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During the above-mentioned period, OSWALD was removed, to the certain knowledge of SA CLEMENTS, on two occasions, once to be shown in a line-up, and a second time at about midnight, for the purpose of a press conference in the assembly room in the basement. It was observed that during such times the corridors were extremely crowded. SA CLEMENTS observed OSWALD being brought through the corridor to the assembly room, that the corridor and room itself were crowded to overflowing. Numerous individuals recognized to be newsmen and others who had camera equipment were observed. The only individual observed by Agent who was known not to be an officer or connected with the press was one GEORGE SCHEPPS, member of a prominent Dallas family.

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Report of: ROBERT JAMES NELSON Office: Denver, Colorado
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Title: RUTH HYDE PAINE;
MICHAEL RALPH PAINE
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Synopsis:

DAVID and BARBARA HOUGHTON interviewed at Boulder, Colorado, 3/13/64. Both state acquaintanceship with RUTH PAINE resulted through mutual membership in Society of Friends religious movement. BARBARA HOUGHTON states had met MICHAEL PAINE and attended the PAINEs' wedding as a result of religious activities. Both HOUGHTONs state they do not know LEE HARVEY OSWALD, MARINA OSWALD, or GEORGE PAINE. HOUGHTONs state they have had no contact with RUTH PAINE since assassination.

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DETAILS:

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DAVID D. HOUGHTON was contacted at the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR), Boulder, Colorado. Mr. HOUGHTON volunteered that he had graduated from Pennsylvania State University in 1959 and had received a Ph. D. Degree in meteorology from the University of Washington in 1963. He stated he has been associated with NCAR for three months.

He stated he first met RUTH HYDE PAINE in December, 1957, at an East-West Contact Committee meeting of the Society of Friends religious movement. He stated this was a correspondence exchange program between the people of the United States of America and the USSR (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics). He advised at the time he was a student at Pennsylvania State University and had taken part in correspondence with individuals in Russia. He states he continues to correspond with individuals in Russia at this time. He stated this particular meeting in December, 1957, was a Young Friends Church group conference which was held in a small city on the north side of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He advised he could not recall the name of this city. RUTH HYDE at this time was the chairman of the Correspondence Committee. He advised that his contacts with her at this time were very limited and he could recall no specific information concerning this meeting.

In the summer of 1963, he and his wife, BARBARA COAN HOUGHTON, had come in contact with RUTH HYDE in Washington, D. C., where she was attending the Civil Rights March on Washington. He stated she had learned of the HOUGHTONS' address through a family acquaintance. She visited at the HOUGHTONS' apartment, 1842 Park Road, in Washington, and stayed for dinner. At this time she was accompanied by her two children who, Mr. HOUGHTON stated, were approximately three and five years old. The fact that she was married

was brought up and when asked specifically about her husband by the HOUGHTONS, RUTH gave a very unclear answer. Mr. HOUGHTON stated that HYDE was returning to Texas and had stopped for the civil rights demonstration in Washington en route from a summer program in which she had been teaching Russian at an unknown area in up-State New York or New England. While at the HOUGHTONS' residence, she did not offer any information regarding her husband. HOUGHTON assumed that at this time HYDE was not living with her husband.

After leaving the HOUGHTON residence, HYDE indicated she would be in Washington for several days and was then returning to Texas.

Mr. HOUGHTON stated that he specifically recalls she mentioned that she had been helping a Russian woman in Dallas, Texas, to become acclimated to the United States way of life. Mr. HOUGHTON stated that if RUTH HYDE PAINE mentioned this woman's name, he did not recall it. He also gained the impression that PAINE had been tutoring in the Russian language in the Dallas area.

After Mrs. PAINE had departed Washington, no further contact was had with her. The next information brought to the HOUGHTONS attention was when they learned of RUTH HYDE PAINE's connection with individuals involved in the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY. He stated that he and his wife did not associate PAINE with information of this act for approximately three or four days, and after reading "Time Magazine's" account, they identified this individual as the RUTH PAINE they knew.

To his knowledge, PAINE has never contacted BARBARA HOUGHTON since she departed Washington in the summer of 1963. HOUGHTON stated he had never met MICHAEL PAINE. He advised he did not know, nor had he ever met, LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

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He stated he does not know, nor has he ever met, MARINA OSWALD. He concluded that GEORGE PAINE is unknown to him. He does not know any relations of RUTH HYDE PAINE.

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Mrs. BARBARA COAN HOUGHTON was contacted at her residence, 3131 - 7th Street, Boulder, Colorado, on March 13, 1964. She advised that she was the wife of DAVID HOUGHTON, and that she was a former resident of the State of Pennsylvania. She stated she was 31 years of age. She advised she graduated from the University of Pennsylvania and had received her Masters Degree from the University of Washington, at Seattle, Washington. She stated she has attended two summer sessions of study in the Chinese language and she is presently attending a class in the Chinese language and literature at the University of Colorado at Boulder.

Mrs. HOUGHTON stated she first met an individual she knew as RUTH HYDE and now knows as Mrs. MICHAEL PAINE at a Young Friends conference of the Society of Friends which was held at Quaker Haven, Indiana, in 1955. At this time she stated RUTH HYDE was the Program Chairman for this meeting. She stated at a later date in 1955, at a meditation group of the Young Friends, which was held at the Western Community House in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, she met HYDE. At that time, RUTH HYDE was living in Philadelphia and was employed at the Jewish Community Center in that city. During this period, Mrs. HOUGHTON advised she had visited RUTH HYDE at her apartment in Philadelphia, which was located in the Powelton Village area. Later in the year Mrs. HOUGHTON traveled to Portland, Oregon, and while in Portland, where she was employed at the Portland Community Hospital, she corresponded regularly with RUTH HYDE.

Mrs. HOUGHTON returned to Philadelphia in the spring of 1956 and visited on one occasion with HYDE. Mrs. HOUGHTON, in late 1956, went on an American Friends project in El Salvador, and returned in the spring of 1957. She then sought employment in Boston, Massachusetts, and in late 1957 or 1958, she received an invitation to the wedding of RUTH

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HYDE and MICHAEL PAINE. She stated she returned to the Philadelphia area and attended a wedding-reve party which was held at the residence of MICHAEL PAINE's parents, Mr. and Mrs. ARTHUR YOUNG, who resided in a rural area near Paoli, Pennsylvania. The following day she attended the wedding which was held at the Providence Meeting of the Society of Friends.

Mrs. HOUGHTON stated she did not meet PAINE's parents but believed Mr. YOUNG was MICHAEL PAINE's step-father and Mrs. YOUNG his mother.

During the period of 1958-1959, she visited on a number of occasions with RUTH PAINE in the Philadelphia area. At that time RUTH was taking a Berlitz Course in the Russian language in Philadelphia.

In late 1959, RUTH and MICHAEL PAINE left the Philadelphia area, stating they were going to Texas. Mrs. PAINE advised Mrs. HOUGHTON that MICHAEL intended to work in Texas with an organization in an industry or business. She stated she and RUTH PAINE wrote to each other sporadically and she did not see her again until September, 1960, when Mrs. PAINE came east to a Young Friends meeting of the East-West Contact Committee, which was held at Camp Owans, a Friends camp near the town of Newton, Pennsylvania. This committee was set up to encourage the contact between the United States and areas we have not previously been in contact with. At this time, Mrs. PAINE had one child with her and was pregnant. Mrs. HOUGHTON could recall no conversation concerning MICHAEL PAINE during this visit.

In the early part of 1963, Mrs. HOUGHTON received a congratulatory letter in reply to a wedding announcement that Mrs. HOUGHTON had sent to Mrs. PAINE. She stated the return address on Mrs. PAINE's letter was Irving, Texas.

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In August, 1963, Mrs. PAINE contacted the HOUGHTONS in Washington, D. C., where Mrs. HOUGHTON was employed. She believes that Mrs. PAINE learned of their address in Washington through the Providence Meeting group of the Young Friends. Then Mrs. HOUGHTON stated Mrs. PAINE had wanted to see the HOUGHTONS and to be present for the mass Civil Rights March which was made in Washington, D. C., on August 28, 1963. Mrs. PAINE joined the HOUGHTONS at dinner at their apartment in Washington. Mrs. HOUGHTON stated she was interested in knowing of MICHAEL PAINE's well-being and when she asked Mrs. PAINE this question, she received a very vague answer. She stated Mrs. PAINE volunteered nothing specific and only spoke in general and limited terms about her husband. At this time Mrs. PAINE had two children with her.

While in Washington, Mrs. PAINE had advised the HOUGHTONS that she had a Russian woman staying with her and that it worked very well for both herself and this woman, as Mrs. PAINE spoke Russian and the unknown woman spoke very little English. Mrs. PAINE was delighted as it gave both women a chance to assist the other in matters concerning their individual countries. Mrs. HOUGHTON stated she received the implication that for some reason, this woman was separated from her husband and that this worked very favorably for Mrs. PAINE as Mrs. HOUGHTON felt she also must be separated from her husband. At no time did the HOUGHTONS learn who the unknown woman from Russia was.

After this meeting, there were no letters or meetings between Mrs. PAINE and the HOUGHTONS. Approximately three or four days after the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY on November 22, 1963, Mrs. HOUGHTON stated she was reading the "New York Times" and read of the notoriety given Mrs. PAINE as a result of the assassination. She

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stated that this was the first information she had ever received concerning this matter. She advised she has received no letters from Mrs. PAINE since the assassination.

Concerning MICHAEL PAINE, she advised she met him on approximately two or three occasions, and that she could only describe him as a very tall, dark, shy young man. She did not know whether MICHAEL was a member of the Society of Friends or not.

She stated she had never met MARINA OSWALD and she only assumed that this was the Russian woman who was residing with RUTH PAINE during the summer of 1963. She stated she had never met, nor did she know, LEE HARVEY OSWALD, nor had she met GEORGE PAINE. She stated she had never heard RUTH PAINE speak of GEORGE PAINE. She stated she felt that Mrs. PAINE was very sincere in her beliefs of the Young Friends Society. She felt that she should not comment concerning those beliefs of MICHAEL PAINE.

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