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Report of: SA JAMES P. HOOTY, JR. Office: DALLAS
 Date: DECEMBER 11, 1963
 Field Office File No.: DL 105-1716 Bureau File No.:
 Title: RUTH HYDE PAINE

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIAN

Synopsis: RUTH HYDE PAINE, the daughter of WILLIAM A. HYDE and Mrs. CAROL HYDE, is married to MICHAEL RALPH PAINE. Mrs. PAINE advised she became acquainted with MARINA OSWALD and LEE HARVEY OSWALD in early 1963, and in May of 1963, she assisted MARINA OSWALD and her child in moving to New Orleans, La. Mrs. PAINE stated she assisted MARINA OSWALD and child in moving from New Orleans to Irving, Texas, in September of 1963. Mrs. PAINE stated that MARINA OSWALD then resided with her since MARINA's husband was unemployed and she was expecting another child. On 11/1/63 RUTH PAINE advised a Special Agent of the FBI that LEE HARVEY OSWALD was employed at the Texas School Book Depository (TSBD) but was unable to furnish his residence. Mrs. PAINE advised on 11/23/63 LEE HARVEY OSWALD came to her residence on 11/21/63 allegedly to visit his wife and children. Mrs. PAINE advised she later learned from MARINA OSWALD that among the OSWALDs' personal property stored in her garage was a rifle belonging to LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

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Details:

I. BACKGROUND

A. Residence

On November 1, 1963, Mrs. RUTH PAINE advised she resided at 2515 West 5th Street, Irving, Texas.

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B. Employment

On October 31, 1963, Mr. EDWARD T. OVIATT, Assistant Headmaster, St. Marks School of Texas, Dallas, Texas, advised that Mrs. PAINE had been employed on a part-time basis as a teacher of the Russian language. At this time, however, she was not teaching on a full-time basis but tutoring students at their homes.

C. Education

On November 25, 1963, Mrs. RUTH PAINE advised that she formerly attended Antioch College in Ohio and studied the Russian language at a summer school session at the University of Pennsylvania two years ago.

D. Marital Status

On November 1, 1963, Mrs. RUTH PAINE advised that she is married to MICHAEL RALPH PAINE.

E. Identification Record

On October 31, 1963, J. E. KITCHING, Dallas County Sheriff's Office, and LEON POWERS, Irving, Texas, Police Department, advised that they had no record for RUTH PAINE.

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II. FAMILY BACKGROUND OF RUTH HYDE PAINE

On December 2, 1963, SAs JOHN W. LILL, JR., and BERNARD D. MALONEY contacted CARL D. HYDE, M.D., 1405 President Street, Yellow Springs, at his office located at 1425 Xenia Avenue, Yellow Springs, Ohio, who furnished the following information:

He is a brother of RUTH HYDE PAINE, 2515 West Fifth Street, Irving, Texas, with whom the wife of LEE HARVEY OSWALD is presently residing. He said that OSWALD was not known personally to him and that he had not heard of him prior to the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY in Dallas, Texas, November 22, 1963.

He related that his sister, RUTH, had visited him at Yellow Springs in September, 1963, and mentioned she was leaving for New Orleans, Louisiana, at that time to contact a woman of Russian birth and invite her to stay with her in her home at Irving, Texas. He could not recall whether his sister had mentioned the woman's last name but recalled she had told him that the woman's husband was a communist and although the woman was a Russian, she did not share her husband's views. It was mentioned that the husband had not allowed this woman to learn English, that the woman was pregnant at the time, and that she was experiencing marital difficulties. The circumstances of his sister's acquaintance with this woman were not mentioned.

Dr. HYDE said that his sister, RUTH, was also experiencing marital difficulties at this time and it was his opinion that RUTH's actions to assist this woman were to lend moral support to this woman and herself in view of their mutual difficulties.

He said that following the assassination of President KENNEDY he learned of the identity of the woman previously mentioned by his sister, RUTH, as being the wife of LEE HARVEY OSWALD. He said that his father, WILLIAM A. HYDE, Park Street, Columbus, Ohio, had told him that he had received mail from RUTH, in which she mentioned that LEE HARVEY OSWALD had been to his sister's home prior to the assassination for the purpose of visiting his wife. It was not indicated to him that OSWALD himself was actually residing at his sister's home.

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Dr. HYDE said that all of the family, including himself, were "tolerant of others point of view" and explained by this he meant that should a person make it known that he is a communist and not engaged in subversion, they would not feel duty-bound to advise respective authorities of this person's views. He claimed to have no further knowledge of the OSWALDS and appeared cooperative during the interview.

The following investigation was conducted by SAs ROBERT F. MAHLER and FRANCIS X. SHORTT at Columbus, Ohio:

Efforts to locate Mrs. CAROL HYDE, mother of Mrs. RUTH PAINE, nee HYDE, were made December 2, 1963, at 4400 Glennawr Avenue. It was observed this residence was empty.

Mrs. JOAN BARKER, neighbor, 4390 Glennawr Avenue, advised on December 2, 1963, she was more closely associated with Mrs. CAROL HYDE than any other neighbor. CAROL HYDE, she said, has not lived next door since 1961. She presently attends Oberlin Theological Seminary, Oberlin, Ohio, and lives there. During the summer of 1963, she said, CAROL HYDE was ordained a minister in the First Unitarian Church, 93 West Wiseheimer Road, Columbus, Ohio.

Mrs. BARKER said the residence of 4400 Glennawr Avenue had been rented to JEAN JOLLIFF, who has recently moved away to 758 Racine Avenue, Columbus, Ohio. The residence is now empty.

Mrs. BARKER said CAROL HYDE was divorced from her husband, WILLIAM HYDE, at Franklin County in 1961. During an unknown period, 1960, her ex-husband had Mrs. HYDE committed to the Harding Sanitarium, Worthington, Ohio, as a mental patient.

CAROL HYDE is not expected to return to Columbus in the near future. Her last visit to Columbus was during September, 1963, at which time her daughter, RUTH PAINE, stayed overnight in Columbus, then went to visit her brother, CARL HYDE, in Yellow Springs, Ohio.

Mrs. BARKER said she had never heard Mrs. HYDE mention the name OSWALD until the two spoke via a long-distance telephone call November 29, 1963, concerning the property next door, at which time Mrs. HYDE mentioned that a Mrs. OSWALD had been living with her daughter, RUTH PAINE, at Irving, Texas. During this conversation, CAROL HYDE also told Mrs. BARKER after she graduates from the theological seminary her ambition is to become a chaplain in a mental institution.

WILLIAM AVFERY HYDE, Apartment 105, 580 Park Street, Columbus, Ohio, born June 4, 1902, Palo Alto, California, employed as a actuary, Nationwide Insurance Company, 246 North High Street, was interviewed December 2, 1963. He said he is the father of RUTH PAINE, nee HYDE, who is married to MICHAEL PAINE, Irving, Texas. He is also the father of Mrs. SYLVIA HOKE, 5421 Waneta Road, Bethesda, Maryland, and the father of Dr. CARL D. HYDE, 1405 President Street, Yellow Springs, Ohio. He said he is divorced from CAROL ELIZABETH HYDE, nee HYDE. He explained he and his ex-wife are sixth cousins with the same surname. He advised their divorce took place at Franklin County, Ohio, in 1961. He said CAROL HYDE is a divinity student at Oberlin Theological Seminary, Oberlin, Ohio.

He related he last visited with his daughter, RUTH PAINE, at the residence of RUTH's husband's mother, Mrs. RUTH YOUNG, Paoli, Pennsylvania, during Labor Day weekend, 1963. He stayed at this place two days. His daughter, RUTH, and her two children were there but her husband, MICHAEL PAINE, remained at Dallas, Texas.

During this visit his daughter related that she had met Mrs. MARINA OSWALD, through circumstances not recalled by WILLIAM HYDE, and that MARINA, who had separated from her husband, LEE HARVEY OSWALD, had been living with RUTH PAINE, who was also temporarily separated from her husband, at RUTH's home, Irving, Texas, during the summer of 1963. During their visit over Labor Day weekend WILLIAM HYDE understood that MARINA OSWALD and her daughter had joined LEE HARVEY OSWALD at New Orleans, Louisiana, where the latter went to seek employment.

During this visit, RUTH PAINE expressed concern about

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MARINA OSWALD, who was pregnant. She wanted MARINA to join her at Irving, Texas, so MARINA could have her child there. RUTH PAINE returned to Texas via New Orleans, where she picked up MARINA and her daughter. WILLIAM HYDE believed LEE HARVEY OSWALD remained in New Orleans since he did not return to Texas with RUTH and MARINA.

WILLIAM HYDE could not explain why his daughter and MARINA OSWALD were so closely attached, except that his daughter was interested in studying the Russian language and through her membership in the Society of Friends she felt learning the Russian language would assist in lessening the tensions between the United States and Russia. He added MARINA OSWALD was apparently very interesting to his daughter and could offer her substantial comfort or his daughter would not have had anything to do with her. He said he knew of no subversive connections MARINA OSWALD may have had.

WILLIAM HYDE continued and said RUTH and MARINA and MARINA's daughter lived together, away from their respective husbands, from September, 1963, until just recently when MARINA OSWALD was placed in protective custody by the U. S. Secret Service. A daughter, RACHAEL OSWALD, was born to MARINA October 20, 1963.

WILLIAM HYDE said he received a letter from RUTH PAINE, written October 19, 1963, in which she mentioned that MARINA and her daughter were a comfort to her. She also mentioned that LEE HARVEY OSWALD was a weekend visitor, that he had taken a room in Dallas, separate from his wife, and had obtained employment at Dallas, Texas. The time of OSWALD's arrival at Dallas was not mentioned, nor was the type of employment described. In a sentence, RUTH PAINE said LEE HARVEY OSWALD had proven himself to be a "fine family man after all." WILLIAM HYDE did not know the significance of this sentence.

He received another letter from RUTH, dated November 6, 1963, which announced the birth of MARINA's child.

WILLIAM HYDE said during his visit with his daughter, during the Labor Day weekend, the information concerning MARINA

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OSWALD was not significant to him. He explained he had never met either MARINA nor LEE HARVEY OSWALD, and knew nothing more concerning what he had related.

He explained that late in the day of November 22, 1963, as he was watching television concerning news developments of the assassination, the name of LEE HARVEY OSWALD was mentioned. It was further mentioned that he had a Russian wife. This sounded familiar to WILLIAM HYDE so he searched through correspondence from his daughter and learned that this was the OSWALD his daughter had referred to in her letter to him of October 19, 1963.

Being concerned over his daughter's safety, WILLIAM HYDE attempted to telephone her at Irving, Texas, but received a reply from a juvenile babysitter to the effect that Mrs. PAINE "had left with a lot of people." He decided to travel to Texas and boarded a plane which took him to Chicago, Illinois. At Chicago, he again telephoned his daughter at Irving, Texas, talked with her, and learned his daughter had accompanied MARINA OSWALD to the Police Station and that both women were safe. His daughter convinced him it would be useless to fly to Texas, so he returned to Columbus.

He has since communicated with his daughter by telephone calls to and from her.

WILLIAM HYDE said he had never heard the name JACK RUBY or RUBENSTEIN mentioned by anyone until this name became public news.

WILLIAM HYDE said he had been interviewed on November 29, 1963, by a reporter from the "Columbus Citizen Journal," furnished background information concerning his daughter, RUTH PAINE, and a photograph of her with her two children, which he had taken earlier.

HYDE mentioned to the interviewing Agents that he was proud to have sent his three children to Antioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio, and pointed out two of his children married Antioch graduates, and the third married a Swarthmore College graduate.

The February 14, 1948, issue of the "Ohio State News," a newspaper published by students at the Ohio State University, contained an article which was captioned, "Ohio College Students Initiate Educational Democracy Drive." The article stated that more than 100 students from colleges and universities throughout Ohio have initiated a drive for democracy in education. The article indicated the Ohio Council for Educational Democracy was formed in Columbus over the past weekend to obtain this goal. This organization would work to do away with racial and religious discrimination in Ohio colleges. CARL HYDE of Antioch College was elected as vice chairman of the organization.

Confidential Informant T-1, another U. S. Government Agency which conducts intelligence investigations, advised on December 17, 1952, that Mrs. WILLIAM A. HYDE, 1986 Summit Street, Columbus, Ohio, had admitted to many neighbors during the past years that she was a "Communist." Mrs. HYDE's daughter was a student at Antioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio.

This same informant advised that RUTH AVERY HYDE, 1986 Summit Street, Columbus, Ohio, was listed in the 1951-1952 Antioch Student Directory of Antioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio.

Confidential Informant T-2 advised on December 27, 1954, that the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom met on December 20, 1954, at 70 E. Como Street, Columbus, Ohio. Mrs. CAROL HYDE was the speaker of the evening and she showed a film entitled, "The Toymaker." The theme of the film was that although men are different, they are all made by one Creator and only this realization makes them conscious of the fact that when they destroy others they are also destroying themselves.

A characterization of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom is contained in the appendix of this report.

Mr. LOREN G. WINDOM, Assistant United States Attorney, Southern District of Ohio, Columbus, Ohio, sent a letter to the

Cincinnati Office of the FBI, dated June 4, 1953, requesting an investigation of CARL DUDLEY HYDE to determine the validity of his claim of "Conscientious Objector" in connection with his classification under the Selective Service System. This investigation revealed that his parents were WILLIAM AVERY HYDE and CAROL ELIZABETH HYDE, and he resided at 1986 Summit Street, Columbus, Ohio, from 1945 to 1948. He joined the Religious Society of Friends, Cleveland, Ohio, in 1949 and based his objections to military service on religious convictions and beliefs. He travelled to England in 1953 to study the possibility of living in a religious community, the Society of Brothers.

The February 12, 1947, issue of the "Dayton Daily News," a daily newspaper published in Dayton, Ohio, contained an article which indicated that CARL DUDLEY HYDE was one of fifteen residents of Yellow Springs, Ohio, who sent their draft registration cards to Representative Joseph Martin, Speaker of the House, accompanied with a letter which stated in part, "We see any military program involving peacetime conscription as a drastic violation of civil rights and a threat to the peace-making efforts of the United Nations." Most of the senders were students of Antioch College.

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III. CONNECTIONS WITH LEE HARVEY OSWALD AND MARINA
NIKOLAEVNA OSWALD

On October 29, 1963, a pretext interview by a Special Agent of the FBI at 2519 West 5th Street, Irving, Texas, reflected that Mrs. RUTH PAINE resided at 2515 West 5th Street. Mrs. PAINE was separated from her husband, MICHAEL RALPH PAINE, and it was determined that Mrs. PAINE was employed at St. Marks School of Texas, Dallas, Texas, on a part-time basis as a teacher of the Russian language, and she had a Russian-born woman living with her. This Russian-born woman gave birth to a baby girl about a week ago, and Mrs. PAINE was taking care of this woman. It was determined that the husband of the Russian-born woman visited his wife at this address periodically but did not reside there.

On October 31, 1963, Mrs. DOROTHY SMITH, Irving, Texas, Credit Bureau, advised that they had a credit record for MICHAEL R. PAINE and his wife, RUTH PAINE, who resided at 2515 West 5th Street, Irving, Texas. Mrs. SMITH advised their credit was satisfactory, and that Mr. PAINE was employed by Bell Helicopter Company in Fort Worth, Texas, as an engineer. Mrs. PAINE's employment was shown as a housewife.

On October 31, 1963, Mr. EDWARD T. OVIATT, Assistant Headmaster, St. Marks School of Texas, Dallas, Texas, advised that Mrs. PAINE was a satisfactory employee and was loyal to this country. He considered her to be a stable individual. Mr. OVIATT advised that Mrs. PAINE was employed on a part-time basis as a teacher of the Russian language. He also learned in a conversation with Mrs. PAINE that she had a Russian-born woman living with her, and she was assisting this woman in view of the fact that she had recently had a new baby and she, Mrs. PAINE, was improving her Russian speaking ability by having this Russian-speaking person in her house.

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On October 31, 1963, Mr. TED SCHURMAN, Security Officer, Bell Helicopter Company, Fort Worth, Texas, advised that MICHAEL R. PAINE was presently employed by that company was an engineer, and he holds a security clearance.

On November 1, 1963, Mrs. RUTH PAINE was interviewed, at which time she advised that MARINA OSWALD, wife of LEE HARVEY OSWALD, was staying with her following the recent birth of her baby. Mrs. PAINE furnished OSWALD's place of employment as the Texas School Book Depository (TSBD), 411 Elm Street, Dallas, Texas, where he was employed as a laborer. Mrs. PAINE stated she did not know where OSWALD was residing in Dallas at this time, but it was his plan as soon as he had enough money to get an apartment for his family and then take his wife and children to live with him. Mrs. PAINE volunteered that she would be glad to furnish this address to the FBI as soon as she determined where the OSWALDs were residing.

On November 5, 1963, Mrs. RUTH PAINE advised that she had been unable to obtain the address of LEE OSWALD in Dallas, but she would furnish it to the FBI as soon as she was able to obtain it. Mrs. PAINE advised that LEE OSWALD had visited his wife, MARINA OSWALD, on November 2 and 3, 1963, at Irving, Texas. Mrs. PAINE then expressed the opinion that she considered LEE OSWALD to be an illogical person and recalled that he admitted to her being a "Trotskyite Communist".

On November 22, 1963, Mrs. RUTH PAINE advised Special Agent JAMES W. BOOKHOUT upon interview at the Dallas Police Department that she first met LEE HARVEY OSWALD and his wife, MARINA OSWALD, during the early part of 1963 at a party. Inasmuch as she was interested in the Russian language and was a teacher of the Russian language, she became friendly with MARINA OSWALD.

About May, 1963, Mrs. PAINE brought MARINA OSWALD to New Orleans, Louisiana, and later brought her from New Orleans to Irving, Texas, to reside with her, Mrs. PAINE, due to the

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fact that she was about to have a baby and her husband was unemployed.

On November 23, 1963, Mrs. RUTH PAINE advised Special Agents JAMES P. HOSTY, JR., and JOE B. ABERNATHY that she first met LEE HARVEY OSWALD and his wife, MARINA OSWALD, during the winter of 1963, possibly February 22, 1963. They met at a social gathering, at which time Mrs. PAINE, who speaks the Russian language, became acquainted with Mrs. MARINA OSWALD, who speaks only Russian and has a very limited knowledge of the English language. Mrs. PAINE stated that in approximately April of 1963, LEE OSWALD and his wife, MARINA, visited them at their home where they had dinner together. Mrs. PAINE stated that during this period, OSWALD was employed at Jaggars - Chiles - Stovall, a blueprinting company in Dallas, Texas. OSWALD lost his job in either late April or early May and went to New Orleans, Louisiana, to find a job in early May, 1963. Mrs. PAINE stated that on May 10, 1963, she drove MARINA OSWALD and her child to New Orleans to join LEE OSWALD. Mrs. PAINE stated that following OSWALD's arrest for "Disturbing the Peace" and "Distributing Pro-Castro Literature" in New Orleans, he lost his job and Mrs. MARINA OSWALD was in the late stages of pregnancy with their second child. Mrs. PAINE stated she is very fond of MARINA OSWALD and felt sorry for her, so she drove to New Orleans on September 23, 1963, and took Mrs. MARINA OSWALD and her child, JUNE OSWALD, back to Irving, Texas, with her. They arrived in Irving, Texas, on September 24, 1963. When they left Louisiana, LEE OSWALD was still residing in that city; however, Mrs. PAINE stated that she later determined that LEE OSWALD apparently went to Mexico City after September 24, 1963.

Mrs. PAINE stated on October 4, 1963, LEE OSWALD contacted his wife at the PAINE residence and advised her that he was now in Dallas. He indicated he had arrived in Dallas

on October 3, 1963, and had a room somewhere in Dallas, which address he did not give. Mrs. PAINE stated she did learn that OSWALD had moved to another room a few days later, and it was in this place that OSWALD was residing at the time of his arrest on November 22, 1963.

Mrs. PAINE stated that on November 18, 1963, MARINA OSWALD telephonically contacted LEE OSWALD at a telephone number which Mrs. PAINE stated she cannot recall. She had Mrs. PAINE ask for LEE OSWALD by his true name. OSWALD apparently became quite incensed with his wife for giving out his true name, since he was apparently living at this address under another name. Mrs. PAINE stated that after October 5, 1963, OSWALD started receiving mail at her address, which mail included newspapers and periodicals from the Soviet Union.

Mrs. PAINE further stated that on October 15, 1963, OSWALD obtained a job as a laborer at the TSBD, 411 Elm Street, Dallas, Texas. Mrs. PAINE stated that after OSWALD returned to Dallas on October 3, 1963, he usually visited his wife and children at Mrs. PAINE's residence on weekends and sometimes spent the night at her house. Mrs. PAINE stated that the OSWALDs had many of their personal effects stored in her garage, and on the night of November 21, 1963, a Thursday, LEE OSWALD appeared at the PAINE residence and asked to stay overnight. That evening, OSWALD went out to the garage, allegedly to rearrange some of his personal effects. Mrs. PAINE stated she later determined that LEE HARVEY OSWALD had a rifle wrapped up inside of a blanket among some of his personal effects in her garage. Mrs. PAINE stated she did not realize this until Mrs. OSWALD admitted it to Dallas Police detectives on the afternoon of November 22, 1963. Mrs. PAINE stated that she did not think LEE HARVEY OSWALD was a very logical individual, but at no time did he ever give any indications to her that he would do a violent thing, such as killing an individual. Mrs. PAINE insisted that her friendship with the OSWALDs was with MARINA, and not with LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

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On November 27, 1963, Mrs. RUTH KLOEPFER, 308 Pine Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, advised Special Agents TROY H. GIST and EUGENE E. BJORN that she received a long distance telephone call from Mrs. RUTH PAINE in Irving, Texas, asking her to visit a Mrs. LEE OSWALD at 4907 Magazine Street, New Orleans. Mrs. PAINE stated that she had learned of Mrs. KLOEPFER through a fellow Quaker. Mrs. PAINE asked Mrs. KLOEPFER to look after Mrs. OSWALD who was about to have a baby and needed help. Mrs. KLOEPFER promised Mrs. PAINE she would visit Mrs. OSWALD to see if she could help her.

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A P P E N D I X

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE FOR PEACE AND FREEDOM

CINCINNATI, OHIO, CHAPTER

A confidential informant who conducted investigations of subversive organizations for a national veterans organization advised on May 8, 1940, that a Cincinnati Chapter of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) was then in existence and was suspected of being a Communist front organization.

Another confidential informant advised on October 31, 1955, that the Cincinnati Chapter of the WILPF is an affiliate of the international organization, and that its aims and objectives are to promote world peace and disarmament.

A third confidential informant advised on May 16, 1957, that while the Communist Party (CP) in Cincinnati had in the past expressed an interest in the Cincinnati Chapter of the WILPF, that interest does not exist at the present time and the CP at Cincinnati is making no attempts to infiltrate or control the WILPF.

The Communist Party has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.