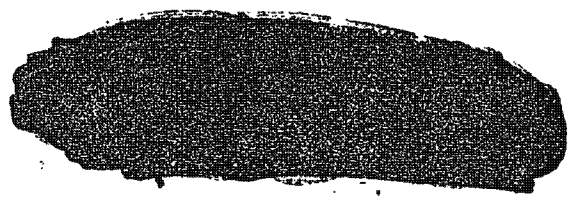


7 March 1968

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SUBJECT: OLTMANS, William L.



ALLEGATION:

CIA CONNECTION:

William L. OLTMANS, described as a Dutch pro-Communist, interviewed GARRISON for a Dutch TV program which appeared on The Hague TV on 22 February 1968. GARRISON charged that KENNEDY was the victim of a CIA plot. He alleged that the growing CIA influence on U. S. news media had made it impossible for him to be heard in his own country.

None

SOURCE:

Memo from CI/R&A dtd 1 March 1968 referencing cable traffic from The Hague for 24 and 27 Feb 1968.

OS INDICES RESULTS:

Negative

DETAILS:

Source memorandum contained the following information on OLTMANS:

- "a. DPOB 10 June 1925 Huizen, The Netherlands.
- "b. Studied at Yale 1950 but expelled for unstated misbehavior.
- "c. Thereafter worked briefly as correspondent for U.P. and for Dutch paper De Telegraaf but dismissed by both for unstated cause.
- "d. An FBI report of 1960 states that he calls himself anti-Communist but expresses the views 'of a great admirer of communism'.
- "e. An I&NS report of 1961 lists his address for 1956-1961 as 118-09 & 83rd Ave., Kew Gardens, Long Island, New York.

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"f. A CIA report of 1961 lists him as a UN correspondent then planning an unsponsored trip to East Germany, Poland, Czechoslovakia, and Hungary. Dutch correspondents said that they had yet to see a story written by him. When he applied for membership in the UN correspondents' association, he was unable to produce a single clipping in support of the application. He travels extensively. He has excellent contacts in all Communist countries including Cuba.

"g. The Hague Post of 15 April 1951, with a nationwide readership, characterized OLTMANS as an intimate friend of the then President of Indonesia, SUKARNO, and as having tried for five years to arrange contacts for SUKARNO in Holland.

"h. An FBI report of 24 November 1961 restates the above and adds that he had been separated or divorced from his American wife 18 months earlier because 'he is not a man'. He was living with a male at the time of the report.

"i. An FBI report of 1 February 1962 includes an interview with the ex-wife, Frieda BIELING (she had remarried). She said that her ex-husband and President SUKARNO were close friends and that he wrote to SUKARNO at least once a week throughout their marriage. Around 1957 she and OLTMANS lived at the Paramount Hotel, New York, for a time. The Indonesian government paid their bill, which was more than \$300. She met SUKARNO through her husband in May 1959 in Copenhagen. At the time of the introduction SUKARNO cleared the room of all advisors and bodyguards, then said to her, 'So you are Frieda. Well, I am Sukie.' He told her 'that he looked forward to receiving his weekly messages from her husband, ^{and} that he always read them just before he went to sleep while he was in bed.' She said that ten minutes after her wedding ceremony with OLTMANS was over, she was alone. Her father, she said, learned that OLTMANS had police record for molesting young boys in Amsterdam. She obtained a Mexican divorce in 1960. She said that OLTMANS is at least intellectually a Communist and believes that Communism is the economic system of the future.

"j. ^{Date:} [redacted] 1365, 24 October 1966, says OLTMANS wrote pro-LUMBA articles in 1960, visited Cuba in 1962 and perhaps 1963, developed friendly relations with Chicoms at The Hague and may have visited China in 1964. In August 1966 he applied for a Chicom visa at The Hague.

"k. An FBI report of 12 May 1967 says that OLTMANS claimed to have written for RAMPARTS an article about CIA in Indonesia. No such article has been found."

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