

Reporter Who Testified Spent a Decade Studying Kennedy's Assassination

AMSTERDAM, the Netherlands, April 3 (AP)—Willem Oltmans, the Dutch reporter who testified before the House Assassinations Committee last week, says he has spent more than a decade investigating the assassination of President Kennedy.

Mr. Oltmans, an Amsterdam freelance writer, said in an article published recently in the Dutch magazine *Nieuwe Revu* that he became interested in the case after a chance meeting in the United States with the mother of Lee Harvey Oswald, the accused killer of Mr. Kennedy.

Mr. Oltmans, in his 40's, is described by Dutch reporters who know him well as a man who explores points that sometimes are missed in the rush of news. They say he has traveled widely and has some good contacts.

A prominent figure in Dutch news circles for more than 15 years, Mr. Oltmans has worked on a freelance basis for television networks and for major newspapers and magazines in the Netherlands.

The Dutch reporter is known to have been a close friend of George de Mohrenschildt, a Dallas professor and an acquaintance of Mr. Oswald who apparently killed himself in Palm Beach, Fla., on Wednesday after learning that he would be called before the House committee.

In the *Nieuwe Revu* article, Mr. Oltmans wrote that he interviewed Mr. de Mohrenschildt in Dallas in February. The Russian-born professor said that he wanted to tell what he knew about the assassination, according to Mr. Oltmans, but that he did not want to talk in the United States "because for a number of reasons I don't feel safe here any longer." Mr. Oltmans accompanied Mr. de Mohrenschildt to Amsterdam, but the professor later disappeared during a trip to Brussels.

Mr. Oltmans has written a book on former President Sukarno of Indonesia, who was a personal friend, and has published articles on Indonesian affairs. He has also written investigative articles on the Dutch royal family and Soviet affairs.