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Info set forth re 1961 inquiry WFO, FBI, concerning a GEORGE DE MOHRENSCHILD allegedly writing for "Life" and "National Geographic" magazines. Records National Geographic Society reveal only correspondence. Male subject contract employee ICA in 1957, hired to act as consultant in oil resources in Yugoslavia. Results of [redacted] background investigation conducted 1957 in connection with same set forth. Interview therein of former partner of male subject about 1950 to 1952 revealed male subject expressed sympathy for Germany during World War II and unable to respect confidences. Uncle of male subject's wife, PHYLLIS WASHINGTON, states generally unreliable and lacks sense of responsibility. Fellow employees state male subject's employment in Rangely, Colorado, unsatisfactory due to poor judgment and irresponsibility in financial matters. [redacted] investigation contains interview Mrs. WYNNE SHARPLES DENTON, former wife of subject, who indicated subject associated with known homosexual and suspected homosexual.. She described him as irresponsible; childish; unreliable; poor reputation; sexually promiscuous prior to marriage; resentful of rich and successful people and a person who might join in a revolution for the fun of it. Described also in [redacted] reports by others interviewed as irresponsible, childlike, an atheist, and as one trying to get even with the world for the loss of wealth and position his family suffered from the Russian Revolution. Passport background information regarding GEORGE and JEANNE DE MOHRENSCHILDT set forth. Passport information regarding

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female subject as JEANNE LE GON set forth; indicates she was born 5/5/14, Harbin, China; maiden name FOMENKO; married ROBERT LE GON, born 1/25/14, Russia, on 10/26/32. Employments in women's apparel industry and with LE GON revealed in passport info. Passport background information set forth regarding brother, DIMITRI SERGIUS VON MOHRENSCHILDT. Passport info set forth regarding ALEXANDRA ROMEYN DE MOHRENSCHILDT, date of birth 12/25/43, New York City, apparently daughter of male subject, and one DOROTHY PIERSON. Passport info set forth regarding DOROTHY ROMEYN PIERSON and PHYLLIS MARIE WASHINGTON DE MOHRENSCHILDT, apparently former wives of male subject. [redacted] background info of brother, DIMITRI, set forth. [WF T-1 reported 1958 one GEORGE DE MOHRENSHELD attempting to meet with Dominican Ambassador DE MOYA. WF T-2 reported 1948 one YURI (GEORGE) MORENSCHILD discussed meeting with F. A. GARANIN, Soviet Embassy.] No identifiable information regarding male subject U.S. Park Police, Metropolitan Police Department, House Committee on Un-American Activities, and Office of Special Investigations records. (5)

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REVIEW OF FILES [REDACTED]
RE GEORGE DE MOHRENSCHILDT

On February 26, 1964, [REDACTED] made available the results of investigation conducted by the [REDACTED] regarding GEORGE DE MOHRENSCHILDT during the period of August through November, 1957.

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"NEW YORK, N.Y.

"Employment

"EDWARD GORDON HOOKER, Oil Financier, One East 57th Street, Residing at 830 Park Avenue. (Reference).

"My mother, Mrs. WINIFRED CARTWRIGHT HOOKER, who resides at the Hotel Palais D'Orsay, Paris, France, was married formerly to DMITRI VON MOHRENSCHILDT (GEORGE DE MOHRENSCHILDT's brother), who is a professor at Dartmouth College. I believe I first met GEORGE, when my mother and I went to visit his brother, in Belgium in about the summer of 1936. I was just a young boy at the time, and I do not recall what GEORGE's activities in Europe were at the time or where he might actually have been residing. I next saw him after his arrival in the United States in about 1938 or 1939 when he came to visit his brother, DMITRI, who, by that time, was already my step-father. Between 1938 and 1943, I resided at 950 Park Avenue, New York, N.Y. with my parents; my brother, sister, and grandmother were other occupants in our apartment there. It is my impression that GEORGE never actually resided at that address, in our apartment or in any other for that matter. I know that he did use our address as a mailing address, and recall that he may have stayed over for a night or week ends or so, but he kept no clothing there. I was away at college during much of the period of my residence at 950 Park Avenue, but I came in frequently on holidays and vacation periods, and I am sure that I would recall if he lived in our apartment. I recall that he did have an apartment for some short period of time around that time somewhere on the 'Eastside' of Manhattan (New York, N.Y.), but it is also my impression that

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contrast with the allegedly poor treatment that the Poles had given his father. I do not recall ever hearing that he might have associated with any Nazis either. I have no reason to believe that he is or ever has been sympathetic to communism or the Soviet Union. Despite his expressed sympathy for Germany during World War II, I would have no question about his loyalty to the United States. I do not know of any organizations to which he might ever have belonged. There are three people who have known him for many years, and who I feel have been close social associates of his: They are Mrs. CHARLES DUNCAN MILLER, PIERRE FREYSS, and BAILEY BALKEN. The latter is in the oil business, also in our Southwest.

"Nothing has ever come to my attention about him which would involve any possible immorality, intemperance or dishonesty. I believe that he is normal mentally and physically. I cannot, however, recommend him for a responsible position involving our national security because of his 'inability to respect confidences.' I can cite at least two incidents: On one occasion, after I had indicated to him my reasons for disapproving of his proposed wife, he went and told her all about what I had said about her; on the other occasion, when I was just a young man, after I had pledged abstinence from liquor and had violated that pledge, GEORGE told my mother about it. I feel, therefore, that he has a tendency to violate personal confidences when he knows full well that these are personal confidences. Although this might be attributed to tactlessness or naivete, I believe that he cannot be trusted implicitly with any type of secrets, let alone government secrets.

"STALEY TREGELLAS, Oil Developer, One East 57th Street.

"I first met GEORGE DE MOHRENSCHILDT in Dallas, Texas, in about 1951, just about the time when his partnership with ED HOOKER had been dissolved. I visited GEORGE's residence there, where he lived with DIDI SHARPLES. I understand that they have been divorced. I have seen him only occasionally since that time, whenever he visited New York. I have shared office space with his former partner, ED HOOKER, here at this address; we are not friends, and our contact

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changed our methods of operation and dissolved the committee. We did not feel that he had misappropriated any fund or had been dishonest, and there were no accusations or intimations of such a nature. He knew it was his responsibility to control and account for expenditures, but he was extremely lax on that score. GEORGE understood exactly why his services were being terminated and why the committee was being dissolved and its operations reorganized. As far as I am concerned, he would be eligible for rehire for any position for which he was qualified with respect to geology or petroleum engineering. No question ever arose concerning him with respect to character, morals, honesty, sobriety, loyalty to the United States, or organizational connections, or associations. I can recommend him for a position critical from the standpoint of the national security.

"INVESTIGATOR'S NOTE: Investigation was conducted at Vintage Wines, Inc., 625 West 54th Street regarding employment thereof as an 'Agent' sometime between 1938 and 1943. Mr. HENRY BEHAR and Mr. JERRY DOBROW, the principals of the corporation and active operators of the business between 1938 and 1943 had no recollection of subject. Miss ANNA SENFELD, the Office Manager, who was employed by the company during said period, had no recollection of subject and indicated that no personal or payroll records were available. Mr. JUSTIN BING, Warehouse Foreman, who commenced his employment in 1941, had no information concerning subject.

"EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY, 393 Seventh Avenue.
Record furnished by Miss FRANCES JOHNSON, Correspondent.

"Our records indicate that GEORGE S. VON MOHRENSCHILDT was associated with this company from December 19, 1939 to November 26, 1940. He was not actually an employee of the company, but was under contract with us as a Life Insurance Agent. He was supposed to sell life insurance, full time, on a commission basis. The reason given for termination of his contract

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by the company was 'non-production.' His contract was terminated by a 'seven day notice' from the company to him of the company's intention to terminate and the reason thereof. His production record indicates that he sold no insurance whatsoever during the entire period of his contract.

"He resided at 13 East 67th Street, New York, N. Y., and gave his marital status as 'single.' His date of birth is given as April 17, 1911; his place of birth is not shown, although his nationality is given as 'Russian.' His last previous employment, as indicated by him at commencement of his agency contract, was as a Salesman for Chevalier Garde Inc. from August to December, 1939; reason for leaving - to enter insurance. Prior to that, he indicated that he was a salesman for Humble Oil from June to August, 1939; reason for leaving - return to New York. Prior to that, he was employed as Manager for Sigurd from October, 1933, to May, 1939. There is no indication of the location of said previous employments on the card. More detailed records, including his contract file, have been destroyed. There is nothing in the record which would reflect unfavorably upon him with respect to character, loyalty or associations. There is no one employed here now who would have any personal knowledge of Mr. VON MOHRENSCHILDT.

"WENZLOFF AGENCY, 120 Broadway. Record furnished by DOROTHY MAC WHINNEY, Secretary.

"This agency was formerly the L. A. Miner Agency of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, to which GEORGE VON MOHRENSCHILDT was assigned during the entire period of his agency contract. Mr. MINER and I were employed here then, but we have no recollection of Mr. VON MOHRENSCHILDT. In November, 1940, his agency contract was cancelled, upon our recommendation, for lack of business as a matter of policy. Cancellation of such a contract should not reflect unfavorably upon Mr. VON MOHRENSCHILDT; I am sure such a contract would be renewed at any time, provided he could obtain the necessary insurance business. The records indicate that his address was changed from 13 East 67th Street to 109 East 73rd Street, both at

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New York, N. Y.; no date for such change is noted. There is a letter of reference in our files, dated May 1, 1938, from MAISON SIGURD, Antwerp, Belgium, which indicates that Mr. VON MOHRENSCHILDT had been employed as a correspondent and bookkeeper by that firm from the time of its founding (no date given) to 1933, and that he had managed its commercial department from the latter date until March 1938 when he left his position for the United States. There is nothing in our records which would reflect unfavorably upon him with respect to character, loyalty, or associations. There is no one else employed here who would possibly have any personal knowledge of him. His former direct supervisor is deceased.

"INVESTIGATOR'S NOTE: Efforts to locate the principals, employees or records of Chavalier, Inc. (or Chavalier Garde, Inc.) were unsuccessful. Dunn & Bradstreet, Inc., Credit Bureau of Greater New York, New York County Clerk's Office and appropriate New York Telephone Directories (covering the years 1938 through 1944) had no information concerning said company. Inquiry was conducted at 730 Fifth Avenue, formerly the Heckscher Building. No record of the company could be located among records of its former tenants; no information concerning the company or any of its employees who were employed at that office building since 1938.

"PIERRE R. FREYSS, Export Manager, Schumacher and Company, 60 West 40th Street, residing at 5 West 63rd Street, Rumson Road, Rumson, N. J.

"I first met GEORGE DE MOHRENSCHILDT in about 1930 here in New York City. He had recently arrived from Belgium, where he had been educated. For a short period of time during the last 1930's or early 1940's, I employed him as a salesman for this company, selling decorative fabrics. He was not too successful at this type of work, and involved selling. There was nothing unfavorable connected with his leaving his position, and he would be eligible for rehire. We have no records pertaining to his employment whatsoever and there is no one employed here who would possibly have any personal knowledge of him. It is my impression that, shortly afterwards,

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he went to work for the Humble Oil Company, working as a field worker. He also went to Venezuela, working for some oil company there. I never heard of Chevalier (or Chevalier Garde), and am not familiar with any possible newspaper work which he may have done. I know that he attended the University of Texas, became a geological engineer, and worked for many years in Colorado and Texas in that field. I would see him only intermittently over these many years. Although he considers me a close friend, I do not consider that I am an intimate associate of his. I was his best man when he married Miss WINNE SHARPLES in about the early 1950's. Recently, she divorced him, in Texas, I believe. Previously, he had been married to and divorced from 'FIFI WASHINGTON'; I believe they resided and were divorced in Colorado. Prior to that marriage, I believe he had been married to a 'DORIS' in New York; I do not know how that marriage severed or where. I do not know whether he had any children of either of his first two marriages, but I am the Godfather to his son, one of his two children of his last marriage. From everything that GEORGE ever told me, I would judge that he is still on good terms with his former wives and his in-laws. I do not know where any of his former wives are except the last, who is now Mrs. ROBERT DENTON and resides outside the state. No question has ever come up about him which would reflect unfavorably upon him with respect to honesty, integrity, moral character, use of intoxicants, or physical or mental health. As far as I know, none of his matrimonial difficulties would reflect unfavorably upon him with respect to character, loyalty, or associations.

"At present, he is in Yugoslavia on a mission to locate oil for TITO, sent by the United States Government, he told me that before he left here some months ago. I also received some mail from him, in which he told me he was in Coratia.

"I have no knowledge of his activities during World War II, because I was away. He had no connection with me. I have no reason to question his loyalty to the United States. I do not believe that he is sympathetic to communism, Fascism or any subversive ideology. He has never indicated

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Engineer, Assistant Chairman of Rangely Field Engineering Committee (J. J. ZORICHAK, Dallas, Texas); June to August 1946, Consulting Work at Houston, Texas (B. BALKAN, Texas); August 1945 to June 1946, Petroleum Engineer in joint operations of Creole Corporation at Pantipec Oil Company in Eastern Venezuela (W. W. SMITH, President, Pantipec Oil Company, Caracas, Venezuela); January 1944 to August 1945, University of Texas, graduate work and teaching; January 1942 to January 1944 Reserve Officer, Polish Army, connected with purchasing mission, French and Polish Armies (Petroleum Division) (H. H. POIRET?, University of Texas and Major FORSTIER, Paris, France); January 1940 to January 1941, construction work in Mexico, (own firm) (no name furnished); February 1939 to January 1940 practice in drilling and production in Texas and Louisiana with the Humble Oil Company, etc. (JOHN BLATTER, Commerce Oil Company, Houston, Texas; March 1937 to June 1938, geological work in Poland, Silesia with consulting geologist, two summers (Dr. WASILEWSKI, Krakow, Poland). No residence addresses are shown. He can be contacted at deMohrenschildt and Walden Oil Company, 1639-40 Republic Bank Building, Dallas, Texas.

"Endorsers, whose names were furnished by him as sponsors for his entrance into the society were: J. F. BLACKWELL, the Texas Company; J. J. ZORICHAK; GEORGE H. FANCHER; BASIL ZAVOICO; JOHN SUMAN; H. H. POWER; SEIGE JURENEV (the first four endorsers listed were contacted by the society and furnished favorable references). There is nothing in our records that would reflect unfavorably upon him with respect to character, loyalty, or associations. There is no one here who would have any personal knowledge of him.

"AZAMAT K. GUIREY, Account Representative-Radio and Television, Young & Rubicam, 285 Madison Avenue, residing at 47 East 61st Street.

"Although I recall seeing GEORGE DE MOHRENSCHILDT in social circles, I do not think I really got to know him until about 1944 or 1945. We got to know each other because we used to attend the same social functions, given by people of our 'Baltic, Russian' background. I never visited any of his

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associations either. He does not drink, and his honesty and integrity are above question. He is in good physical and physical health. With respect to his moral character, he has always been interested in women, he wants beautiful girls, and women chase him and seemed pleased with his attentions. I would not say that his conduct has been in any way notorious. He never played around when he was married, and during each marriage, led a conservative life and was true to his wife. He does not gamble either. Although I feel that we got to know each other quite well, I still do not consider that we are close personal friends. He has many acquaintances with whom he likes to 'mix.' I believe that he can be entrusted in a position involving our national security, and I would recommend him for such a position.

"INVESTIGATOR'S NOTE: New York City Police Department. Appropriate name checks on AZAMAT K. GUIREY and IGOR PANTUHOFF resulted in 'no record.'

"WILLIAM STIX WASSMAN, Financier, 70 Pine Street.

"My niece, PHYLLIS WASHINGTON, married GEORGE DE MOHRENSCHILDT in Colorado sometime during the late 1940's. They lived together at Rangely, Colorado, for a couple of years until their divorce. There was no issue of the marriage. I do not know any of the circumstances about where the divorce was obtained, or who obtained the divorce. I do know that the main reason was their incompatibility. Personally, I feel that she is the type of person who would be impossible to live with, and I know, definitely, that she ran him into debt. I do not know where she is at present or how she may be contacted; she is a rather irresponsible person, and the last that I heard was that she was 'traveling.'

"I would estimate that I know GEORGE for at least the last ten years. I had occasional contact with him here in New York City, whenever he visited over these years. I last saw him when he passed through New York on his way to Yugoslavia on some economic mission for the United States Government.

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temperament and behavior is common to Europeans. He worked quite well, for instance, with his boss, ZOROCHEK, for ZOROCHEK was also Russian born and understood DE MOHRENSCHILDT thoroughly. ZOROCHEK, incidentally, is now deceased.

"To my knowledge, he has never been a member of any organization whose interests are inimical to those of the United States. I believe he became a citizen shortly after he left Rangely, but I have wondered why he waited so long to get this citizenship, for he had been in the United States for about ten to fifteen years. He did not associate with objectionable persons. As far as I know, he is a loyal American citizen.

"GEORGE is the type of person who is difficult to appraise objectively, chiefly, because he is inclined to be irresponsible and definitely unpredictable. He is somewhat unprincipled and quite independent. I would therefore, rather not recommend him for a sensitive position even though I may be doing him an injustice.

"I don't think there is anyone else in Rangely who had any contact with him when he was here, for all of the field engineers he worked with have transferred out of here.

"Criminal & Credit Records

"RIO BLANCO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE. (Covers Rangely), Meeker, Colorado. Records checked by WILBUR RICHARDSON.

"No record.

"CREDIT BUREAU OF NORTHWESTERN COLORADO, Meeker, Colorado. Record checked by Credit Manager, ROBER L. HOWEY.

"No record.

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"ASPEN, COLORADO

"Criminal Record

"PITKIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, Aspen, Colorado. Record checked by Sheriff LORAIN HERWICK.

"No record.

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"DENVER, COLORADO

"Employment

"T. H. (HENRY) MATTSON, Division Engineer, Texas Company, 1570 Grant Street.

"When the Rangely oil field was being developed, it was recognized by the oil companies participating in its development that it was a large field and that data of development and production should be gathered and made available to the various companies participating. An engineering committee, made up of representatives of the various companies was organized to develop this data. The committee was headed by a chairman who was not an employee of any one of the oil companies and who was responsible to the Rangely Operators Committee. This committee was made up of higher level personnel. When this function was begun, the chairman, who is no longer here, needed an assistant, and DE MOHRENSCHILDT was hired as that assistant. This was in about 1946 or 1947. After a couple of years, this first chairman left the committee, and DE MOHRENSCHILDT was made chairman in his place. DE MOHRENSCHILDT held the position for a couple of years and then left. He left in about 1950 or 1951.

"I was a member of the engineering committee, but was most active during the time the first chairman was in charge. I did participate in some committee meetings at which DE MOHRENSCHILDT presided, but most of my knowledge of him is hearsay. I believe he did a satisfactory job, but I don't know whether he left the position voluntarily or was requested to resign.

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"In my opinion, the man has enough charm to 'lie out of anything.' Sometime after I was married to the man, Mrs. NOBLE of Greenwich, Connecticut, told my mother, Mrs. PHILLIP SHARPLES, that GEORGE was a homosexual. I don't know just on what basis she made this statement and I never inquired into the details about it, but of course my mother told me about it.

"My mother often went to Palm Beach, Florida, during the wintertime. On two different occasions she ran into persons who knew GEORGE well, and they had a very low opinion of him. I don't know who these two people were by name, or address, and I don't know the details of their low opinions about GEORGE. The opinion could include homosexuality, but I don't know whether or not it does. Of course my mother always defended GEORGE to her utmost. This was necessary then and even today in order to protect my reputation and the reputation of the two children of that marriage that I have with me.

"During our marriage our sex life was normal and nothing in that relationship would indicate any suspicion of homosexuality or anything else abnormal.

"As far as moral behavior was concerned, GEORGE was completely faithful to me and there were no other women during the time of our marriage. In the same way there were no other men in my regard and I did not meet my present husband until after I obtained the divorce from GEORGE. Our divorce was not accompanied by any scandal in the least. I have always endeavored to avoid any scandal of any kind.

"I know that before our marriage, GEORGE had had affairs with other women and one of them was a notorious woman, although I forget her name, but this was known to me even before I was married and I didn't care about promiscuity before our marriage. I believe that GEORGE had exaggerated some of his prior affairs with women anyway. I met a past associate of GEORGE's in New York City just before we were married. This was EGOR PANTUHOFF, a painter and a 'known homosexual'. We all make allowances for persons who have talents in painting. I regarded this man as sort of a 'lunatic' and a psychopathic person. He steals things and he thinks it is funny. He has affairs with both men and women. In a burst of emotion he said to my husband, 'if you marry this girl (me) I'll never speak to you again'.

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At a later time I had my portrait painted by this man. It is my understanding that he had a close friendship with GEORGE in the past.

"I sometimes think that possibly GEORGE was a homosexual years ago and that it may be something connected with his past and not his present.

"Another past associate of GEORGE's was HENRY ROGATZ, an independent geologist, of Dallas, Texas. This man was a nice type of person, but there is a suspicion that he also is a homosexual. The general rumor in Dallas about this man is that he takes out older, unattractive women on several occasions each year just to prove to people that he is not a homosexual. He is generally well-liked however. My husband and Mr. ROGATZ both took an automobile trip together to Mexico around the time that my second child was born. This was in November, 1953 and the trip lasted for a week or two and possibly it was about ten days. To my mind, this trip was just another item of irresponsibility on GEORGE's part. I never gave it too much notice.

"At one time during our marriage I asked GEORGE if there was any truth to the rumors that he was a homosexual. He replied that it certainly was not true and he added, 'anyway, in Europe we look at those things differently.' In my estimation, this was an admission of guilt that he was a homosexual or had been one. In my mind, I felt that he did not vigorously deny it and he did not get angry at the idea of such a thing.

"Looking backward now on that wedding day when GEORGE and I were married, I think of two of the ushers as homosexuals. The ushers consisted of some eight or nine bachelors and some of them were very good-looking. We had visited one of them in New York City and his first name was PETER, but I don't know his last name or where he lived. When we came in to see him he was making his own draperies and pillows for his own apartment. This effeminate activity should have stamped him at once in my mind as a homosexual, but as it stands, I just think of him as a homosexual looking backward at that time. Another usher, whom I now think of as being a homosexual is PRINCE AZAMAT GURREY. He has lived in New York City and changed his address a number of times and I wouldn't know just where he ever lived. His association

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or friendship with GEORGE would be in the past, before I knew GEORGE. I think of him as being effeminate in appearance and manner and this is also looking backward now.

"After we had been living in Dallas for some time, it suddenly dawned on me that we weren't getting the social invitations that we should have been getting. Mrs. PIO CRESTI was a social leader in that city and she knew me and liked me and yet social invitations were not coming from her. In talking with various friends of mine, I eventually learned that Mrs. CRESTI had a very low opinion of GEORGE and that is the reason why I wasn't invited to anything in the social line. Mrs. CRESTI was very discreet and as far as I can learn, she never mentioned why she didn't like GEORGE, but it must have been a strong bad opinion that she had.

"I do not consider GEORGE as completely honest. He told me about his attending the University of Texas where he got his degree in geology. He said that he had cheated in examinations by the use of 'ponies'. As I understand it, ponies are papers with copied information that a person takes into an examination with him. He said that everyone cheated in this way and he wasn't ashamed of having done it himself. That is, his manner of speaking about it showed that he wasn't ashamed of having done it himself.

"In business, if somebody gave him \$5000.00 to invest in an oil deal, he might lose their money through poor business judgment and then he wouldn't feel bad for the person who lost the money. He would feel that it was their tough luck.

"He once told me that he borrowed \$1000.00 from some woman that he knew in Europe and he didn't repay it. I attempted to get her name and address so as to repay her but I never did get it. On the other hand, he wouldn't deliberately plan to cheat anybody out of their money. He just isn't the type of a man who would plan to cheat or steal somebody's money. He would never be deliberately dishonest. Sometimes I think that the man doesn't know right from wrong.

"GEORGE was not too successful in business and both my father and myself gave him money on a number of occasions when business deals did not pan out too well for him. It is my opinion that some of the businessmen in Dallas would consider him unreliable as I do.

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business with an office here in Dallas. His work took him to various places in and out of the United States but I have no definite recollection of just where. I know he was never gone for any great length of time.

"GEORGE is a hard man to understand and he is in my opinion a devil may care, irresponsible type of person who is mixed up inside. In our small business deal I kept a close eye on him not because I questioned his honesty but because he is such an irresponsible person. I would not say his morals are bad, but I believe he is indiscrete in his relationship with the opposite sex. He is in every sense of the word a 'ladies' man.' I know he has been married and divorced at least three times.

"I know of no questionable organizations to which he might have belonged and I have never seen or heard of him being in the company of people whose character or reputation might be opened to question. From my observations of him I would say that he enjoys good physical health.

"I do not question his loyalty to the United States as such, but GEORGE impressed me as being a man who owes allegiance to mankind and not any particular country. I would recommend him routine job with no security aspects, but because of his sometimes juvenile and irresponsible attitude I feel I cannot recommend him for a position of public trust because even though he is a grown, educated man, I do not think he would appreciate the importance of his position or its duties.

"Neighborhood

"Mrs. O. C. HOLEKALP, Housewife, 11641 Hillcrest Avenue.

"The DE MOHRENSCHILDT family moved in at 11631 Hillcrest Avenue in about 1951. After they were divorced in 1956, Mrs. DE MOHRENSCHILDT lived here a while and then moved away. My association with the family was limited to a casual hello when we chanced to meet which was not too often. I feel that I did not know Mr. DE MOHRENSCHILDT well enough to make any comment concerning him.

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"Mrs. FLOYD NORMAN, Physician, 11550 Wander Lane.

"We moved in here about two years ago and at that time GEORGE DE MOHRENSCHILDT and his family were living at 11631 Hillcrest Avenue. Mrs. DE MOHRENSCHILDT was also a physician and we became reasonably good friends. She told me that her husband was running around with other women and at times he had women in the house when she was away on a trip.

"My association with Mr. DE MOHRENSCHILDT was limited to one or two group get togethers in the neighborhood. My association with him was so limited I actually formed no opinion concerning him. All I know about his moral conduct was what his wife told me and I have no personal knowledge of any specific incident or situation that would verify what his wife said. Based on my limited knowledge of the man I have no reason to question his honesty, character, integrity, or drinking habits. I have no knowledge concerning any organizations to which he might have belonged and I do not know who his close associates might have been.

"Based on what I know of the man I think of no reason why I should question his loyalty to the United States but I feel I did not get to know him well enough to make any job recommendations concerning him.

"Mrs. H. E. JOHNSON, Teacher, 11615 Hillcrest Avenue.

"GEORGE DE MOHRENSCHILDT and his family moved in at 11631 Hillcrest Avenue in about 1951. He moved out in approximately the Fall of 1955. He and his wife were divorced at a later date and after a few months she, too, moved away. Occasionally, I would visit at their home and from time to time I would baby-sit for them.

"Mr. DE MOHRENSCHILDT was a strange sort of man. His wife confided in me that he was running around with other women. I know from my own personal knowledge that at least twice when his wife was away he had a woman in the house for an all night visit. The DE MOHRENSCHILDT's maid and I developed a speaking acquaintance and she confirmed the fact that he had women as over-night guests when his wife was away. Mr. DE MOHRENSCHILDT was an engaging sort of person but I must say that I did not hold a high opinion of him because of his infidelity. His wife told me that this was his third marriage.

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"I know of no questionable groups or organizations to which he might have belonged and I have no knowledge concerning his friends. I have no information that leads me to believe that he has been disloyal to the United States. However, I feel that considering his utter disregard for his marriage vows he could under certain circumstances be disloyal to his country. I cannot recommend the man for a position of public trust because I feel this type of person cannot be trusted.

"Mrs. HELEN MC GIBNEY, Manager, Maple Terrace Apartments, Maple Avenue.

"Our records show that GEORGE DE MOHRENSCHILDT moved in here on October 19, 1955 and left January 31, 1957 to go to Europe. When he moved in here he was estranged from his wife and they were later divorced. I came to know him on a manager-tenant relationship but I feel that no matter how long I did know him he would always remain an enigma. He has natural charm, wonderful manners, and makes witty conversation. When he first came here he appeared to be somewhat disturbed over his family problems. However, he soon found solace with a married woman who was also staying here at the time. Several times she went out with him on his trips to Mexico and he was a frequent visitor in her apartment at all hours and for long periods of time. She asked her husband for a divorce and he came here from California and they had quite a discussion. It is my understanding that she did eventually get her divorce and I believe that at a later date she went to see DE MOHRENSCHILDT in Europe.

"As a tenant he paid his rent on time and I never had any trouble with him insofar as drinking or wild parties are concerned. I will say that his affair with the married woman is something that I do not condone. Other than the fact that he was in the oil business and traveled a great deal, I know nothing about his work. As I said, to me he was a mystery and I did not know him well enough to make any further comments about him. I cannot think of any tenants now living here who would remember him.

"Miscellaneous

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"JAKE L. HAMON (Reference), Independent Oil Producer, Vaughan Building.

"I became acquainted with GEORGE DE MOHRENSCHILDT as a result of our wives being friends. I believe the first

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"GEORGE is an odd, confused person and definitely irresponsible and sometimes childlike in his actions and thinking. I feel that I know him and yet to me he is still a mystery in some ways.

"The Russian Revolution caused GEORGE's family to lose a great deal of wealth and position and from a little boy who had everything he was in a sense thrown out in the streets with nothing. He was later given a fine education but I think that GEORGE is still trying to get even with the world for what he considers his loss. I cannot say that his morals are low, but I think they can be improved. I will say that in his relationship with women he can be very indiscrete. He has been married and divorced three times and I understand that he is planning to try it again. GEORGE is the type of person who does what he wants, when he wants, and public opinion is not considered in the least. He uses alcohol moderately and I have never seen or heard of him being intoxicated. During the course of our conversations, he has told me that he is an Atheist and believes in no religion. I personally have heard him direct criticism at all denominations. As an example of his unconcern for convention I have a letter from him postmarked Belgrade in which on one side of the letter he praises the natural beauty of the country and tells of the enjoyable times. On the other side, in spite of the fact that he is a guest in that country and mail is probably censored, he blasts the present day government and uses language that is best left unwritten. I know of no questionable organization to which he may have belonged and I have never seen him in the company of people whose loyalty or reputation I might question. As for GEORGE, himself, I believe he would never intentionally betray the United States. However, he is in my opinion more or less a citizen of the world and not very realistic about the present dangers to our form of government. I would recommend him for a job having no classified aspects but I feel that due to his irresponsible and frivolous nature I cannot recommend him for a position of public trust.

"14th DISTRICT COURT CLERK'S OFFICE. Records furnished by AL THOMPSON, Deputy Clerk.

"Case No. 7138 A/J of the 14th District Court reflects that on April 16, 1956, WYNNE SHARPLES DE MOHRENSCHILDT was granted a divorce from GEORGE DE MOHRENSCHILDT on the grounds of cruel and harsh treatment.

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"Criminal and Credit Records

"DALLAS POLICE DEPARTMENT, Identification Bureau. Records furnished by ARTIE C. CLARK, Clerk.

"No record.

"DALLAS POLICE DEPARTMENT, Records Bureau. Records furnished by Mrs. RUBY MOORE, Clerk.

"No record.

"MERCHANTS RETAIL CREDIT ASSOCIATION. Records furnished by Mrs. ALVIE EVANS, Clerk.

"GEORGE DE MOHRENSCHILDT has been in file since August 9, 1951 and was last checked October 22, 1956. He gave his address as 11631 Hillcrest Avenue and his occupation as an oil operator, self-employed. A statement of information signed by him on December 28, 1951 shows his date of birth as April 18, 1914 and a telephone interview with him dated February 17, 1956 again shows his date of birth as April 18, 1914. In February, 1956 his office address was shown as Room 1640, Republic National Bank Building. He has a satisfactory credit rating.

"Abilene, Texas

"Neighborhood

"J. H. SIBLEY, Bellhop, Wooten Hotel.

"I remember Mr. DE MOHRENSCHILDT quite well. He stayed here at the Wooten Hotel for over a year from 1951 to 1952. I do not recall the exact dates of when he stayed here. He was an oil operator and traveled quite a bit. He was quite a spender. He was single.

"Mr. DE MOHRENSCHILDT impressed me as being a fine gentleman. He was a man of good moral character and personal habits. I never observed anything derogatory concerning him. He appeared to me to be loyal to the United States. I know of no groups or organizations that he belonged to nor any friends or associates that he had that would make anyone suspicious of his loyalty to the Government.

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integrity. I do not know of anything derogatory concerning him but I would not like to recommend him as a security risk as I do not feel that I know him well enough.

"INVESTIGATOR'S NOTE: Several independent oil operators at Abilene were contacted and although several of them knew DE MOHRENSCHILDT and remembered his name in a casual manner, they did not know him well enough to comment on him.

"Criminal and Credit Records

"POLICE DEPARTMENT, Abilene, Texas. Records furnished by G. C. CHRONISTER.

"No criminal record.

"SHERIFF'S OFFICE OF TAYLOR COUNTY, Abilene, Texas. Record furnished by R. A. FRENCH.

"No criminal record.

"RETAIL MERCHANTS CREDIT ASSOCIATION. Records furnished by Mrs. O. H. BRYANT.

"The only record that we have here in our file concerning GEORGE DE MOHRENSCHILDT is that he was in our file December 27, 1951 and an inquiry came from Fort Worth, Texas. This inquiry was to a bank here at Abilene and everything was favorable. We do not have any other information on this subject other than the above inquiry from Fort Worth, Texas.

"Perryton, Texas

"INVESTIGATOR'S NOTE: W. D. "BUCK" DAVIDSON, employed by the Sharples Oil Company and a former business associate of the subject was alleged to be employed in Perryton, Texas, but investigation at that point failed to locate this witness or the company with which he is employed.

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"I know of nothing irregular in DE MOHRENSCHILDT's morals or habits which would have brought about his previous divorces - in fact, I had a great personal liking for him. He has been in my home on numerous occasions and always conducted himself quite properly. My wife and high school age daughter were very well taken to him as he was a polished conversationalist and very flattering to the opposite sex.

"I would trust DE MOHRENSCHILDT with anything that I own and I know nothing that would reflect against him as to honesty and integrity. He is in top physical condition and in sound mind. I know nothing of his affiliations but had no cause to doubt his beliefs or loyalty to our form of government. There were some people around Rangely who were suspicious of him and questioned his Russian background, but so far as I know this was due to nothing that DE MOHRENSCHILDT had said or done. So far as I am concerned, there was no basis for the suspicions and I will recommend him for a position that is sensitive from the standpoint of our national security. His close personal friends included prominent and highly respected people extending from coast to coast and border to border of these United States.

"Odessa, Texas

"Employment

"INVESTIGATOR'S NOTE: This point of investigation was set up as a point for the purpose of contacting W. D. (BUCK) DAVIDSON, an employee of the Sharples Oil Corporation, concerning matters of which he was supposed to have information that transpired in the Rangely Oil Fields in the State of Colorado. Contact with officials of the Sharples Oil Corporation revealed that subject was not located in this area and had not been, so far as they knew in recent years. All contacts indicated that the witness above mentioned was not any where in this area at this time.

"Austin, Texas

"Employment

"UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS, Office of the Auditor, Payroll Division. Records furnished by VIRGINIA BAYER.

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"Our payroll records indicate that GEORGE DE MOHRENSCHILDT was employed as a tutor in the Romance Language Department on a part-time basis from November 1, 1944 to June 30, 1945. His address was given as 101½ W. 19th Street in Austin, Texas. He gave the forwarding address of Pantepec Oil Company in Maturin Managas, Venezuela. No derogatory information in our files regarding subject.

"INVESTIGATOR'S NOTE: Professors available contacted stated they had little or no contact with tutors employed by the Romance Language Department. Witnesses interviewed had no personal knowledge regarding the subject.

"Education

"UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS, Registrar's Office. Records furnished by KATHY BALSON.

"Our records indicate that GEORGE DE MOHRENSCHILDT was admitted to the University of Texas, March 6, 1944 and received an M. A. Degree October 29, 1945. He was majoring in Petroleum Engineering. His thesis work was taken during the last part of his education here and some of his work could have been in absentia. No record of his actual physical attendance is maintained.

"His date of birth is indicated as April 17, 1911 and his place of birth as Mozyr, Russia. His parent's name was given as S. DE MOHRENSCHILDT, Wilno, Poland. His education is indicated as attendance at the Polish Jym from which he received a diploma in 1929 and the Superior Institute of Commerce where he received a diploma in 1933. He stated he was a graduate of a high school in Poland in 1928. Our records reflect no derogatory information regarding the subject.

"INVESTIGATOR'S NOTE: Investigation indicated that Dr. HARRY H. POWER and Dr. GEORGE H. FANCHER, Professors of Petroleum Engineering during 1944-1945, were out of town until the University of Texas reconvenes. Other professors contacted were not at the University of Texas during subject's period of education.

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"OFFICE OF THE DEAN OF STUDENT AFFAIRS. Records searched by RUTH NEEL.

"No disciplinary action.

"Neighborhood

"INVESTIGATOR'S NOTE: Witnesses contacted in the rental area of 101½ W. 19th Street stated they were not in the vicinity during 1944 and 1945. Most of the immediate area has been commercialized since subject's residence.

"Criminal and Credit Records

"AUSTIN POLICE DEPARTMENT, Identification Bureau. Records searched by JEANETTE BOCHMEYER.

"No record.

"AUSTIN POLICE DEPARTMENT, Records Bureau. Records searched by BERNICE MOFFETT.

"No record.

"AUSTIN RETAIL MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION. Records searched by ROBERTA PRYOR.

"No record.

"Houston, Texas

"Employment

"HUMBLE OIL AND REFINING COMPANY, 1216 Main Street. Records furnished by PHILLIP DUNN, Acting Bureau Head, Service Records Bureau.

"The official personnel records in this office show that GEORGE S. VON MOHRENSCHILDT, date of birth August 17, 1911, Social Security Number 449-28-7285 worked for this company as a Rotary Helper from May 24, 1939 until July 13, 1939. The location of the job on which he was working was in the vicinity of Lirette, Louisiana. The file shows that Mr. VON MOHRENSCHILDT was laid off in July, 1939 because of a reduction in force, and that his services were poor. Because of this service rating

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he is not eligible for rehire. Mr. VON MOHRENSCHILDT's birth place is listed as Mozyr, Russia, and his address is listed as 950 Park Avenue, New York City, New York. His father's name is listed as SAGIUS VON MOHRENSCHILDT and his mother's name is ALEXANDRIA LATOSKEY.

"The file further shows that Mr. VON MOHRENSCHILDT holds both Masters and Doctors degrees from universities in Belgium. The file contains no derogatory information.

"INVESTIGATOR'S NOTE: Further investigation at this point disclosed no witnesses who had personal knowledge of the subject, nor could any leads be obtained which would reveal the whereabouts of such witnesses.

"Criminal and Credit Records

"HOUSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT. Records furnished by PANSY LELAND, Clerk.

"No record.

"HOUSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT, Identification Bureau. Records furnished by JUANITA MECHE, Clerk.

"No record.

"GREATER CREDIT BUREAU OF HOUSTON, 712 Milam Street. Records furnished by DOROTHY SCHULTE, Operator 35.

"No record.

"Washington, D. C.

"Employment

"INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ADMINISTRATION, Security Office, Room 340, 811 Vermont Avenue, N. W. Files presented by Mr. JAMES FEENEY.

"The security files contain a memo dated August 1, 1957 stating that the Project Manager had advised that the applicant entered on duty February 3, 1956 under an individual contract with the government of Yugoslavia. This memo was

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addressed to the Director of Personnel from MARY B. CRAIG, S/Co. The file reflected that subject is an applicant for the position of Consultant in Oil Resources with the government of Yugoslavia. A preliminary clearance was issued on June 6, 1956 and on April 5, 1957 this preliminary clearance was cancelled as it had never been used.

"INVESTIGATOR'S NOTE: Investigation at the International Cooperation Administration revealed that the date of entrance on duty was February 3, 1957.

"DOCTOR MILAN BULAJIC, Second Secretary of the Embassy of the Federal Peoples' Republic of Yugoslavia, 3rd Floor, 1520 16th Street, N. W.

"I have no knowledge of a man by that name being employed by the Republic of Yugoslavia. I am sorry but I do not have any file on this man.

"EDWARD H. VANDERHAGEN, Chief, Accountant Attache, French Consulate, 2129 Wyoming Avenue, N. W.

"I have checked all the old files in the French Mission which are contained in the basement of this building but I cannot find any file on this man under either name. I have also checked for any record on a P. FORESTIER, but have located no file on this man. I have never heard of either of these men.

"Mrs. MARIE PAULE ROBERTS, Secretary, Personnel Department, Office of the French Commercial Consular, 1001 Connecticut Avenue, N. W.

"We have all the available records for the French Mission. I have not been able to find a file on this man under either name. I cannot find a file on a Mr. P. FORESTIER either. It is possible that a file might have been misplaced as we have moved several times.

"BERNARD PETE, Chief, Mail Room, Office of the French Commercial Consular, 1001 Connecticut Avenue, N. W.

"All French personnel was interned in Hersey, Pennsylvania, from November, 1942 to the middle of February, 1943. During this time all of the buildings occupied by the

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French Mission were under seal and no one could have worked for the French Government. I came to Washington, D. C., in June of 1943 and I have never heard this name nor have I ever heard the name of P. FORESTIER. To my knowledge all of the personnel in Washington were military except some civilian girl typists.

"Neighborhood

"R. L. POLK COMPANY, 9th and F Streets, N. W., 10th Floor, the Washington Building.

"The files of the R. L. Polk Company which contain the city directories for Washington, D. C., for the years of 1941, 1942 and 1943 were checked with negative results under all names.

"INVESTIGATOR'S NOTE: Glover Park is the name given to a large section of homes and apartment houses in the northwest section of Washington, D. C.

"Criminal and Credit Records

"METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT.

"No record. (From time to time some of the Department's records are out of file and not available for review.)

"CREDIT BUREAU, INCORPORATED, 1221 G Street, N. W.

"No record."

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INFORMATION REGARDING CONTACT OF A GEORGE
DE MOHRENSHELD WITH DOMINICAN EMBASSY PERSONNEL S

WF T-1 reported on April 21, 1958 that a GEORGE DE MOHRENSHELD (phonetic) was in contact with BEATRIZ RODRIGUEZ of the Dominican Embassy, Washington, D. C. DE MOHRENSHELD told her, according to WF T-1, that he was from Dallas, Texas; that he had spoken to Ambassador MANUEL DE MOYA two days previously and that the latter advised him that he could see DE MOHRENSHELD that afternoon. RODRIGUEZ told DE MOHRENSHELD that the Ambassador had left for the day and had not mentioned any such appointment to her. They agreed that DE MOHRENSHELD would call the Ambassador's residence later (S)

On April 22, 1958, according to WF T-1, DE MOHRENSHELD told RODRIGUEZ that he was going to New York and would call Ambassador DE MOYA on Wednesday or Thursday. He requested that the Ambassador call DE MOHRENSHELD at the Park Chambers Hotel if the former went to New York. (S)

The "List of "Employees of Diplomatic Missions" for May, 1958, published by the United States Department of State, lists Miss BEATRIZ RODRIGUEZ as a clerk, Embassy of Dominican Republic.

The "Diplomatic List" for June, 1958, published by the United States Department of State, lists Senor DON MANUEL A. DE MOYA as Ambassador E. and P., Embassy of the Dominican Republic.

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INFORMATION REGARDING CONTACT OF A YURI (GEORGE)
MORENSCHILD WITH RUSSIAN EMBASSY PERSONNEL (S)

On May 31, 1946, WF T-2 reported that a YURI (GEORGE) MORENSCHILD, (phonetic), was in contact with F. A. GARANIN of the Soviet Embassy, Washington, D.C. According to WF T-2, MORENSCHILD described himself as a petroleum engineer who had worked in the Texas oil fields and in Venezuela and while in the latter country became very well acquainted with the Soviet Ambassador FOMA TREBIN. WF T-2 reported that in response to MORENSCHILD's question, GARANIN told him that Soviet Ambassador NOVIKOV was too busy to see him and they then discussed themselves meeting together at 2:15 p.m. that date. WF T-2 reported that MORENSCHILD might possibly be residing at the Mayflower Hotel, Washington, D.C., at the time of his contact with GARANIN. (S)

It is to be noted that inquiry was made at the Mayflower Hotel at that time to ascertain if this person was registered at that hotel with negative results.

WF T-2 advised during the period April 1, 1946, to June 30, 1946, that FEDOR ALEKSEEVICH GARANIN was Chief of the Embassy's Consulate Division. (S)

The aforementioned "Diplomatic List" for June, 1946, published by the United States Department of State (USDS), lists Mr. FEDOR A. GARANIN as Second Secretary, USSR, 1331 Belmont Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

It is noted that the same publication lists Mr. NIKOLAI V. NOVIKOV, Appointed Ambassador, USSR.

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