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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM

John H. Waller
Inspector General

SUBJECT

Mr. George de Monrenschildt

REFERENCE

Mr. de Mohrenschildt's letter to you,

dated 5 September 1976

## Action Required:

1. None. This memorandum is for your information. We have also attached at A a suggested draft reply to Mr. de Mohrenschildt's letter.

## Action Taken:

2. We have reviewed DDO and IG files on Mr. de Mohrenschildt. In addition, at our request, the CI Staff has run Agency traces on him and has been in touch with the FBI as well.

### Findings:

- 3. There is voluminous material on Mr. de Mohrenschildt in CIA files, most of it dating from the post-Kennedy assassination period when he testified before the Warren Commission on his acquaintance with Mr. and Mrs. Lee Harvey Oswald. (A copy of the de Mohrenschildts' testimony is attached at B.)
- 4. The bulk of the material in our files consists of FBI reports, the most recent of which is dated 1967. The FBI has informed CIA that it has no traces on Mr. de Mohrenschildt beyond that date; our files contain all of its previous material on him.

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- 5. Mr. Helms' 3 June 1964 memorandum for the Warren Commission on the de Mohrenschildts is attached at C. It describes the Agency's interest in obtaining reports from Mr. de Mohrenschildt in 1957 as a result of his sojourn in Yugoslavia that year. Contact Division (now Domestic Collection Division DCD) had its resident agent in Dallas, Mr. J. Walton Moore, contact Mr. de Mohrenschildt at that time. The history of Mr. Moore's relationship with Mr. de Mohrenschildt from 1957 to 1961 is also attached at C. As a routine matter, Mr. Moore requested traces on Mr. de Mohrenschildt. The trace results (attached at D) contained sufficient derogatory information to preclude further extensive contact with the de Mohrenschildts. (An OS summary on Mr. de Mohrenschildt prepared in response to the current request is also attached at D.)
- 6. Our files show that a mail cover was placed on letters addressed to Mr. de Mohrenschildt c/o the U.S. Embassy in Haiti from about 1964 to 1966. (This was probably not uncovered at the time of the external investigations.) This included opening and photographing the contents of some letters by the CIA Station there. The results of this operation were shared with the FBI.
- 7. Mr. de Mohrenschildt came to the attention of this office during the Rockefeller Commission investigations. We were asked to respond to a memorandum submitted to the Commission by Mr. Paul Hoch entitled "CIA Activities and the Warren Commission Investigation." Mr. Hoch called for an identification of Mr. J. Walton Moore's employment affiliation and asked what Mr. Moore knew about Oswald and what he may have told Mr. de Mohrenschildt about him. Our reply to the Rockefeller Commission is attached at E.
- 8. The most recent information we have on Mr. de Mohrenschildt comes from Mr. J. Walton Moore who was contacted in May and July 1976 by writers connected with the Reader's Digest, and with the Dial Press and the Dell Publishing Company. Both writers questioned Mr. Moore about Oswald and Mr. de Mohrenschildt. Mr. Moore's reports on these contacts are attached at F.

## Conclusions:

9. Mr. de Mohrenschildt appears to have lead an adventurous and colorful life as a petroleum engineer and businessman. He is both well

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and poorly connected, and some of his associations in the past have raised serious questions. Certainly his relationship with the Oswalds has caused him considerable trouble and may have caused this Agency and the FBI to spend more time and energy on him in the past than was necessary.

10. Both the FBI and this Agency, however, had dropped their interests in Mr. de Mohrenschildt's activities by the mid-to-late 1960's. We speculate that any attention he is now receiving could either be from local authorities in Dallas or from media representatives on the trail of a warmed over story concerning the assassination of President Kennedy. We offer no proof of this conjecture beyond Mr. Moore's reports attached at F. What we can say is that we have found no indication that either CIA or the FBI has taken any active interest in Mr. de Mohrenschildt in recent years.

John H. Waller

Attachments: A thru F a/s

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

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28 September 1976

Mr. G. de Mohrenschildt 2737 Kings Road Apartment 142 Dallas, Texas 75219

Dear George:

Please forgive the delay in my reply to your September 5th letter. It took time to explore thoroughly the matters you raised.

Let me say first that I know it must have been difficult for you to seek my help in the situation outlined in your letter. I believe I can appreciate your state of mind in view of your daughter's tragic death a few years ago and the current poor state of your wife's health. I was extremely sorry to hear of these circumstances.

In your situation, I can well imagine how the attentions you described in your letter affect both you and your wife. However, my staff has been unable to find any indication of interest in your activities on the part of Federal authorities in recent years. The flurry of interest that attended your testimony before the Warren Commission has long since subsided. I can only speculate that you may have become "newsworthy" again in view of the renewed interest in the Kennedy assassination and, thus, may be attracting the attention of people in the media.

I hope this letter has been of some comfort to you, George, although I realize I am unable to answer your question completely. Thank you for your good wishes on my new job. As you can imagine, I'm finding it interesting and challenging.

Very truly yours,

George Bush Director

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: George and leases De MCHRENSCHILDT

1. Reference is made to your memorandess of 31 March 1964 requesting any information on George and Jeanne De MOHRENSCHILDT that is available in CIA illes. Our review shows that the files contain reports received from other U.S. Government agencies, primarily the FBI, as well as some information developed by this Agency in 1957 and 1958. The review also produced references to information in the records of the Coordinator of Information and the Office of Strategie Services. According to the records of those agencies, George De MOHRENSCHILDT had been considered for employment in 1942, but was not hired because he was alleged to be a Nazi sepionage agent. No information developed by CIA (or its predegences) before the assausination of President Kepaedy had established any link between the De MOHRENSCHILDT's and Lee Harvey OSWALD or his family.

2. CIA's initial interest in George De MOHRENSCHILDT developed as a result of his sojourn in Tugoslavia in 1957 on behalf of the International Cooperation Agency (ICA). In that connection CIA headquartors sent a routine advisory to its Dellas representative who called on the De MOHRENSCHILDTS in the early part of Desember 1957. In the course of several meetings the CIA representative obtained foreign intelligence which was promptly dissembated to other federal agencies in ten separate reporter. The Dallas representative centinus design in the continued.

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- 3. On the Lird or 24th of November 1961, efter the accessoration, our representative in Dallan received a tain-phone call from one of his eminate who told him that several phone call from had altered a cerial or a discussion members of his firm had attaced a cerial or a discussion of the Lander of his firm had that had have CSWALD had also been there. Our representative immediately surraped for the FSI to contact the presentative. It was take acceptabled from the FBI, and from the FBI, and from the our own sources, that George Da MOHRENSCHILDT was present at the meeting and had latered durch OSWALD to the group.
- d. At CIA best-parters the association between the De MOTIVENSCHILLITE and the OSYALDs was posed for the first time in December 1961 when it was reported from Halli that the De MOTIVENSCHILDTS had appeared at the Embasay and volunteered information about their relationship with the OSYALDs. At about the same time the details of their association began to appear in reports made by other U.S. Covernances against a pagaged in investigating the assassination.
- Into In 1937 and early 1933, his background was investigated. Inquiries produced a considerable amount of information about him and his activities, including allegations that during World War II he had engaged in espicatego activities on behalf of the Nazie; that he was a member of the Communist Party; and that after the war he was sympathetic toward Communism and the U.S.S.R. The investigation was axienced to Delgium where could lybe. His edecational background had his work as a learnable were confirmed there. One record of arrest come to light: on 4 Nevember 1931 he was acutenced by the Tribunal Correctional at Amounts to eight days in prison on charges of

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- 6. Throughout his suish life, Coorge De MOHRENSCHILDT has used variations of his basic name. Including such variable as Jerry de Mohrenschildt; Jerry van Mohrenschildt; George ven MOHRENSCHLD: and Capras Sarging do MOHRENSCHLID. sinds remoteth beiver even of emess asta en remoter will of origin from Russian, to Polith, Swedish, Desish, and Cerman. There appear to be two versions of his mother's mailien same: Alexandra LATOSKIY and Alexandra ZAPOLSKL
- 7. FDISpecial Agent, Junes F. MORRISSET, ceme to CIA on 19 March 1964 and reviewed this Agency's files on the Do MOHRENSCHILDTS,
- On 17 March 1966 the FEI Againhed to this Agency a report dated 20 February 1964. The report prevides details about one (Yer! (Clayers) De MOHRENSCHILD's contact with 201-340678) Fedor Alekszevist Chahin, who was a Soviet distant in Washington, D.C. in 1946. In that report Yari (Gasage) Da MOHRENSCHILD was described as a petroleum engineer who had worked in the Toxas off fields and in Venezuela. Concerning CARANIN our records show that he has been a member of the Soviet State Security Service probably class the mid-1980's. He cerved in Cuba in 1943; alter World Wir II he also asyved in the U.S. Himgary and Finland. According to our records, the faformation about GAILANIN and his association with the Soviet State Security Service has also been known to the FBL-
- 9. You may also wish to make inquiries at the Office of Naval Intelligence; the Assistant Chief of Stall, Intelligence. Department of the Army; the Department of State; and the Civil Service Commissios because these departments also have informotion about George Do MCHRINSCHILDT.

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O Details of J. Walter MOORE's contact with George DeMohrenschildt from 1957 to 1961, (MOORE from 00/Contacts! Dallar office

1. I have known-Caurge do Hoùrenschildt and his wife since 1957.

Hy latest actual contact with them was in the fall of 1951, although I received a Christmas card from them during Christmas of 1953. The card railed from Port-au-Prince and a copy of my acknowledgement is attached.

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2. After our late fresident's assassination, either on the 23d or 24th of Movember 1963, I received a telephone call free(Dr.) Paul Reichertz, Director of the Scoony Mobil Research Laboratory at Directorial the Scoony Mobil Research Laboratory at Directorial Research Laboratory at Directorial Control of the Scoony Mobil Research Laboratory at Directorial Control of the Reichertz advised that members of his staff had attended some kind of social or discussion group in January 1963 at which Lee Harvey Control was present. No mention was made at this time of George de Mobrenschildt. I told Dr. Reichertz he should report this information to the local office of the FBI and he replied that he knew no one in the Dallas office of the FBI and asked if I would pass the information slong for him. I called the FBI and they said they would seed somebody out to talk to Dr. Reichertz. I made no effort to follow up on the matter with Paul Reichertz since I felt it was none of my business but during a visit with Maryann Dusgan, the Librarian at Scoony Mobil Research Labland all good contact of mine for many years, she advised that she had heard that de Hohrenschildt had befrieded Gawald after his arrival in Dallas and had introduced him to a study group on the USSR. [cit. USA esc-librarian]

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3. Ny initial contact with de Mohrenschildt was the result of a scurce lead from headquarters, dated 22 Mov 57, advising that George de Mohrenschildt had recently returned to Dallas after spending approximately a year in Yugoslavia on a job for the ICA. I called on de Mohrenschildt in early December 1957 and submitted a name check, dated 6 Dec 57. At that time, do Mohrenschildt gave me a copy of standard-personal history form 57, which gives considerable biographic data, which I am enclosing.

(Lee H. OSHALD (201-259245)

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At this time I saw and not Mrs. Jan de Mohrenschildt, a white Aussian emigree from Shanghai. I saw the do Mohrenschildt's several times in 1953 and 1959. In late 1959 or early 1960, Mr. and Mrs. de Mohrenschildt went on an 18 month biking trip through Mexico and Central America. An account of this trip, as taken from the 18 Oct 61 issue of the Dallas Times Herald, is enclosed.

- 4. In the way of a personal essessment, I would say that the de Mohrenschildt's are an interesting and unusual couple. This is, I believe, the second parriage for both of them. Mrs. de Mohrenschildt, who has been a successful dress designer, has a grown, married daughter, who is quite a fine artist. George de Mohrenschildt has several children by his first wife (reportedly a very wealthy woman now living in the Middle East). One of his children died of cystic fibrosis and George de Mohrenschildt has always been very active in the yearly cystic fibrosis fund reising campaigne
- shout six feet tall and weighs around 190 pounds. For a man his age, approximately 53, he keeps himself in good condition and is a bit of a physical fitness nut. He is a noderate drinker and when I last saw him, smoked a pipe. I would describe his personality as friendly and outgoing although I have heard him referred to as conceited. He reputedly has an eye for the ladies and I understood his interest does not go unreciprocated. He leads a scaewhat unconventional life, plays termis at 5 o'clock in the morning, he is rather outspoken, has a keen interest in interestional affairs and in social justice. By local conservative standards, he would be considered a liberal. His outlook on life is continental.
- 6. De Hohrenschildt is fairly well known in petroleus circles thin Pallas. I only know of one good friend of his. This is (Col.) Lawrence of Crlov (Retired) who is in the oil lessing business. The colonel and I both play handball. He mentioned the last time I saw him that de Hohrenschildt wanted him to come to Baiti to help him run a plantation and organize a company there. I believe that the de Hohrenschildt's lest for Haiti in about February of 1963 but I as very vague on this point. If there is any additional information I can furnish, please let he know.

Good friend and business associate of George

D-MOHRENSCHILDT (201-725439)

J. HALTCH MCORE'

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Enclosures as stated above

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Between 1940 and 1942 Subject was considered to be pro-German and suspected of being a German propagandist and an espionage agent.

Several informants stated that Subject was in sympathy with the Communist form of government in Russia but knew of no un-American activities on the part of Subject. One informant advised in 1947 that Subject had definite Communistic tendencies.

Investigations failed to produce any legal competent evidence or witnesses to substantiate the reports that Subject had been pro-Communist or pro-Nazi.

Majority of informants consider Subject to be eccentric, irresponsible, conceited, an adventurer fond of exaggeration, and overly aggressive.

Subject has been known to associate with persons of questionable loyalty, reputation, and moral character.

Subject, when interviewed, admitted that he tends to exaggerate and advised that he thought the Communist form of government of Soviet Russia was the better form of government on the European continent, and that he had a great admiration for the Communistic form of government, but that that did not prevent him from having a stronger feeling of loyalty to the government of the United States.

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George DE MOHRENSCHILDT

From the Office of Security

#### CIA CONNECTION:

DE MOHRENSCHILDT was security disapproved for OSS employment on 18 July 1942 because he was suspected of being a Nazi agent. On 13 August 1958 derogatory information was furnished the Contact Office who was interested in interrogating him as an alien contact. His second wife, Phyllis whom he married on 11 July 1948 and divorced 29 December 1949, was employed as a receptionist by a covert project (NCFE) from 1950 to 12 January 1951 when her employment was terminated. (Reason not given.)

Subject's brother, Dimitri S. VON MOHRENSCHILDT, was approved on 11 April 1950 for exploitation as a contact for foreign intelligence purposes on a limited basis; not to receive classified information above confidential.

## OS INDICES RESULTS:

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A New York Times item for 12 December 1966 mentioned that George DE MOHRENSCHILDT has been acquainted with Jacqueline KENNEDY's father, John BOUVIER, and mother, Mrs. Hugh AUCHIN-CLOSS, since Mrs. KENNEDY was a girl. The DE MOHRENSCHILDT's were quoted as saying they were perhaps the only persons in the world to have known the families of both President KENNEDY and OSWALD.

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Was J. Walton Moore connected with CIA? Was he connected with the Oswald case?

## Answer:

Mr. J. Walton Moore was employed by CIA in the Contact Division office in Dallas during the early 1960's. His only contact with the Oswald case prior to the assassination is recorded in his 1 May 1964 memorandum to the Acting Chief, Contact Division, attached at Tab 8 (a typed version of the document is also attached because of the poor legibility of the original). He may have been involved in the Agency's effort to support the Warren Commission during the Commission's investigations. Mr. Moore has stated that he was never asked by Mr. de Mohrenschildt for advice concerning Oswald. We find no indication that there was ever any contact between Oswald and Mr. Moore.

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Chief, Domestic Collection Division Chief of Operations

14 July 1976

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Chief, Dallas Field Office's

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Inquiry from Richard Russell of Dial Press Concerning Dallas Field Office Association with Lee Harvey Oswald and George deMohrenschildt

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- 1. On the evening of 13 July 1976, at about 2100, Mr. Richard Russell of the Dial Press and the Dell Publishing Company, came by my house. He advised that he was working on a book on the Kennedy assassination and that he understood I was a friend of George delibhrenschildt. He wanted to know if I had ever met Lee Harvey Oswald or if demohrenschildt had ever suggested that I should see Oswald. I told him no on both counts and advised that I have not seen or talked with George delighrenschildt since the fall of 1961.
- 2. Mr. Russell attempted to draw me into discussion of the Kennedy assassination which I avoided and wanted to know if I could give him the name of the chief of the CIA office in Mexico City in 1963. I told him I could not, and he said he could probably get the name from Mr. David Phillips. I do not foresee any adverse publicity as a result of Mr. Russell's visit but felt that it should be made a matter of record.

J. WALTON MOORE

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# Memorandum

DAL-69-76

: Chief, Domestic Collection Division

DATE: 21 May 1976

: Chief of Operations

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SUBJECT: Inquiry from Reader's Digest Concerning Dallas Field Office Association

with Lee Harvey Oswald and George deMohrenschildt

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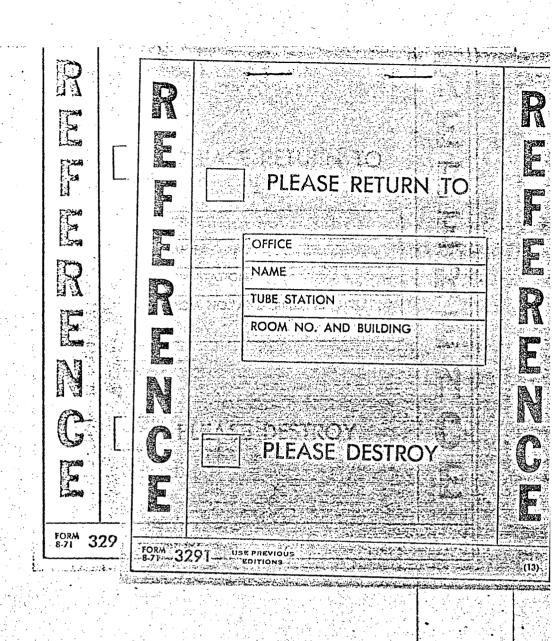
On 19 May 1976, Pam/Butler, a research writer for Reader's Diges called on the listed line. She identified herself as being with the Reader's Digest and said she was doing research for a book being written by Harry Epstein on the Kennedy assassination. She asked if I had ever talked to or met Lee Harvey Oswald. I told her I had not. She then asked if I had talked to George deMohrenschildt about Lee Harvey Oswald. After I told her that I would not discuss the matter, she said that she understood from deMohrenschildt that I had talked to him after he had returned from a trip to Yugoslavia. I neither confirmed nor denied this, and I told her again I would not discuss the subject.

2. I do not know if Ms. Butler actually talked to deMohrenschildt or not since the information she had could have been acquired from the Warren Commission Report.

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I do know this man DeMohrenschildt.

I first men him in the early 40'3. He was an uncle to my Andover roommate.

Later he surfaced in Dallas- (50's maybe)

He got involved in some controversial dealings in Haiti.
Then he surfaced when Oswald shot to prominence. He knew Oswald before the assassination of Pres. Kennedy.
I don't recall his role in all this.
At one time he had /or spent plenty of money.

I have not heard from him for many years until the attached letter came in.

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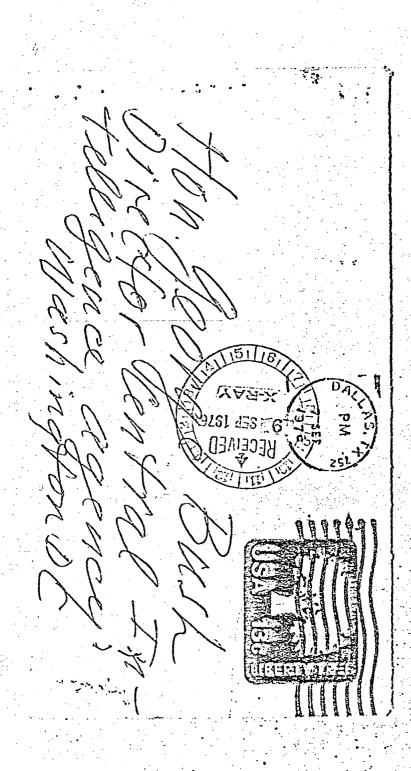
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