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EDITOR'S NOTE: Upon hearing of the Page 1 news story appearing December 11, 1966 in the Dallas-Times-Herald concerning George and Jeanne de Mohrenschildt, our thoughts immediately turned to an address by Judge Glenn O. Young delivered before the New England Rally for God, Family & Country, at Boston, Mass., last July. Mr. Young is a lawyer, judge, author, editor, publisher and lecturer. His mailing address is P. O. Box 896, Sapulpa, Oklahoma.

In order to better understand the story appearing in the Dallas Times-Herald which we are re-publishing with the permission of the Dallas Times-Herald, we suggest that you send \$1.00 and secure a copy of the address by Glenn O. Young.

Another source of information on the subject, of a startling nature, is a pamphlet entitled "Crackpot or Crack Shot" by Kenneth O. Goff, Box 116, Englewood, Colorado. This is a copyrighted article that sells for \$1.00.

The book to which Jacqueline Kennedy has objected, and because of her objections and all the resulting publicity in a cooperative news media, will no doubt be bought by millions of Americans, it would be short-sighted to read only the book without searching out other pertinent material on the subject. That is why we consider the story about the De Mohrenschildts to be so important at this time.—JCP)

"The Quest For Truth" by George C. Thomson (Engineering Company) 1528 Canada Blvd., Suite #205, Glendale, California, is another terrific treatment of the assassination. We suggest you write for prices if interested.

Caught Between 2 Tragedies
De Mohrenschildts Knew Both Oswalds, Kennedys
By GRAYDEN HEARTSILL, Staff Writer
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George and Jeanne de Mohrenschildt — perhaps the only persons in the world to have known the families of both John F. Kennedy and Lee Harvey Oswald — reflected this work on the strange twists-fate can take.
"The coincidences are strange — almost unbelievable," mused De Mohrenschildt, who has just returned to Dallas for the first time since President Kennedy was assassinated here.

Among the coincidences:
De Mohrenschildt was born in Russia in the same town where Oswald lived after leaving the United States.
As a youth newly arrived in New York, De Mohrenschildt became acquainted with the parents of the little girl who would become John Kennedy's wife.
And years later, in Dallas, the De Mohrenschildts were among a group of Russian-speaking American citizens who befriended Oswald and his Russian bride, Marina, in the days before Oswald was accused of assassinating the President.

The De Mohrenschildts — he is a geologist and petroleum engineer — were in Haiti when President Kennedy was shot. But their testimony was considered so significant they were flown to Washington to appear before the Warren Commission.

The Warren Commission devoted nearly 200 pages of its report to testimony by De Mohrenschildt and his fashion designer wife.

During the Warren Commission hearings, the couple spent several days in Washington detailing the relationship they had developed when, as members of a small Dallas-Fort

Worth group of Russian-speaking American citizens, they befriended Lee Harvey Oswald and his wife, Marina.

Some of their evenings during the same visit were spent with Mrs. Hugh Auchincloss, mother of Jacqueline Kennedy.

"Mrs. Auchincloss was interested in the Oswalds and wanted to know about them," said Mrs. De Mohrenschildt. "But she was opposed, as was Mrs. Kennedy, to an investigation. She felt that her son-in-law was dead and that a hearing could not bring him back, but could only prolong the intensity of grief for those who loved him.

"We argued a little about it. As an American citizen I felt that we must establish the blame and try to find the reason for the death of our president."

"The sad thing about it," added De Mohrenschildt, "is that there was no reason for it, and that is what the people in other countries cannot understand. It has been extremely harmful for our national image.

"In Haiti, Duvalier surrounds himself with a tough armed presidential bodyguard, the Tonton-Macoute (roughly translated to 'boogy-men') to protect himself from the enmity his dictatorship has created. But an assassination without reason — that's beyond comprehension."

Mrs. De Mohrenschildt has a simple explanation for it: "If Oswald truly was the sniper, President Kennedy was killed because of a washing machine," she believes.

"Only the night before the assassination, Oswald had gone to Marina and asked her to make her home with him again in an apartment he promised to rent. She wouldn't agree unless he would equip the apartment with a washing machine. For a person as unstable as Oswald, this demand and the argument it caused would arouse bitterness and the wish to strike and hurt someone."

Both, however, find it hard to picture the Oswald they knew in the role in which history is casting him. Yet De Mohrenschildt remembers when he was told that a suspect had been captured he asked if the name was Oswald.

"It was subconscious, a sort of flash that came probably from knowing that Oswald had a gun. Jeanne had seen it shortly before we left Dallas and when she told me I asked Oswald — as a test which I now know wasn't funny at all — if he had taken a pot-shot at Gen. Edwin Walker with it. I laughed and so did he. Marina later testified that the incident made her think we knew of Oswald's attempt on Walker's life.

"Jeanne and I have wished so often that she had confided in us, had told us of her fears. Perhaps we could have done something to help to avert what was to happen — but who knows?"

The impact of what did happen dealt its anguish 250 miles away and seven months later to the De Mohrenschildts. "We habitually tuned in with our transistor radios to KRLL, which came in clear as a whistle in the evening with the Dallas weather reports and news of what was happening at home," De Mohrenschildt said. "But during the day we seldom listened."

So it wasn't until they attended a party at the Lebanese Embassy that the tragic event was told them by a Pan American airline executive.

The reaction was first disbelief, then shock, then grief that such a thing could be, and that it should have happened in Dallas. They left their champagne untouched, went immediately to join American friends connected with the U.S. Embassy, and joined them in a sad vigil with the rest. It was then that De Mohrenschildt asked his Oswald question.

This book is some nice on De M.

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De M. was in Miami in the Fall - postmark on letter to Reipert's (shows)

Out Of The Mail Bag

THE LAND OF VIETNAM
This land is a land of hate,
No time for peace or love.

The Only Man Who Knew Both Lee Harvey Oswald & Jackie Kennedy



LEE OSWALD DR. MOHRENSCHILDT

Not many people knew Lee Harvey Oswald really well. And Russian-born oil engineer George de Mohrenschildt is probably the only man alive who knew both Oswald and his family and Jackie Kennedy and her family.

In this exclusive ENQUIRER article, de Mohrenschildt reveals what the two families were really like — and how his own life was shattered when the high-born Kennedys and the working-class Oswalds were linked by the tragedy of the assassination.

By ANDREW TERRENCE

George de Mohrenschildt found Jackie Kennedy and her parents "charming and delightful."

But Lee Harvey Oswald was "sullen, brooding, jealous of success in others and always fighting with his Russian-born wife, Marina."

De Mohrenschildt told this ENQUIRER reporter: "Even so, I don't think Oswald killed Kennedy — he admired the President too much to do that."

De Mohrenschildt told me the strange story of how he came to know both families.

He said he left Russia in 1938 and emigrated to the U.S.

He settled in New York City. And because he came from a socially prominent family — his uncle, Ferdinand de Mohrenschildt, was First Secretary of the last Czarist Embassy in Washington — George soon got to know top people like Jackie's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Bouvier.

George recalled: "Jackie's family were part of the summer colony at Bellport, Long Island, N.Y.

"I visited with them often, and I used to bounce little Jackie on my knee.

"At that time the John Bouviers were getting divorced, but they remained friendly and charming to everyone. I often took them sailing in my yacht."

Two years later, in 1940, de Mohrenschildt moved to Dallas because of his work as an oil engineer.

But he kept in touch with the Bouviers by letter, and occasionally he visited with Jackie's mother, who had remarried after her divorce and was now Mrs. Hugh Auchincloss.

Although de Mohrenschildt had become an American citizen in 1946, he still liked to meet people from his homeland of Russia.

And in the summer of 1962, in Dallas, he went to a meeting of Russian-born immigrants. It was there that he met Lee Harvey Oswald and Marina, the wife he had brought back from Russia.



CHARMING FAMILY: That's how Jackie Kennedy and her mom, who



Mrs. de MOHRENSCHILDT She helped the Oswalds.



JACKIE'S FATHER John Bouvier sailed on de



WEeping WIDOW: Mrs. Marina Oswald holds daughter June and weeps at the graveside services for her husband, Lee Harvey Oswald.

that he eventually testified about Oswald before the Warren Commission on April 22, 1964. De Mohrenschildt had the opportunity to be interviewed by the

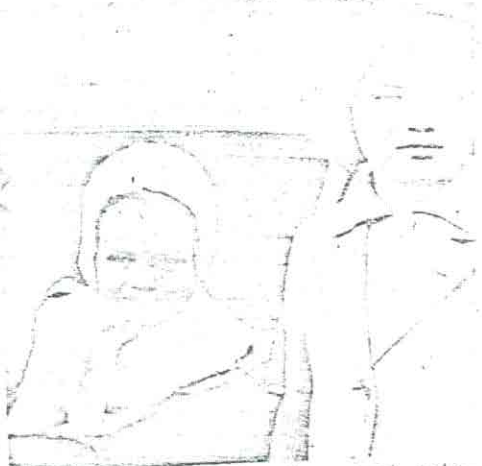
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PRAISED BOTH KENNEDY AND CASTRO
According to de Mohrenschildt, Oswald admired Kennedy for his political beliefs and praised Fidel Castro for opposing the United States.



AMERICANIZED
This is the new and glamorous look Marina has acquired since her remarriage.



JACKIE AND SISTER, Lee (in carriage), make picture together in the 1930s.

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and once said right in front of my wife if Lee sleeps with me only once a month I get any satisfaction out of it."

He didn't smoke and didn't want Marina to sometimes he would take a cigarette from her and slap her. Once he got so furious he pushed her lighted cigarette on her shoulder. He told her that time."

de Mohrenschildt said Marina was a poor wife. He wouldn't take her baby for medical care. She was a little pride, and willingly accepted anyone would give her.

de Mohrenschildt constantly complained, asking Oswald why he didn't have more money and a car, and needed it at his lack of success.

de Mohrenschildt also said she was bored because Oswald wouldn't take her anywhere, so de Mohrenschildt took her to two parties.

At one party, Oswald flirted with a Japanese woman named Yaeko, and Marina later complained Oswald had gotten Yaeko's phone number and was trying to get with her.

de Mohrenschildt said he and his wife saw Oswald 10 or 12 times — enough to determine that Oswald was highly neurotic.

de Mohrenschildt praised Russia as being far superior to the United States, yet he had left Russia because he couldn't find what he was looking for — success.

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ter precautions should have been taken."

The letter also expressed de Mohrenschildt's hope that Marina Oswald would not suffer throughout her life and that the stigma would not affect her children. And he added that despite all the evidence he still had a lingering doubt about Oswald's guilt.

Mrs. Auchincloss replied on Jan. 29, 1964, saying: "Dear George: Thank you for your sympathy for Jacqueline. It seems extraordinary to me that you knew Oswald and Jackie. It is certainly a strange world."

"I would very much like to talk to you and meet your wife."

"Very sincerely, Janet Lee Auchincloss."

There was a postscript: "Your letter has made me think a good deal. I hope, too, that Mrs. Oswald will not suffer."

On April 22, 1964, de Mohrenschildt went before the Warren Commission to testify about Oswald's character. His evidence took three days, and he told this reporter last month:

"I told them everything, including why I didn't think Oswald was the killer, even though my wife had seen a rifle with a telescopic sight in Oswald's apartment on Easter Day (April 14) 1963."

"Marina had once said of Lee, 'That crazy idiot is target shooting all the time.'"

"And I admit that when I first heard about the assassination, I did think Oswald could have done it. But the more I thought about it, the more certain

I became that he wasn't really the killer."

Why?

De Mohrenschildt said: "Because he was over and over again that he admired Kennedy. He told me in so many words: 'Kennedy is an excellent President — young, full of energy, good ideas.'"

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Added de Mohrenschildt: "But Oswald was wealthy. And though he admired Kennedy, Kennedy was wealthy."

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"Luckily, I'm not entirely sure I should do business with Oswald. He has a habit of condemning me because I don't agree with him."

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Oswald had an insane jealousy of anyone who succeeded where he failed.

In April 1963, de Mohrenschildt said he went to the Oswalds, for the oil man's wife had been invited to conduct oil operations in the area of Port-au-Prince, Haiti, West Indies.

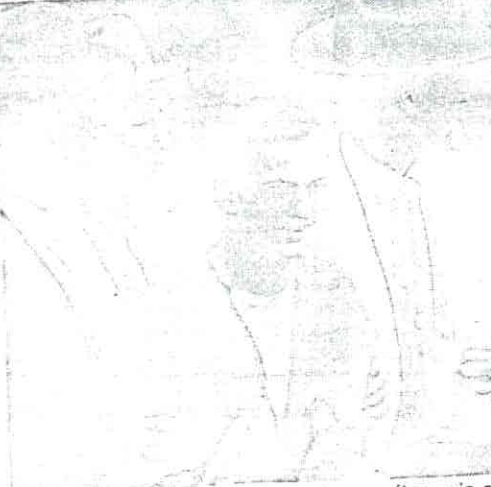
It was the day of the assassination, Nov. 22, 1963, before de Mohrenschildt heard Oswald's name again. He was mentioned on the radio as the alleged assassin.

Once, the oil man went to the U.S. Embassy in Port-au-Prince and offered to give Oswald a job.

Plans were made for de Mohrenschildt to go to the United States. De Mohrenschildt wrote to Mrs. Auchincloss on Dec. 13, expressing his sympathy about the President's death, and adding:

"Since we had lived in Dallas we had the chance to meet Oswald and his wife, and it is really a shame that such a man should die in our times and in our country. There is so much jealousy for success and the late President was so successful in many ways."

"There is such a desire for publicity that part of all shady characters are bound to occur. Between



IN CUSTODY: Dallas policemen keep a firm grip on Oswald following his arrest for the assassination of President Kennedy and the murder of a policeman.

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