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Title: MICHAEL R. PAINE;
RUTH HYDE PAINE

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Synopsis:

Mrs. ARTHUR M. YOUNG, Philadelphia, mother of MICHAEL RALPH PAINE, verified education and employment of MICHAEL but was uncertain as to specific dates. Mrs. YOUNG said MICHAEL and RUTH PAINE met when MICHAEL became interested in the Quaker Society of Friends while attending Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, Pa., and after a two-year acquaintance were married 12/28/57 at Media, Pa. RUTH and MICHAEL resided on Young Place, Paoli, Pa., from the time of marriage until going to Texas. MICHAEL's employment at Bartol Foundation, Swarthmore, Pa., verified as being June 1951 to June 1952, when he resigned to enter the Armed Services. Mrs. YOUNG advised ex-husband, GEORGE LYMAN PAINE, JR., was more than intellectually interested in Communism in 1930s. [REDACTED] Quaker Youth Group leader, Philadelphia, advised he met RUTH HYDE PAINE at Quaker meetings August 1955, Quaker Haven, Ind., and at Earlham College, Richmond, Ind. She was active in group to ease East-West tensions but he did not know how she developed contact with LEE HARVEY OSWALD family. RUTH PAINE attended Middlebury College, Middlebury, Vt., 1958 or 1959, for short Russian language study period. RUTH HYDE PAINE associated at Pendle Hill School, Media, Pa., and [REDACTED] probably knows RUTH PAINE.

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Mrs. ARTHUR M. YOUNG, 1810 Delancey Place, Philadelphia, Pa., on December 24, 1963, advised that MICHAEL RALPH PAINE was born September 3, 1928, at New York City, N. Y. She said that she and her husband, GEORGE LYMAN PAINE, JR., separated and were divorced in the winter of 1933-34 when she established residence in Virginia City, Nevada. Subsequent to her divorce she and her sons, MICHAEL and CAMERON, lived for three years until 1937 in Santa Barbara, Calif. Her son, MICHAEL, attended the [REDACTED] Day School in Santa Barbara which is operated by people named [REDACTED]. Mrs. YOUNG did not recall the address at which she and her sons lived during this time.

The reason for their residence in Santa Barbara, Calif. was that MICHAEL PAINE was subject to mastoid attacks and the doctors recommended a dry climate. His physical progress in overcoming this malady was sufficient to enable her and her sons to go to Cambridge, Mass., in 1937 where they resided at 39 Fair Weather Street. Her sons attended Shady Hill Day School in Cambridge. They attended this school until the spring of 1941 when Mrs. YOUNG married GILES THOMAS, a psychoanalyst from New York City. After her marriage the family resided at 35 East 75th Street, New York City, where her husband had an office and she had an art studio. She did not recall the name of the private school which her sons attended when they first came to New York but it was a private school in the vicinity. She was dissatisfied with the institution and subsequently entered both boys in the Horace Mann-Lincoln School. MICHAEL PAINE graduated from this school in 1946.

She said that she had contemplated sending MICHAEL to the Putney School in Vermont; however, did not do this. Her other son, CAMERON, did eventually attend and graduated from Putney.

Upon his graduation from high school, MICHAEL PAINE attended Harvard University for two years, the 1946-47 and 1947-48 school years as she recalled. She stated that MICHAEL, as a result of the influx of veterans of World War II attending school, was not

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in an atmosphere conducive to his obtaining an education. As a result, he lost interest in school in his Sophomore year and, as a result, she recalled he did not take his final examinations for that year. As a result he flunked out of school. It was her recollection he attended school the following year at Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, Pa., where he resided on the campus.

It was this year that Mrs. YOUNG married her present husband and she spent time with her husband living in both New York and Paoli, Pa., where Mr. YOUNG has their present home on Swedesford Road. She said that in 1957 she sold her home at 34 East 75th Street, New York City, and has resided since that time primarily in Philadelphia at the Delancey Place address and at the YOUNG place in Paoli.

After her son, MICHAEL, spent a year at Swarthmore College, he did not return the fourth year to school but was employed by the Bartol Foundation which is part of the Franklin Institute and also involved with Swarthmore College. Mrs. YOUNG believed that MICHAEL's employment at the Bartol Foundation was involved in some way with electronics. She also advised that he was for a short time employed by the Griswold Manufacturing Company but did not recall when this was. She stated also that sometime subsequent to his leaving Harvard University, he spent a number of months living in the barn of the YOUNG place in Paoli doing individual experimental work in aeronautics. She said the barn on the place of Mr. YOUNG in Paoli was actually the workshop where Mr. YOUNG had experimented and worked in development of the helicopter which was eventually manufactured and sold by the Bell Aircraft Company of Niagara Falls, N. Y. It was in this shop that MICHAEL PAINE attempted to invent or experiment with a new type of aeronautical vehicle.

She stated that MICHAEL had been interested in aeronautics from childhood and his goal was to engage in activity which would evolve into a new concept or invention in aerodynamics or aeronautical engineering. She stated, however, he did not feel it would be necessary to go through school to obtain the necessary basic information to accomplish this.

She stated that MICHAEL after leaving Bartol Foundation

was a member of the U. S. Army and spent considerable time in Korea. It was her recollection he was in the Armed Services for two years. When he came out of the Service, he was self employed or experimented by himself in the barn and was also employed part time by his stepfather, Mr. YOUNG.

In the summer of 1959 MICHAEL went to work for the Bell Aircraft Company in Texas inasmuch as he was familiar with Mr. YOUNG's activity in the aircraft field.

Mrs. YOUNG said that since the marriage of her son, MICHAEL, to RUTH HYDE PAINE in December of 1957 until the time they left the Philadelphia area in the summer of 1959, they resided in the barn at the YOUNG place in Paoli, Pa.

Mrs. YOUNG stated that RUTH and MICHAEL met sometime subsequent to MICHAEL's attendance at Swarthmore College after he became interested in the Society of Friends. She stated he attended Friends Meetings (Churches) in the Swarthmore - Media area of Delaware County and became acquainted with his wife. RUTH was a member of the Media, Pa., Friends Meeting and also is well known to [REDACTED] Pendle Hill, Wallingford, Pa., which is a Friends study or retreat center. It was Mrs. YOUNG's recollection that they knew each other about two years before they were married. At the time of their marriage RUTH HYDE PAINE was a teacher in the Germantown Friends School in the Physical Education and Recreation Department. This job she kept after her marriage until the end of the school year when they left for Texas in the summer of 1959.

Mrs. YOUNG stated that RUTH and MICHAEL had no outside activities in which they were interested except a group of folk type singers and square dancers with which they participated with other groups of friends in the area. She stated she knew of no social relationships of MICHAEL and RUTH while they were in Pennsylvania other than their friends among the Quakers.

She advised that RUTH was in a Friends group, whose meetings MICHAEL did not attend, which was interested in lessening the tensions between the East and West. She did not know the name of this group nor did she know the specifics of the

activities involved. However, as a result of RUTH's interest in this group, Mrs. YOUNG felt this accounted for the fact RUTH was interested in learning to speak Russian. In an attempt to attain this goal, Mrs. YOUNG said that RUTH attended a short session at the University of Pennsylvania to learn Russian and she also attended an intensified conversation session at Middlebury College in Vermont for four to five years. Most of RUTH HYDE's Russian study was from records which she listened to.

Mrs. YOUNG said that she has seen very little of her ex-husband, GEORGE LYMAN PAINE, JR., since they separated; however, when she continued to reside in New York after their separation, they had some mutual friends. Prior to her leaving New York City in the winter of 1933, friends had indicated to her, and she had some recollection even while they were still living together, that her husband was more than intellectually interested in Communism. She pointed out this was shortly after the depression began and he along with another sizeable segment of the population at that time seemed to think Communism was superior to Capitalism. She said she also recalled he read quite avidly works of Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels.

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Bartol Research Foundation of the Franklin Institute, advised MICHAEL R. PAINE, born June 25, 1928, at New York City, was employed at that Foundation as a laboratory assistant from June 1951 to June 1952. The exact dates are not available at that Foundation.

Application for employment completed by MICHAEL R. PAINE revealed his residence address to be 35 East 75th Street, New York, N.Y., telephone No. RH 4-1571. He indicated he had lived in Philadelphia for one and one-half years, where he "boarded." No Philadelphia address appears in this file. The person to be notified in case of emergency was listed as Mrs. ARTHUR YOUNG, 35 East 75th Street, New York, N.Y. His Selective Service status was shown as 1A-Deferred and he indicated he was then registered with Local Board #8, New York.

[REDACTED] stated he recalled MICHAEL R. PAINE as an employee at that Foundation. He said PAINE never completed his college work for a degree but it was his impression PAINE had attended Swarthmore College for at least one year.

He said PAINE appeared to be from a wealthy family and was regarded at that Foundation as a very intelligent and capable employee.

[REDACTED] recalled while PAINE was employed there one STEPHEN H. FORBES, a first cousin of PAINE who now lives in Moylan, Pa., was also employed there as a laboratory assistant.

[REDACTED] stated PAINE was quite proficient in electronics and when he left there to enter military service he indicated he would pursue a career in the electronics field.

[REDACTED] said he knew very little about PAINE's family except that he recalled PAINE's mother at that time was married to ARTHUR YOUNG, who lived near Philadelphia and was a nationally-known figure in the research and development of helicopters. [REDACTED] knew of no association or affiliation

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on the part of PAINE with any organizations and it was his impression PAINE was entirely loyal to this country.

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[redacted] Delaware County Courthouse, advised the records of that office revealed an application for marriage license No. 166257, was filed on December 23, 1957, by MICHAEL R. PAINE and RUTH HYDE. A marriage license was issued by that office on December 27, 1957.

[redacted] stated the application for marriage license contained the following background information:

MICHAEL R. PAINE

Occupation	Machinist
DOB	June 25, 1928
POB	New York, N.Y.
Residence	RD #1, Malvern, Pa.
Father	GEORGE LYMAN PAINE, Los Angeles, Calif., architect, born USA
Mother	RUTH FORBES, 1810 Delancey Street, Philadelphia; mother, born Massachusetts

RUTH HYDE

Occupation	Schoolteacher
DOB	September 3, 1932
POB	New York, N.Y.
Residence	1308 Pine Street, Philadelphia
Father	WILLIAM A. HYDE, 4400 Glenmawr, Columbus, Ohio; insurance broker, born California
Mother	CAROL HYDE, residence 4400 Glenmawr, Columbus, Ohio; housewife, born Colorado

[redacted] stated after reviewing this application for a marriage license she recalled this information was furnished to her and she noted specifically that when she questioned MICHAEL R. PAINE concerning the birth place of his father, he indicated he was not aware of his father's place of birth,

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has had little or no contact with him during recent years, and did not anticipate contact with him to secure from him the necessary information concerning his place of birth. [REDACTED] recalled that in view of his statement she inserted in the applicant that MICHAEL PAINE's father was born in the United States of America and would not pursue the question further with him.

[REDACTED] advised her files contain a duplicate Certificate of Marriage filed with the Clerk of Orphans Court, Delaware County Courthouse, on December 31, 1957. This certificate revealed that on December 28, 1957, MICHAEL R. PAINE and RUTH HYDE "united themselves in marriage" at the Providence Meetinghouse, Media, Pa. This certificate bore the names of the witnesses as [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] not further identified.

During the course of another investigation in 1956 it was determined that RUTH A. HYDE resided at 3703 Baring Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

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On December 24, 1963, PH T-1, PH T-2 and [REDACTED] Street, Philadelphia, Pa., all of whom are familiar with residents in the area which includes 3703 Baring Street, Philadelphia, Pa., advised they could furnish no information regarding RUTH PAINE, nee HYDE.

All the above individuals are familiar with activities of a social and political nature in this area referred to as Powelton Village. They have resided in this area since the early 1950's.