

SPOT REPORT

SUBJECT: Willem Oltmans and George de Mohrenschildt

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DESCRIPTION: (FYI)

1. According to an article in the 1 April 1977 Washington Star, George de Mohrenschildt, who had befriended the Oswalds in 1962, had attempted suicide four times in 1976. As a result he was committed for mental care to the Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas in the fall of 1976. He was released on 30 December 1976.

2. In early January 1976, according to Willem Oltmans, a Dutch journalist working for Dutch television, who had known de Mohrenschildt since at least 1967 and perhaps earlier, de Mohrenschildt told Oltmans that he was writing a book entitled I'm a Patsy, I'm a Patsy. It purports to tell the whole story of the conspiracy and, according to Oltmans, described how de Mohrenschildt considered himself responsible for Oswald's actions. The book has not been published and the manuscript is apparently in the hands of de Mohrenschildt's lawyer, Pat S. Russell of Dallas. Oltmans is cited in a Washington Star article of 31 March 1977 as stating that de Mohrenschildt had once said that "I only made up the story (about Oswald) because everybody makes a million dollars off the Kennedy assassination, and I haven't made anything. So now it's my turn."

3. In early March 1977, Willem Oltmans appeared before the House Assassinations Committee to tell about de Mohrenschildt's decision to tell his version of the Kennedy murder. It was this appearance before Committee staffers that prompted the panel to send Gaeton Fonzi, an investigator, to Palm Beach in an attempt to question de Mohrenschildt. Fonzi located where de Mohrenschildt was staying in Palm Beach but was unable to see de Mohrenschildt. The latter shot himself with a 20-gauge shotgun on 29 March 1977, in the home of Mrs. Charles Tilton, III, a relative by marriage, about six hours before the interview was to take place.

4. [redacted] have maintained an interest in Willem Oltmans over the years, particularly his contacts with Soviet officials in The Netherlands and the Soviet Union.

DCI'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DDO ACTION:

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Chairman his personal assurance in this regard. The subject of the Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) and Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was introduced by the Director and after several exchanges, Mr. Blakey noted that he felt these agreements could be worked out by September. Both the DCI and the Chairman expressed strong interest in having this accomplished in a much shorter time. The subject of security--specifically leaks to the press--was also discussed and both sides agreed that every effort would be made to avoid such a problem. The meeting broke up after about 20 minutes with expressions of good will and pledges of cooperation from all parties.

3. (U/IUO) After the meeting, Mr. Blakey and Mr. Wolf approached Messrs. Cary, Stemberge and the undersigned, and it was agreed that we would have Mr. Blakey out to the CIA Headquarters in the very near future for orientation and to discuss the NDA and MOU.

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