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**Henry Holt Is First U.S. Publisher to Acquire Book on the Panama Papers,  
'Secrecy World' by Pulitzer Prize-Winning Journalist Jake Bernstein  
Publication Scheduled for 2017**

NEW YORK, April 20, 2016 – The many tendrils of the illegal financial transactions revealed earlier this month in the Panama Papers – involving an international roster of bankers, lawyers, shell corporations, politicians, sports stars, and more – will come to light in a forthcoming in-depth investigation by Jake Bernstein, the Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist who was a senior reporter on the team that broke the story. Bernstein's book, *Secrecy World*, will be published by Henry Holt in 2017, it was announced today. Executive editor Paul Golob acquired the book from David Patterson of the Stuart Krichevsky Literary Agency.

“Secrecy World” – a term that encompasses all the unregulated markets and covers the hidden circulatory system of illicit money that flows beneath the global financial system– will be the first full picture about a story destined to overshadow Wikileaks. With more than 11 million records exposed – from emails and bank documents to spreadsheets and company registrations – Bernstein will report this as no other journalist can, as he looks at the Panamanian law firm, Mossack Fonseca, the source of the documents, a firm Brazilian prosecutors have called, “a washing machine for money.” As a key member of the team assembled by the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists, he is uniquely positioned to go beyond the stories in recent headlines and inside the investigation that revealed them. Bernstein will delve deeper, uncover more from the documents, bringing to light the ambiguous and often nefarious world of offshore banking and the journalists who have fought to reveal its inner workings.

*Secrecy World* will contain new details that expand on the recent revelations about the financial machinations of rulers and royalty, the illegal activities connected to dozens of banks, and the extent to which U.S. companies and citizens are involved. He will show how this massive data leak toppled public officials, launched investigations and forced governments to respond. We have only begun to understand what's in the Panama Papers, the consequences from the leak and what it took to bring these revelations to light; Bernstein will deliver the definitive, revelatory, and surprising story.

“For the first time we have an opportunity to see the secrecy world from deep inside,” said Bernstein. “Just as powerfully, the Panama Papers heralds a new dawn of collaborative journalism whose impact is only beginning.”

Golob acquired North American rights, audio and first serial from Patterson. The book will also be available from Macmillan Audio and in E-book format. Howie Sanders at UTA represents for film.

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