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While employed by WFAA-TV in 1977, Bill O'Reilly covered a story in Palm Beach, Florida in connection with the Kennedy assassination that is referenced on page 300 of *Killing Kennedy*. Former WFAA-TV reporter Bob Sirkin accompanied O'Reilly to Florida for his coverage of the story. Amid the confusion of conflicting accounts, Sirkin provided the following statement to Holt:

BOB SIRKIN: IT'S MARCH 4TH ABOUT 1:55PM EASTERN TIME AND THIS IS BOB SIRKIN WITH A SUMMATION OF MY AND BILL O'REILLYS COVERAGE AND RECORDING OF THE DISAPPEARANCE AND ALLEGED SUICIDE OF CIA OPERATIVE AND CLOSE OSWALD FRIEND, GEORGE DE MOHRENSCHILDT, ON MARCH 28TH AND 29TH OF 1977.

BILL AND I HAD FOUND OUT, HAD DISCOVERED, THAT DE MOHRENSCHILDT, THE LANGUAGE PROFESSOR WAS MISSING FROM HIS POSITION AND ON CAMPUS APARTMENT AT SMALL BISHOP COLLEGE IN DALLAS.

BISHOP COLLEGE WAS A SMALL BLACK SCHOOL FUNDED IN PART BY THE CIA. SO WE BRIEFED OUR ICONIC NEWS DIRECTOR MARTY HAAG ON THIS AND THE FACT THAT BILL HAD JUST LEARNED FROM HIS FRIEND AND INVESTIGATOR FOR THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS, GAETON FONZI, THAT DE MOHRENSCHILDT WAS IN PALM BEACH, FLORIDA BEING INTERVIEWED FOR AN ARTICLE OR A BOOK BY EDWARD J EPSTEIN AND THAT THE FOLLOWING DAY, MARCH 29TH, DE MOHRENSCHILDT WOULD BE SERVED A SUBPOENA TO APPEAR BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS. MARTY HAAG DISPATCHED O'REILLY AND ME TO WEST PALM BEACH LATE ON THE NIGHT ON MARCH 28TH. WE ARRIVED IN WEST PALM EARLY IN THE MORNING ON MARCH 29TH. AFTER GETTING OURSELVES TOGETHER AND NEEDING OUR FREELANCE CAMERAMAN, FRANK EVERLY, WE PROCEEDED TO THE BREAKERS HOTEL IN PALM BEACH. AND UH, THAT IS WHERE GEORGE DE MOHRENSCHILDT WAS BEING INTERVIEWED BY EDWARD J. EPSTEIN IN AN UPSTAIRS SUITE. SO WITH OUR CAMERA ROLLING, WE KNOCKED ON EPSTEIN'S DOOR. WHEN EPSTEIN OPENS THE DOOR, WE CLEARLY SEE DE MOHRENSCHILDT SITTING IN THE BACKGROUND AT A DINING ROOM TABLE. EPSTEIN BECOMES FURIOUS, CALLS SECURITY. O'REILLY, EVERLY, AND I ARE PROMPTLY ESCORTED OFF THE PROPERTY, BUT THE FOOTAGE OF DE MOHRENSCHILDT THAT WE CAPTURED IN THIS INCIDENT WAS INCLUDED IN MY AND BILL'S WFAA REPORTS FROM FLORIDA.

SO FOLLOWING THE HOTEL INCIDENT, O'REILLY AND I SPLIT UP, ITS NOW EARLY AFTERNOON. BILL GOING TO THE MANALAPAN HOME IN WHICH GEORGE DE MOHRENSCHILDT AND HIS DAUGHTER WERE STAYING, THIS IS THE HOUSE WHERE DE MOHRENSCHILDT'S BODY WAS FOUND. I ON THE OTHER HAND, GO ON TO DO SOME ADDITIONAL REPORTING, PHONING IN A REPORT FOR WFAA INTO THEIR NEWSROOM. LATER, AFTER DE MOHRENSCHILDT ALLEGEDLY COMMITTED SUICIDE, O'REILLY AND I RECONNECT AT THE HOUSE IN MANALAPAN. THAT WAS THE STORY AND STILL IS. IT REMAINS PREPOSTEROUS FOR ANYONE TO CLAIM THAT O'REILLY

AND I WERE NOT IN FLORIDA BEFORE, DURING, AND FOLLOWING DE MOHRENSCHILDT'S DEATH. AND BY THE WAY, EDWARD J. EPSTEIN, WROTE IN HIS DIARY ABOUT MARCH 29TH, THE FACT THAT HE WAS ENGAGED IN THIS LONG FOUR DAY INTERVIEW WITH DE MOHRENSCHILDT. HE BROKE FOR LUNCH AT 1:30 AND THEN AT 3:45, ACCORDING TO THE DIARY NOTES, HE LEARNED OF DE MOHRENSCHILDT'S DEATH. THANK YOU.