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Lawyer Says Texan Told Him Oswald Had Aid in '63 Plot

DALLAS, April 2 (UPI)—An attorney said today that George de Mohrenschildt convinced him before he died that there had been a conspiracy to assassinate President Kennedy, but "never did indicate" that he was involved in it.

"I definitely feel there was a conspiracy and that definitely was the opinion of George," said Pat S. Russell, who was Mr. Mohrenschildt's attorney. "But George never did indicate any involvement."

Mr. de Mohrenschildt shot himself to death last Tuesday in Palm Beach, Fla., shortly after being told that the House Assassinations Committee was seeking his testimony.

Mr. Russell was subpoenaed by committee investigators yesterday to produce documents Mr. de Mohrenschildt left with him. Mr. Russell said he planned to turn over the documents, but added that they would shed little light on the alleged conspiracy.

"There may be opinions to be had that might be interesting, that might lead to further investigation, but there's nothing substantial or startling," he said.

A Dutch journalist, Willem Oltmans, told the Congressional committee yesterday that Mr. de Mohrenschildt had implicated himself in the conspiracy, along with the late H. L. Hunt, the Texas oil millionaire, Lester Logue, anti-Castro Cubans and others.

Mr. Russell confirmed reports that Mr. de Mohrenschildt had told him that Lee Harvey Oswald, who was identified by the Warren Commission as the assassin, considered him a "father figure." Mr. de Mohrenschildt, a Russian-born language professor at Dallas's Bishop College, and his wife were friends of Mr. Oswald and his Russian-born wife, Marina.

Mr. Russell said that the papers his client had left him included "a book-length manuscript which describes in minute detail his relations with Lee Harvey Oswald, two unpublished pictures of Oswald, lengthy tapes made by George and his wife shortly after the assassination and other correspondence and memorabilia."
