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Title: MICHAEL RALPH PAINE

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Synopsis: Superiors and fellow employees at Bell Helicopter Company, Fort Worth, Texas, advised MICHAEL PAINE is a loyal American and not possessing any subversive tendencies. [REDACTED] Bell Helicopter, and [REDACTED] advised MICHAEL PAINE not believed influenced by his father. Nothing unfavorable developed at former residences of MICHAEL PAINE in Grand Prairie and Fort Worth, Texas.

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Date December 30, 1963

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On December 26, 1963, [REDACTED] Bell Helicopter, Fort Worth, Texas, advised that he has known MICHAEL PAINE since he was a small boy. [REDACTED] stated that he was a family friend of MICHAEL PAINE'S mother's family, the FORBES family, and he was a classmate of two of MICHAEL PAINE'S maternal uncles. [REDACTED] stated that he was only vaguely acquainted with LYMAN PAINE, MICHAEL PAINE'S father, and knows nothing of his beliefs or background.

[REDACTED] advised that during the time that he knew MICHAEL PAINE, his father and mother were divorced and MICHAEL PAINE was residing with his mother. [REDACTED] stated he was quite surprised when he learned that MICHAEL PAINE had made a trip to California to see his father last year. It appeared to him that when he knew MICHAEL PAINE as a boy, he had absolutely no interest, or concern, for his father.

[REDACTED] stated that he was responsible for hiring MICHAEL PAINE by BELL HELICOPTER and he stated this came about when ARTHUR YOUNG, MICHAEL PAINE'S stepfather, came to Bell Helicopter to assist them on setting up a model laboratory. MICHAEL PAINE accompanied his stepfather and worked with him in this matter. [REDACTED] explained that ARTHUR YOUNG was probably responsible more than any other person for the invention of the helicopter and he is now in a semi-retired status and assists Bell Helicopter as a consultant. [REDACTED] stated that from 1941 until 1946, he [REDACTED] worked directly under ARTHUR YOUNG, at Bell Helicopter.

[REDACTED] stated that after MICHAEL PAINE had assisted his stepfather, ARTHUR YOUNG, for approximately two months, ARTHUR YOUNG returned to Paoli, Pennsylvania, and

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MICHAEL PAINE then went to work for Bell Helicopter as an engineer. [REDACTED] stated that during the period that MICHAEL PAINE was first employed at Bell Helicopter, he lived temporarily in a motel then bought his present home in Irving, Texas, [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] stated that based upon his knowledge of MICHAEL PAINE, he doubts that his father, LYMAN PAINE, has had very much, if any, influence over MICHAEL PAINE.

[REDACTED] noted that in all respects, MICHAEL PAINE appears to be a typical member of the FORBES family in all his mannerisms and speech. [REDACTED] also stated that ARTHUR YOUNG, MICHAEL PAINE'S stepfather, also appears to have exerted considerable influence over MICHAEL PAINE.

[REDACTED] described MICHAEL PAINE as, in his opinion, a completely loyal American, dedicated to the ideals of our form of government. He has never, he said, noted any evidence of emotional instability.

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On December 26, 1963, [REDACTED] Bell Helicopter, advised that MICHAEL RALPH PAINE was under his immediate supervision from approximately 1959 until approximately two months ago. [REDACTED] advised that PAINE is an excellent engineer. He considers him to be thoroughly competent in his job. [REDACTED] stated he has no knowledge of PAINE'S family background, nor does he have any knowledge of any of PAINE'S political beliefs. [REDACTED] did state that following the arrest of LEE HARVEY OSWALD by the Dallas Police Department, PAINE mentioned that he knew LEE HARVEY OSWALD and stated that he could not argue logically with OSWALD. [REDACTED] stated that based on this conversation, it appeared that MICHAEL PAINE disagreed with OSWALD on political matters.

[REDACTED] stated that PAINE is well liked and respected by his fellow workers at Bell Helicopter and that he tries to work extra hard because of his stepfather, Mr. ARTHUR YOUNG, who was one of the founders of Bell Helicopter; and MICHAEL PAINE does not take advantage of this relationship.

[REDACTED] said on the basis of his knowledge of and contact with MICHAEL PAINE, he would have no reason to believe him to be other than a completely loyal and trustworthy American.

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Bell Helicopter Company, Fort Worth, Texas, advised that he has worked with MICHAEL PAINE for several years at the Bell Helicopter Research Laboratory in Arlington, Texas. [REDACTED] advised that prior to November 22, 1963, he heard MICHAEL PAINE mention MARINA OSWALD on one occasion at which time he stated that the reason she was staying with his wife was due to the fact that her husband had deserted her and Mrs. PAINE was trying to help MARINA OSWALD. [REDACTED] advised that on one occasion while shopping, exact date unrecalled, he met MICHAEL and RUTH PAINE together with MARINA OSWALD, at which time he was unable to converse with MARINA OSWALD since she spoke no English.

[REDACTED] advised that in his opinion both RUTH and MICHAEL PAINE were extremely kind and considerate individuals, who possessed no Marxist tendencies, whatsoever, and are completely loyal to the United States.

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Date 1/9/641

[REDACTED] Bell Helicopter Company, Arlington, Texas, advised that he has known MICHAEL PAINE for the past several months. [REDACTED] advised that, based upon his association with MICHAEL PAINE, he feels certain that he is not pro-Marxist in any way, and completely loyal to the United States. According to [REDACTED] PAINE likes to discuss and argue on political and economic matters, and he considered him to be more of an "idealist" than a "realist."

[REDACTED] advised he had no knowledge of either MARINA or LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

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[REDACTED] Bell Helicopter Company, advised that he has been a fellow employee with MICHAEL PAINE at the Bell Helicopter Company Research Laboratory in Arlington, Texas, for several years and based upon his knowledge of MICHAEL PAINE he can state he is definitely not pro-Marxist in any way, and is in favor of the democratic and capitalistic system that exists in the United States. [REDACTED] advised that he has also visited with MICHAEL and RUTH PAINE on a social basis, in addition to his dealings with MICHAEL PAINE at work.

[REDACTED] advised that on one occasion, in late October or early November, 1963, he met LEE HARVEY OSWALD at a meeting held at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas.

[REDACTED] advised that he and LEE HARVEY OSWALD started arguing over OSWALD's beliefs. At this time, MICHAEL PAINE just walked away with a disgusted look. MICHAEL PAINE later advised [REDACTED] that he had attempted to argue with OSWALD in the past and decided it was of no use, that he has a closed mind.

[REDACTED] described the PAINES as extremely charitable people who were very kind by nature.

[REDACTED] further advised that MICHAEL PAINE had confided in him that his father, LYMAN PAINE, who resides in California, had associated with people of questionable views. MICHAEL PAINE had further stated to [REDACTED] that he was not in agreement with his father or his friends, or their views.

[REDACTED] further stated that based upon his association with MICHAEL PAINE, he did not appear to have any close feeling toward his father, but appeared to be closer to his step-father, Mr. ARTHUR YOUNG. [REDACTED] stated he once asked MICHAEL PAINE what kind of man his father was, and MICHAEL PAINE just shook his head and said "you tell me, frankly I can't figure him out."

[REDACTED] further stated that he feels certain that MICHAEL PAINE is opposed to Marxism and is in favor of the capitalistic system because he knows MICHAEL PAINE is planning on starting his own business in the near future. [REDACTED] stated he knows that MICHAEL PAINE spent \$3,000.00 in the early part

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of August, 1963, to purchase a tract of industrial property in Irving, Texas, where he intends to build his small plant.

██████████ stated it is MICHAEL PAINE's plan to have a profit-sharing plan or similar type plan for his employees but is definitely in favor of the capitalistic system in this operation.

██████████ advised he is aware that MICHAEL PAINE visited his father in August, 1963, but feels that MICHAEL PAINE has visited his father more out of a sense of duty than out of any feeling of loyalty to his father.

██████████ said he feels he can unqualifiedly loyal characterize MICHAEL PAINE as an individual completely to our country and form of government, and dedicated to its ideals.

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[REDACTED] advised that MICHAEL PAINE resided at this address from March 27, 1963, until November 27, 1963, when he moved to 2515 West Fifth Street, Irving, Texas. [REDACTED] advised her records reflect that MICHAEL PAINE resided at the Irving address prior to moving into the Villa Fontaine Apartment. [REDACTED] stated her records reflect that MICHAEL PAINE is employed by Bell Helicopter Company of Fort Worth, Texas.

[REDACTED] stated that MICHAEL PAINE was a very quiet tenant and never had any visitors to the best of her knowledge. She knows nothing concerning MICHAEL PAINE's connection with MARINA OSWALD or LEE HARVEY OSWALD, other than what she has recently read in the newspapers. [REDACTED] further stated that MICHAEL PAINE was very quiet and never associated with any of the other tenants at that apartment house.

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At Fort Worth, Texas:

On December 27, 1963, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that they have no record for any tenants residing at these apartments in 1959, and there are now no tenants who would recall any individuals residing at that address in 1959.

On December 27, 1963, [REDACTED] Fort Worth Retail Merchants Credit Association; [REDACTED] County Sheriff's Office; [REDACTED] Fort Worth Police Department; and [REDACTED] Fort Worth Police Department, advised they have no record for any MICHAEL RALPH PAINE.