

Petter

8/3/77

Dear Ed,

Thanks very much for your kind comments of the 29th.

Your p.s., relating to the attached pages from PW on the Eddowes book, asks or says "Could be Clarkson N. Petter is CIA."

I've had the idea before from his earlier works.

All on one side; all angled, all serving CIA interests and none with commercial prospects.

There was Milton Brener's book on Garrison.

Didn't he bring Newman's out?

There will not likely be any ancillary use of Eddowes because the Enquirer already went for that when he brought his own English edition out.

As I recall it what he then had was pretty crazy.

Think there was another book he published, always through Crown.

Best,

The world wants to know: who killed John Kennedy?

THE OSWALD FILE



Marine Oswald about September 1959



The impostor/assassin about August 1963

by Michael Eddowes
55 black-and-white photographs
6" x 9" / 320 pages / (53055-4) \$11.95
A Clarkson N. Potter Book

Five months before President Kennedy's assassination, the eminent British solicitor Michael Eddowes was approached by the FBI for information on political sabotage in New York and London about which he had inside knowledge. Eddowes was acclaimed previously for his brilliant detective work in one of Britain's most sensational murders, leading to posthumous pardon for the accused by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II: the first such pardon in legal history.

The assassination of Kennedy is the second murder case to which Eddowes has devoted his unique investigatory efforts. In *The Oswald File*, Eddowes at last lays bare before the American public the results of the past 14 years' intensive research. Following a chain of logic as tightly constructed and compelling as an international spy thriller, Eddowes is never dealing with fiction but rather with one of the most tragic and dramatic episodes in our history.

Central to Mr. Eddowes's fascinating thesis is a chain of amazing evidence, inadvertently or purposefully overlooked by various official bodies investigating the crime. Step by step, as the author uncovers these critical pieces of the puzzle, the

reader is made aware of a conspiracy enormously complicated and carefully conceived, originating in the Soviet Union under the direct orders of Nikita Khrushchev—not a Cuban plot as sometimes suspected.

Basic to this conspiracy was the Russian ability to slip a well-trained operator into this country and give him an American identity—that of an eccentric 22-year-old ex-Marine, Lee Harvey Oswald. As has already been established, Oswald left the United States for Russia in 1959, and the author reveals with what intricate and clever planning an impostor could have been returned to America in his place. Utilizing material that should have aroused suspicions at the time of the Warren investigation, Eddowes examines:

- what role Jack Ruby played in the conspiracy
- why the man Ruby shot was clearly not, according to medical evidence, the real Lee Harvey Oswald
- what part George de Mohrenschildt played
- why the FBI and the CIA continually withheld evidence from the Warren Commission

As Eddowes first unfolds the complex plot to assassinate the President and then goes on to analyze the postassassination investigation (up to the present events), the reader is caught up in a historic drama the true dimensions of which may only now finally be coming to light.

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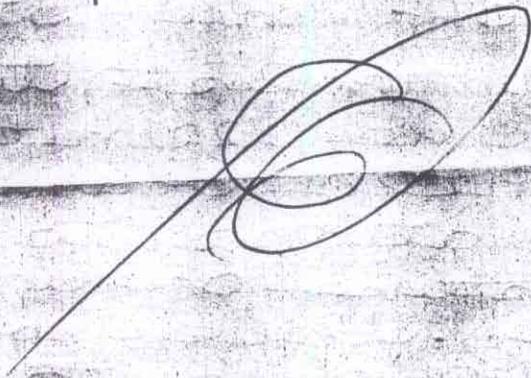
Dear Hanses,

What you're
writing is American
History on the Structuralist
Model of Levi-Strauss.
The Structuralist, to oversimplify
needs the affinites in
apparently random
configurations to establish
a structure as inherent
design. Your work (read
one book) dissects certain
historical events to
establish a continuing
pattern of deceit. Yet
your work remains too
vague, too complex, and
too subtle for pat
didactic or logical
formulations and thus
you bear the curse of
the original artist -
misunderstanding. Malis

Dick was grasped in
its day as a real novel
with excellent elements.
Melville became an
embittered Civil Service
Clerk!

Bush's Book - pages
574/5 re: Hunt and CIA -
What do you think?

Take Care



P.S.
COULD BE CLARKSON N. POTTER
IS CIA.
ATTACHED.