal knowledge concerning the assassination of President Kennedy by Oswald. Epstein stated that based on his interviews with De Morenschildt prior to his suicide, Oltmans' claim is absolutely false. Epstein advised that De Morenschildt did go to Belgium during the early part of March to meet Oltmans so that De Morenschildt could meet with a "mystic" and by doing so they could write a book about the assassination. Due to set-backs and crises in De Morenschildt's personal and professional life, he had agreed to Oltmans' request and he was paid \$5,000. Epstein said he obtained fragmentary references to the Belgium trip and DeMorenschildt indicated Oltmans and his associates whom he met were "nuts" and "homosexuals". Epstein ascertained from De Morenschildt that Oltmans was looking for revelations and wanted to put words in De Morenschildt's mouth. In addition, they gave him no peace and hassled and badgered him resulting in De Morenschildt's running away from Oltmans. Thereafter, De Morenschildt stayed with a friend in Belgium, which residence was verified by a "Readers Digest" representative.

Concerning De Morenschildt's relationship with a Polish diplomat in Haiti during 1963-65, Epstein advised that when he questioned De Morenschildt about this individual he at first did not recall him, but then recalled he had met this diplomat in 1961 in Central America and renewed the acquaintance in 1963 in Haiti. De Morenschildt considered this diplomat highly intelligent and well informed and they usually talked of world affairs.

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