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Dallas

A spokesman for the Hunt Oil Co. yesterday denied that the late billionaire H.L. Hunt ever knew or communicated with assassin Lee Harvey Oswald.

The company, founded by Hunt, said it was responding to an article in the current issue of Newsweek and accounts several weeks ago in a Dallas newspaper and on local broadcasts that claimed there was a link between the alleged assassin of President John Kennedy and Hunt.

The Dallas newspaper's account indicated Oswald allegedly sent a letter to an unidentified "Mr. Hunt" in early November, 1963, asking about his employment status.

"An inference was made in that story that the 'Mr Hunt' referred to in that letter may have been H:L. Hunt," the statement said.

"It is highly prejudicial to assume with absolutely no supportive evidence that 'Mr. Hunt' in the alleged letter refers to ' the late H. L. Hunt. Such unsubstantiated slurs against a man who is deceased and can no longer defend himself is shameful."

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