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Title: MICHAEL RALPH PAINE

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Synopsis:

CAMERON FORBES PAINE advised that to best of his knowledge the relationship between MICHAEL RALPH PAINE and his father, GEORGE LYMAN PAINE, JR., was never very close. Mrs. ANNE PAINE stated that in August, 1963, RUTH HYDE PAINE mentioned that she was going to bring a Russian woman from New Orleans to Dallas because she felt sorry for her and that she could practice the Russian language.

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Mr. CAMERON FORBES PAINE was employed in the Division of Disability Accounts, Valuation and Authorization Section, Social Security Administration, Baltimore, Maryland and who resides at 2110 Southland Road, Baltimore, Maryland, was interviewed and he advised that he is the brother of MICHAEL RALPH PAINE and the son of GEORGE LYMAN PAINE, JR. and Mrs. ARTHUR YOUNG.

During the course of the interview, CAMERON FORBES PAINE furnished the following background information:

He was born May 3, 1932 and shortly after his birth, his mother and father were divorced. His father, GEORGE LYMAN PAINE, JR. was then residing in New York City. When the parents were divorced, his mother took custody of himself and his brother, MICHAEL RALPH PAINE. They went to live in Philadelphia for about a year after the divorce and when CAMERON was about four years of age, they moved to Santa Barbara, California. Later the two boys and their mother resided at Cambridge, Massachusetts, from about 1937 to 1941. In 1941, they moved to New York City and resided there until about 1947 when his mother remarried.

In 1947, CAMERON was sent to a boarding school located in Putney, Vermont and he attended this school until about 1950. After graduating in 1950, he attended college at Grinnell, Iowa for two years. From September, 1952, until July, 1953, CAMERON was abroad spending time in Denmark, Norway and France. He stated that most of the period that he was in Europe, he worked on a farm in Denmark and then after leaving the farm spent about a week in Norway. Then in the spring of 1953, he registered at the University of Lyons, Lyons, France. He never completed his course at this university and attended only a few months before going to Caux, France, where there is a Moral Rearmament Center where he spent approximately one month before returning to the United States. He then attended the American University in Washington, D.C. until he graduated in 1955. In the fall

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of 1956, he attended Pendle Hill, Wallingford, Pennsylvania, which he described as a Quaker school of social and religious studies. In 1958, he married and resided in Denver for approximately seven months and then returned to Philadelphia, later taking a teaching job in New York. Subsequent to this, he attended for two years a graduate school connected with the Putney School at Putney, Vermont.

CAMERON PAINE was questioned concerning the nature of the graduate school at Putney, Vermont, but he was rather vague about just what type school this was. He stated that the director of this school was Dr. MORRIS MITCHELL who was very much interested in cooperatives and projects like the Tennessee Valley Authority and the type of social legislation that they have in Sweden.

Regarding the degree of association or relationship between himself, his father and his brother, CAMERON PAINE advised that his father, GEORGE LYMAN PAINE, JR. was never close to either himself or his brother. He stated that since his parents were divorced they did not often see their father except for occasional visits. These visits usually occurred around Christmas time when he would visit them to give them presents. He stated that their father never spent any extended length of time with either of them to the best of his knowledge. CAMERON PAINE stated that he is certain that he has never been greatly influenced by his father in any way and he feels certain that his brother, MICHAEL, has not been influenced by their father either.

CAMERON PAINE stated that during the period that he lived in New York City from 1941 to 1947, he and his brother saw more of their father because their father was then living in New York City; however, he stated that even during this period they did not see a great deal of their father.

CAMERON PAINE advised that his father is a Marxist or at least he so describes himself. He recalls that when his father lived in New York City, he was very much interested

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in civil rights and the plight of the workers but he never knew him to be a member of the Communist Party. He stated that his father is in some way connected with a little paper called "Correspondence" which CAMERON described as a worker type paper. He recalls that several years ago his father had this paper sent to him and it came on a regular basis although he had never subscribed to it and it took him sometime to have it stopped. He stated that when the paper did come to his home, he read it and since that was around the period of time when the late Senator MC CARTHY was in the news and since the paper was very much opposed to Senator MC CARTHY's methods he himself had rather enjoyed that part of the paper.

Concerning the association between MARINA OSWALD and her husband, LEE HARVEY OSWALD with his brother, MICHAEL RALPH PAINE and his sister-in-law, RUTH HYDE PAINE, CAMERON PAINE advised that he had no information concerning this association other than what he has read in the newspaper since the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY. He did recall however that sometime in the summer of 1963, it had come to his attention that his sister-in-law was bringing a Russian woman from New Orleans to Dallas to live with her to help her improve her knowledge of the Russian language. CAMERON PAINE stated that he paid little attention to this but his wife, ANNE H. PAINE, might be able to shed a little more light on this matter since she had more contact with his sister-in-law than he has.

CAMERON PAINE stated that in his opinion his brother, MICHAEL, is not a Marxist and to his knowledge has never been interested in any communist or Marxist movements or organizations. He stated that he has not been very close to his brother but it is his opinion that MICHAEL is an idealist who has never taken any concrete steps to achieve his ideals. He recalled that sometime ago, MICHAEL had spoken of an idea of his to set up a factory where all the workers would be taken care of in an ideal way to benefit both the factory and the workers. CAMERON stated that he never paid much attention to his brother's ideas and therefore he cannot furnish very much information about them.

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Mrs. ANNE H. PAINE, 2110 Southland Road, Baltimore, Maryland, the wife of CAMERON FORBES PAINE was interviewed. She advised that in August, 1963, RUTH HYDE PAINE, the wife of the subject had been in the east here with her children and had stopped by for the better part of two days in Baltimore. She recalled that during this visit RUTH HYDE PAINE had remarked that on her way back to Dallas, she was going to stop in New Orleans and pick up a Russian woman for whom she felt very sorry because she was destitute and had one child and was expecting another one. She referred to this woman's husband in terms which made Mrs. ANNE PAINE believe that he was something of a scoundrel for not taking care of his wife. Mrs. ANNE PAINE stated that she does not recall now whether RUTH PAINE had even mentioned the name of this woman. She also recalled that she was not surprised because several months earlier, her husband's mother had mentioned to her that RUTH had a Russian woman living with her. It was Mrs. ANNE PAINE's recollection that RUTH PAINE had indicated that the Russian woman did not speak English and she was hoping that their association would help her to improve her knowledge and ability in the Russian language.

Mrs. ANNE PAINE was questioned concerning the background of RUTH HYDE PAINE and she stated that RUTH HYDE PAINE was the daughter of a woman who had been a Unitarian minister. A number of years ago, she became interested in the Quaker movement and she also studied folk dancing and for a time was a teacher of folk dancing, however, she could not stand the children and gave this occupation up. She stated that RUTH HYDE PAINE was the type of person who was always interested in cultural exchange programs, the type who always wanted to overcome barriers between people. She stated that she does not believe that RUTH HYDE PAINE was ever involved in any movements of a subversive nature.

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Mrs. ANNE PAINE furnished no information concerning the relationship between the subject and his father in addition to that furnished by her husband.

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