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On March 5, 1964, Mrs. JOACHIM JOESTEN, 87-70 173rd Street, Jamaica, New York, advised that her husband had been in Dallas, Texas, for approximately five days and had returned home on December 10, 1963. She stated that when he returned home on this date he kept telling her that he had information which proved that OSWALD did not kill the President. Mrs. JOESTEN stated that he kept rambling on all day about this fact and also kept it up through the evening and that his statements did not make any sense to her. She stated on one occasion she told him that he should contact the Justice Department but that he did not even seem to hear her. Mrs. JOESTEN advised that she definitely feels that her husband is on the verge of a nervous breakdown.

Mrs. JOESTEN advised that she and her husband had a dinner engagement for Wednesday evening, December 11, 1963, which she had reminded him of on this morning prior to her going to work. She stated that when she returned home on Wednesday evening she found a note from her husband advising her that he had left for Europe. Mrs. JOESTEN stated that he had never done a thing like this before and that she definitely feels that he is suffering from a nervous breakdown and that the statements about the assassination of the President are mere figments of his imagination.

Mrs. JOESTEN advised that the last letter she received from her husband was dated February 23, 1964, from Chez Morin, 7 Avenue F, Roosevelt La Ciotat (B.d.R.), France, in which he stated that he would be in Europe for several months. She advised that he also told her that he was going to Europe to Zurich, Switzerland, and that she should write him in care of GFO Poste Zurich, Switzerland. Mrs. JOESTEN also advised that her husband has a sister, Professor LERSCH at Dreschstresse Number 5, Munich 23, Germany, which is close by and he probably would be visiting her.

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On March 21, 1964, a confidential source abroad advised that JOACHIM JOESTEN had been interviewed on that date at the American Consulate General in Hamburg, Germany, at which time he, JOESTEN, furnished the following information:

He arrived in Dallas, Texas, on December 6 or 7, 1963, and stayed for four days. He concluded that LEE HARVEY OSWALD is innocent of the murder of President KENNEDY which can be readily seen by a review of published information. On the occasion of the President's visit to Dallas, Texas, there was only one published sketch of his intended route through Dallas and this appeared in the November 22, 1963, issue of "The Dallas Morming News" in the lower left-hand corner of the front page.

Oswald could not have known of the President's intended route because the paper did not appear until the morning of November 22, 1963, and, according to testimony of Mrs. PAINE, OSWALD's landlady in Irving, Texas, OSWALD went to bed at 9:00 P.M. on the night of November 21, 1963. According to earlier newspaper accounts Mrs. PAINE said, corroborated by a neighbor, Mr. FRAZIER, that OSWALD left his residence in Irving at 7:15 A.M. on Nowember 22, 1963. In order to do this OSWALD would have had to have risen about 6:30 A.M. He, therefore, could not have seen "The Dallas Morning News" before he left Irving and, therefore, could not have gone prepared to shoot the President.

The most important factor is that the actual route which the President took differed from the published sketch. The sketch in "The Dallas Morning News" showed that the President would travel straight down Main Street in Dallas to proceed under the "triple underpass". However, the President's car turned to the right on Houston from Main and then turned left on Elm Street which took the car past the book depository.

Mr. JOESTEN was told by an unidentified individual he met on the street near the book depository that traffic rules

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