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Oswald Wrote Letter to Hunt?

From News Services

A Dallas newspaper said yesterday three handwriting experts have examined a controversial letter dated Nov. 8, 1963 — 14 days before President John F. Kennedy was assassinated — and addressed to a "Mr. Hunt" and concluded that the writer was Lee Harvey Oswald.

The terse note asking "Mr. Hunt" for "information concerning my position" was first disclosed Feb. 6 by the Dallas Morning News. The letter was forwarded to the FBI.

The handwriting analysts, commissioned by the News and certified by the International Graphoanalysis Society, said the writing compared to that of Oswald contained in the Warren Commission Report.

The note began, "Mr. Hunt. I would like information concerning my position. I am asking only for

Dear Mr Hunt.
I would like information
concerning my position.

Thank You.
Lee Harvey Oswald

information. I am suggesting that we discuss the matter fully before any steps are taken by me or anyone else." It was signed, "Thank You, Lee Harvey Oswald."

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the Warren Commission as the person who assassinated President Kennedy in Dallas Nov. 22, 1963. The commission said it found that Oswald acted alone in the assassination.

A Dutch journalist, Willem Oltmans, who testified before the House Assassinations Committee here Friday, quoted George de Mohrenschildt, friend of Oswald who committed suicide earlier this week, as saying de Mohrenschildt was the middleman between the late-oil billionaire H.L. Hunt and Oswald in a plan to kill Kennedy.

Spokesmen for the Hunt family have denied the accusations.

The Morning News said it had obtained the note from retired newspaper editor Penn Jones of Midlothian, Tex. Jones, who has privately investigated the assassination for years, said he had received the note through the mail in August 1975 from an anonymous person in Mexico City. He said the sender told him that he had given a copy of the letter to FBI Director Clarence Kelley in late 1974.

An FBI spokesman has said the bureau knows nothing about the delivery of the letter to Kelley, but that the bureau is still attempting to determine the authenticity of the note.

The Dallas newspaper said the handwriting experts were commissioned by the News and their conclusion was that it is "the authentic writing of Lee Harvey Oswald and was written by him."

JONES SAID FBI agents came to his home last week with portable photographic equipment to photograph his copy of the letter.

The News identified the handwriting experts as Mary C. Harrison of Richardson, Tex., Mary Duncan of Toronto, Canada, and Allan R. Keown of El Paso, Tex. The newspaper said all three are certified with the International Graphoanalysis Society and were alerted to watch specifically for any signs of forgery.

"We have made a careful examination and comparison of all the writing and find that it compares," the three said in a signed statement, the newspaper reported.

A spokesman for the Hunt estate issued a statement saying that reports that Hunt had something to do with the assassination were "totally false." A spokesman for Hunt Oil Co. denied that Hunt "ever knew, ever communicated with or ever received communication from Lee Harvey Oswald."

Meanwhile, Rep. Richardson Preyer, D-N.C., a leading member of the House Assassinations Committee, said he needs time to assess the credibility of testimony by Oltmans that de Mohrenschildt, a Russian-born geologist, claimed to be part of a conspiracy to kill Kennedy.

PREYER, CHAIRMAN of the subcommittee on the Kennedy assassination, would not say whether he believed the story the Dutch journalist gave behind closed doors for three hours Friday.

"Ask me that question again in a few months," said Preyer. "Mr. Oltmans was very specific on some things which can be corroborated but not as clear on others."

Oltmans said he told the committee that de Mohrenschildt implicated Cuban exiles, Texas oilmen, and the CIA and FBI in the alleged plot.

An FBI spokesman said Oltmans' story differed drastically from the account the FBI got originally from de Mohrenschildt soon after the 1963 assassination.

The Warren Commission took 100 pages of sworn testimony from de Mohrenschildt and 40 pages from his wife.

In two interviews outside the committee, Oltmans said de Mohrenschildt had wavered between insisting the story was true and saying he fabricated it to sell a book. But he later told other reporters that de Mohrenschildt never said he made up the story.

De Mohrenschildt, who was born in the Soviet Union and taught French at Bishop College in Dallas, was found dead in Palm Beach, Fla., last Tuesday, hours after a committee investigator tried to contact him.