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ch press generally favorable towards GARRISON interview; he
eared logical and in control of his facts. Fact program ap-
red on NTS, which usually more moderate, as well as fact
gram appears to have made deep impression upon Dutch viewers
ch extremely damaging to US.

known whether OLTMANS originated idea of program or not.

HAGUE 3870 (IN 59064), 27 February 1968

While at the United Nations in 1961, OLTMANS claimed to be an unattached and unsponsored UN correspondent. He was socially ostracized by the Dutch delegation and fellow Dutch newsmen at the United Nations for openly pro-Indonesian public stand and was not permanently accredited to the United Nations. Dutch correspondents stated they have never seen one story written by OLTMANS in the obscure Dutch monthly he ostensible worked for, nor could OLTMANS produce a single clipping to demonstrate his journalistic activities. Despite fact his material not printed OLTMANS traveled extensively and those knowing his personal and financial status did not believe he would have been able to pay for these trips even if his stories were selling. He was viewed with disfavor in reputable Dutch political and press circles for his loose handling of the truth.

DIR 47769, 28.10.66

22 February 1968

A one-hour exclusive interview with Jim GARRISON, New Orleans DA, broadcast by Dutch television Foundation, at top viewing time. A calm and composed GARRISON explained that President Kennedy murdered because his concept of detent was detrimental to the "military industrial complex". GARRISON repeated well-known thesis Kennedy victim of plot by CIA, who made common cause with the military-industrial establishment, with vested interest in keeping cold war going. GARRISON also stated CIA committed to Asian land war while one of President's last orders was for troop reduction there. He predicted that the President who brings US to brink of peace will suffer same fate as Kennedy.

When queried about the reason for program, especially made for a European audience, GARRISON said the growing CIA influence on US media made it impossible for him to be heard in his own country. The interviewer, OTLMANS, characterized by former colleagues as someone "more interested in shady politics than in journalism. During the traumatic New Guinea period OTLMANS acted as SUKARNO's unofficial aid.

Comment: The most damaging aspect of this program is that GARRISON's person and presentation was sufficiently credible to elicit rather favorable comment in the TV reviews from well-informed newspapers. State Cable HAGUE 3981, 23.2.68 LUO