

Was CIA Go-Between, Dutch Journalist Says

New Witness to JFK Plot Claimed

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Dutch journalist William Oltmans says he will meet with a Justice Department official today to discuss safety guarantees for a person he said was a CIA go-between in the John F. Kennedy assassination.

The alleged go-between is the second of two men whom Oltmans said were involved in a conspiracy to kill Kennedy.

"If (George) de Mohrenschildt (the first man) could be considered a World War II bomb, the new witness is an H-bomb," said Oltmans.

George de Mohrenschildt, a friend of Lee Harvey Oswald, was the subject of a book Oltmans wrote about Kennedy's death.

De Mohrenschildt, who was questioned by the Warren Commission, was shot to death with a 20-gauge shotgun last March in Palm Beach, Fla.

Authorities called the death a suicide, but Oltmans said two men visited De Mohrenschildt before his death. "De Mohrenschildt sought protec-

tion from the wrong people," said Oltmans.

Oltmans described his new "witness" as a "key man between the CIA in Washington and persons in Dallas." He refused to give his name for security reasons.

"He is a key man in the execution of the assassination in Dallas. De Mohrenschildt was a minor figure."

"I could not go any further than saying I think he is connected with the CIA," said Oltmans.

Oltmans said that, since his last "witness" died, he wanted "sufficient guarantees (the new witness) would stay alive" and sought them from President Carter in mid-June. The request moved through White House offices, to Presidential Aide Hamilton Jordan, and then was passed to Robert Keuch, Oltmans said.

Keuch, deputy assistant attorney general of the criminal division and the Justice Department's special council for assassination matters, confirmed he would meet today with Oltmans.