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Title: RUTH HYDE PAINE

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Synopsis:

RUTH A. HYDE, dob 9/3/32, New York City, attended summer sessions, 1957, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, and studied Russian. Confidential Informant advised RUTH HYDE PAINE member of Young Friends Movement of Philadelphia, who were interested in relaxing East-West tensions and as a result got in contact with LEE HARVEY OSWALD family through pen pal activity.

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DETAILS: At Philadelphia, Pa.

On December 16, 1963, [redacted] University of Pennsylvania, advised SA WILLIAM SMITS her records reflected that RUTH A. HYDE, 1308 Pine Street, Philadelphia 7, Pa., parent Mr. WILLIAM A. HYDE, 4400 Glenmawr Avenue, Columbus, Ohio, date of birth September 3, 1932, New York City, attended the summer session of the University of Pennsylvania in 1957. Her course taken was Elementary Russian, a six-week course with six credit hours. She received a mark of grade B.

On December 16, 1963, [redacted] University of Pennsylvania,

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advised that there was now no one in this Department who had been there in 1957 and she had no information regarding RUTH A. HYDE in the Department.

Miss [redacted] advised [redacted] presently instructor at [redacted] College, [redacted] Mass., was [redacted] in 1957.

On December 16, 1963, PH T-1 advised SA WILLIAM S. BETTS, [redacted] Executive Secretary of the Young Friends Movement of the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, 1515 Cherry Street, Philadelphia, Pa., said he had met RUTH PAINE, nee HYDE, in Indiana in 1955. She had been raised in Columbus, Ohio. She and [redacted] are both members of the Young Friends Movement, which is an organization anxious to do something to aid the relaxation of East-West tensions. They are active in getting pen pals and encouraging personal contacts with people on both sides of the Iron Curtain. They also have formed small study groups to become conversant with Russian culture and folkways.

According to [redacted] RUTH HYDE married PAINE about six years ago and subsequently moved to Dallas, Tex. She can speak Russian but has never been to Russia, as far as [redacted] knows. He said LEE OSWALD and his wife got in touch with PAINE through the pen pal program of the Young Friends Movement. He said LEE OSWALD had never been to Philadelphia.

[redacted] said although he was personally acquainted with RUTH PAINE he did not know OSWALD, nor the situation in Dallas relative to the OSWALD family and Mrs. PAINE.

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