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RUTH HYDE PAINE

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Synopsis:

11/30/63 issue of Columbus Citizen Journal, Columbus, Ohio, carried front page story captioned, "Mrs. OSWALD's Pal, Ex-Local Woman." Article was based on long distance telephone call with subject by reporter on 11/29/63. Subject attended Antioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio, 10/31/49 - 6/25/55, and received BA Degree with major in Education. During school year, 1953-54, she was temporary teacher, Mad River Township Schools, Dayton, Ohio, as part of college program. Other employments set out. No record of her attendance at Capital University. Employment at the Jewish Community Center, Columbus, Ohio, verified and favorable.

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DETAILS

[REDACTED] advised on November 29, 1963, he has received the following unverified information from a source he declined to identify:

LEE HARVEY OSWALD allegedly attended Antioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio, using his true name, for a short period of time in 1957 and was dismissed because he was unable to prove his graduation from high school.

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OSWALD had lived care of MICHAEL PAINE and wife, RUTH PAINE, nee HYDE, Irving, Texas. RUTH HYDE is a graduate, Class of 1955, of Antioch College. Her parents were identified as WILLIAM A. HYDE and CAROL E. HYDE.

██████████ stated his inquiries at Columbus show WILLIAM A. HYDE, Actuary, Farm Bureau, (now Nationwide) Insurance Company, 246 North High Street, Columbus, residence 580 North Park Street, Apartment 105, Columbus, Ohio. A divorce was granted to WILLIAM A. HYDE from CAROL E. HYDE, Franklin County, Columbus, 1961. The couple had three children, not identified.

Previous address for WILLIAM A. HYDE is 4400 Glenmawr Avenue, about 1961; also 1968 Summit Avenue, date not known; and 115 Glenmawr, 1940, all Columbus, Ohio.

RUTH PAINE, nee HYDE, reportedly has a brother, CARL D. HYDE, date of birth December 30, 1937, residing 125 East Davis Street, Yellow Springs, Ohio. He is a doctor at Dayton Hospital, Dayton, Ohio, and is married to LORENA. He previously resided 1198 Selden, Detroit, Michigan.

██████████ furnished the above information to SA ROBERT F. MAHLER.

The November 30, 1963, issue of the Columbus Citizen Journal carried a front page story captioned, "Mrs. OSWALD's Pal, Ex-Local Woman."

This article is based on a long distance telephone interview made November 29, 1963, by Reporter JOHN DEPKE with Mrs. RUTH HYDE PAINE, Irving, Texas.

The article states that Mrs. PAINE and OSWALD's wife, Mrs. MARINA OSWALD, were together watching television in Mrs. PAINE's home on November 22, 1963, when President KENNEDY was assassinated. The article states that Mrs. PAINE was contacted by the police following the assassination, that her home was searched, and the fact that she had furnished authorities with facts of her knowledge of the relationship with LEE OSWALD.

It is stated in the article that Mrs. PAINE graduated in 1949 from University High School, Columbus, Ohio, and later attended Antioch College.

Mrs. PAINE's father, WILLIAM HYDE, is an official of Nationwide Insurance Company, Columbus, Ohio.

SA ROBERT H. BERTKE determined on November 30, 1963, that records of Antioch College would not be available until December 2, 1963.

[REDACTED] Antioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio, advised SA BERNARD D. MALONEY on December 2, 1963, that review of his records fails to reflect LEE HARVEY OSWALD had ever attended this college, made application, or known to have inquired at the college for application.

[REDACTED] said that his records reflect RUTH AVERY HYDE attended Antioch College from October 31, 1949, until June 25, 1955, when she received a Bachelor of Arts Degree with major in Education. He explained that Antioch College is a co-operative school in which the students are on the campus for academic purposes for a period of three months and then are placed at various employments in conjunction with their academic endeavors. In this way, a student will normally take five years to obtain a degree in a specialized field. His records reflect HYDE was born September 3, 1932, New York, New York, of parents, Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM A. HYDE, 1986 Summit Street, Columbus, Ohio. During her attendance at Antioch, she was employed as follows:

Jewish Community Center, Indianapolis, Indiana,
January 2, 1950, to March 31, 1950;

Downtown Community School, New York City, October, 1951,
to January, 1952, and March 31, 1952, to May 29, 1952;

Jewish Center, Columbus, Ohio, and City Recreation,
Columbus, Ohio, October 31, 1952, to December 19, 1952;

Mad River Township Schools, Dayton, Ohio, September 8,
1953, to October 23, 1953, and January 4, 1954, to March 5, 1954;

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American Friends Service Committee, Summer Study Tour,
June 25, 1954, to August 4, 1954;

YMHA and YWHA, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and American
Friends Service Committee, August 23, 1954, to May 31, 1955.


[REDACTED] said that, according to the school records, RUTH HYDE had married MICHAEL R. PAINE and was last known to be residing at 2515 West Fifth Street, Irving, Texas, as of October 5, 1959. He said he has determined that all mail sent to this address from that date has not been returned and they have received no change of address for her.

AT DAYTON, OHIO

On January 3, 1964, [REDACTED] Mad River Township Schools, 200 Loop Road, advised her records reflect RUTH HYDE, 833 Xenia Avenue, Yellow Springs, Ohio, date of birth September 3, 1932, was employed during the 1953-54 academic year, as an elementary school teacher. She received a temporary teaching certificate following interview on May 27, 1953, and on completion of her assignment in the schools in March, 1954, she was rated as average by her immediate supervisor. It was indicated in her performance at the school as "lacked skill; needs training; tended to overlook details; punctual; conscientious about putting in full time; showed common sense but sometimes overlooked important factors; is alert and interested; had no visible reaction to suggestions and criticism." This performance also indicated that HYDE lacked training in the handling of a class of students and needed to improve the social outlook of the students.

[REDACTED] thought the performance write-up of HYDE was somewhat unfair and explained that HYDE had previously attended University High School, Columbus, Ohio, where she was taught self-discipline, self-direction, and to think and reason for herself. She said that Antioch College, where HYDE was attending at the time of her employment, also followed this same format, and she believed that this background was the reason for HYDE's lack of training in their level of teaching. Also, that HYDE had only previously received

teaching assignments in the type of schools where discipline of students was not a prime factor in their training. She said she, herself, would regard HYDE as a person of high mentality, and based this on the fact that HYDE had attended schools where the minimum IQ requirement is 130. She said she was not personally acquainted with RUTH HYDE and had no recollection of her other than the fact that HYDE was hired by the school along with other students of Antioch College, as temporary teachers. She said that this school ~~has~~ since discontinued use of Antioch students as teachers due to the present availability of full-time teachers.

 made available a photostat copy of "Student Qualification Sheet" from Antioch College, concerning HYDE, which reflects the following additional information:

Name: Ruth Hyde

Home Address: Columbus, Ohio

Personal Data: Date of birth: September 3, 1932
Height: 5'10" Weight: 148 pounds

Education: Currently enrolled in third year of Antioch
Attended Ohio State University - one quarter:
1950-51

Field of interest: Group work and Education

Courses Completed at Ohio State University

Ceramic Laboratory
Journalism
Elementary German

General Chemistry
The World Today

Courses Completed or Being Taken at Antioch

Present Day Religion
Life Science I and II
Survey of Physical Education
and Recreation

Physical Science I
Chorus
Introduction to Education

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German II
Modern Dance
Teaching Basic Rhythms
Principles of Teaching and
Administration
Program Planning

American Government and Politics
Mathematics for Modern Life
History of Western Civilization
Educational Psychology
Elementary School Methods I
Seminar in Counseling
Student Teaching

Skills: Typing (40 wpm); driver's license
Children's games; storytelling; song leading; folk
dancing; accordion
Can teach crafts (ceramics, puppetry, silk screen,
textile paint, plastics, basketry)
Swimming; tennis; other sports

Work Experience: Pre-Antioch:

1945-46 Wold Truck Farm, Elyria, Ohio
Three and one-half months; general farming tasks

1947 Friends Vacation Bible School, Ohio-Indiana-Illinois
Two months; teacher

1948 Presbyterian Bible School, Columbus, Ohio
One month; leading crafts

University School, Columbus, Ohio
Three months, part-time; assistant during lunch hour
One year, part-time; assistant in children's
physical education

1949 Club Group, Columbus, Ohio
One year, part-time; leader to club of under-
privileged children

Under the Antioch Co-operative Work-Study Program:

1950-51 Jewish Community Center, Indianapolis, Indiana
Three months; group work, recreation
Employer's rating: Excellent

Big Eagle Camp, Indianapolis, Indiana
Five weeks; camp counselor
Employer's rating: Good

F & R Lazarus Department Store, Columbus, Ohio
Seven weeks; clerical, error prevention project
Employer's rating: Excellent

American Friends Service Committee
Nine weeks; recreational leader
Employer's rating: Excellent

1951-52

Downtown Community School, New York City
Twenty-one weeks; assistant teacher
Employer's rating: Good

1952-53

Jewish Center, Columbus, Ohio
Eight weeks, part-time; school teacher
Employer's rating: Average

City Recreation Department, Columbus, Ohio
Eight weeks, part-time; recreation assistant
Employer's rating: Not in yet

The following investigation was conducted by SA ROBERT F. MAHLER at Columbus, Ohio:

EDUCATION

On December 23, 1963, it was learned that all offices at Capital University were closed as of December 20, 1963, and were not scheduled to open officially until January 6, 1964.

On January 2, 1964, [redacted] Capital University, advised that she had searched all available files of that school, but could not locate any record of attendance or matriculation for RUTH AVERY HYDE. She explained it is possible HYDE may have attended a non-accredited business course, which was given during the 1940 period, but which was not connected with the school. She suggested contact be made with [redacted] formerly connected with that course, to verify her attendance there. Other than that, [redacted] said there is no record of HYDE having attended Capital University.

[redacted] on January 2, 1964, advised, after a thorough search of files in her possession, there is no record of HYDE having attended any business course or any other course.

EMPLOYMENT

On January 6, 1964, [redacted] advised from records that RUTH HYDE had been employed at that center on a part-time basis, as a pre-school teacher from November 1, 1952, to December 31, 1952. This employment, he explained, was in connection with the "co-op" course in which she was enrolled at Antioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio. There is nothing derogatory in the employment record and [redacted] said he does not personally recall HYDE.

[redacted], on January 6, 1964, advised she recalls that

RUTH HYDE had been employed there on a part time basis as a pre-school teacher. She was a "co-op" student of Antioch College. [REDACTED] stated she recalls HYDE as an ordinary student, a good teacher and remembers no outside interests or associates. She said HYDE caused no trouble and she does not remember much about her, either of an outstanding nature or of a derogatory nature. She said she has no information concerning any organization or groups to which HYDE may have belonged and no information concerning her loyalties.

[REDACTED] on January 6, 1964, advised from files that RUTH HYDE had been employed by that department from November 6, 1962, to December 17, 1962, as a Recreation Leader on a part-time basis. She said there is no indication on the record as to what location HYDE had been employed in the city. There is no derogatory information on the employment record, according to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], on January 6, 1964, advised that, although, he was employed at the same time HYDE was employed, he cannot recall anything about her.

MISCELLANEOUS

[REDACTED] employed as a [REDACTED] Street, on January 6, 1964, advised that from [REDACTED] 1961, until [REDACTED] 1963, she had lived at [REDACTED] which residence is owned by Mrs. CAROL HYDE, mother of RUTH HYDE PAINE. [REDACTED] said she lived alone most of the time and occasionally shared the house with her sister. At no time did she live with Mrs. CAROL HYDE or RUTH HYDE PAINE.

She said her association with CAROL HYDE was very infrequent, primarily because Mrs. HYDE attended school and lived at Oberlin, Ohio. She said she had met RUTH HYDE PAINE on only one occasion, sometime during the early part of

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September, 1963, when RUTH HYDE PAINE and her two children, visited CAROL HYDE at Columbus, Ohio. [REDACTED] was introduced to RUTH, then RUTH, her two children and CAROL HYDE registered at a nearby motel to stay for two days to visit. Upon RUTH's departure from Columbus, she went to Yellow Springs, Ohio, to visit her brother, Doctor CARL HYDE.

[REDACTED] said she hardly knows RUTH HYDE PAINE and knows nothing about her background or her associations. Prior to November 22, 1963, she said CAROL HYDE never mentioned anything about MARINA OSWALD or the fact that MARINA OSWALD lived with RUTH PAINE. She said it was afterwards that she learned the facts surrounding this association through reading newspaper articles. She stated she can furnish no additional information.