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GEORGE DE MOHRENSCHILDT
JEANNE DE MOHRENSCHILDT

On March 31, 1964, Mr. and Mrs. EDWARD ROBERT THOMAS, [redacted] were interviewed at the Hotel San Francisco, Calle Luis Moya No. 11, Mexico, D. F., Mexico. THOMAS stated that he is President of the Cobra Petroleum Company, 226 South 16th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and that he first met GEORGE DE MOHRENSCHILDT approximately fifteen years ago. THOMAS stated that he met GEORGE DE MOHRENSCHILDT through his brother-in-law, Count ANDREW REY, who had made DE MOHRENSCHILDT's acquaintance previously, in Colorado. The THOMASes stated that Count ANDREW REY currently resides at the [redacted]

Mr. and Mrs. THOMAS stated that in view of the fact Mrs. THOMAS is of Polish descent and GEORGE DE MOHRENSCHILDT had indicated he was of Polish descent and was a geologist in the oil exploration business, they had these two things in common. They related that during the past fifteen years, they had been casually acquainted on a social-business basis with GEORGE DE MOHRENSCHILDT, whom they found to be a very unusual, enlightening and entertaining individual. They stated that GEORGE DE MOHRENSCHILDT is a very handsome, athletic type individual, who always has been energetic in his many pursuits of members of the opposite sex and boasted freely of his romantic conquests. They stated that he is the one person they know whom they would not classify as having homosexual tendencies. *eu*

The THOMASes stated that since Mr. THOMAS is in the oil business and GEORGE DE MOHRENSCHILDT has over the years been engaged in oil exploration ventures, Mr. THOMAS had expressed an interest in any oil exploration reports that GEORGE DE MOHRENSCHILDT might desire to submit to the

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Cobra Petroleum Company. THOMAS stated that GEORGE DE MOHRENSCHILDT had submitted several reports to his firm but that none was of value to the Cobra Petroleum Company from a speculative point of view. *eu*

The THOMASes informed that whenever GEORGE DE MOHRENSCHILDT visited the Philadelphia area, he would always make it a point to visit them without notice and would enter the house in a loud, boisterous manner, immediately engaging any guests present in a conversation which he would dominate. *eu*

They said that inasmuch as they had maintained a close friendship for many years with Dr. WYNNE (DIDI) SHAPLES DENTON, DE MOHRENSCHILDT's former wife and daughter of millionaire PHILIP P. SHAPLES of Philadelphia, they had unsuccessfully tried to discourage their social relationship with the DE MOHRENSCHILDTs. The THOMASes explained that GEORGE DE MOHRENSCHILDT and DIDI SHAPLES DENTON dislike each other intensely and were constantly in a quarrel over the visitation rights of GEORGE DE MOHRENSCHILDT with one of their children who had cystic fibrosis. *eu*

They added that GEORGE DE MOHRENSCHILDT walked out on DIDI SHAPLES DENTON in approximately 1955, taking only their dog. *eu*

According to the THOMASes, DIDI SHAPLES DENTON founded and is the President of the National Cystic Fibrosis Research Foundation. They stated that Dr. SHAPLES DENTON started this foundation as a result of her having two children born with cystic fibrosis during her marriage to GEORGE DE MOHRENSCHILDT. They informed that GEORGE DE MOHRENSCHILDT had on occasion made the statement that he started the afore-mentioned foundation and that Dr. SHAPLES DENTON had started another branch, which was competing with the original foundation and hurting it financially. The THOMASes related that they considered this to be another untrue story that GEORGE DE MOHRENSCHILDT was noted for spreading. *eu*

The THOMASes stated that their names were given to the SHAPLES family as friends of the groom prior to *eu*

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the SHAPLES-DE MOHRENSCHILDT marriage in approximately 1951, at which time they stated they had only met GEORGE DE MOHRENSCHILDT once. They related that this action by DE MOHRENSCHILDT later caused them to lose friends because of DE MOHRENSCHILDT's treatment of DIDI SHAPLES DENTON. *qu*

The THOMASes recalled that the subjects spent their honeymoon in 1960 walking approximately 5,000 miles from the United States-Mexico border (place of entry unknown) through Mexico and Central America to Panama. *qu*

They stated that GEORGE DE MOHRENSCHILDT had indicated that this trip took approximately nine months and that the DE MOHRENSCHILDTs allegedly followed the trail of the old "Camino Real" as shown on an ancient map which GEORGE DE MOHRENSCHILDT had secured. The THOMASes said that the subjects told "wild stories" about attacks by Indians and natives and hacking their way through jungles during the trip. Subjects made notes and took pictures during the trip with which they were going to write a children's book. The subjects were also going to sell the pictures to "Life" magazine but were unsuccessful in both ventures. *qu*

The THOMASes further recalled that DE MOHRENSCHILDT had reportedly gone to Yugoslavia in approximately 1957 on a mission for the United States Government and enjoyed his stay there immensely because of his romantic adventures there. *qu*

The THOMASes stated that it was their impression that GEORGE DE MOHRENSCHILDT was of Russian-Polish background, spoke Polish and Russian fluently, was formerly an officer in the Polish Army, had been married several times to wealthy women, and seemed to seek out wealthy people for friends. They described GEORGE DE MOHRENSCHILDT as an energetic, idea-con man, who was always interested in making money and having a good time. They informed that he was a "name dropper" who frequently colored his stories with untruths to give the listener the impression he had high-level connections and influence in government and business circles. *qu*

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The THOMASes last saw the subjects in approximately May, 1963, prior to their departure to live in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, at which time GEORGE DE MOHRENSCHILDT indicated that he was to be in charge of the Haitian Government Development Projects which included the construction of a large airfield and that he had been in contact and had the approval of high government officials in Washington, D. C., concerning this matter. *qu*

The THOMASes stated that they had never discussed political ideologies with the subjects and had never heard them say anything which would indicate that they were communistically inclined, even though the subjects frequently conversed with each other in Russian. They said that they consider JEANNE DE MOHRENSCHILDT to be a quiet, compatible wife for GEORGE DE MOHRENSCHILDT, and knew nothing concerning her background. They stated that they had not seen or heard from the subjects since May of 1963, and had never heard the name of LEE HARVEY OSWALD mentioned by the subjects. *qu*

Mr. and Mrs. THOMAS related that GEORGE DE MOHRENSCHILDT had utilized the services of Attorney THOMAS P. MIKELL of the firm Saul, Ewing, Remick and Saul, 2301 Packard Building, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in his child visitation problem with Dr. WYNNE SHAPLES DENTON. *qu*

They further stated that one OLGA (LNU), a Russian who formerly worked as a cook for [REDACTED] had known GEORGE DE MOHRENSCHILDT for approximately forty years and could possibly furnish additional pertinent information concerning the subjects' activities and background. *b1*

The THOMASes informed that Mr. JOHN MITCHELL, Accountant, Philadelphia National Bank, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and resident of [REDACTED] had handled [REDACTED] affairs and financial matters and would be able to furnish information concerning OLGA (LNU) and possibly her current whereabouts. They related that [REDACTED] is currently vacationing in Switzerland. *b1*

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