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CIA USES NAZI DOCUMENT AGAINST GERMAN AUTHOR

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WASHINGTON—Ever since the Warren Commission issued its report on the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, the FBI and the CIA have been critical of books challenging the commission's finding that Lee Harvey Oswald was the lone assassin.

A recently released CIA memo shows that in at least one case the agency used a captured Nazi document as the source for derogatory information on Joachim Joesten, German author of a book titled, "Oswald: Assassin or Fall Guy?"

"You will note that the attention of the German security organs was directed at Joesten as early as 1936," the CIA memo said. "At that time the Communist Party had been outlawed in Germany . . ."

The memo said that in 1937 the Gestapo had accused Joesten of being a Communist.