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If I am going to ask for your help, I should forward you my notes. To: Manuel Legaspi/ARRBcc: Jeremy Gunn/ARRB From: Christopher Barger/ARRB Date: 10/24/96 04:43:08 PMSubject: Epstein/deM materiall looked through the files you indicated to me. I found the Palm Beach FL police interview of Epstein from March 29, 1977 after deM's suicide. I didn't see any notes of Epstein's from the interview of that afternoon, and he indicates to the police that he took only cursory or minor notes. There were a couple of items of possible interest to us contained in the transcript of the Epstein police interview. I say possible, because the answers to the issues I am raising might well already be known to everyone but me. But here are some things that caught my eye: (1) Epstein said that his research assistant in NY (who had spoken to deM's attorney in Dallas, Patrick Russell) reported that Russell had told her that the Russian inscription on the backyard photo in deM's possession read "Long live the assassins", not "hunter of facists." Did HSCA (or anyone else) ever take possession of that photo and verify what was written on it?(2) Epstein refers to notes he took at an interview of deM in Dallas in April of 1976. Did HSCA ever ask Epstein about these? Has Epstein ever written about what was discussed during that interview? (3) Epstein said that Russell told his research assistant that deM had some audio tapes that he was willing to sell-- tapes that George and Jeanne deM made immediately following JFK's assassination and LHO's death detailing their relationship with the Oswalds. We should find out if a) Epstein ever accessed or obtained these tapes; b) the HSCA ever obtained these tapes or transcripts of them; c) if anyone has ever accessed these tapes or knows what is contained on them.(4) Persons we could try to locate: Pam BUTLER (Epstein's NY research assistant) Patrick RUSSELL (deM's attorney in Dallas) J. Walton MOORE (if he is still alive) These are preliminary reactions on my part to reading the police interview of Epstein and should not be construed as official areas of interest by the ARRB. It is possible that these areas have already been explored, or are not worth exploring.

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