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1. PETE BAGLEY CALLED COS MORNING 10 NOV TO RELATE

FOLLOWING:

A. MRS. BAGLEY RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL 9 NOV FROM WOMAN WITH UNUSUAL ACCENT FROM PARIS IDENTIFYING HERSELF AS CALLING ON BEHALF OF READERS DIGEST; (BAGLEY DID NOT KNOW WHETHER LANGUAGE USED FRENCH OR ENGLISH. HE COULD CHECK WIFE.)

B. PURPOSE OF CALL WAS TO IDENTIFY T.H. BAGLEY AS ONE AND SAME WITH "PETE" BAGLEY. THIS IDENTIFICATION PERTINENT TO ARTICLE WRITTEN BY FNU EPSTEIN, SUBJECT UNDISCLOSED. MRS BAGLEY DEFLECTED INQUIRY AND DID NOT MAKE POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION.

C. EPSTEIN COULD CONCEIVABLY BE JAY EPSTEIN WHO WROTE BOOK CRITICAL OF WARREN COMMISSION REPORT MANY OF WHICH CRITICISMS DEFENSIBLE. EPSTEIN LATER WROTE ARTICLE FOR NEW YORKER CRITICAL OF JIM GARRISON.

D. BAGLEY TELEPHONE NUMBER APPARENTLY OBTAINED FROM LOCAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

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E. IF NEW ARTICLE IS BY SAME EPSTEIN AND IS ON WARREN COMMISSION REPORT OR NEW INVESTIGATIONS KENNEDY ASSASSINATION BAGLEY'S INVOLVEMENT VIA [P]DONOR (PERHAPS [P]DONOR HIMSELF) COULD BE AT ROOT OF HIS IDENTIFICATION IN ARTICLE AND HIS TELEPHONE CALL.

2. MR. BAGLEY WISHES TO ALERT HQS TO ABOVE, BUT ALSO TO BE ADVISED OF ANY INFO HQS MAY HAVE ON ARTICLE AND IF HE TO BE IDENTIFIED WOULD APPRECIATE PRIOR WARNING FOR OBVIOUS REASONS.

3. FILE DEFER. E2 IMPDET.