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Since the Denver Chapter, FPCC, is no longer in existence, this matter is being placed in a closed status. It should be noted that individuals who formerly comprised the leadership of the Denver Chapter, FPCC, are all Security Index subjects of the Denver Division and their activities will be followed in their respective case files. (Chairman, HARRY FAUFMAN NIER, JR., SM - SWF, IS - CUBA, Bufile SM.-SWP, IS-CUBA, Bufile IS-SWP, Bufile DF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

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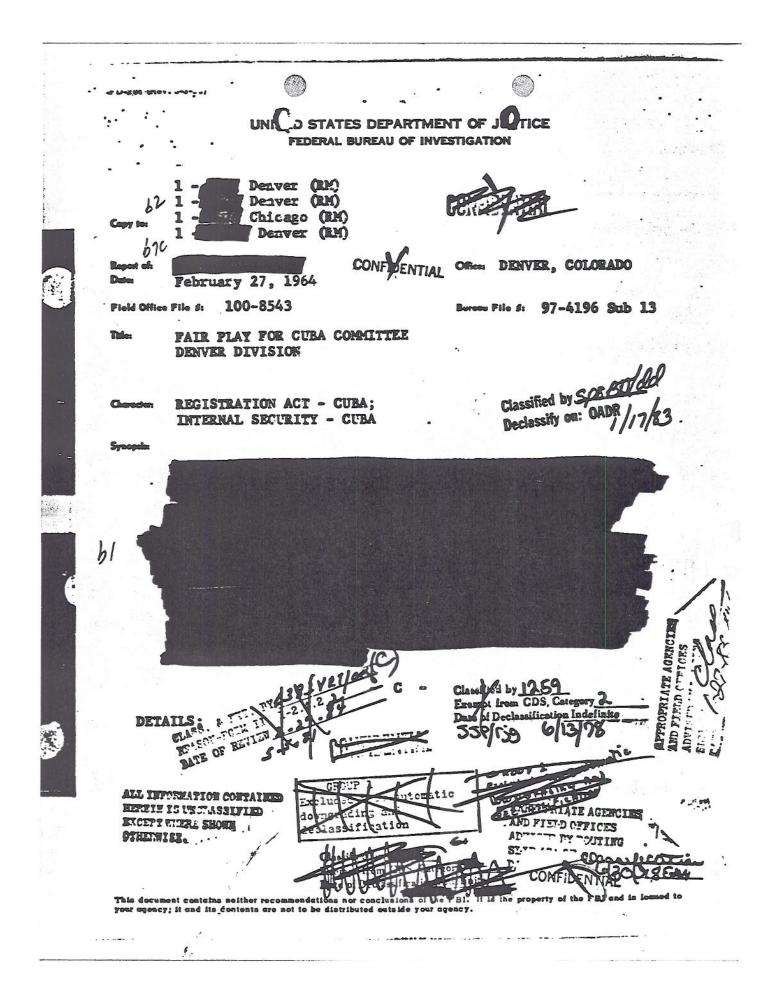




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DN 100-8543 670 a member of the Denver Branch, SWP, during December, 1963. W HARRY KAUFMAN NIER, JR., was interviewed by special agents of the FBI on November 29, 1963, in connection with another matter. He volunteered no information concerning activities of the Denver Chapter, FPCC.(U) hI PRESS COMMENT "Apropos of President Kennedy's 'Wall of Freedom'

"Apropos of President Kennedy's Wall of Freedom" around Cuba and recent editorials and letters concerning it are the following lines: (W)

"It's of a bold reporter, a story they will tell. He went down to the Cuban land; the nearest place to hell. He'd been there many times before, but now the law does say, The only way to Cuba is with the C.I.A.,(U)

"William Worthy isn't worthy to enter our door; He went down to Cuba; he's not American anymore. But somehow it is strange to hear Jack's State Department say, 'You are living in the Free World; in the Free World you must stay."(U)

"Five thousand dollars or a five-year sentence may well be, for students who had the nerve to think that travelin' is free. They should have listened closer, when they heard the experts say, 'This modern world is getting so much smaller every day.'(U)

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"Well there really is no need to travel to these evil lands, and though the list grows larger you must try to understand, and try hard not to worry, if someday you should hear, 'The whole world is off limits; visit Disneyland this year."(())

> "Harry Nier, Chairman Fair Play For Cuba Committee." (U)

> > "Denver Post" Denver daily newspaper (U) issue of 10/5/63.

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#### APPENDIX

### FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE

The April 6, 1960, edition of "The New York Times" newspaper contained a full-page advertisement captioned "What Is Really Happening In Cuba," placed by the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC). This advertisement announced the formation of the FPCC in New York City and declared the FPCC intended to promulgate "the truth about revolutionary Cuba" to neutralize the distorted American press.(U)

"The New York Times" edition of January 11, 1961, reported that at a hearing conducted before the United States Senate Internal Security Subcommittee on January 10, 1961, Dr. Charles A. Santos-Buch identified himself and Robert Taber as organizers of the FPCC. He also testified he and Taber obtained funds from the Cuban Government which were applied toward the cost of the aforementioned advertisement.(W)

On May 16, 1963, a source advised that during the first two years of the FPCC's existence there was a struggle between Communist Party (CP) and Socialist Workers Party (SWP) elements to exert their power within the FPCC and thereby influence FPCC policy. However, during the past year this source observed there has been a successful effort by FPCC leadership to minimize the role of these and other organizations in the FPCC so that today their influence is negligible. (W)

On May 20, 1963, a second source advised that the National Headquarters of the FPCC is located in Room 329 at 799 Broadway, New York City. According to this source, the position of National Office Director was created in the fall of 1962 and was filled by Vincent "Ted" Lee, who now formulates FPCC policy. This source observed Lee has followed a course of entertaining and accepting the cooperation of many other organizations including the CP and the SWP when he has felt it would be to his personal benefit as well as the FPCC's. However, Lee has indicated to this source he has no intention of permitting FFCC policy to be determined by any other organization. Lee feels the FPCC should advocate resumption of diplomatic relations between Cula and the United States and support the right of Cubans to manage their revolution without interference from other nations, but not support the Cuban revolution per se.(W)

The CP and SWP have been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450. (U)

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### APPENDIX

### FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE (FPCC) DENVER CHAPTER

A source advised on December 15, 1960, that a meeting was held at the headquarters of the Denver Branch, Socialist Workers Party (SWP), on December 10, 1960, for the purpose of establishing a Denver chapter of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee. HOWARD WALLACE acted as chairman and an organizing committee was appointed.(U)

HOWARD WALLACE has been identified by a source as a member of the Denver Branch,  $SWP \cdot (U)$ .

The SWP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.(U)

A source, on May 9, 1961, advised that on May 5, 1961, the Denver Chapter, FPCC, was formed with the following elected officers: (U)

> HARRY KAUFMAN NIER, JR., Chairman T. E. "DUKE" ROBERTSON, JR., Secretary NORMAN HODGETT, Treasurer

NORMAN HODGETT has been identified by a source as a member of the Denver Branch, SWP.(U)

The Denver Chapter, FPCC, has publicly announced as its purpose to help bring to light the truth about Cuba. It has indicated the FPCC is virtually the sole organized source of critical dissent from American-Cuban policy in the United States. Announced aims of FPCC are to end the ban imposed by the U. S. Government on travel to Cuba, to present those aspects of events in Cuba which the press in this country ignores, and to work toward re-establishment of diplomatic relations and travel between the United States and Cuba.(W) A source advised during February, 1964, that there is no current activity on the part of the Denver Chapter, FPCC and according to HARRY KAUFMAN NIER, JR., who was chairman of this organization, it is no longer in existence.(U)

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### SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY - DENVER BRANCH

A source advised in June, 1960, that as of May 24, 1960, the National Office, Socialist Workers Party (SWP), notified SWP members in Denver, Colorado, that they had fulfilled the constitutional requirements for the establishment of a branch and would thereafter be designated as such (U)

A source advised on May 28, 1963, that the Denver Branch, SWP, collects dues from members, sends a portion thereof to the National Office, SWP, and follows instructions set forth by national officials of the SWP.(U)

The SWP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. |U|



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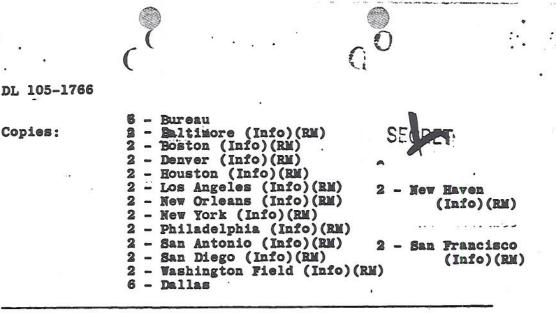
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pertinent to LEE HARVEY OSWALD and the Assassination of President JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY: however, intensive current investigation has been underway to thoroughly explore all phases of subject's life, during the time he lived in Dallas. Results of this investigative activity are dictated into FD-302's and/or inserts as completed, and another report is in the course of preparation which will include such results up to date. Reports will thereafter be submitted at frequent intervals setting out investigative results, and the Bureau will be kept currently advised of investigative activity by a continuation of the practice of including it as a recipient of all outgoing communications.

Information copies of this initial report are being designated for all offices performing investigation in this case for such value as the background information contained therein may have in connection with current and future investigation.

#### ADM IN ISTRATIVE

This investigation is predicated upon a request received by the Bureau from the President's Commission for a full-scale intelligence-type investigation of subject and spouse because of their association/LEE HARVEY OSWALD, this investigation to include background, marriages, education,

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employment, relatives, associates, travel, and financial activities. This request was forwarded to the Dallas Office by referenced Bureau teletype of 2/18/64, with instructions the investigation be given expeditious, continuous, and preferred attention until resolved, with leads set forth by teletype, and an initial report to reach the Bureau by 3/1/64.

All offices, in setting out teletype leads, should include the Bureau as a recipient so the progress of this investigation may be followed by the Bureau.

Information concerning interviews with the DE MOHRENSCHILDTS by the American Embassy in Port-au-Prince was furnished by the Bureau with airtels dated 12/10/63 and 12/30/63 in the LEE HARVEY OSWALD case which transmitted State Department memoranda setting forth the results of such interviews.

Information set forth herein concerning interviews with MARINA OSWALD, IGOR VOSHININ, GARY E. TAYLOR, SAMUEL BALLEN, RAY RANDUK, R. H. SCHAEFER, KATHERINE E. FORD, and FLORENCE MCDONALD was excerpted from FD-302's prepared in connection with the investigation of LEE HARVEY OSWALD and the original of these FD-302's are in the file of that case.

The following individuals were interviewed in the OSWALD investigation and advised they were present at a dinner party in February, 1963, given for the OSWALDS by the DE MOHRKNSCHILDTS. Except for FLORENCE E. McDONALD, whose pertinent information is set forth in the body of this report, these individuals did not furnish any information pertinent to this investigation. Therefore, the results of such interviews are not being set forth in this report. EVERETT GLOVER, FLORENCE E. McDONALD, VOLKMAR SCHWIDT, Mrs. RUTH PAINE, and RICHARD L. PIERCE.

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JEANNE DE MOHRENSCHILDT

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Synopsis:

DE MOHRENSCHILDT born 5/5/14 at Harbin, China. Came to United States in 1938, and reportedly naturalized in 1945 in New York City. Has been in Dallas area since about 1953, married present husband about 1959. Moved to Port-au-Prince, Haiti; from Dallas, arriving there June, 1963. She and husband met LEE HARVEY OSWALD and MARINA OSWALD in Summer, 1962, assisted them in various ways, and were friendly with them from then until early 1963, when they last saw OSWALDS. No information furnished by acquaintances to indicate DE MOHRENSCHILDT other than loyal American.

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DETAILS:

BIRTH DATA:

ROBERT LE GON 21200 Colina Drive Topanga, California (January 28, 1957)

BACKGROUND

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Mr. LE GON advised SA that JEANNE DE MOHRENSCHILDT, then known as JEANNE LE GON, was born May 5, 1914, at Harbin, China.

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ROBERT LE GON

JEANNE DE MOHRENSCHILDT'S name at birth was EUGENIA MICHAILOVINA FOMENKO. She entered the United States with her first husband, <u>ROBERTALE GON</u>, under the name of EUGENIA MICHAILO-VINA FOMENKO BOGOIAVLENSKIA, and ROEERT LE GON was <u>known</u> at the time of his entry as VALENTIN DIMITRIEVICE BOGOIAVLENSKY.

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After arriving in the United States, ROBERT LE GON and his wife began a dress designing business partnership in 1945 which they operated under the name of JEANNE LE GON.

GARY E. TAYLOR 4115 Falls Drive Dallas, Texas (December 2, 1963)

Mr. TAYLOR advised SA's and that JEANNE DE MOHRENSCHILDT had been known in business in the past as JON. LE GON and JON LA GON.

CITIZENSHIP:

ROBERT LE GON (Supra)

JEANNE LE GON and her first husband, ROBERT LE GON, were naturalized in 1945 in New York City. They entered the United States as immigrants at San Francisco, California, in 1938.

MARITAL STATUS:

ROBERT LE GON (Supra)

JEANNE LE GON, then known as EUGENIA MICHAILOVINA FOMENKO, met ROBERT LE GON, then known as VALENTIN DIMITRIEVICH BOGOIAVLENSKY, in Harbin, China, and they were married there in 1932.

She left LE GON and started keeping company in Dallas with GEORGE DE MOHRENSCHILDT in late 1956 or early 1957.

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Records, Dallas County District Court Dallas, Texas (February 24, 1964)

The above records were caused to be searched by SA Divorce Record #20316-E was a record of action by JKANNE LE GON, Plaintiff, versus ROBERT LE GON, Defendant, filed January 10, 1957. This record revealed they had been married on October 26, 1932, and Plaintiff charged Defendant with having abandoned her on about January 1, 1954. Divorce was granted May 1, 1957, in favor of Plaintiff and custody of their one child, JEANNE ELINOP LE GON, then age 16, Was given Defendant, with whom the daughter had been residing. There was no community property.

GARY E. TAYLOR (Supra)

GEORGE and JEANNE DE MOHRENSCHILDT were married in Dallas in early 1959.

RESIDENCES:

ROBERT LE GON (Supra)

1945 - 924 Madison Avenue, New York City.

1953 - 3803 Northwest Parkway, Dallas, Texas.

1956 - 21200 Colina Drive, Topanga, California.

January, 1957 - Stoneleigh Hotel, Dallas, Texas.

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Records, Merchants Retail Credit Association, Dallas, Texas

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The above records, as caused to be searched on February 20, 1964, by SA disclosed the following residences:

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	March, 1957 - 3913 Rawlins Street, Dallas, Texas.
	May, 1958 - 3912 Hall Street, Dallas, Texas.
	In a personal statement mde to the credit bureau in May, 1958, JEANNE LE GON stated she had been in Dallas, Texas, since 1953.
[	GEORGE BOUHE Apartment "O", 4740 Homer Street Dallas, Texas (February 25, 1964)
	BOUHE advised SA the following addresses during the approximate periods shown:
	1958-60 - 6620 Thackery Street, Dallas (where they resided until their 1960-61 trip through South America).
61°	1961-63 - 6628 Dickens Street, Dallas (where they lived from the time they returned from South America until they went to Haiti to live).
1	DORIS BURROUGHS Lone Star Gas Company Dallas, Texas

that Mrs. BURROUGHS advised SA records of the above concern reflect that the DE MOHREN-SCHILDTS had service at 6628 Dickens Street, Dallas, until May 29, 1963, at which time it was disconnected at the request of GEORGE DE MOHRENSCHILDT.

GARY E. TAYLOR (Supra)

(December 12, 1963)

JEANNE DE MOHRENSCHILDT and her husband left Dallas in May, 1963, and since that time have been living -in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

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EMPLOYMENT

JESSE KAHN, Attorney Zelinka - Matlock Company 512 Seventh Avenue New York City, New York (February 5, 1957)

Mr. JESSE KAHN advised that JEANNE LE GON had been employed by the above firm as a designer about three years earlier.

> LOUIS A. SIEGEL 512 - 7th Avenue New York City, New York (February 5, 1957)

Mr. LOUIS A. SIEGEL advised that JEANNE LE GON was employed by him as of the above date.

> ROBERT LE GON (Supra)

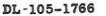
Mr. ROBERT LE GON advised that he and his wife, JEANNE, had had a business partnership in which she worked as a dress designer from 1945 to late 1956 or early 1957, under the business name of JEANNE LE GON. The business address of this firm, as well as the residence address of the LE GONS, was 21200 Colina Drive, Topanga, California. He said that in 1953 she was self-employed as a dress designer, working for Nardis of Dallas. As of early 1957, she was employed as a dress designer by IKE CLARK of Dallas, a clothing manufacturing concern.

> GARY E. TAYLOR (Supra)

From about 1960 to 1963, except for the period when JEANNE DE MOHRENSCHILDT and her husband were traveling through Mexico for a period of about 14 months in 1960 and 1961, JEANNE DE MOHRENSCHILDT was employed by Sanger-Harris Department Stores in Dallas.

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### FOREIGN TRAVEL

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ROBERT LE GON (Supra)

Mr. LE GON advised that JEANNE LE GON was born in Harbin, China, and lived there until coming to the United States as an immigrant in 1938.

> JESSE KAHN, Attorney (Supra)

Mr. KAHN advised that in connection with her employment by Zelinka-Matlock Cómpany, New York City, as a designer, three years earlier, JEANNE LE GON had traveled extensively in Europe.

> BARNEY FISHER, Geologist 1504 Fidelity Union Building Dallas, Texas [July 1, 1959]

Mr. BARNEY FISHER advised SA GEORGE and JEANNE DE MOHRENSCHILDT had just returned, as of July 1, 1959, from a vacation trip through Europe.

> "Dallas Times-Herald" Dallas, Texas November 6, 1960 Edition

The above daily Dallas newspaper, in its "Sunday Magazine" section for the above date, contained photographs of GEORGE and JEANNE DE MOHRENSCHILDT and an account of their plans for a 7,000 mile hike through South America. It was stated that the DE MOHRENSCHILDTS had left Dallas on their trip in October, 1960.

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### "Dallas Times-Herald" October 18, 1961, Edition

The above newspaper carried an article in which it was stated that GEORGE and JEANNE DE MOHRENSCHILDT had recently returned from a 3,000 mile walking journey through Mexico, j Guatemala, San Salvadore, Honduras, Micaragua, Costa Rica and Panama. It was stated they walked an average of 22 miles a day.

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Since May, 1963, JEANNE DE MOHRENSCHILDT and her husband have been living in Port-au-Prince, where GEORGE DE MOHRENSCHILDT reportedly went to manage a plantation for a group of financiers.

Mr and Mrs. DE MOHRENSCHILDT were interviewed by NORMAN E. WARNER, First Secretary of the American Embassy, Port-au-Prince, Haiti, on December 19, 1963. Mr. DE MOHRENSCHILDT said he had been in Haiti in 1961 but that his present stay began in 1963, that he was in Port-au-Prince for signature of a contract on March 13, 1963, having arrived a few days earlier, and returning to the United States a few days later. He spent approximately one week in Haiti at that time. He then returned to Dallas where Mrs. DE MOHRENSCHILDT had remained. They left Dallas together on April 19, 1963, driving to New York City and Philadelphia. They drove back to Dallas for two days at the end of May, leaving Dallas by car for Miami, shipping their car from Miami to Haiti. They did not use their United States passport on these 1963 trips to Haiti, but said they entered with a tourist card. They displayed their joint United States passport which carried no stamps dated later than 1961. They exhibited a Haitian residence permit showing their date of entry into Haiti as June 2, 1963. They stated they had not returned to the United States since that date.

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### RELATIVES

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ROBERT LE GON (Supra)

Mr. LE GON advised that JEANNE LE GON's parents were LEO and TAHIANO (phonetic) FOMENKO, both believed deceased, who had lived in China prior to their deaths.

JEANNE LE GON had one brother, SERGEI FOMENKO, who was employed, as of early 1957, by Ramo-Woodridge in Los Angeles, California, as a scientist.

> ROBERT LE GON and Records of Dallas County District Court, Dallas; Texas (Supra)

ROBERT and JEANNE LE GON had one daughter, JEANNE ELINOR LE GON, who was 16 years of age as of January, 1957.

ALEXANDRA (Supra)

Mrs. TAYLOR advised that JEANNE DE MOHRENSCHILDT's only daughter was known to Mrs. TAYLOR as CHRISTIANA BOGOVALLENSKIA -KIERNAN and that her husband was RAGNAR KIERNAN. Mrs. TAYLOR also advised that she, Mrs. TAYLOR, was JEANNE DE MOHRENSCHILDT's step-daughter through her marringe to GEORGE DE MOHRENSCHILDT. ·1 aka

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JEANNE DE MOHRENSCHILDT had one daughter, who was born of her first marriage. This daughter was known to TAYLOR as CHRISTIANA BOGOVALLENSKIA. This daughter attended the University of California at Los Angeles and while there often visited her father

DL 105-1766 VOSHININ IGOR 3504 Mockingbird Lane Dallas, Texas (December 12, 1963) IGOR VOSHININ advised SAS that the one daughter of JEANNE and was known to him, VOSHININ, as JEANNE KRIKTON DE LOHRENSCHILDT (phonetic). Records of Anchorage Branch Metanusk Valley Bank 61C Anchorage, Alaska (December 13, 1963) The above records, as caused to be checked by SA revealed that as of January, 1963, REGNAR/KEARTON and his wife, CHRISTIANA/BOGOIAVLENSKY/KEARTON, resided in Anchorage, Alaska, and had resided there one year. Before that time, they had resided for two years at 6628 Dickens Street, 1 = 4.20.194.) Dallas, Texas. Anchorage-Westward Hotel (December 13, 1963) (To CHRISTIANA BOGOIAVLENSKY KEARTON, Social Security No. was employed as a maid by the above hotel from July 23, 1962, to June 11, 1963. In her application for employment, she listed her birthdate as April 30, 1940. p 2 C, P Sundi Lake, Anchorage, Alaska (December 16. 1963) (To SA CHRISTIANA and REGNAR left Anchorage at the end of September, 1963, to visit San Francisco and Southern California, then to go to Panama, via Mexico. They then planned to go to Haiti to visit his wife's relatives there. After visiting Haiti, they planned to travel to Copenhagen, Denmark.

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### RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE OSWALDS AND THE DE MOHRENSCHILDTS

### Interviews with the DE MOHRENSCHILDTS

Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE DE MOHRENSCHILDT were interviewed by NORMAN E. WARNER, First Secretary, American Embassy, Port-au-Prince, Haiti, on December 4, 1963. They advised as follows: Texta-

They first met/LEE HARVEY/OSWALD and MARINE OSWALD USSI in the summer of 1962, through GEORGE BOUHE, whom they described as a sort of local philanthropist in Dallas who is always willing to help in unfortunate cases, and MAX/CLARK, the DE MOHRENSCHILDTS' lawyer, of Fort Worth, Texas.

When the DE MOHRENSCHILDTS first met the OSWALDS, the latter seemed to be in difficult financial circumstances. Their friends, among them MAX CLARK and GEORGE BOUHE, were interested in securing help for them, and the DE MOHRENSCHILDTS introduced the OSWALDS to a number of people in the Dallas area. Their acquaintance spanned the period from the summer of 1962 to early 1963, when the DE MOHRENSCHILDTS took the OSWALDS to a Christmas party in Dallas. They did not see the OSWALDS after this time.

In the summer of fall of 1962, LEE HARVEY OSWALD gave Mr. DE MOHRENSCHILDT a typed resume of his experiences in a factory in Minsk; USSR, in which he criticized a lot of things in Russia. On one occasion, Mrs. DE MOHRENSCHILDT asked OSWALD why he had returned to the United States from Russia, to which OSWALD replied, "I did not find there what I was looking for."

The DE MOHRENSCHILDTS stated they knew of no connection with any organization on the part' of LEE HARVEY OSWALD. They said "nobody could stand him," and the DE MOHRENSCHILDTS questioned his mental stability.

They said their main interest in the OSWALDS had been in helping Mrs. OSWALD get medical attention for herself and baby, supplying clothing for her, securing English language records for her, and otherwise helping her.

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Mr. and Mrs. DE MOHRENSCHILDT were again interviewed by Mr. WARNER and the American Embassy in Port-au-Prince on December 19, 1963.

They stated Mr. DE MORRENSCHILDT had been in Haiti in about 1961, returned in March, 1963, spent one week, then returned to Dallas until April 19, 1963. The DE MOHRENSCHILDTS then visited New York and Philadelphia, returning to Dallas at the end of May for two days to pack their things and make final arrangements to move to Haiti. They then left Dallas for Haiti, entering the latter country on June 2, 1963. They stated they did not see the OSWALDS on their visit to Dallas at the end of May, 1963.

Concerning the resume given him to read by LEE HARVEY OSWALD, GEORGE DE MOHRENSCHILDT stated he glanced through it casually and returned it to him in a few days.

Mr. DE MOHRENSCHILDT said that he and his wife had been very active in helping needy people around Dallas, and had been involved in many charitable works. He commented that "all the people in Dallas who knew the OSWALDS knew them purely from the point of view of helping them;" that there was sympathy for Mrs. OSWALD in particular because she was Russian and in a strange land, unable to speak English.

### Interview with MARINA OSWALD

MARINA OSWALD was interviewed at 11611 Farrar Street, Dallas, on December 17, 1963, by SAS INATOLE A. BOGUSLAV and WALLACE R. HEITMAN. She advised, in part, as follows:

She and her husband had been fairly good friends of GEORGE and JEANNE DE MOHRENSCHILDT. LEE HARVEY OSWALD had liked GEORGE DE MOHRENSCHILDT because he would discuss political affairs with OSWALD and would listen to what OSWALD had to say. Also, OSWALD would listen to DE MOHRENSCHILDT's ideas. MARINA pointed out that OSWALD would not generally listen particularly to what others had to say about political things if the others did not agree with him. She said OSWALD was somewhat afraid of DE MOHRENSCHILDT, who was big in stature and talked loudly.

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She described GEORGE DE MOHRENSCHILDT as a good humanitarian who was interested in other people. She said he was often accused of being a communist because he viewed things objectively. She said he was not a communist and would laugh at people who called him one.

MARINA OSWALD said she did not believe GEORGE DE MOHRENSCHILDT would ever influence LEE HARVEY OSWALD to do anything bad. She said she did not know how much influence DE MOHRENSCHILDT had over OSWALD but did-know that OSWALD listened to him and was a little afraid of him.

> IGOR VOSHININ 3504 Mockingbird Lane Dallas, Texas (December 12, 1963)

VOSHININ advised SAS JAMES P. HOSTY, JR., and KENNETH Bf. JACKSON that he had never met the OSWALDS but had read about them in the newspapers, and had heard of them through mutual acquaintances. He said that the OSWALDS were frequent companions of Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE DE MOHRENSCHILDT, who took the OSWALDS around to visit various houses in Dallas during the period of their acquaintance. VOSHININ had heard through mutual acquaintances of LEE HARVEY OSWALD's poor behavior toward his wife, and requested DE MOHRENSCHILDT not to bring the OSWALDS to his house.

According to VOSHININ, DE MOHRENSCHILDT told him that LEE HARVEY OSWALD was an idealistic Marxist, and that OSWALD opposed the U. S. policy on CASTRO and Cuba. VOSHININ said that Mrs. DE MOHRENSCHILDT seemed to pity MARINA OSWALD and stated "we have to help her."

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TAYLOR said that in the fall of 1962, he was living with his then wife, ALEXANDRA TAYLOR, daughter of GEORGE DE MOHRENSCHILDT. They received a telephone call from either

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GEORGE or JEANNE DE MOHRENSCHILDT asking if they wanted to meet a nice couple. He said he believed at the time the DE MOHRENSCHILDTS furnished background information concerning a Russian girl and a United States citizen who had married the girl in Russia and who eventually brought her to the United States. Shortly afterward, GARY TAYLOR drove to Fort Worth and met LEE HARVEY OSWALD and his wife MARINA. GEORGE DE ") MOHRENSCHILDT was present at this meeting. He said GEORGE DE MOHRENSCHILDT asked the TAYLORS to take MARINA into their subsequently moved MARINA from Fort Worth to home and they Arangements were made by GEORGE DE MOBRENSCHILDT Dallas, Texas. to move LEE HARVEY OSWALD into the YMCA at that time. He said that either DE MOHRENSCHILDT or his friend, GEORGE BOUHE, paid OSWALD's bill at the YMCA because OSWALD was in a destitute financial situation. He said the OSWALDS moved into an apartment in about October, 1962. He had seen them once or twice only since that time.

He said GEORGE DE MOHRENSCHILDT took a great interest in OSWALD, that from his knowledge of the two, he thought OSWALD would do anything that DE MOHRENSCHILDT told him to do. He said he knew of no other person who had more influence over OSWALD than did DE MOHRENSCHILDT.

> ALEXANDRA TAYLOR c/o Yeno Dover Plains, New York (November 30, 1963)

Mrs. TAYLOR advised SA LOWELL W. BARTON that in about September, 1962, her father, GEORGE DE MOHRENSCHILDT called her call and asked if she and her husband could put up MARINA OSWALD for awhile, that MARINA and her husband had just returned from Russia, were without funds, and that LEE HARVEY OSWALD was seeking work in Dallas. At that time, Mrs. TAYLOR was married to GARY TAYLOR and was residing at 1512 Fairmont Street in Dallas.

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SAMUEL B. BALLEN Chairman of the Board Highplains Natural Gas Company and Electrical Log Service, Inc. 1717 Southland Center Dallas, Texas (December 10, 1963)

Mr. BALLEN advised SAS JOHN THOMAS KESLER and VERNON MITCHEM that he first met LEE HARVEY OSWALD in December, 1962, or January, 1963, at the home of GEORGE DE MOHRENSCHILDT in Dallas, Texas, but does not remember talking with OSWALD at that time.

About ten days later BALLEN received a telephone call from GEORGE DE MOHRENSCHILDT, who stated he was trying to help OSWALD and wanted to know if BALLEN would talk with OSWALD and attempt to obtain a job for him. On this occasion, BALLEN talked with OSWALD for about one and one-half hours.

BALLEN said DE MOHRENSCHILDT had approached BALLEN's wife and other people, whose names he did not know, to have OSWALD and his wife, MARINA, out socially. The DE MOHRENSCHILDTS went out of their way to befriend the OSWALDS.

BALLEN said he did not know how the OSWALDS became acquainted with the DE MOHRENSCHILDTS but believed it was through the Russian community in Dallas.

BALLEN described DE MOHRENSCHILDT as a "beatnik", who became that way after the death of his son.

KATHERINE S. FORD 14057 Brookcrest Dallas, Texas (November 24, 1963)

Mrs. FORD advised SAS JAMES P. HOSTY, JR. and JACK PEDEN that she was a friend of MARINA OSWALD's, and that MARINA



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had resided at her home from November 11 to 17, 1962, after she had separated temporarily from LKE HARVEY OSWALD.

Mrs. FORD stated that one of MARINA OSWALD's closest friends in this country was GEORGE DE MOHRENSCHILDT, a prominent Russian-born geologist, now residing in the Republic of Haiti. GEORGE DE MOHRENSCHILDT tried to help MARINA and also tried to help her husband get a job.

FLORENCE E. MC DONALD 511 East 6th Street Irving, Texas (November 29, 1963)

Miss MC DONALD advised SAS ROBERT J. ANDERSON and ROBERT E. BASHAM that in February, 1963, she had attended a party at 3600 Duncanville Road, Dallas, Texas, where she met the OSWALDS. It was her understanding that the OSWALDS had been brought to the party by the DE MOHRENSCHILDTS and the DE MOHRENSCHILDTS throughout the evening appeared to take a special interest in the OSWALDS.

Miss MC DONALD stated that GEORGE and JEANNE DE MOHRENSCHILDT moved to Haiti in the spring of 1963. She said that both the DE MOHRENSCHILDTS appear to be eccentric individuals. She recalled that they described a trip they took through Mexico to the Panama Canal on foot, which supposedly spanned one year's time.

She said neither of the DE MOHRENSCHILDTS expounded any political beliefs or views at the above party.

RAY RANDUK, Counselor JOBCO Employment Agency 612 Adolphus Tower Dallas, Texas (December 12, 1963)

Mr. RANDUK advised SA BARDWELL D. ODUM that when LEE H. OSWALD made application for employment through that

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agency on October 4, 1963, he gave as a reference the name of GEORGE DE MOHRENSCHILDT, 6628 Dickens, Dallas, as his closest friend.

R. M. SCHAEFER <u>Regional Sales Manager</u> <u>DeVilbiss Company</u> 2508 Irving Boulevard Dallas, Texas (December 13, 1963)

Mr. SCHAEFER stated that when applying for work with the above company on October 10, 1963, LEE H. OSWALD listed as a reference the name of GEORGE DE MORENSHILDT, with whom he stated he had been acquainted for one year.

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ROBERT LE GON (Supra)

IGOR VOSHININ

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LE GON advised on January 28, 1957, that he had just arrived in Dallas from the Los Angeles area and had ascertained that his wife, JEANNE LE GON, had become unfaithful to him and was openly living with GEORGE DE MOHRENSCHILDT at the Stoneleigh Hotel in Dallas. He said she made this admission to him and said she wanted a divorce.



Mr. VOSHININ advised, in part, as follows:

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GEORGE DE MOHRENSCHILDT was a one-time member of the St. Nichelas Russian Orthodox Parish in Dallas, but because his present wife is an atheist, neither of them had attended church in recent years. WOSHININ said that Mrs. DE MOHRENSCHILDT is half-Russian and half-French and was born and raised in China.

VOSHININ said that DE MOHRENSCHILDT belonged to a discussion group called the "Bohemian Club" which was a group of free thinkers who used to meet periodically at the Old Warsaw Restaurant. This group had about forty members and one BILL HUDSON (phonetic), who had a wife named BETTY, was president of the group.

VOSHININ advised that when the DE MOHRENSCHILDTS were in Mexico a couple of years ago, Soviet Deputy Premier MIKOYAN was also there. During the parade for MIKOYAN, Mrs. DE MOHRENSCHILDT ran out of the crowd, ran up to MIKOYAN, and started talking to him in Russian. MIKOYAN reportedly became quite alarmed at this. This incident allegedly appeared on television.

VOSHININ said he could not tell if either Mr. or Mrs. DE MOHRENSCHILDT was pro-Soviet. He said DE MOHRENSCHILDT does not believe in anything, either religious or political, but he could not tell about Mrs. DE MOHRENSCHILDT, who is very reserved. He said Mrs. DE MOHRENSCHILDT's first husband, believed by him to be named LE GAN, is apparently of unscund mind and is in an institution in Los Angeles, California.

WOSHININ stated that DE MOHRENSCHILDT is currently working for the Haitian Government as a geologist.

From a political point of view, DE MOHRENSCHILDT brags that he is a staunch Republican, while his wife is a staunch Democrat. VOSHININ described GEORGE DE MOHRENSCHILDT as the type of person who liked to argue, and he recalled having heard that DE MOHRENSCHILDT once started an argument by saying he was in favor of Nazi Germany and thought HEINRICK HIMMLER was all right.

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DE MOHRENSCHILDT has a brother who is a professor at Dartmouth, who goes by the last name of VON MOHRENSCHILDT. VOSHININ explained that the family was originally from Sweden and when they moved to Russia several generations ago, they Germanized their name; then, during World War II, GEORGE DE MOHRENSCHILDT changed the prefix of his last name because of the anti-German feeling in the United States.

VOSHININ said he recalled on one occasion that DE MOHRENSCHILDT told him that an official of the United States Government, exact organization unknown, came to interview DE MOHRENSCHILDT and the latter was amused by how he could argue with this Government official. VOSHININ said that DE MOHRENSCHILDT and his wife are "mixed up," both emotionally and politically, and seemed to enjoy it.

VOSHININ recalled that DE MOHRENSCHILDT had a rather troubled childhood; his father was arrested by the communists after the Soviet Revolution when DE MOHRENSCHILDT was about eight years old and he wandered the streets begging for food, living almost like an animal. He then escaped to Poland. His father and brother also escaped. VOSHININ said that DE MOHRENSCHILDT would never talk about his mother in any way.

DE MOHRENSCHILDT attended high school in Pcland and upon finishing school started a career in the Polish Army as a cavalry officer; however, he did not have sufficient funds to pursue this career since most Polish Army officers had to have independent means to maintain themselves. For this reason, he left the Polish Army and went to France and Belgium, where he studied economics, obtaining a Doctor of Philosophy Degree in Economics. The depression was then in progress and he was unable to obtain employment in Europe and moved to the United States to join his older brother.

DE MOHRENSCHILDT then went to the University of Texas where he obtained a degree in Geological Engineering. He worked in Venezuela for a while with an oil company, and then returned to Texas.

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VOSHININ believed DE MOHRENSCHILDT'S current wife to be his fourth wife. His first wife was reportedly French and she is currently remarried and living in Paris; his second wife was supposed to be an artist, place of residence unkncwn; his third wife came from a prominent Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Quaker family.

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DE MOHRENSCHILDT has a daughter by his first wife. He had a boy and a girl by his third wife. The boy is deceased.

VOSHININ described DE NOHRENSCHILDT as basically a nice fellew, Mrs. Dr. Honkenschildt has one daughter, mined JEAN. Ars. DE MOHRENSCHILDT'S father was reportedly executed by the Chinese Reds.

GARY E. TAYLOR (Supra)

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TAYLOR stated his former wife, ALEXANDRA, was GEORCE DE MOHRENSCHILDT'S daughter. He said GEORCE DE MOHRENSCHILDT preferred the Russian form of Government over the United States and stated so in his presence on a number of occasions. He also indicated a desire to return to Russia but not because it was his home land. TAYLOR said he did not believe DE MOHRENSCHILDT to have any living relatives in Russia.

He said DE MOHRENSCHILDT'S financial status seemed to vary considerably, that at times he seemed to have plenty of money, at others, he seemed to have very little money. He said he could not understand how the DE MOHRENSCHILDTS could have traveled throughout Mexico, the Caribbean, and Guatemala for fourteen months if they had been in financial need.

TAYLOR said that JEANNE DE MOHRENSCHILDT had worked for IKE CLARK as a fashion designer in the late 1950's and for Sanger-Harris more recently, in Dallas. He did not believe she made enough money to finance their trip to the above places. He said it was while JEANNE was working for

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IKE CLARK that they made the trip.

In regard to the DE MOHRENSCHILDTS' most recent departure for Haiti, he said that JEANNE DE MOHRENSCHILDT was working for Sanger-Harris when they decided to leave for Port-au-Prince, Haiti. He said they had been allegedly saving and scrimping for this trip and he could not understand how they could manage to outfit themselves so well prior to departing for Haiti. He said they went to Haiti via Miami, Florida, in May or June, 1963.

TAYLOR said GEORGE DE MOHRENSCHILDT married his present wife, JEANNE, also known as JON LE GON, in May or June, 1959, in Dallas. He was born in Russia in the Georgian section; claimed that if the feudal system were still in effect he would have the title of Baron. He claimed he studied in Prague and taught geology at the University of Texas in 1939. He had an office in the Republic National Bank Building at one time during the past five years, but TAYLOR did not know him to work very much. DE MOHRENSCHILDT traveled a bit and had made numerous trips to Houston, Texas, to premete work for himself. He said DE MOHRENSCHILDT claimed to have worked as a consulting geologist for JAMES PANEIL about four years ago, and that NEIL has offices in the Exchange Bank Building, Dallas. DE MOHRENSCHILDT also claimed to have a brother who is a professor, whose name is believed to be VON MOHRENSCHILDT.

DE MOHRENSCHILDT claimed to have worked for the State Department in the mid-1950's and exhibited photographs of himself which he claimed were taken in Czechoslovakia and Tugoslavia.

He said DE MOHRENSCHILDT was very friendly with one LOUIS'MC NULTON, JR., who was a constant guest in the DE MOHRENSCHILDT home. He said DE MOHRENSCHILDT claimed he could speak sixteen foreign languages and could write thirteen of this sixteen, including Chinese and Russian.

He said JEANNE is GEORGE DE MOHRENSCHILDT'S third

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wife, and that he first met DE MOHRENSCHILDT when the latter lived in the Maple Terrace Apartments in the fall of 1958, that after that the DE MOHRENSCHILDTS moved into a house within a block of the apartment building, believed to be on Dickens Street, and that after their return from the fourteen month trip mentioned earlier they moved back to another area on Dickens Street.

TAYLOR said he had dated CHRISTIANA BOGOVALLENSKIA, step-sister of ALEXANDRA DE MOHRENSCHILDT, but that when he met ALEXANDRA, he fell in love with her and married her in Oklahoma in November, 1959.

He said JEANNE DE MOHRENSCHILDT was born in China, speaks and writes Russian fluently, and is also believed to speak Chinese. He said he did not know where she was educated but that she appeared to be very literate. She was a fashion designer for IKE CLARK in Dallas at one time, using the name JON LE GON, and also a fashion designer for Sanger-Harris.

He said her daughter, CHRISTIANA BOGOVALLENSKIA, had once attended the University of California at Los Angeles, and that her father had been in California

where CHRISTIANA used to visit him quite frequency while attending college there. He said CHRISTIANA is currently married to an individual named RAGNAR, and that CHRISTIANA and her husband were, at the time of interview, believed on route to Port-au-Prince to visit the DE MOHRENSCHILDTS.

ILYA MAMANTOV 6911 East Mockingbird Lane Dallas, Texas (November 23, 1963)

Mr. MAMANTOV advised SA'S EMORY E. HORTON and URAL E. HORTON, JR., that it was his understanding the DE MOHRENSCHILDTS and the OSWALDS were good friends. He said he suspected DE MOHRENSCHILDT of possible subversive activities and of being a communist, although he had no confirmatory information in this regard. He said that the DE MOHRENSCHILDTS had reportedly made

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a trip to Mexico City on one occasion where they met MIKOYAN from Russia, and that in recent years GEORGE DE MOHRENSCHILDT had visited Yugoslavia. He said DE MOHRENSCHILDT does not work steadily but seems to get along well financially and travels extensively.

Mr. MAMANTOV said that on one occasion he warned a mutual acquaintance, in 1962, against associating with DE MOHRENSCHILDT. A couple of days later, DE MOHRENSCHILDT called MAMANTOV and said, "A good friend of mine told me that you said I was a communist. If I hear of any more statements of this nature, I will come over and beat hell out of you."

Informants having knowledge of Communist Party and related activities in the Dallas area have been contacted and have advised that they have no knowledge of JEANNE DE MOHRENSCHILDT.

ROBERT LE GON (Supra)

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Citizenship

ROBERT LE GON furnished the following physical description of JEANNE DE MOHRENSCHILDT:

> White Female May 5, 1914, Harbin, China 5' 5" 135 lbs. Naturally brown, dyes hair various colors Gray-blue Fair, usually sun-tanned Complexion None known United States

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