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26 March 1968

CSCI 316/01213-68, 26 March 1968, to FBI

Subject: GARRISON and the KENNEDY Assassination: Interview of
GARRISON on Dutch TV by William Leonard OLTMANS.

5 April 1968 (date of report)

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[redacted] reported that "OLTMANS", who previously produced a commentary on the murder of KENNEDY is still working on this matter in cooperation with Jim GARRISON. He claims to know who the KENNEDY murderer was. In connection with this OLTMAN has been the guest of an "oil millionaire" in Texas. According to OLTMAN he was invited there because of 'his knowledge of the affair' and the fact that he would be able to act as a medium to bring the facts to the world. At his request Jim GARRISON has provided him with a body guard while working on this matter. In Texas it appeared to him that the group who had financed KENNEDY's murder had had a deep seated quarrel and had fallen into two groups. Some details regarding this affair have come to light and it is seriously being considered to bring them to the public via a TV broadcast. OLTMAN is going to discuss this with NTS and bring it about.

(ONHA) 35638, 11 June 1968

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Has been described in files as one who spends considerable time in the United States organizing sensational anti-American TC programs or shows of the most vicious type to be shown on Dutch TV (for example see [redacted] 3870 reporting OLTMAN's interview of District Attorney Jim GARRISON)

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Cultural Attache, USSR Embassy The Hague: ^{Vladimir} KUZNETSOV

201-759265

all KGB
suspects

Press Attache (Hodovny Reg)

^{Vladimir} OPALEV

201-880054

First Secretary

Nikolay: ^V IZVEKOV

201-199656

GVISHIANI - chairman of the State Committee for Science and Technology and is suspected of being a highly placed intelligence officer.

1 February 1972

To: FBI (copy to SY/PERS, State)

Subject: Willem Leonard OLTMANS

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1 The following information was received from a [redacted] regarding subject. From 23 to 26 January 1972 subject visited the USSR to make final arrangements for an ecology film he plans to make in the Soviet Union. He claims to have met with Premier KOSYGIN's son-in-law, German Mikhailovich GVISHIANI while in Moscow. OLTMANS plans to depart for the United States on 6 February, where he will remain until 8 March. On 12 March he plans to depart for an undetermined stay in the USSR.

2. In addition to interview with Jack ANDERSON OLTMANS plans to make a film interview with Philip HANDLER, Chairman of the National Academy of Science. Subject intends to make a combined filmed portrait of HANDLER and his Soviet counterpart M. V. KELDYSH. He also intends to meet with Howard JONES, former U. S. Ambassador to Indonesia and current chairman of the board of the Christian Science Monitor.

DIRECTOR 228058, 1 February 1972

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22 February 1968

OLTMANS interview of Jim GARRISON broadcast on NTS. It is not known whether GARRISON travelled to The Hague or whether the show was taped in the United States and sent on tape to Holland. The latter seems probable, especially since the press did not report travel outside the United States by GARRISON.

GARRISON calm and composed, was sufficiently credible to elicit rather favorable reviews from generally well-informed Dutch newspapers. Several Dutch viewers also commented on the credibility of his person and presentation. It is likely that the NTS will try to sell this program to other European countries.

GARRISON repeated well-known thesis that KENNEDY was the victim of

a CIA plot. "President Kennedy was killed by elements of the Central Intelligence Agency of the United States Government."

21 January 1972 To: FBI; Info SY/PERS, INR of Department of State.

Subject: OLTMANS

²⁴ 1. The following information was received from a [redacted] regarding subject. Efforts by subject to discredit and embarrass the NATO Secretary General and former Dutch foreign minister Josef LUNS, are continuing. On 18 January 1972, subject announced he had sent a letter to the Dutch Attorney General demanding the prosecution of LUNS on the grounds he deliberately misled the former Dutch Prime Minister Willem DRIES with respect to LUNS' policy toward the question of West Guinea. Although not directly connected, subject's latest move follows information that LUNS' personal papers, which had been stored at his former official residence, had been rifled by "unauthorized persons".

2. In order to gain further publicity in his campaign against LUNS, OLTMANS held a press conference on 20 January 1972. This press conference, held in subject's apartment, was attended by several leading Dutch journalists as well as three Soviet diplomats, who are identified as suspect KGB officers. ²⁴

3. The [redacted] reported that subject plans to make a film in the Soviet Union and that subject has a five-year retainer from the Soviet Union as an overt Public Relations man. Subject also has a close relationship with Premier KOSYGIN's son-in-law, German Mikhailovich GVISHIANI, who is reportedly behind OLTMANS' invitation to make the above film in the Soviet Union and interview several prominent Soviet scientists.

²⁴ 4. The [redacted] reported that subject plans to visit the United States circa 6 February 1972, and among others he plans to meet with Washington columnist Jack ANDERSON.

DIRECTOR 223994, 21 January 1972

14 December 1971 To: Department of State (SY/PERS) Info: FBI

Subject: WLOltmans

1. On 10 December 1971, it was reported by a 24
 that William Leonard OLTMANS (who has been the subject of previous CIA and FBI reporting) was attempting to obtain in the near future, State Department classified documents via an American contact, FNU JONES. Said documents concern conversations between John Foster DULLES, former Dutch Foreign Minister Josef LUNS, and former Dutch Ambassador to the United States, J. H. van ROIJEN, on the topic of New Guinea and Indonesia.

2. According to source, OLTMANS is currently attempting to embarrass and discredit LUNS. OLTMANS already has ~~inspired~~ inspired a recent anti-LUNS article entitled "Has LUNS Mis-Led Us", written by one Joris van der BERGIN and printed in a sensationalist Dutch newspaper Vrij Nederland. Source speculates that fnu JONES mentioned above, may be former US Ambassador to Indonesia, Howard JONES, as source has established that OLTMANS and Howard JONES met during September 1971, in Boston. Given his background of being a leftist-Anti-American journalist, should OLTMANS obtain the above mentioned classified material, source feels OLTMANS would use it to publicly embarrass all parties concerned.

DIRECTOR

(Not sent ?)

19 and 20 January 1972

19 and 20 January issues of the Dutch paper "De Telegraaf" carry articles exposing activities of Dutch journalist Willem L. OLTMANS who engaged in denigration campaign against NATO Secretary General and former Dutch Foreign Minister Josef LUNS. Stories accuse Soviets of collusion with OLTMANS and of interference in Dutch internal affairs, and imply Soviet encouragement of OLTMANS' campaign against LUNS in order to discredit LUNS in his current role as NATO Secretary General because LUNS opposes Soviet desires for early convocations European Security Conference.

DIRECTOR 226050, 25 January 1972

Early 1972

Early 1972 report stated OLTMANS was attempting to have the government prosecute LUNS for "lying and misleading the Government" on Indonesia during his tenure as foreign minister. The 19 and 20 January 1972 issues of the Dutch paper De Telegraaf carry articles exposing activities of OLTMANS who engaged in a denigration campaign against LUNS. Stories accuse Soviets of collusion with OLTMANS and of interference in Dutch internal affairs.

4 March 1977

OLTMANS and de MOHRENSCHILDT traveling in Brussels. De MOHRENSCHILDT disappeared, leaving suitcases and clothing behind.

State Message (1261), The Hague, 10.3.77 (NC 59235)

3 March 1977

OLTMANS brought George de MOIRENSCHILDT to The Netherlands for meetings with NOS TV Chief of Programming and leading Dutch publisher.

State Message (1261) The Hague, 10.3.77 (NC 59235)

15 March 1977

Willem OLTMANS has been asked - or has asked - to testify before the House Assassinations Committee. In conversation with USIS officer, OLTMANS claimed to have major news from Dallas. He said he was taking Dutch television films and video-tapes that have never been shown to the committee.

State Message (NC 59235), The Hague, 10 March 1977 1261