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During the last week in May, 1978, I examined the files of George DeMohrenschildt at the request of staff attorney Mickey Goldsmith. The following is a summary of the available files on George DeMohrenschildt.

The bulk of the files indicate a cloudy summary of DeM's past, his involvement with his various wives, his occupations and his relationship with LHO.

FBI Report 3/5/64 5/2/79

In February of 1963, DeM asked a Judge Duvall if he could help a young man get his discharge changed. Stated that the young man was from Fort Worth, had defected to Russia and had returned. An attempt was made to reach the young man but failed. The matter was dropped.

During a trip to Mexico City, date not given, DeM claims to have met a high ranking Russian official. (possibly Mikoyan ?)

FBI Report 3/5/64

1963

DeM attempted to borrow \$100,000 from Raigorodsky to develop a corporation which would develop commercial resources in Haiti .

The DeMs entered Haiti without a passport, but rather used a tourist card.

In an interview with Gary Taylor, DeM claims to have worked for the State Department in the mid 1950's.

 A Mr. Bunre (spelling ?) recalled a conversation with DeM in which he (DeM) Stated that he had been forced to join the Communist Party while living in Russia ,a dn the alternative was death had he not complied.

 A Mr. Tom Sands, manager of Pithin County Commission and owner of Aspen Lumber and Supply Co. said that there never has been any organization known as the Rangely Supply Co. in Aspen.

Report by James Wood 3/14/78

FBI Report March 14, 64 DeM

On 1/63 he wrote a letter to an acquaintance stating that he had been informed by the FBI that LHO was harmless, was interview at Port-au Prince and said that Max Clark told him that LHO was o.k. and was of the impression that Max Clark had been with the FBI.

FBI Report 2/29/64

3/3/64 Mr. (deleted) met LHO in 1962. LHO had arrived at the DeM home in the middle of dinner. LHO, DeMs and (deleted source) went to a house or nearby building in Dallas and showed a film covering the entire trip to Mexico. (deleted source) did not talk to LHO or see him again.

Col Orlov stated that DeM casually stated that he and some others were trying to arrange for a divorce for Marina from LHO

DeM's resume states that he had special connections in Government circles in Cuba, etc.

In 1963, members of the staff of a large unnamed business firm attended a discussion group and LHO was there.

FBI Report 2/28/64- DeM contact with Fedor Alekseevich Garanin, a Soviet Diplomat in D.C. Alekseevich was also a member of the Soviet State Security Force and had served in Cuba

April 7, 1969 - DeM showed (deleted) a card from President Francois Duvalier with which he said he could travel anywhere in the republic without a problem.

April 21, 1964 --Letter to (deleted) questioning whether we (CIA?) had a hand in blackballing DeM.

DCD documents-report stating that (source) wanted to deal with U.S. gov't. officials without DeM.

Memo- Subject (deleted) May 20, 1963, according to Mrs. Matlack, subject had appointments to see V.P. Johnson, Sen. Keating and Congressman Rogers.

Security Files on DeM

Sept. 28, 1967 - Memo, Subject, Garrison Investigation, p.6, Queries from Justice Department:

"Any CIA association with DeM?-No

Ex FBI Agent W. Tucker-DeM may have been LHO's CIA babysitter in Dallas

CIA Connection----

disproved for OSS employment--suspected of Nazi agent

July 18, 1962

August 13, 1958-derogatory information furnished to contact office interested in interrogating him.

Jeanne DeM-employed as receptionist by a covert project NCFE from 1950-1951

DeM's brother, Dimitri approved for exploitation, April 11, 1950 as contact for foreign intelligence on a limited basis-not to receive classified info above confidential ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

DeM Investigated by the FBI, 1941, 42, 45, 47, 57

1940-42, Considered to be pro-German, suspected of being espionage agent

WC Testimony-DeM did not associate with LHO after 4/19/63 when they left for NY, Phil and D.C.

Request for information on DeM made by Gale Allen, 4/29/63

request made through Anne Panor (DOD). Interesting that Allen's interest in DM coincided with earlier portion of this trip and information would suggest that possibly Allen and DM were possibly in the same environment in D, around April 26/1963

State department airgram Nol-153 12/22/63 contains results of 2nd interview with DM Also indicates that Marina lived with Mellers (Anna Meller)

Ruth Paine is the daughter of Wm Avery Hyde OSC-157435 who was considered for covert use by IO division but did not receive security clearance.

Message from Port-au-prince, Oct. 19, 1966 - J and G DeM left for Haiti aboard the Mona One- G listed as a sailor on crew and his wife as a cook. G told [redacted] officer his Oct. 10 plans. Return Dallas had left for Haiti with several months rent unpaid.

Memo 3/18/77 from Dallas Field Office

(Deleted) and Sirkin meeting-Sirkin advised (deleted) that a Cuban had reported that he had met with a CIA agent named Morris Bishop and LHO in 505 N Ervay Bldg. approximately one month before the JFK assassination. Sirkin said that it was common knowledge that the CIA had offices there and that M. Bishop was an alias of (deleted)

Marilyn Wilcox, Pan Am employee--stated that she learned from Jean and Suzanne Sawel (spelling ?) that DeM was a good friend of Robert McElhannon a top Pan Am official.

At 0830 on May 7, 19---, a call was made to a Mrs Matlack to confirm that Charles would be in D.C. on that day and that a meeting had been arranged with an agency representative for 12 noon. Mrs. Matlack retorted that Jeanne and George DeM had called her that previous evening to confirm a lunch appointment for 12 noon. (also but not included in this specific report, Mrs. Matlack had been asked by the Dems to reserve rooms for them at a hotel She attempted to do this but had problems because apparently the reservations were to include a black. She finally was able to secure rooms at Alban towers.) Mrs. Matlack was concerned that the Cia and the Army should not be working at cross purposes. She had received authorization from ACBI to meet Charles at lunch and felt that it would be impolite to withdraw since the Army considered her their point of contact with Charles. WH division then wanted the meeting changed to the late afternoon. Mrs. MATlack believed that due to conflicting instructions she had been placed in the middle.

MATLACK-Domestic Exploitation Sec. ACSI

Diary Exerpt 4/4/77 -Dennis Berand planned to call (deleted) in Dallas re the Reader's Digest Article by J. Epstein. "Sooner or later E will get into out Dallas office, find (deleted) was there and try to make a connection" Dennis just wanted to alert us.

Another reference to the trip 4/19/63 to NY, Philly, but does not mention D.C.

(illegible) mentions that Jeanne DeM saw gun in Apartment in Oakleaf, a Dallas suburbs NY Times article 12/20/63 arrest of Russell McLarry on charges of threatening JFK. Lived in Oakcliff section of Dallas, a sprawling area where LHO lived.

DeM is said to have signed the Marion Anderson petition--believed to have high percentage of Communists in D.C. area and is said to be on the list for the advancement of blacks.

DeM is said to have detailed photos of harbor defenses at Corpus Christi.

Division of Operations--Article written for Le Monteur, 3/31/63 states that DeM was awarded \$280, 000 plus a 10 year contract for a concession on _____. DeM claims to have done geological work for Meek Corp., in offshore oil, the Arabian Peninsula and in mentioning this, DeM looked around the room and over his shoulder and said, "my connection with this, is, of course, confidential". Worked through the Minister of Finance, Herve Boyer, to gain concession.

(deleted) said Charles and DeM were anxious to develop a number of business interests in Haiti including an office in DeM's bank which would enter into car Financing and would buy some of the banks commercial paper. (deleted) said that M. Charles made an unusual statement announcing that the 3rd partner in addition to Charles and DeM--a frenchman was coming into NY on Monday and that a meeting had been ser up for (deleted) to meet him. M. Charles said, "It is not appropriate for a banker to ask for Money." (deleted) said that DeM sought every available handout in his office.

application for federal employment, May 1, 1964 (?)

On May 10, 1964, Irwin B Bornfreund saw Jeanne DeM and Galicki at Kyona Beach 35 miles outside of Port-au-prince

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State Airgram no A-406 11/4/63 from Port-au-Prince. Subject: US Businessman signs contract with Haitian Gov't and local bank.

Arrived at Port dec. 21 no year luggage not checked

DeM discussed residence and activity of citizen Mohammed Fayid without encouragement Alexandra had been dating him and DeM did not trust him. speculation-DeM's association with Mohammed seems professionally necessary but dangerous

May 21, 1963-DeM drops into (code word) says Charles has returned to haiti and is seriously being considered as the next president.

FBI Memo from Hoover to Rainkin 3/23/64

"Reference is made to your letter dated 2/12/64 wherein you requested a full scale intelligence type investigation concerning G. DeM.

In view of the present residence of the DeMs in Haiti and their previous travels through Mexico and South America you may want to contact the CIA re DeM.

Report #CS 3/449, 717 Infor Report No for

subject: Intelligence Activities of Al-Nasir Trading Co. June/July 1960-profits of Nasir were being transferred to a special fund of the gov't for financing clandestine operations. UAR Gov't used company for 'illegal' transactions such as trade with France on basis of commission fee of 10%. Lt. Col. Mohammed Ghanina, director of Company, reported to have ~~intelligence~~ engaged in intelligence operations during previous assignment as Manager of Niel Com. (spelling?)

Memo 7/30/42 from Ensign Horrigan to Commander Vanderbilt, oss
DeM said that he was

a rep for an Irish film company distributing films taken under the auspices of the Irish government during the Spanins War. His uncle's place was raided after that at the suggestion of a friend of mine and found many films of a pro Nazi nature which are intended to show force and effectiveness of the German army.

Office of Strategic Services June 26, 1942 "It is impossible for us to advise you definately for another week or two. In the meantime, if you decide to accept the Mexi offer, please advise us where you can to reached." letter to Dem from Vanderbilt

June 23, 1942 Letter to Vanderbilt offering services and resume Mentions new and exciting enterprise in Mexico.

resume states that DeM was a foreign correspondence of 2 polish newspapers and collaborated with Polish official press.

1941 -collaborated with Department of Economic Info and French Gov't

May 19, 1942 From Robert Alcorn to Vanderbilt, "Here is another non-citizen who looks like good material.

Mohamed Fayid 1/12/64 said to have connections with Castro represents General Commerce and Navigation Co. of Kuwait

FBI Report 1/3/67 Dallas DeMs close contact with Haiti is Wlodzimierz Galicki-polish commercial rep in Haiti. Subject (deM) has also been on close terms with (deleted)

DCD Volume May 6, 1963 we had private conversation with (source) -"if Duvalier learned of his contact with US gov't it would cost his wife's life.

information re: picture taken of (deleted) per request of HSCA investigation

Charge made on WFAA-TV, LHO was employed by the CIA and (deleted) knew LHO

Bob Sirkin-WFAA-TV advised that a Cuban had reported that he met with a CIA agent named Morris Bishop and ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ LHO in the 505 N. Ervay Building approximately one month before the JFK assassination and at the time the CIA agent offered money to LHO to kill Kennedy. Sirkin said it was common knowledge that CIA had offices in the 505 N. Ervay Building at the time of the Assassination, and that Morris Bishop was an alias used for (deleted)

(deleted) service in Dallas as overt employee in 1954 except 1972-72 when he served at DCD Headquarters.

Routing and Record Sheet-refers to DeM as a former contact of the Dallas office on which there is a headquarters file.

Possibility that the NY office wanted a copy of the security check on DeM.

DeM had been in D.C. re: report stating, DeM acknowledged to the WC that during WWII he worked in the US on behalf of the French Intelligence, a fact that perhaps was not known at the time of our contact with him in D.C. and NY.

"Obviously DeM's acknowledgement of his affiliation with the French Intelligence and his friendship with (deleted) of Haiti indicate the necessity for reviewing our friendship with them. Should we meet with (deleted) in NY if he requests an interview? What should we do if (source) shows up in the company of the G DeM couple? Please advise.

John Hall was a classmate of DeM.

Telegram: From New York April 26, 1965 Vol 5.

"Now understand alleged agreement with man called Moski, who small travel agent who depends on others for financing. Most unlikely that he could offer, let alone implement mentioned terms. Please telephone collect. Regards, Manfred

In early 1964-DeM received a postcard marked Ceylon from Erik E. Lehmann-...Best greetings from other side. Hope all is well with you-Has there been any progress in our matters?

Letter from "Sam"- Dec. 8, 1964 ...Priscilla Johnson was with Marina the night you appeared on CBS and she reports that Marina felt 'J' is jealous since George has carnal (could be carnal) feelings toward her

DeM had applied for Selective Service in NY on Oct. 16, 1940-classified IV-4 for hypersensitivity.

NAVY FILE OF DEM

Ref. ASD (ISA)Memo of Aug. 5, 77

DNI Memo of Oct. 31, 1977

Copy of NAVINVSERV Report of Investigation of Jan. 22, 1968 Subject : Mann, Richard Tucker / CCN 01-12-68/08-0072-3x(NS)

Enclosure one is maintained on a NAVINVSERV investigation file on Richard Tucker Mann, who was of security interest to the NAVY during the late 1960's. It was not provided with reference (b) because it was not cross-referenced to the NAVINVSERV file headings on LHO.

The balance of the documentation referred by the FBI consisted of one Navy originated document and 2 FBI document portions of which contained Navy originated information. The Navy-originated document is an ONI/District (DIO-Third) 3x5 card dated Sept. 1, 1942. It indicated that DeM was suspected of possible subversive activity(not defined) while in Mexico and provides an address for him in New York City.

Review of ONI file related to association with Lila Pardo V. deLarin and allegations made against him. An FBI Document dated 2/12/78 contains synopsis of information in enclosure one (1). No record of Lila in NAVINVSERV, Richard Mann- no information pertaining to DeM
No ONI file on DeM- presumed destroyed during routine purging.

ONI-Richard Mann: 1/22/68

By Special Agent NC Hill, Subject's father, Harold J. Mann (known Communist) pumping two students of the Russian Language at University of Texas-Arlington, Texas regarding Prof. DeMohrenschildt-purpose unknown- implied he represents the Warren Commission in some manner regarding JFK investigation.

Interview of Charles McDowell (Col. USA Ret.) Dean of Student Activities University of Texas-Arlington, Texas. Unusual behavior on part of student, Harold Mann. Two Russian language students, Barbara Warner, 1519 College apt. 203, Arlington, Texas and Pat Elena Parker, 1024 Linda Lane, Arlington advised that Harold Mann, 4424 E. Lancaster ave, Fort Worth Texas asked numerous unusual questions about DeM:

Questions included: There is a conflict in the testimony by G. DeM and Jeanne to the Warren Commission . Does this not seem to be a reflection on his character?

--Did DeM tell dirty jokes in his classroom?

--He's not much of a teacher, is he?

NISO New Orleans File reveals prior investigation of Subject under CCN 12-20-651 11-0163-3a which investigation was conducted to determine the extent of influence over subject by his mother, Betty Jean Mann and Stepfather, Harold J. Mann both of whom are believed to be Communists. (Communist Party has been cited by USAG as a subversive organization pursuant to E.O. 10450. NISO New Orleans

files contain no information pertinent to this investigation
George DeMohrenschildt is referenced in the Richard Mann file

Included in DeM's 201 file is a complete third agency listing which is available from me if you need it for any reason. There is also a list of associates which may or may not be as complete as the one in the paper entitled "George DeMohrenschildt". This is also available.

It may be advisable to obtain the files on the following people:

G. Bouhe- ████████████████████	J.W. Moore-Agency personnel
Dabney Austin	Dorthe Matlack - Army Intelligence
C.J. Charles-Haitian Banker	W. Galeki - Polish contact of DeM
Col. Orlov-retired Marine	Jean and Suzanne Saurel -former Pan Am employees
J.M. Bunce	Henry Klepak
Tom Sands-Aspen Supply	Sydney Schine
	Hugh Aynsworth-Dallas reporter knowledgable about DeM
	Jack Horton-dallas reporter
	Allen Olmstead

Who is Mrs.Finkelstein? Name is mentioned several times in files.

All of the above names appear in the DeM files as deletions with the exceptions of:

Dorothe Matlack
Col. Orlov
J.M. Bunce
Tom Sands
W. Galeki
Jean and Suzanne Saurel
Henry Klepak
Sydney Schine
Hugh Aynsworth
Jack Horton
Allen Olmstead

State Department has files on DeM.

It may be worthwhile to question Jeanne DeM about Mrs. Matlack and C.J. Charles in particular, and then any of the above mentioned names.

Follow-up after that could be in terms of the relationship between C.J. Charles (who is labeled as a source for the CIA) and DeM and his wife.

Also, Any of the above mentioned people could be interesting to talk ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ to if they are still alive and in the area, either by phone or in person.

There are also ten pages of notes at the CIA to be sanitized and should be returned at the committee within a reasonable amount of time. They concern the meeting between matlack and Charles in detail. Mrs. Matlack is linked with ACSI-Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence (army)