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TEXT:

1. ACTION REQUIRED: NONE, FOR STATION BACKGROUND ONLY.
RESPONSE TO REF QUESTIONS RE THE SHARING OF INFO [REDACTED] WILL BE
PROVIDED IN A SEPARATE MESSAGE.

2. HQS BELIEVES SUBJECT TO BE IDENTICAL TO WILLIAM LEONARD
((OLTMANS)), (DPOB 10 JUNE 1925, HUIZEN, THE NETHERLANDS), WHO WAS
ASSIGNED 201-0155221 ON 27 FEBRUARY 1957 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AT THE TIME,
OLTMANS WAS OSTENSIBLY A CORRESPONDENT FOR AN OBSCURE DUTCH WEEKLY
PUBLICATION AT THE UNITED NATIONS IN NEW YORK. HIS REPUTATION AT THE
UN WAS SUCH THAT HE WAS OSTRACISED BY THE DUTCH DELEGATION AND FELLOW
DUTCH NEWSMEN FOR HIS OPENLY PRO-INDONESIAN PUBLIC STAND ON THE DUTCH
GUINEA QUESTION. HE ALSO CLAIMED TO WORK FOR AN UNKNOWN NEWS
SYNDICATE IN THE UNITED STATES, BUT NONE OF HIS COLLEAGUES COULD
CLAIM TO HAVE SEEN ANY OF HIS WRITINGS PUBLISHED. HIS MAIN INCOME
SEEMED TO HAVE BEEN DERIVED FROM PUBLIC LECTURES IN THE UNITED STATES
ON INTERNATIONAL POLITICS, ESPECIALLY MATTERS TOUCHING ON ASIA IN
GENERAL, AND INDONESIA SPECIFICALLY. HE CLAIMED HE GREW UP IN
INDONESIA, AND THEREFORE KNEW THE AREA AND ITS "CONDITIONS" WELL. IN
ADDITION, HE WAS CONSTANTLY SEEN WITH WHAT A WESTERN SOURCE WOULD
CALL "THE WRONG CROWD", AND HE HAD EXCELLENT CONTACTS WITH ALL THE
COMMUNIST DOMINATED COUNTRIES, INCLUDING CUBA AND WAS ON INTIMATE
TERMS WITH ELEMENTS SUCH AS THE GUINEANS, THE INDONESIANS, AND THE
EGYPTIANS.

3. ACCORDING TO DIRECTOR 243172, 12 JANUARY 1987, ONE OF THE
LAST ENTRIES IN OLTMAN'S FILE, "OLTMANS HAS BEEN A THORN IN OUR SIDE
FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS. HE HAS HIGH LEVEL CONTACTS IN THE SOVIET
UNION. HE IS INDEPENDENTLY WEALTHY BY VIRTUE OF HIS FAMILY HAVING HAD
A VIRTUAL MONOPOLY ON THE QUININE TRADE AT ONE TIME. HE IS HIGHLY
INTELLIGENT BUT PECULIAR, AND WHETHER OR NOT HE WAS EVER IN THE PAY

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OF THE SOVIETS, HE CERTAINLY HAD BEEN A FERVENT SUPPORTER OF THEIR CAUSES." THE FOLLOWING ARE HIGHLIGHTS TAKEN FROM SUBJECTS RATHER LARGE HQS FILE.

4. HE STUDIED BRIEFLY AT YALE UNIVERSITY AND WAS EXPELLED FOR MISBEHAVIOR (NFI). FOR A SHORT TIME THEREAFTER, HE WORKED FOR UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL AND "DE TELEGRAFF", A MAJOR DUTCH DAILY NEWSPAPER, BUT WAS FIRED FROM BOTH. IN 1956, HE MARRIED AN AMERICAN GROUND STEWARDESS, AND IN ON 10 JUNE 1958, HE WAS ADMITTED TO THE UNITED STATES IN NEW YORK CITY AS A PRA, A STATUS WHICH HE HELD UNTIL AT LEAST 1987. IN 1960, HE DIVORCED HIS WIFE, AND IN 1961, WAS LIVING WITH A PHILIPINO MALE.

5. NUMEROUS FIELD REPORTS INDICATE THAT IN 1956, OLTMANS ARRANGED AN INTRODUCTION FOR HIMSELF TO INDONESIAN PRESIDENT ((SUKARNO)) WITH WHOM HE THEN TRAVELED THROUGH EUROPE IN 1956 AS SUKARNO'S GUEST. HIS TRIP FROM INDONESIA TO THE U.S. IN FEBRUARY 1957 WAS PAID FOR BY THE INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT, AND ALL INDICATIONS WERE THAT HE WAS BEING USED AS A TOOL BY THE INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT TO CARRY ON PROPAGANDA IN THE U.S. AND AT THE UN. DURING THE PERIOD 1960-1961, HE SHUTTLED BETWEEN EUROPE AND THE UNITED STATES.

6. SUBJECT NEXT APPEARS IN OUR RECORDS IN 1968, WHEN HE TELEPHONED THE DIRECTOR OF THE U.S. INFORMATION AGENCY (USIA) IN THE HAGUE TO ADVISE THEM THAT HE WAS ANTI-AMERICAN AND TO GIVE THE USIA INFORMATION ON ANTI-AMERICAN DUTCH GROUPS IN THE NETHERLANDS.

7. IN 1972, SUBJECT PLANNED TO MAKE A FILM ON ECOLOGY IN THE FORMER SOVIET UNION AND VISITED THERE 23-26 JANUARY TO MAKE THE FINAL ARRANGEMENTS. AT THIS TIME, THE DUTCH SERVICE CLAIMED THAT OLTMANS HAD A FIVE YEAR RETAINER FROM THE RUSSIANS AS AN OVERT PR MAN. THERE IS NO INDICATION IN THE FILE THAT THE FILM WAS EVER MADE.

8. IN MARCH AND APRIL 1977, OLTMANS GAINED A GREAT DEAL OF PUBLIC ATTENTION IN THE U. S. AND THE NETHERLANDS WHEN HE TESTIFIED *BEFORE THE U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES<ASSASSINATIONS>COMMITTEE ON *THE LATE GEORGE DE ((MOHRENSCHILDT))'S CONNECTION WITH<LEE HARVEY> *<((OSWALD))>AND THE MURDER OF PRESIDENT<JOHN>F.<((KENNEDY)).> IT HAD LONG BEEN KNOWN THAT DE MOHRENSCHILDT, AS PART OF THE DALLAS RUSSIAN-SPEAKING COMMUNITY, WAS CLOSE TO OSWALD. OLTMANS HAD LONG BEEN CULTIVATING DE MOHRENSCHILDT AS A NEWS SOURCE AND FRIEND. IN JANUARY, 1976, DE MOHRENSCHILDT WROTE OLTMANS THAT HE WAS PREPARING A BOOK ON HOW HE (DE MOHRENSCHILDT) WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR OSWALD'S *<ASSASSINATION>OF<KENNEDY.>

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11. ON 22 SEPTEMBER 1987, FBIS MONITORED THE ACTIVITY OF SUBJECT IN MARTINIQUE WHERE HE WAS MEETING WITH SURINAMESE CITIZENS AND ACCUSED FRANCE AND THE NETHERLANDS OF FAVORING THE SURINAME REBELLION.

13. CL REASON: 1.5 (C), DECL ON: X-1.

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