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On 1/4/74, HANS-PETER WYSSMANN of the Swiss Federal Police Division, furnished the 11/21, 28 and 12/5/73 issues of the Swiss German-language weekly newspaper, "Die Weltwoche." which contained a series of articles over subject's by-line. These articles were entitled, "Ten Years Afterward: The Kennedy Murder in the Light of Watergate. A new anatomy of the crime of Dallas."

"Die Weltwoche" has the reputation of having seen better days, and of tending toward sensationalism at present.

The articles make allegations as follows:

- 1. The Watergate scandal has shown that certain American politicians are capable of any crime. Therefore, the contention that OSWALD was the sole murderer of Pres. KENNEDY finds less credence than ever.
- 2. The film, "Executive Action" seeks to prove that Pres. KENNEDY was the victim of a right radical conspiracy.
- 3. Pres. KENNEDY's body was the subject of a deficient examination by an unqualified physician.
- 4. The fact that Pres. KENNEDY intended to reduce the American engagement in South Vietnam is the real reason for his assassination.
- 5. The investigation was restricted to proving the sole guilt of OSWALD, because otherwise it would have taken too much time and money.

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RALPH NADER, Prof. CYRIL H. WECHT, Director of the Institute for Forensic Medicine in Pittsburgh; Detective THOMAS BUCHANAN, JOSIAH THOMPSON, photographer; PENN JONES, JR., editor; ROLAND MEHL, French radio director; MARGARET FLELD, historian; a lawyer who worked for the Warren Commission, unidentified by the author; PETER D. SCOTT, history professor, do not accept the findings of the Warren Commission, according to HERALD.

HERALD insinuates that ARTHUR SCHLESINGER, GEORGE NASH, SYLVIA MEAGHER and DAVID LIFTON believe in a conspiracy of the U.S. malitary and civilians against Pres. KENNEDY.

It is requested that the Bureau furnish a summary of any information in their files bearing on the reputation and reliability of HERALD, so that sources in Austria and Switzerland may be informed if any inquiries are received.

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