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WASHINGTON — George de Mohrenschildt, a friend of Lee Harvey Oswald who killed himself Tuesday, said he and Oswald were hired by Cubans and Dallas oilmen to assassinate President Kennedy, a Dutch journalist said today.

The journalist, William Oltmans, was a friend of de Mohrenschildt. He revealed de Mohrenschildt's remarks in interviews with the Associated Press and the NBC Radio Network.

Oltmans is expected to tell his story to House Assassinations Committee investigators today in Washington.

NBC quoted Oltmans as saying the Cubans were enlisted by "the Dallas conspiracy" because the Cubans "had a blood debt to settle — they thought President Kennedy had betrayed them at the Bay of Pigs."

Oltmans also was quoted as saying that the "Dallas conspiracy" was composed of wealthy oil men and a trucking firm executive "who wanted the President killed."

CASH FOR OSWALD?

The NBC report said that Oltmans will tell the committee today that the conspirators hired Oswald, "promising to pay him a large sum of money."

NBC quoted Oltmans as saying that de Mohrenschildt was "also a conspirator," and committed suicide rather than "face being exposed as responsible for the assassination."

"He told me he was involved—oh, very, very much involved," Oltmans said of de Mohrenschildt to the Associated Press.

Oltmans has previously spoken with committee investigators. He told them, sources said, that Mohrenschildt confided in him that he felt responsible for Oswald's actions.

On Wednesday, Rep. Richard Preyer (D-N.C.), a mem-

ber of the panel, called de Mohrenschildt "the crucial witness" in the committee's work.

Oltmans, who said he hopes to sell his story to a magazine, said he gave the House committee a 50-minute filmed interview with de Mohrenschildt and a 45-minute taped interview with de Mohrenschildt and his former wife, both of whom were friends of Oswald.

An investigator privately told the committee last month that de Mohrenschildt had divulged his knowledge of the Kennedy assassination for the first time to Oltmans.

Robert Tannenbaum, in charge of the panel's Kennedy investigation, told members de Mohrenschildt "indicated that he was responsible for Oswald's activity and that there were others involved who took part in the actual shooting of the President."

Oltmans said Kennedy was shot by Cubans, not by Oswald, but he refused to give details in the interview.

Committee investigators have been looking into the

possibility that Castro ordered Kennedy's death in retaliation for CIA plots aimed at him.

Mobster John Roselli told the Senate Intelligence Committee last year that he and Chicago underworld figure Sam Giancana were recruited by the CIA to arrange Castro's murder. Sources reported earlier this week that de Mohrenschildt was a CIA operative.

A third mob figure, Sante Trafficante, was also implicated in the Castro plot. He invoked the Fifth Amendment during questioning last month before the assassinations committee.

Giancana was found shot to death in his Chicago home shortly before he was to testify before the Senate panel. Roselli's decomposed corpse was found last year in an oil drum floating in Miami's Biscayne Bay.

Meanwhile, it was revealed yesterday that the committee spent much of its time at a secret meeting two weeks ago on the "choreography" and "scenario" for winning Congressional and public support of its inquiry.