

WHO MURDERED DEMOHRREN-

On March 29, shortly after being contacted by an investigator for the House Select Committee on Assassinations, Dallas petroleum engineer George deMohrenschildt died of a gunshot wound in Manalapan, Florida. The Russian-born deMohrenschildt was believed to be a key figure in the 1963 assassination of President John F. Kennedy, having been the closest Dallas friend of Lee Harvey Oswald.

On April 1, Dutch journalist William Oltmans testified before the House Select Committee, that he had been told by deMohrenschildt of a Texas oilmen/FBI agents/Cuban exiles conspiracy to kill Kennedy. Oltmans gave the committee a taped interview with Loran Eugene Hall—named by the Warren Commission as soliciting aid in Dallas in the fall of 1963 for Cuban exiles trying to depose Fidel Castro—with Hall claiming to have been offered \$50,000 in the office of oilman Lester Logue to kill Kennedy.

Oltmans also stated that George deMohrenschildt had claimed to be a "middleman" between Oswald and H.L. Hunt, a billionaire representing a group of Dallas oilmen, whose son Nelson paid for an anti-Kennedy ad in a Dallas newspaper in November, 1963. Oltmans said deMohrenschildt "mixed socially" with Dallas oil magnates and became a friend of Hunt, who died in 1974. A spokesman for Hunt's estate has denied Hunt and deMohrenschildt were friends; Lester Logue has called Oltmans "a publicity psychopath" and hints at a possible libel suit.

The media has reported many of Oltmans' allegations, but very little has been written about the background of George deMohrenschildt, a staunch anti-Communist who befriended Lee Harvey Oswald, the Marxist who defected to Russia, then established a pro-Castro "Fair Play for Cuba"

committee in New Orleans.

George deMohrenschildt was a Russian count, a member of the Czarist Nobil Oil interests in the Minsk Province. The senior deMohrenschildt was jailed after the Bolshevik Revolution, only to be released shortly; he became head of the Soviet Department of Agriculture but was arrested for opposing Stalinist anti-religious measures. After escaping from prison, deMohrenschildt spent World War II in Germany.

Two sons, including George, came to America in the late 1920's and became respected capitalists. In June, 1941, George deMohrenschildt and a Mexican woman named Lilla Parado Latin were apprehended by police in Port Arthur, Texas and interrogated concerning deMohrenschildt's sketches of port facilities.

deMohrenschildt and his companion were released without being arrested. Asked 23 years later about the 1941 activities by Warren Commission lawyer Albert Jenner:

deMohrenschildt stated that he had "collected facts on people involved in pro-German activity" for Pierre Frings' French intelligence apparatus in the United States. Warren Commission Document number 333 (CD 533) noted that deMohrenschildt in 1941 had possessed a "letter dated April 5, 1941... from K. Maydell, Facts and Films, 33 West 60th Street, New York City, mentioning getting necessary letters from Nelson Rockefeller."

In 1942, deMohrenschildt was again suspected of being a German agent; this time he was deported from Mexico for engaging in espionage with the nephew of General George MeadeArthur. Although this was documented in both CD 533 and in volume IX of Hearings before the Warren Commission, the evidence was omitted from the Warren Report, which stated: "The Commission's investigation has developed no signs of subversive or

disloyal conduct on the part of either the deMohrenschildts."

According to CD 531, CD 532 and Volume IX of the Hearings, deMohrenschildt in the 1940s was accused of collecting data regarding the operation of a uranium plant and in 1957 was suspected of spying in Yugoslavia. Actually, he went to Yugoslavia in '57 on behalf of the International Cooperation Administration (ICA), a CIA-funded subsidiary of the Agency for International Development.

In 1956 deMohrenschildt went to Cuba as part of his oil business; at the same point in time, E. Howard Hunt was in Havana at a meeting of CIA station chiefs from Latin America. Both Hunt and deMohrenschildt wound up in Guatemala in 1960, with Hunt serving as liaison between the CIA and Cuban exiles training for the Bay of Pigs operation. Hunt had served in the Economic Cooperation Administration, the predecessor of deMohrenschildt's ICA.

George deMohrenschildt said he had walked with his wife Jeanne from Dallas to Guatemala in 1960, had seen troops in Guatemala, but was unaware of their purpose. DeMohrenschildt made a film of his trip and gave a report to an agency of the U.S. Government. According to Robert Sam Anson in *They've Killed the President!* the Warren Report "does not mention which agency of the United States Government, but it strains credibility to believe that it was not the CIA."

With this background in the CIA-related espionage, it is not surprising that George deMohrenschildt, at the time of the Kennedy assassination was employed by the Houston construction firm Brown & Root, largest contractor for Vietnam contracts in the 1960s. George and Herman Brown, close friends and business associates of deMohrenschildt, set up the J. Frederick Brown Foundation, which

served as a conduit of CIA money (received from "dummy" foundations such as the Tower Fund, Borden Trust, Price Fund, Etsel Fund, Kentfield Fund, Monroe Fund, Appalachian Fund, Wynnewood Fund, Charles Price Whitten Trust and James Carlisle Trust) to the "American Friends of the Middle East." The latter organization received \$150,000 in CIA funding from the Brown Foundation in 1964, the first full year of Lyndon Johnson's presidency. Johnson had been funded by George and Herman Brown for many years, and one month after LBJ began the 1965 bombing of Vietnam, Brown & Root was awarded a lucrative multi-year construction contract for Vietnam.

In May, 1963, George and Jeanne deMohrenschildt flew to New York City, then to Haiti, where George was conducting a geological survey for which he had been paid \$285,000 by "Papa Doc" Duvalier. The deMohrenschildts were in the Haitian capital on November 22, 1963, and petroleum engineer Sam Bailen told the Warren Commission: "George and Jeanne were publicly stating in Port-au-Prince that the FBI had assassinated Kennedy, and that Oswald was a patsy."

George deMohrenschildt was questioned by the Warren Commission for two days, yet he was never asked about the allegations of Bailen, an associate since 1954, or the testimony of Gary E. Taylor, deMohrenschildt's son-in-law, who told the Warren Commission he had believed "from the beginning that if there was any assistance or plotters in the assassination, that it was, in my opinion, most probably the deMohrenschildts."

The deMohrenschildts were prominent members of the Dallas-Ft. Worth "Russian colony," described by Gerald Ford in *Portrait of the Assassin* as "conservative, anti-

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Communist and interested in the Orthodox Church"—i.e., the Greek Orthodox Church, formally known as the Synod of Bishops of the Russian Church Outside Russia. This religious organization was publicly identified in 1967 as a recipient of CIA funds, financed by the Baird Foundation, which also funded American Friends of the Middle East.

George deMohrenschildt was introduced to Lee Harvey Oswald by George Bouhe, founder of the Dallas chapter of the Greek Orthodox Church. Bouhe lived at 4740 Honter Street in Dallas, across the street from Jack Ruby, who lived at 4727. Both apartment houses used a joint swimming pool, though Bouhe denied knowing the murderer of Oswald. Lee Harvey Oswald, the reported

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Oswald's closest American-born friends in Dallas were Michael and Ruth Paine, who were introduced to Oswald by George deMohrenschildt. Michael Paine was an engineer for Bell Helicopter, despite his friendship with alleged Marxist/detector to Russian Bell Helicopter is a division of Bell Aerospace, headed by former Nazi General Walter Dornberger, who had been Dr. Werner von Braun's commanding officer when both worked for Adolf Hitler's rocket program.

In 1945 Dornberger, von Braun and approximately 150 other Nazi rocket scientists travelled to southern Germany to surrender to American forces near the French border. Germans were brought to the headquarters of General Charles O. Thrasher, Deputy Chief of the European Theatre of Operations. Thrasher's aide-de-camp was Major Clay Shaw—the same Clay Shaw who in 1967 stood trial in New Orleans for conspiracy to murder John F. Kennedy. Shaw died in 1974, shortly after being named a CIA agent

by former agent Victor Marchetti.

Shaw was a member of the board of directors of Permindex, a Swiss corporation that controls World Trade Centers around the world, including Shaw's New Orleans WTC. Financiers of Permindex included H.L. Hunt, George and Herman Brown, John Connally, Walter Dornberger, Jean and Paul Raigorodsky. Raigorodsky and Connally have homes in Jamaica and are members of the exclusive Tryall Club. Raigorodsky, a director of the CIA-funded Tolstoy Corporation, and Connally, since 1969 a member of the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board, are no strangers to the Agency. It may be true that all these connections are coincidental, but Raigorodsky in 1964 told Warren Commission lawyer Albert Jenner, "I still believe [the murder of John Kennedy] is a conspiracy."

Conspiracy or no conspiracy, there appear to be at least two conflicts of interest regarding George deMohrenschildt and the Warren Commission. First, deMohrenschildt possessed that 1941 letter "mentioning getting necessary letters from Nelson Rockefeller and later worked for Humble Oil, a subsidiary of the

*Harbored CIA operatives on the payroll of the Copley News Service and fed stories to news clients at the request of the CIA and FBI.

*Routinely submitted to intelligence agencies photographs and notes taken by staff reporters covering political demonstrations.

They also quote secret documents confirming that Copley's "was created as 'the eyes and ears...for our intelligence community.' Many of Copley's editors were in fact high ranking officers in various branches of military and civilian intelligence services. It is alleged that at least 23 employees of the news service worked for the CIA simultaneously. The entire purpose of Copley's News Service was supplementing CIA activities."

This startling revelation indicates that the CIA has a vast network that operates within the framework of a major "independent" news organization, churning out the CIA line in dozens of Copley newspapers. The Southern California Associated Newspapers (SCAN), a wholly owned Copley subsidiary, publishes the South Bay *Breeze*, the Burbank *Daily Review*, Glendale *News-Press*, Monrovia's *Daily News*

Rocketfeller family's Standard Oil.

Warren Commission member John J. McCloy is an attorney who has represented both Standard Oil and the Nobel family's Caucasian oil fields, of whose Minsk Province interests George deMohrenschildt's father was director until the Bolshevik takeover. Second, Albert Jenner conducted most of the interrogation of deMohrenschildt for the Warren Commission but did not attempt to get detailed information regarding Dallas residents connected with General Dynamics Corporation (for example, Max Clark, chief security for General Dynamic's Corvair plant in Dallas). Albert Jenner has served for many years as a corporate lawyer to General Dynamics.

The latest paradox in the Dallas scenario is the death of George deMohrenschildt at age 65: the March 29 fatal shooting gave the House Select Committee on Assassinations badly needed funds but, at the same time, removed a crucial source who might have provided evidence of an 11/22/63 conspiracy. Perhaps other members of the "Russian Colony" can explain just who Lee Harvey Oswald was and what he was doing in Dallas

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Paul, Altman's *Post Advocate* and San Pedro's *News Pilot*, as well as 21 weekly shop-pers. SCAN's Board of Directors, headed by James Copley, have instructed all their publishers to take their editorial cues from the San Diego Union. Copley publishes 14 daily newspapers, 34 bi-weeklies, making sure the CIA gets its viewpoint across.

Ed Davis may be your cop candidate for Governor, but Pete Wilson is your CIA candidate, carefully chosen and then promoted by a network of California newspapers that appear to operate solely for the benefit of the intelligence community. These newspapers have been influential in promoting and maintaining political trends throughout the country, as well as endorsing candidates in local state and federal elections. This unvarnished intrusion into the American political process by the CIA, a violation of Federal Law and the Agency's charter should be rigorously investigated by any congressional source not caricatured into their position by the intelligence community. So, you thought they only rigged elections abroad.