

Interview between Willem Oltmans (Dutch TV)
& George De Mohrenschildt in Dallas
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INTERVIEW BETREFFENDE HET ONDERZOEK NAAR DE MOORD OP PR. KENNEDY

ONDERVRAAGDE

De Mohrenschildt

I don't think it's completely material.

Actually, I rather am on the Garrison side in this investigation.

In my particular case, he does not know me, has never met me, we have never been together.

INTERVIEWER

Oltmans

You never felt it worthwhile to contact him just because you have this sort of sympathy toward this investigation?

ONDERVR.

Actually, I did think about it, you know. I am tired of this publicity in connection with Oswald, so I decided it's not worthwhile. Anyway, I could not hide anymore, not what I had said ~~and~~ during The Warren Committee Report.

INT.

Mr. ~~Garrisi~~ Garrison, in his Play-boy interview, calls you an interesting personality in the whole Oswald mystery, in the whole Oswald-affaire. Wouldn't that not have cost you too much to call him ~~up~~ and say: "Let's discuss this, what do you mean, and can I be of any help?" Especially because you feel some sort of injustice being done, to the

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ONDERVRAAGDE

Well, you see, the personality does not actually count anymore I think in the public opinion.

INTERVIEWER

I'll ask the question.

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INT.

DO YOU FEEL GARRINSON IN NEW ORLEANS, SHOULD BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY AND DO YOU ~~AND~~ AND EVEN ASSIST HIM IN HIS EFFORT TO FIND THE TRUTH ABOUT THE ~~MURDER~~ MURDER OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY?

ONDERVRAAGDE

Naturally, he has to be taken ~~seriously~~ seriously. He hasn't been all correct in his ~~statements~~ statements, but I think he is trying ~~to~~ to do a good job and he is trying to find out the truth. And the truth has to be found, as far as I'm concerned. My ^{conscience} ~~conscience~~ wants me to help finding the truth, that's why I'm giving this interview, maybe it will help in some way. But, we can not say for sure that Garrinson is right, because we have to have the facts of the actual assassination. We can only say what the personality was of Oswald, what his opinions were, what kind of a person he was.

INT.

MANY PEOPLE FEEL THAT MR. GARRINSON IS ANOTHER public opinion, very often ^{to hear} is fed up about the Kennedy assassination, Mr. Garrinson he is brushed off, but from your inside knowledge of Oswald, you feel there is a reason for Garrinson to interfere further in this matter?

ONDERVR.

Well, as he stands now, Oswald was a lunatic, who killed Pr. Kennedy. Ruby was another lunatic, a lunatic, who killed the President, and now we have the third lunatic in Garrison, who tries to investigate this whole case.

I think it's extremely insulting for The U.S. this idea, there are so many lunatics here.

I would ~~not~~ rather find the truth and not to believe that anybody connected in this case is just a lunatic.

We knew Oswald was not a lunatic, that we can guarantee. Maybe he became, God knows. That is the question.

INT.

Oke. we will close off this interview that put on your film and than

INT.

Mr. Demorrishield, in the Haagse Post where Dutch speakly of october 7th, the front page says, you are a mysterious, oil millionaire from Dallas. Are you an oil millionait?

ONDERVR.

I am an oilman, but, a millionair is very hard to say.

INT.

We in Holland don't ask someone to tell his ~~bankaccount~~ bankaccount.

ONDERVR

Anyone in Dallas-city who doesn't have a hundred million dollars, is nobody.

INT.

This story was printed, because Mr. Garrison said that some ~~rather~~ pathological oil millionairs in Dallas, had financed the assassination of Pr. Kennedy. Do you think that's possible?

ONDERVR.

No. Absolutely not. There might have been some oilmen, who disliked Kennedy here, but they are just bussinessmen and they certainly are not involved in any assassination. They're just ordinary people, who happen to have a few million dollars. Some of them liked Kennedy, some of them disliked him.

But they (zie volgende bladzij)

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certainly they did not have any blood hatred for Kennedy.

INT.

Do you speak as a public relations man.

ONDERVR.

Not at all. That's true.

Even though, we have ~~some very~~ among some oil man a ~~very~~ ^{VERY} righteous element, they may be unpleasant, you know, but they are certainly not murderers.

INT.

Than why would Garrinson, say : "In the white, Russian community of Dallas, which you've ~~are~~ ~~already~~ more or less also represent. He has said so in the Play-boy magazine. So, why would Garrison ~~ONDERVR.~~ identify the white Russian community in Dallas, you think?

ONDERVR.

Well, because Garrinson doesn't know anything about the complexities of the refugees in anywere, you know.

The Russian community in Dallas, which is not very ~~composd~~ comosed to people of different ~~of~~ political opinions and different backgrounds. But, the only connection between them, is the fact that they all speak Russian or like to speak Russian from time to time. That's all.

INT.

Would you not feel it's necessary to put Garrinson straight on this core that he doesn't go necessarily on the wrong track, there.

ONDERVR.

Well, maybe I will, it depends on my time and depends really on wheather it is worthwhile.

INT.

Well, as you have stated before, you were interested in the truth sbout the assassination of Pr. Kennedy and certainly it would help probably if you and Mr. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Garrinson would get together.

ONDERVR.

Well, this assassination will not be solved by us. It will be solved by the fact which ~~XXXXXX~~ occurred whithin a weeks or a month before the assassination.

Since we were not here we ~~can~~ can only be caracter witnesses and I think this is a completely wrong approach that the Warren commite took towards us , to cãsider us as importantx witnesses. We knew Oswald, but we did not know the facts, we were not here.

INT.

This magazine also states, that.....

INT.

In your many travels, have you also visited
for instance, India?

Oh, you've never been in India?

ONDERVRAAGDE

No, this is one part of the world I don't
know at all.

INT.

Mr. Demorrishield, you remember I telephoned
you on the 31st of March of this year, to
ask for a television-interview and you had
to leave for an oil conference in Mexico and we
left it there and on the fourth of April
I had a serious automobile-accident in New York
city, ~~by~~ by which my car was completely destroyed,
I have shown you the article in the Dutch press.
What would be your reaction on that event?

ONDERVR.

Well, I am sorry for you that you have been
in an accident and the car was ~~destroyed~~ destroyed
and frankly, both my wife and I were very
worried about ourselves. Because we have been
talking too freely. We have been taking
Oswald's side, and thank to God, we have very
good police protection here, in Dallas.

INT.

YOU FEEL SAFE?

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ONDERVR.

I feel safe, yes. And, but there are so many people, there have so many people disappeared since this unfortunate tragic. Pr. Kennedy they cannot help, but being worried, for anybody connected with this case.

INT.

You think that certain witnesses or certain people that know more about the Kennedy assassination have been?

ONDERVR.

Well, definitely so. I don't know exactly the number of people who have died, but I think it's already, we have something like 20 people, who have died in some very suspicious circumstances. And I am curious to find out who ~~what~~ is behind it. Maybe there is some mysterious, ~~hand~~ ^{hand} behind it all.

INT.

Oswald has often been mentioned as actually working for the C.I.A. when he was in Russia. Whether it is true or not it is difficult to ~~check~~ ^{check}, but what would be your guess having known Oswald, for the possibility that Oswald was connected with the C.I.A.

ONDERVR.

No, I wouldn't think so. I actually believe that he was a very sincere person and with

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me he was extremely sincere, because I traeted him almost like a son of mine, you know, he could have been a son, or as a soldier in my regiment, and so he was exceedingly cooperate, he always told me the truth. He let me read his memoires, he told me ~~exactly~~ ^{exactly} what was on his mind.

INT.

How do you feel about the C.I.A general as an organisation?

ONDERVR.

I don't have any particular use for any bureaucratic organisation.

INT.

But you did say that unfortunately you were connected with it?

ONDERVR.

Because ~~is~~ it is on of ~~the~~ those maebe ~~inters~~ interesting jobs that they can offer you.

INT.

You have worked in the past for the Intelligance Work, according to

ONDERVR.

ONDERVR. (vervolg)

I worked for the State Departments in the consulting capacity as an oil expert.

And a little bit during the war on behalve of the French Gouvernement, but this was just a patriotic duty , because I happen to like ~~French~~ France.

INT.

But would you say that the Warren ^{flatly} execrates your role as an Intelligence man in the past?

ONDERVR.

Being in the oil-bussiness sometimes involves rather dubious manoeuvres and they may call it intelligence, but when you operate in the oil-bussiness in the foreign countries, you are doing a little bit of intelligence work, either for a company represent or for yourself. But that has noting to do with any spying or any suspicious political moves. You ~~had~~ have to be circumspect, you know, you have to be discreet

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INT.

Mr. Morrishield, you say: "Why do they call Oswald a failure?". You have known him.

ONDERVR.

Well, this is another surprise ^{to} ~~for~~ me. Why do they call Oswald a failure. He was 23 years old, American, and had a very humble background, who had on his own decided to see the world, and decided to investigate how the situation is ~~mm~~ in the rest of the world; who learned a language remarkably well; who read excellent Russian books and ~~m~~ understood them.

INT.

~~You feel he really loved Russia?~~

You feel he really spoke Russian?

ONDERVR.

Well, ofcourse, perfectly. He had a foreign accent in Russian, but he knew the language perfectly, which is remarkable for a fellow who spend there only two years. He must have studied, he must have concentrated on it, so he was not a failure as far as I'm concerned.

INT.

Did he like Russian books, opera

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ONDERVR.

He was an admirer of Tsjaikowsky, he loved the Russian Opera, The queen of spades, he read the Russian books Dolstoj, Dostojevski, Negrasov, Derenjev, and he understood them, and that 's what we're talking about quite often, with him, when he has been reading. Now, if you consider a fellow like that, just because he happen to have a very miserable job, after his return from Russia, if you consider him a failure. I did not consider him a failure, that's why he liked me.

INT.

Thank you Mr. Morrishield.

INT.

Mrs. Morrishield, I realise this is sunday-morning and maybe early for you. I guess because of the rain, you are not on the tenniscourt, but let me ~~ask~~^{ask} you too, having known Oswald and Marina Oswald, you subscribe your husbands view, that Oswald is not the kind of lunatic as he is discribed in the press and in the worldwide publicity?

ONDERVR.

Correct.

INT.

Is "correct" all you can say?

ONDERVR.

Not at all. He was a wonderful human being.
That my dog loved. And I do believe there
was much more than I believe to silly
people. The dog knows who is bad and who
is good. And ~~also~~ Oswald was good, because they
stood up, the father and mother and came
close to him and set direct next to him
without any bargain^{king}, and believe me, when
they see a stranger of anybody who have
anything

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When they see a stranger, or anybody who has anything malice in his mind, they will bark. This is the baby, he does not know anything yet. But these two know Oswald and they knew Oswald and they never barked to him.

INT.

Do you feel Mrs De Mohrenschildt, that something should be done to solve the truth in the assassination of Pr. Kennedy?

ONDERVR.

I will never rest in peace untill I know who are the worse people, I don't want to use another bad word. Who did it and Oswald couldn't do it. He would never do that.

INT.

He liked Pr. Kennedy?

ONDERVR.

He did. He loved Pr. Kennedy. He agreed with him and his words for certain. So why should he shoot Pr. Kennedy? There is no reason for him to ~~shk~~ shoot at Pr. Kennedy. And though, at any ~~reservation~~ times, but one reservation, we didn't see Oswald for ten months prior to assassination.

INT.

Do you believe a person can that much change in ten months?

ONDERVR.

I do not know. It depends on circumstances. That depends on lots of things. People can become sane, people can become insane within ten months. And we do not know. All I can say about Oswald is that we did ~~not~~ know, ten months prior to assassination of Pr. Kennedy and he was a wonderful guy. Excuse me for the American expression, "he was a wonderful guy", sweet, wooden heart, at slaps.

INT.

And both you and Mr. Demorrishield were at the time in Haiti on your plantation?

ONDERVR.

Jes, we were. We were shocked to hear and we so much more shocked to hear the name of the pointed assassin. We couldn't stand it.

ONDERVR.

That you knew so well.

ONDERVR.

~~Exat~~ Exactly. Because we ~~couldn't~~ couldn't possibly understand that that fellow, that was supposed to be so mild and so kind and everything,

and when I saw the rifle at his house, Marina showed me in the closet, the rifle was supposed to be the weapon that killed the President.

She showed me that rifle and I said: "Marina, what is that rifle doing there?". She said that he didn't bought it because he likes to skitshooting.

I said why on earth do you (onverstaanbaar).

When we learned, when I learned, that Oswald had a rifle in his closet, and I asked why he had it (onverstaanbaar)

I said: fine! That's exactly what I loved to do.

I have walked two thousand ~~ki~~ miles on my trip, my walking trip from Kansas to Panamacanal and all I have done (onverstaanbaar)

INT.

Mrs De Mohrenschildt, nobody knows that you and your husband made a trip on foot from Texas to Guatemala, so I think I should reveal this, that after the death of your eight year old boy Sergei, your husband and you went by foot on a hiking trip from Texas-border, a walking journey. You walked alle the way from Texas to Panamacanal? It took you a year, huh?

ONDERVR.

One year. And I tell you it would be done over many times.....some wonderful Mexican dolls ...

(onverstaanbaar)

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INT.

But, Mrs Demorrishield, to come back to Oswald right now, you feel that if there is any way in which you can help to bring out the truth you would like to ?

ONDERVR.

I would do anything to bring out the truth. Anything, because I loved Kennedy too much. And I shouldn't, I don't even know him. I saw his mother in law, and I love his mother in law. I never met Pr. Kennedy, but he was the hope of the world! Not only in the United States.

INT.

Mrs Demorrishield, in Mr, Garrinson investigation, it is said that the white ~~Ri~~ Russian Community in Dallas is sort of suspicious. Don't you think it would be useful to get in touch with Mr. Garrison to see (wordt onderbroken)

ONDERVR.

I would love to do that, but I don't do it deliberately, because it might hurt my husbands bussiness. I am telling you frankly. He wouldn't hurt mine, because I am in fashion and nobody cares what I am, who I am as long as I produce a fine fashion.

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INT.

As a matter of fact, for that reason you mentioned the fact it would be x even hard for you to put flowers on Lee Harvey Oswald's grave?

ONDERVR.

I does. And I would love to do that. It hurts me. I am going to the flowers on the bed of my little baby dog's bed, every week and I cannot go and put flowers on his grave.

INT.

The Oswald's grave?

ONDERVR.

The Oswald grave. I am sorry.

INT.

Thank you Mrs Demorrishield, thank you.

ONDERVR.

Thank you.

INTERVIEWER

Ik ben in het appartement van ~~mijn~~ mijnheer Jurge Demorrishield, die in de Warren Commissie, welke het onderzoek heeft geleid naar de moord op Pr. Kennedy, niet minder dan 118 pagina's inneemt, wat betreft zijn relatie tot Lee Harvey Oswald.

De vermoedelijke moordenaar van Pr. Kennedy.
Dit is 3615 Gillespie, een buitenwijk van
Dallas, waar, men zou kunnen zeggen, ~~naar~~ niet
zozeer miljonairs wonen, maar toch wel mensen
van goede huize.