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TO : Mr. Moore *m/k*

DATE: 4/4/77

FROM : J. S. Peelman *JSP*

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SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
 JOHN F. KENNEDY;
 NOVEMBER 22, 1963;
 DALLAS, TEXAS;
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PURPOSE: To summarize results of our investigation into recent developments in the Kennedy assassination case involving George DeMohrenschildt, former associate of Oswald who was an apparent suicide victim on 3/29/77.

RECOMMENDATION: For information.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
 HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED #6454
 DATE 1/26/89 BY SP6 [redacted]

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BACKGROUND: George DeMohrenschildt, a former associate of Oswald, apparently committed suicide in Manalapan, Florida, on 3/29/77. Through public media disclosure, primarily by Willem Oltmans, a Dutch journalist and associate of DeMohrenschildt, it is alleged that DeMohrenschildt claimed he was not truthful with the Warren Commission and had influenced Oswald's actions prior to the assassination. It is also alleged that a manuscript written by DeMohrenschildt contains the names of FBI Agents who were involved in an assassination plot. In testimony before the House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA) on 4/1/77, Oltmans stated DeMohrenschildt told him he gave instructions to Oswald to kill Kennedy. Subsequent to DeMohrenschildt's suicide, our investigation has produced the following developments.

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DEMOHRENSCHILDT [REDACTED]

During interview on
3/31/77, Russell

acknowledged possession of photograph of Oswald which appeared on cover of "Life Magazine" several years ago, ten 12 reel-type tape recordings containing taped conversations of DeMohrenschildt and his wife and a copy of a manuscript written by DeMohrenschildt entitled "I am a Patsy; I am a Patsy." [REDACTED] agreed to provide to the FBI copies of all of these items belonging to DeMohrenschildt but placed conditions that the press not be notified; that contents not be publicly released; and that it not become known that any of these items were released to anyone.

On 4/1/77, Mr. Robert Keuch, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, advised the FBI should attempt to obtain this material [REDACTED] however, he should be initially advised that his identity would be protected but if the Chairman of the HSCA requested contents of the information, it would be furnished to him and may ultimately disclose identity of the contributor. [REDACTED] was to be reminded of possible disclosure under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act and the Privacy Act. b7c b7D

Prior to recontacting [REDACTED] the Dallas Office learned through the media that DeMohrenschildt's personal effects were turned over to the HSCA. [REDACTED] confirmed on 4/2/77, that the HSCA had subpoenaed all items in his possession belonging to DeMohrenschildt. Investigators would return these items within 10 days and that if the FBI still desires to review them, he should be recontacted.

[REDACTED] stated he had reviewed manuscript of DeMohrenschildt's book and it contained no allegations concerning FBI Agents by name or otherwise and no allegations that FBI Agents were involved in any conspiracies.

INTERVIEW WITH DEMOHRENSCHILDT'S RELATIVES ON 4/1/77: Nancy O. Tilton,

"former in-law", Manalapan, Florida, claimed DeMohrenschildt had no contact with Oswald after moving to Haiti in April or May of 1963. She labeled alleged close association between DeMohrenschildt and Oswald and DeMohrenschildt's knowledge of Oswald's activities as "garbage" and knew of nothing to indicate DeMohrenschildt was aware that Oswald would kill Kennedy. She stated that "lies" are being concocted by Dutch journalist, Willem Oltmans.

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~~DeMohrenschildt's~~ daughter, Alexandria, in Manalapan, Florida, stated her father was not "close" to Oswald, but felt sorry for him and had helped the Oswalds adjust to the community in the Dallas area. She was certain DeMohrenschildt had no contact with Oswald after May, 1963, and that her father disclosed nothing to her indicating he knew of a planned assassination.

ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION: David ~~Russell~~, Houston, Texas, associated with Oltmans and believed to be in possession of DeMohrenschildt's car at the time of his suicide, was interviewed on 4/1/77. He provided no pertinent information, but stated that on request of DeMohrenschildt, he delivered DeMohrenschildt's automobile on 3/27/77, to W. C. Jim Savage, Transworld Drilling Company, Houston.

On 4/1/77, Savage made available DeMohrenschildt's car and inventory by Bureau Agents produced no pertinent items or information. Savage, who claims association with DeMohrenschildt since 1946, stated he talked with DeMohrenschildt shortly before he took his life and that during conversation, DeMohrenschildt indicated he was despondent over his wife leaving him. During conversation DeMohrenschildt made no mention of the Kennedy assassination probe.

Investigation continuing to interview DeMohrenschildt's wife in Dallas and a representative of Dutch TV in New York, who may possess a tape of DeMohrenschildt's interview. Efforts to review DeMohrenschildt's property will resume following return of the items to Russell by the HSCA. The Department of Justice is being advised of current developments.