

"Farewell America"

John L. Hess (NYTimes, Paris, 31 Dec 68) describes this as "a book of mysterious origin accusing the entire American power structure of complicity in the assassination of John F. Kennedy... A number of prominent citizens are accused in the book, either directly or by implication, of having had guilty knowledge of the plot to kill the President."

Hess says the book "has spread through Western Europe and is now crossing the Atlantic," and "is now being offered to Americans outside regular trade book channels by a Montreal concern," but does not give the address, although the story is based on interview with René Lamarré, head of the French company marketing the book. According to Lamarré, the English manuscript had been offered to "practically all" American trade publishers, who rejected it. Hess says "apparent reason" was fear of libel action. Book was printed in Belgium for company chartered, according to Hess, "apparently for that purpose" in Liechtenstein, where publication would be covered by that country's "secrecy laws."

Hess says "[Oswald] is described as having been an agent of both the F.B.I. and the C.I.A., as are several other figures in the alleged plot. Unlike the F.B.I., the C.I.A. as an organization is acquitted of having had direct knowledge of the affair."

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