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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY, NOV. 22,
 1963, DALLAS, TEXAS
 ON MAR. 31, 1977, MISS BLANCHE PRESTON, RT. 4, BOX 22,
 LOUISVILLE, TENN., WAS CONTACTED AT HER RESIDENCE AFTER HER
 BROTHER, FRANK PRESTON, HAD INFORMED HAROLD C. SWANSON, SPECIAL
 AGENT IN CHARGE OF THE KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE FBI OFFICE, THAT
 MISS PRESTON HAD JUST READ IN A NEWSPAPER THAT GEORGE DEMOHRENSCHILDT

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HAD TAKEN HIS LIFE IN FLA., AND SINCE SHE HAS KNOWN DEMOHRENSCHILDT AND HIS WIFE FOR MORE THAN 30 YEARS, SHE MAY BE ABLE TO FURNISH SOME INFORMATION OF VALUE TO THE FBI.

MISS PRESTON, AGE 82, AND ADMITTEDLY SOMEWHAT FORGETFUL ABOUT DATES IN THE FAR PAST, STATED SHE WORKED AND RESIDED IN NEW YORK CITY FOR 50 YEARS PRIOR TO ABOUT 1960. IN THE LATE 1930'S, ONE OF HER NEIGHBORS IN NEW YORK CITY WAS JEANNE LEGONS WHO BECAME, AND HAS REMAINED, A FRIEND TO THIS DAY. SHE SAID LEGONS WAS BORN IN CHINA TO A FRENCH MOTHER AND RUSSIAN FATHER. JUST PRIOR TO WORLD WAR II, LEGONS AND HER HUSBAND MOVED TO DALLAS, TEXAS. AFTER A SHORT TIME THEY WENT TO CALIFORNIA. STILL PRIOR TO WORLD WAR II, JEANNE LEGONS ACCEPTED A JOB BACK IN DALLAS AND WENT THERE, LEAVING HER HUSBAND AND FAMILY IN CALIFORNIA. WHILE IN DALLAS, JEANNE MET GEORGE DEMOHRENSCHILDT. THEY HAD AN AFFAIR AND WERE LATER MARRIED. IN THE LATE 1930'S OR EARLY 1940'S, JEANNE AND GEORGE DEMOHRENSCHILDT WENT TO EUROPE, SHE ON BUSINESS AND HE, ASSIGNED BY THE U. S. GOVERNMENT TO ASSIST YUGOSLAVIAN PRESIDENT TITO IN CONNECTION WITH OIL EXPLORATION. GEORGE AND JEANNE DEMOHRENSCHILDT RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES

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ABOUT ONE YEAR LATER, LATE 1940'S OR EARLY 1950'S, AND THEY VISITED MISS PRESTON EN ROUTE TO DALLAS, TEXAS. GEORGE DEMOHRENSCHILDT THEREAFTER ACCEPTED A JOB TO SURVEY FOR OIL IN HAITI. HE AND JEANNE STAYED IN HAITI ABOUT ONE YEAR. THEY WERE IN HAITI WHEN PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY WAS ASSASSINATED.

MISS PRESTON STATED IT WAS HER UNDERSTANDING THAT THE DEMOHRENSCHILDTs CONTACTED THE FBI AFTER THEIR RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES AND OFFERED THEIR ASSISTANCE IN CONNECTION WITH THE KENNEDY ASSASSINATION.

MISS PRESTON STATED THE DEMOHRENSCHILDTs MET LEE HARVEY OSWALD AND HIS WIFE MARINA THROUGH A LADY IN DALLAS, TEXAS, WHO WAS ASSISTING MARINA IN OBTAINING DENTAL CARE TO REPAIR SEVERAL BADLY DECAYED TEETH. SHE AND GEORGE HAD DESCRIBED LEE OSWALD AS BEING A VERY BRIGHT INDIVIDUAL AND OF HAVING LEARNED THE RUSSIAN LANGUAGE QUITE RAPIDLY. GEORGE DEMOHRENSCHILDT NEVER SAID WHETHER HE LIKED OR DISLIKED OSWALD. JEANNE DESCRIBED MARINA AS A "NOTHING," A "WHORE." MISS PRESTON SAID SHE NEVER HAD ANY INFORMATION OR INDICATION THAT EITHER OF THE DEMOHRENSCHILDTs HAD A CLOSE OR SOCIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH EITHER OF THE OSWALDS. MISS

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PRESTON SAID THE DEMOHRENSCHILDT'S VISITED HER IN TENN. IN THE MID 1960'S JUST AFTER THE WARREN COMMISSION REPORT ON THE KENNEDY ASSASSINATION HAD BEEN RELEASED. AT THAT TIME, BOTH STATED IT WAS THEIR OPINION THAT OSWALD DID NOT ACT ALONE. THIS WAS EXPRESSED AS AN OPINION AND NOT STATED AS FACT BY THE DEMOHRENSCHILDT'S. MISS PRESTON DESCRIBED JEANNE DEMOHRENSCHILDT AS A GENTLE, WELL SPOKEN, COMPLETE LADY UNTIL ABOUT THE MID 1960'S WHEN SHE BECAME A VICTIM OF ALCOHOLISM. UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL JEANNE WOULD BERATE GEORGE, STATING HE WAS STINGY, HAD A VIOLENT TEMPER, OFTEN STRUCK HER, AND THAT HE HAD HURT HER REPUTATION AMONG HER FRIENDS. JEANNE AND GEORGE DEMOHRENSCHILDT CAME THROUGH TENN. IN ABOUT 1975. MISS PRESTON VISITED THEM AT A KNOXVILLE, TENN. MOTEL. AT THAT TIME, MRS. DEMOHRENSCHILDT STATED SHE AND GEORGE WERE DIVORCED BUT CONTINUING TO LIVE TOGETHER.

MISS PRESTON STATED ON MAR. 19, 1977, SHE RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL FROM MRS. GEORGE DEMOHRENSCHILDT FROM LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, TELEPHONE 213-363-6889, WHO INVITED HER TO COME AND VISIT HER. AT THIS TIME, SHE WAS HYSTERICAL,

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Jeane Le Mohrenschildt
Mrs. George De Mohrenschildt

TALKED FAST, AND INDICATED SHE WAS LIVING UNDER THE NAME JEANNE
LEGONS. SHE REMARKED "YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT I'VE BEEN THROUGH. George
GEORGE HAS GONE CRAZY AND HAS BEEN IN THE HOSPITAL FOR TWO MONTHS."
SHE INDICATED HE HAD TRIED TO KILL HER, KNOCKED OUT THE WINDOWS
IN THE APARTMENT, AND HAD TRIED TO COMMIT SUICIDE FOUR TIMES BY
CUTTING HIS WRISTS AND TAKING DRUGS. SHE REMARKED TO MISS PRESTON
"IT'S THE FAULT OF THAT HOLLANDER (DUTCH) NEWS REPORTER ULTMAN"
AND INDICATED AT THAT TIME GEORGE DEMOHRENSCHILD T WAS IN EUROPE
TRAVELING WITH THIS REPORTER. SHE SAID THE LAWYER, PATRICK (LNU),
FOR LEGONS, RESIDING IN DALLAS, TEXAS, POSSIBLY HAS TAPE RECORD-
INGS OF CONVERSATION BETWEEN DEMOHRENSCHILD T AND THIS REPORTER.

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NOTE: CORRECT SPELLING OF PERTINENT NAMES IN THIS TELETYPE
SHOULD BE: GEORGE DE MOHRENSCHILD T AND JEANNE LE GON.

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