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: Chief, Domestic Collection Division ATTN : Deputy Chief, Operations (Ed Watts)

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FROM : Chief, Dallas Office

SCAJECT: Call from Dan Watson of Dallas Horning News re George de Mohrenschildt/Clippings from Dallas Times Herald and

Dallas Morning News

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1. Dan Watson, reporter from the Dallas Morning News, called on 31 March 1977 and wanted to discuss our relationship with George de Mohrenschildt. I told him this was documented in the Warren Commission Report and I had nothing further to add. Watson then advised that Dallas was overrun with out of town reporters looking for a story on De Mohrenschildt and asked me if the name Robert Morris meant anything to me. He promised our conversation would be off the record and I then told him the only Robert Morris I knew of in the Dallas area was the Robert Morris who had been chief counsel on Joseph McCarthy's Senate investigative committee on un-American activities, and who was the former president of Plano University. (Plano is a suburb of Dallas.) I told Watson I had never met Robert Morris. He said this was the Robert Morris he was talking about, that he understood Morris was supposed to have had some connection with the CIA in Taiwan. He said Morris was reported to have autographed a book to J. Moore but could furnish no details. He did not explain how Morris was supposed to have been involved with either Lee Harvey Oswald or George de Mohrenschildt.

A search of the files of the Dallas Field Office produced a Weekly Activity Report (WAR) by Major Charles Piver stating he had called on Dr. Robert Morris, Chancellor of the University of Plano on 30 November 1973. His comments on the WAR are as follows: "Met Morris, Has info on sea oil but he is too tied up in politics to give straight answers. Vary conservative. Will try one more (No further visit is licred.)

3. As you can see from the attached clippings De Mohrenschildt's death is getting a lot of play in the local press. So far my name hasn't surfaced but it may be just a matter of time before my association with De Mohrenschildt comes out.

JWMoore/elm

Attachment: As stated

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HIGH AYDESWORTH analyt 1977, Dallas Times Herald

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Personal to de Mohrenschildt. had been living for the past two

weeks in a swank mansion owned by a death, police said. former sister-in-law, a maid had planted a tape recorder in a brdroom to record renachildt's last movements and final accords are recorded on tape.

Investigators with the Palm Beach County shortff's office were able to pinpoint the exact time of the suicide, 15 seconds pest 2:21 p.m. Tuesday, because of the recording. The suicide was metched to a monitoring of the televi- joining bedroom. sion program to determine the time of

Authorities have told The Times Herald that the maid turned the recorder on her favorite map opera. Thus de Moh- but then left the room and went downstairs.

> De Mohrenschildt can be heard on the recording coming into the bedroom. pulling open a dresser drawer where Mrs. Charles E. Tilton III kept a 20gauge shotgun, removing the gam and walking away, presumably into an ad-

the continuing sounds from the characters in the soap opera.

Next, de Mohrenschlidt's daughter, Alexandra, 33, can be heard calling her father's name. Then, after a few steps, her acreem as she found her father

Despite some speculation that du Mohrenschildt might have been killed he had advance knowledge of the Kennedy assessination and his "importance" as a potential witness before the House

Select Committee on Assassinations, a Palm Beach County coroner Wednesday muchs. afternoon said the autopsy lindings were "conducive to a self-inflicted gunshot wound."

"If he weren't famous and this wain't of unusual interest because of who he topsy would be made public soon. knew, it would be rated as just another suicide," said Det. Lt. Richard Sheets, incomplete early today, although fam because of his reported state a sats that who headed the sheriff's investigation.

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to Lt. Sherts offered no unusual a

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Custinged from Page One found his body. For the past 15 years he had been married to Jeanne LeGon, a former New York fashion designer who avet recently designed tennis surments under the trade name Smath Line.

His personnel folder at Bishon Colwife like two families, though less, the predominantly black college in and met a kground and edu- South Dalles where he taught Russian the transport gifts and often and French beginning in 1969 and for t politics, he told the Warren which he was a devoted and successful fund rauser, states that he held a master's degree from the University of Tex-

> French said that he was fluent in English French Polish Russian Gotman and Scanish and that he recently took a year-long walking tour of Mexico and South America.

In the late 50s and 60s he was des rihed as a successful petroleum seolorist based in Dallas, His file at Bishop College states that he worked in that capacity as an adviser to the U.S. State Department in Pakistan, Ghana and Niseria between 1956 and 1959.

From May 1963 until 1967, de Mohrenechilds was a petroleum adviser based in Haiti, then under the dictatorship of Papa Doc Duvaller. That mount he was in that country in November 1963 at the time of the Kennedy assaul-

Atterney Russell said that de Mohrepartiful died with very few assets but that his finances were "at a very high level prior to the amandration period." Russell said he represented de Mohrenschildt in his unsuccessful attempt to obtain more than \$1 million said to be due him for from the Haitian government.

Pollowing the assassination and his highly publicised testimony before the Warren Commission, de Mohrenschildt was besiezed by authors and would-be investigators probing the Kennedy assemination and he was featured in nearly every book written about the amand-

Friends said that it was largely as a result of this limelight that de Mohrenschildt was no longer able to work as a geologist. "The jobs suddenly were not available," said one friend.

And in a world that greedily begged for every shred of information it could get on the death of the handsome young preudent, de Mohrenerhildt himself berame a victim of the assaultation.

Still, he remained a prominent figure is non-riest three times, once to a . In the artistically active Dallas Russian. load in both Russian and French.

According to his immediate superviacr. Dr. Roy Watson, chairman of the English and foreign language departments, de Mohrenschildt was an effective and well-liked professor.

"He taught mostly tutorial courses and was well liked by the students." said Watson. "He was a good supporter of the college and had contacts with neonle who could financially help the college "

And according to Watson and other friends interviewed, things were going relatively well for the man until about eight months ago.

The Kennedy assessination controversy had been revived through magazine articles and there began talk in Washington of creating a special House commiltee to re-investigate the assessing. tions of John and Robert Kennedy and the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

"To be totally honest," said one seenciate, "George had not been in very good emotional heaith for the past few years, but particularly in the past eight months. He began to have bizarre hallucinations and distortions.

"He thought he was under surveillance. He believed people were following him-the FBI, the CIA, the KGBall sorts of people. In the last six months, he became very suspicious of the people he worked with at Bishop College."

Last August, he and his wife moved from the Andrea Apartments, 3715 Travis, where they had lived since June of 1973, to a two-bedroom, \$200-amonth apartment at 2737 Kings Road

About that time, according to Russell. de Mohrenschildt was approached by a man from Austin whose neme he (Russell) says he can't remember who said he was writing a book that would be entitled "The Black Shield" about de Mohrenschildt's life and its ruination following the assassination.

Remail believes that the were idea of another book frightened de Mohrenschildt and heightened his depression.

On at least two occasions, the attorney sava, de Mohremschildt atternoted aucide. Following the most recent attended last October, he was admitted on the advice of his wife to the psychiatric section of Parkland Homital, Records there show he was released Dec. 30.

However, Russell recalls, he was still not healthy and argued constantly with his wife. According to the manager of the apartment complex where they lived, the couple was evicted in January following complaints of "constantly loud, noisy and disturbing arguments" that angered neighbors.

After this, friends say, his wife left to live with relatives in California while de .Mohrenschildt moved to an apartment close to Bishop College. The couple re-A. mained close, however, and communicated almost daily by telephone.

About four weeks ago, sometime in late February according to Russell, de-Mohrenachildt was approached by a Butch fournalist and longtime acquaintsave Willem Olympus

Finnell now be arranged for a Lancheon attended by de Mobremchildt. Olimons and himself at the Cineran Chile an old-line social city in the Turtle Creek stree

Present said that little to add new sixnificance to the association story was clienmed during the luncheon but that Olimana was obviously "looking for a story." The Dutch journalist, Russell sure proposed that de Mohrenschildt visit Holiand and appear on Dutch trievision. A figure of several thousand dollists was mentioned as a propused pavement to de Mohrenschildt for his efforte

Russell says he later left the two men to themselves. Oltmans could not be trushed Wednesday.

Following the lanch, Russell recalled. de Mohrenschildt accorrently took Oitmans up on his offer and accompanied lilm to the Netherlands. The pair errorently did meet with Dutch publishers but the proposed interview on television. never took place.

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In his bestiment Obnana chimed that de Mohreserfrikit had told him that he had prior knowledge of Orwald's planned assusingtion of Kennedy.

"He said to me. How do you think the media would react if I come out and said that I feel resoursable for Overaid's behavior." Ottomos supred de Mobrem-ರುವರು ಈ ಉಗ್ರಹ

That restrained by Olimons caused a flurry of new resentation around the assusingtions exercitive, whose encoursed existency at the time was in doubt.

Authorities in Florida now before that de Mohrenschildt, in mid-March, boarded a pisme from Brussels to an excharge area of West Palm Beach to be with his danctiter Alexandra.

It was there he is helieved to have been met by free-born writer Edward Jay Ensein, who told authorities that he interviewed de Mohrenschildt on Monday and Tuesday of this week.

At about 2:30 n.m. Transfer, police say, his body was found by his daughter in the countil ramaion where he was staying. An official verdict of merida term issued Westposters.

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> Committee investigators say they believe the bullet that supposedly struck Kennedy in the back and then passed through Connaily's body would have weighed foo much if more than three fraumouts were removed.

The other witness, a lexarkana area resident who prefers not to identify and a limit that The News herself, has told committee probers she

by Jack Ruby in Ruby's Carousel Club here in the fall of 1963.

The Warren Commission said it found no evidence that Ruby, who shot Oswald to death in the basement of the Dallas police station two days after the assassination, knew each other.

The Texarkana area woman, who in 1963 was an entertainer in a nightclub near Ruby's club, also told committee investigators that movie film she took

was taken from her two days later hytwo men who said they were CIA or PRI agents. The film, not mentioned by the Warren Commission, was never returned to her, she told probers.

Cleburne architect J. Gary Show. who located the Texarkana area woman for the committee, quoted her as saving Ruby introduced Oswald to her and at least two others as "Lee Osweld of the CIA " a

"I met with committee investigators

she recalls four or five builet frag- was introduced to Lee Harvey Oswald of the assassination in Dealey Plaza for about three hours in Dallas before they talked with her " Shaw said. "She called me a couple of days after they saw her. She said she has agreed to testify."

Shaw said she had been reluctant to come forward with the information because she "is scared to death" for reasaus not firectly connected with the assassination "and rightfully an." But Shaw declined to specifically state whv.

Shaw said he also supplied investigators with another Dallas area witness who will testify that Ruby, Oswald and other men from Mexico and New Orleans met one morning on another occasion in the fall of 1963 in the Carousel (Jub. The witness was called by Ruby to come to the club early that day to serve drinks to some of those present Shaw said.

Miss Eell, now supervisor of the oversting saite at Children's Medical Center, unid committee investigators probably nought her out March 12 as a result of what "all started in an incorrect statement in Jim Rishou's book ("The Day Kennedy Was Shot," published in 1968) . . . He (Bistop) had me finding the bullet and all this wort of stuff "

Miss Bell said Bishep found her smy through an article she had written for a publication of the National Association of Operating Room Narses shout the operating ruces scene the day of the a mustination. She said she recalled seeil v four or five bullet framseents being pland in a gast.

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the House Assessinations Committee's chief investigator of the Kennedy case. Neither Tannenbaum nor any other committee representative bad contacked the psychiatrist by the time De-Multionschildt had thet himself eight days later in West Palm Beach, Pla.

On Nov. 9 one week after De Mohrenichilds changed his mind about enturing Terrell State Hospital, the former Mrs. De Mohrerschildt filed court papers with the Dellas County Mental lliness Department to force his commitment to the psychiatric unit of Parkland Memorial Hospital.

In Mohrenschildt agreed to go to Parkland voluntarily and stayed eight weakt until Dec. 30. He received electric shock treatment as a psychotic de-DIPSSIVE

A Cutch journalist, Willem Oltmans, about a month ago told the congressional committee be interviewed De Mohtenschildt seven weeks after he left Parkland Hospital, It was that interview, in which Olimans said De-Mobrenschildt asserted he knew in advance what Oswald was going to do before the assassination, that put the spotlight on De Mohrenschildt.

De Mohrenschildt, who had befriended Oswald and his wife when they came to the Dallas Port Worth area from Russia in 1962, left his post as a professor of French at Bishop College here March 1 a week after the Oltmans interview. They went to Belgium and Holland before De Mohrenschildt returned to this country March 17 to take up residence in the West Palm Beach mansion of a cousin of one of his four former wives.

De Mohrenschildt's last wife. Jeanne, in seeking to commit him to Parkland Hospital Nov. 9, told county authorities he had tried to commit suicide four times.

The last attempt, she told authorities, was Oct. 28, one day before he had come to the psychiatrist with a request to be committed to Terrell State Hospital. That amounted to an attempt to "drown himself in the bath tub." she told county authorities

Other suicide attempts, the former Mrs. De Mohrenschildt said, involved entting his wrists and consuming entire bottles of drugs.

The mental illness history of De Mohrenschildt, as given county suthorities by his former wife, related that he asserted "his telephone is bugged. The house is bugged - voices and people eavesdropping to what he says."

The former Mrv. De Mohrenschildt's mental illness history also stated he thought the FBI was "after him" and "the Jewish Malia is closing in on him." She said he was having delusions of "ghosts of PBI and Jews."

The psychiatrist who made arrangements for De Mohrenschildt's commitment to Terrell State Hospital said one week before De Mohrenschildt killed himself he thought last October he was "sulcidal."

"Obviously this man was depressed, wanted to escape, wanted freedom from his depression," the psychiatrist said, "and was suffering from delusions, which, of course, goes together. This doesn't make anyone crazy . . . We are dealing with an extremely intelligent man."