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Title: MICHAEL R. PAINE;  
RUTH HYDE PAINE

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - R

## Synopsis:

[REDACTED] Philadelphia, Pa., advised he has known RUTH PAINE since about 1952 when he met her at a Friends youth convention, Wilmington, Del. At that time and since RUTH HYDE PAINE has been interested in lessening of East-West tensions through program of contacts with Russian people.

[REDACTED] has known Mrs. PAINE since about 1955 when she married. [REDACTED] said RUTH HYDE PAINE is interested in relieving East-West tensions and attempted to do this personally by learning Russian language so that she can converse. RUTH HYDE PAINE when in Philadelphia area August and September 1963, spent day with [REDACTED] and at that time mentioned MARINA but did not mention LEE HARVEY OSWALD. Both consider PAINEs to be loyal Americans of good reputation.

[REDACTED] Friends Yearly Meeting, Philadelphia, Pa., advised he was not acquainted with either PAINE personally, but considered them to be loyal Americans on basis of reputation.

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[REDACTED], Philadelphia, Pa.,  
furnished the following information regarding RUTH HYDE PAINE  
and MICHAEL RALPH PAINE:

He said he had first become acquainted with RUTH HYDE PAINE when she was still RUTH HYDE sometime in 1952 when both of them attended a Quaker youth conference in Wilmington, Del. He said that RUTH HYDE PAINE was very interested in a section of the conference dealing with the relaxation of tensions between the East and West. He recalled that during this conference she stated she would like to learn the Russian language so that she could personally be able to converse with Russians and in this way aid in a better understanding between Americans and Russians.

He said that as a result of this conference a youth group in the Friends Society did develop with its primary purpose being that of relaxing the cold war by contacts between Russians and Americans.

He said that he came to the Philadelphia area in 1955 to live and work and again became acquainted with RUTH HYDE PAINE. She continued to be interested in doing anything that would aid in understanding between the United States and Russia. He said that at this time he and his wife lived within a couple of blocks of RUTH HYDE PAINE when she resided on Spruce Street in downtown Philadelphia. They both belonged to a group of young Friends who met weekly for dinner and discussion at a Friends Meeting House. He noted that during the time he had known her that she would never indulge in arguments of any kind. She said on a number of occasions that she disliked verbal disagreements.

He also said that about a year and one-half or two years later he and his wife moved to Oklahoma where they stayed for two years. During this time there was infrequent mail contact with Mrs. RUTH HYDE PAINE who in the meantime had married MICHAEL RALPH PAINE. [REDACTED] said he met MICHAEL PAINE on one occasion only.

He said based on his association with Mrs. PAINE and her

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reputation among mutual friends that she was a loyal American citizen. He also said that based on the reputation of MICHAEL RALPH PAINE that he was a loyal American citizen.

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[REDACTED] Philadelphia, Pa., furnished the following information regarding RUTH HYDE PAINE and MICHAEL RALPH PAINE:

She said that she had met RUTH HYDE PAINE before she was married to MICHAEL RALPH PAINE in 1955 when she came to Philadelphia with her husband to live. RUTH HYDE PAINE had been a friend of her husband prior to the [REDACTED] marriage. She said they resided several blocks from RUTH when RUTH lived on Spruce Street in downtown Philadelphia. She and her husband would see RUTH PAINE practically every week for 18 months to two years when all three of them attended a dinner and discussion group at a Friends Meeting House. This group was primarily interested in revitalizing the Friends Society attraction for young people; however, she became quite friendly with RUTH HYDE PAINE who evidenced an interest in young people coming into contact with Russian people. RUTH PAINE believed that by people-to-people contact tensions could be relaxed between East and West. [REDACTED] said she was aware of RUTH HYDE PAINE's interest in learning the Russian language and that she felt contact through this method would be more effective than any other.

[REDACTED] considers herself a rather close friend of Mrs. PAINE. After the [REDACTED] left Philadelphia to live in Oklahoma for several years, she continued to correspond infrequently with RUTH PAINE. While the [REDACTED] were living in Oklahoma, RUTH HYDE PAINE married MICHAEL RALPH PAINE. [REDACTED] did not recall having met MICHAEL PAINE.

She said she continued to correspond infrequently with RUTH HYDE PAINE after Mrs. PAINE moved to Texas.

She said that in August and September 1963, Mrs. PAINE was in the Philadelphia area with her children visiting her mother-in-law. [REDACTED] spent the day with Mrs. PAINE in Paoli, Pa., at Mrs. PAINE's mother-in-law's home. She said that at this time RUTH HYDE PAINE mentioned that a Russian speaking woman would probably be living with her. This was a casual remark in conversation and no further discussion ensued.

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[REDACTED] said she considered RUTH HYDE PAINE to be a loyal American of good reputation. She also said she considered MICHAEL RALPH PAINE to be a loyal American based on his reputation in the Friends community in Philadelphia.

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[REDACTED] was contacted for an appointment regarding RUTH HYDE PAINE and MICHAEL RALPH PAINE.

[REDACTED] advised he was the [REDACTED] the Friends Yearly Meeting, Society of Friends, 1515 Cherry Street, Philadelphia, Pa., and that he could furnish no information regarding either of them inasmuch as he knew them only by name and had no contact with them personally. He said that based on their reputation within the Friends Meeting he considered both of them to be loyal Americans of good character.

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