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On December 24, 1963, Mr. [REDACTED] of Young Friends Movement of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of Religious Society of Friends, 1515 Cherry Street, Philadelphia, Pa., advised that he first met RUTH HYDE at a Friends Conference held in August 1955 at Quaker Haven, Indiana, which he described as a camp administered by the Quakers in Northwest Indiana. At this conference RUTH HYDE was conference coordinator and had resided in Philadelphia.

At this conference the Young Friends Committee of North America held its regular business meeting and conference and a large number of people present became concerned with the East-West tension in the world and felt as part of their Christian conviction they had a responsibility to help ease these tensions. As a result, the East-West Contact Committee was formed and HYDE was a member of this group. This group was primarily formed to study such matters as Russian culture, habits, language, etc. The Pen-Pal Correspondence group was formed and HYDE assumed the responsibility of obtaining responsible individuals to participate in this program. This program eventually led some of the participants to a thorough study of the language.

[REDACTED] further stated he had met HYDE at another similar conference held at Earlham College, Richmond, Indiana. She also attended a few meetings of the Friends and remained active with the Pen-Pal Correspondence group until her marriage in about 1957.

[REDACTED] stated that although HYDE participated in the Pen-Pal program, he had no knowledge that she corresponded with the OSWALD family while they lived in Russia. He had heard that HYDE had taken courses in the Russian language but this was sometime after his association with her.

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[REDACTED] expressed amazement when he read in the newspapers that RUTH HYDE, now RUTH PAINE, was associated with OSWALD. He explained she is the type person who, because of her religious convictions, has great faith and interest in humanity. This conviction and her interest in Russian culture and language probably resulted in her taking the OSWALD family into her own home. He did not feel this action on her part was out of character, but the sort of thing he would expect of her.