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Report of: **CARL E. GRAHAM**Office: **Washington, D. C.**Date: **12/24/63**Field Office File #: **105-56733**Bureau File #: **105-126128**Title: **RUTH PAINE**Character: **INTERNAL SECURITY - R**

## Synopsis:

Mrs. SYLVIA HOKE, 5421, Waneta Road, Glen Echo Heights, Maryland (mailing address Washington, D. C.) advised she is a sister of RUTH PAINE of Irving, Texas. HOKE stated RUTH PAINE visited her home just prior to Labor Day, latter part of August or September, 1963, for three days; RUTH commented she planned trip to New Orleans to pick up Russian wife of an American to take her to her home in Texas. Mrs. HOKE advised she did not know how her sister, RUTH, knew the OSWALDs, speculated it was probably through mutual acquaintances.

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Mrs. SYLVIA HOKE, 5421 Waneta Road, Glen Echo Heights, Maryland, advised that she is a sister of RUTH PAINE of Irving, Texas. She said that RUTH visited her home just prior to last Labor Day or the end of August for about three days. RUTH mentioned at that time that she intended to go to New Orleans within the following few weeks to pick up a Russian wife of an American who was expecting a second child and was taking her to live with her in Texas. As explanation at the time to Mrs. HOKE, RUTH indicated that MARINA wanted to leave her husband at the time, that he was not supporting the family, and was, in Mrs. HOKE's words, gathered from RUTH that OSWALD was a "jerk" as far as his husband role was concerned. Mrs. HOKE said that her sister's action on behalf of MARINA was an act of kindness on her part to a person having no one to whom to turn. Mrs. HOKE did not know how her sister knew the OSWALDs, could only speculate that it was probably through mutual acquaintances.

Mrs. HOKE said that she never met OSWALD, said RUTH mentioned that he had been to Russia, intended to stay there, had subsequently returned to the United States. She said she knew nothing about OSWALD's politics.

Mrs. HOKE said that she subsequently received a letter from RUTH after her visit in which she indicated that MARINA was then living with her, that she was enjoying her company.

Mrs. HOKE said that she did not recognize OSWALD's name at first in news accounts but as the description of MARINA and her connection with Irving, Texas, evolved, she realized reference was being made to the same girl living with her sister. She accordingly telephoned RUTH and verified this and inquired about her sister's welfare. She said that her sister had nothing to add other than to verify that MARINA was the person involved and that they were well.

She said she also had a card from RUTH announcing the birth at the time of MARINA's second child.

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Mrs. HOKE said RUTH was going to sell her story to "Life" magazine but this apparently did not pan out. Mrs. HOKE said her sister would probably look after MARINA's welfare, at least for the present, since MARINA to her knowledge only had RUTH to assist her financially.

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