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Title:

MICHAEL RALPH PAINE

Character:

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Synopsis:

Two fellow employees of MICHAEL RALPH PAINE advised that they had no reason to believe that he was not completely loyal to the United States. [REDACTED] commented favorably on the subject. MICHAEL PAINE reportedly expressed an interest in attending a meeting of the John Birch Society.

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Date January 31, 1964

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[REDACTED] Bell Helicopter Research Laboratory, Arlington, Texas, was interviewed at the Main Bell Helicopter Plant in Fort Worth, Texas. [REDACTED] stated that he has known MICHAEL PAINE for several years and knows that he is the stepson of ARTHUR YOUNG, one of the founders of Bell Helicopter Company. [REDACTED] stated that MICHAEL PAINE is very competent in his job and is most interested in current events and philosophy. [REDACTED] stated that PAINE likes to discuss philosophy and politics but will take either side in the debate and does not have a closed mind on anything. [REDACTED] stated he never heard MICHAEL PAINE mention either LEE or MARINA OSWALD before November 22, 1963, however, after November 22, 1963, when LEE HARVEY OSWALD was arrested MICHAEL PAINE stated that LEE OSWALD's wife, MARINA, was staying at the residence of MICHAEL PAINE's separated wife, RUTH PAINE, in Irving, Texas, and that he had better go to his wife's residence right away since he would be needed. [REDACTED] stated that PAINE then departed for his wife's residence which would have been at approximately 2:00 PM on November 22, 1963. [REDACTED] stated he talked to PAINE after this date and MICHAEL PAINE told him of talking with Dallas Police and that he, MICHAEL PAINE, felt sure that the gun found in the Texas School Book Depository was the same gun that had apparently been taken from the garage at RUTH PAINE's residence. [REDACTED] stated that MICHAEL PAINE told him that MARINA OSWALD apparently knew this rifle was stored in the PAINE's garage but that neither MICHAEL PAINE nor RUTH PAINE knew of this gun. [REDACTED] stated that MICHAEL PAINE has never confided in him too much and he does not know the reason why MARINA OSWALD was staying with RUTH PAINE prior to November 22, 1963. [REDACTED] stated that he does know that RUTH PAINE and MICHAEL PAINE have both been active in various church choirs in the Dallas area.

[REDACTED] stated that after November 22, 1963, MICHAEL PAINE commented that he had once had an argument with LEE HARVEY OSWALD and stated that once LEE HARVEY OSWALD made up his mind on something, he refused to change.

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██████████ stated he had the impression that MICHAEL PAINE disagreed politically with LEE HARVEY OSWALD. ██████████ stated that he has no reason to doubt the loyalty of MICHAEL PAINE to the United States and has no reason to believe that MICHAEL PAINE shared any of the beliefs or feelings evidently held by LEE HARVEY OSWALD toward the United States, its Government, or its officers.

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[REDACTED]

Texas, an engineer with the Bell Helicopter Research Laboratory, Arlington, Texas, advised that he works with MICHAEL PAINE at the Bell Helicopter Research Laboratory and has known him for several years. [REDACTED] stated he never heard PAINE mention LEE HARVEY OSWALD or MARINA OSWALD prior to November 22, 1963, and since November 22, 1963, he only heard MICHAEL PAINE mention that MARINA OSWALD had resided at the residence of MICHAEL PAINE's separated wife, RUTH PAINE. [REDACTED] stated that MICHAEL PAINE is not very talkative and he has never confided in him concerning his family background or personal beliefs, however, [REDACTED] stated he had no reason to doubt the loyalty of MICHAEL PAINE.

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[REDACTED] Dallas, Texas, advised MICHAEL RALPH PAINE is a member of [REDACTED] and that MICHAEL PAINE [REDACTED] stated that MICHAEL PAINE regularly attends sessions of the adult education course at [REDACTED] and he has come to know him quite well.

[REDACTED] described MICHAEL PAINE as a very gentle person who would be friendly to everyone. [REDACTED] stated that following the publicity concerning the fact that MARINA OSWALD, the wife of LEE HARVEY OSWALD, was residing with RUTH PAINE, the wife of MICHAEL PAINE, several members of [REDACTED] names unrecalled, became concerned that MICHAEL PAINE might be possibly a communist sympathizer because of his association with LEE HARVEY OSWALD. [REDACTED] advised, however, that after due inquiry with all associates of MICHAEL PAINE, no one was able to recall a single statement of MICHAEL PAINE or a single action of MICHAEL PAINE which would indicate in any way that he was sympathetic to the communists or was pro-Castro in any manner.

[REDACTED] stated he is convinced that MICHAEL PAINE's character is beyond question, and his loyalty to the United States undivided. He said it would be unthinkable that MICHAEL PAINE would become involved in any activity against the best interests of the United States.

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that he is engaged in conservative Republican politics in the Lubbock area and has become increasingly concerned with extreme left wing groups in this country. He stated that he felt it was his duty to make himself available to the FBI to help in any way he can. He stated that being engaged in conservative politics he has come to know many people in the state that he believes are engaged in left wing activities, and that he is also familiar with those people engaged in right wing activities.

He stated specifically that Mr. (FNU) PAINE, separated husband of the Mrs. PAINE, at Irving, Texas who is a close friend of the OSWALDS contacted [REDACTED] Dallas, who is supposed to be a ranking official of the John Birch Society, and wanted to attend a Birch meeting scheduled in Dallas in November, 1963. [REDACTED] stated that GRIMS furnished him this information and that the November meeting was postponed for some reason. After the assassination the John Birch Society held another meeting in Dallas and PAINE did not attend and has not attempted to attend any meeting since this time.

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