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| <p>The attached suggested draft to Mr. De Mohrenschildt was written without knowledge of the flavor of your personal relationship with him. The tone may not be appropriate, but the message boils down to the fact that neither CIA nor the FBI appear to have been interested in Mr. De Mohrenschildt for a number of years.</p> <p>This draft was coordinated with OGC on 22 Sep.</p> <p>John Waller</p> <p>US Citizens - "deM"</p> | | | |
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Mr. George de Mohrenschildt

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This is the response to the letter from de Mohrenschildt that you gave me a few days ago.

John Waller
John Waller

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22 SEP 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
FROM : John H. Waller
Inspector General
SUBJECT : Mr. George de Mohrenschildt
REFERENCE : Mr. de Mohrenschildt's letter to you,
dated 5 September 1976

Action Required:

1. None. This memorandum is for your information. We have also attached at A a suggested draft reply to Mr. de Mohrenschildt's letter.

Action Taken:

2. We have reviewed DDO and IG files on Mr. de Mohrenschildt. In addition, at our request, the CI Staff has run Agency traces on him and has been in touch with the FBI as well.

Findings:

3. There is voluminous material on Mr. de Mohrenschildt in CIA files, most of it dating from the post-Kennedy assassination period when he testified before the Warren Commission on his acquaintance with Mr. and Mrs. Lee Harvey Oswald. (A copy of the de Mohrenschildts' testimony is attached at B.)

4. The bulk of the material in our files consists of FBI reports, the most recent of which is dated 1967. The FBI has informed CIA that it has no traces on Mr. de Mohrenschildt beyond that date; our files contain all of its previous material on him.

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5. Mr. Helms' 3 June 1964 memorandum for the Warren Commission on the de Mohrenschildts is attached at C. It describes the Agency's interest in obtaining reports from Mr. de Mohrenschildt in 1957 as a result of his sojourn in Yugoslavia that year. Contact Division (now Domestic Collection Division - DCD) had its resident agent in Dallas, Mr. J. Walton Moore, contact Mr. de Mohrenschildt at that time. The history of Mr. Moore's relationship with Mr. de Mohrenschildt from 1957 to 1961 is also attached at C. As a routine matter, Mr. Moore requested traces on Mr. de Mohrenschildt. The trace results (attached at D) contained sufficient derogatory information to preclude further extensive contact with the de Mohrenschildts. (An OS summary on Mr. de Mohrenschildt prepared in response to the current request is also attached at D.)

6. Our files show that a mail cover was placed on letters addressed to Mr. de Mohrenschildt c/o the U.S. Embassy in Haiti from about 1964 to 1966. (This was probably not uncovered at the time of the external investigations.) This included opening and photographing the contents of some letters by the CIA Station there. The results of this operation were shared with the FBI.

7. Mr. de Mohrenschildt came to the attention of this office during the Rockefeller Commission investigations. We were asked to respond to a memorandum submitted to the Commission by Mr. Paul Hoch entitled "CIA Activities and the Warren Commission Investigation." Mr. Hoch called for an identification of Mr. J. Walton Moore's employment affiliation and asked what Mr. Moore knew about Oswald and what he may have told Mr. de Mohrenschildt about him. Our reply to the Rockefeller Commission is attached at E.

8. The most recent information we have on Mr. de Mohrenschildt comes from Mr. J. Walton Moore who was contacted in May and July 1976 by writers connected with the Reader's Digest, and with the Dial Press and the Dell Publishing Company. Both writers questioned Mr. Moore about Oswald and Mr. de Mohrenschildt. Mr. Moore's reports on these contacts are attached at F.

Conclusions:

9. Mr. de Mohrenschildt appears to have lead an adventurous and colorful life as a petroleum engineer and businessman. He is both well

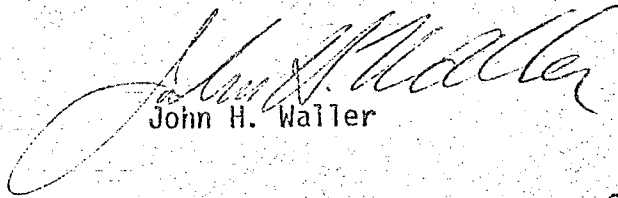
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and poorly connected, and some of his associations in the past have raised serious questions. Certainly his relationship with the Oswalds has caused him considerable trouble and may have caused this Agency and the FBI to spend more time and energy on him in the past than was necessary.

10. Both the FBI and this Agency, however, had dropped their interests in Mr. de Mohrenschildt's activities by the mid-to-late 1960's. We speculate that any attention he is now receiving could either be from local authorities in Dallas or from media representatives on the trail of a warmed over story concerning the assassination of President Kennedy. We offer no proof of this conjecture beyond Mr. Moore's reports attached at F. What we can say is that we have found no indication that either CIA or the FBI has taken any active interest in Mr. de Mohrenschildt in recent years.


John H. Waller

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28 September 1976

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Dear George:

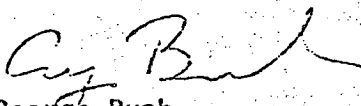
Please forgive the delay in my reply to your September 5th letter. It took time to explore thoroughly the matters you raised.

Let me say first that I know it must have been difficult for you to seek my help in the situation outlined in your letter. I believe I can appreciate your state of mind in view of your daughter's tragic death a few years ago and the current poor state of your wife's health. I was extremely sorry to hear of these circumstances.

In your situation, I can well imagine how the attentions you described in your letter affect both you and your wife. However, my staff has been unable to find any indication of interest in your activities on the part of Federal authorities in recent years. The flurry of interest that attended your testimony before the Warren Commission has long since subsided. I can only speculate that you may have become "newsworthy" again in view of the renewed interest in the Kennedy assassination and, thus, may be attracting the attention of people in the media.

I hope this letter has been of some comfort to you, George, although I realize I am unable to answer your question completely. Thank you for your good wishes on my new job. As you can imagine, I'm finding it interesting and challenging.

Very truly yours,


George Bush
Director

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