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MICHAEL RALPH PAINE;
 RUTH HYDE PAINE

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Synopsis:

[REDACTED] has known RUTH HYDE since 1952 or 1953, through Young Friends of North America movement, and she has visited his home at [REDACTED] Pennsylvania, one or two times when he taught at West Town School, there, but he does not recall dates. She was one of individuals who initiated East-West Contact Program, and one of her prime goals has been to improve relations between East and West through personal contact between individuals. He believes while at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, she would have been in contact with [REDACTED] of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of Society of Friends. He described her as young woman of high ideals and sound personal integrity, and not one to become involved in any subversive activity. [REDACTED] recalled her employment at YMHA, Philadelphia, and thought [REDACTED] Philadelphia, may have associated with RUTH HYDE there. [REDACTED] does not question HYDE's loyalty to the United States. [REDACTED] did not know RUTH HYDE well, but stated [REDACTED] Earlham College, Richmond, Indiana, traveled with RUTH HYDE in connection with East-West Contact Program.

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[REDACTED] furnished the following information:

He first met RUTH HYDE in 1952 or 1953, through the Young Friends of North America movement, but he does not recall just where he met her. He believes it may have been at [REDACTED] College, [REDACTED] Indiana. [REDACTED] taught at [REDACTED] College from the Fall of 1949, until the Spring of 1953, at which time he began teaching at [REDACTED] Pennsylvania. He believes he got to know RUTH HYDE well on the occasion when the Young Friends of North America met with the Friends General Conference at Seacrest Inn, Cape May, New Jersey, during the Summer of 1953. He does not recall, specifically, having seen RUTH HYDE at an American Young Friends conference at Quaker Haven, Indiana, in August, 1955, or at a committee meeting of the Youngs Friends of North America at Earlham College in November, 1955, but it is entirely possible that they may have attended the same conferences. RUTH HYDE was one of the individuals who initiated the East-West Contact Program, and one of her prime goals has been to improve relations between the East and West through personal contact between individuals from Russia and the United States.

On one or two occasions since he moved to [REDACTED] RUTH HYDE visited his home in [REDACTED] Pennsylvania, but he does not recall the dates of these visits, or the occasions. His only association with RUTH HYDE was in connection with the Young Friends of North America, and the last time he recalls having seen her was in about 1958.

He recalls that RUTH HYDE married a man, whose last name is PAINE, but he recalls only having met this man one time, and does not now recall when this occurred. For a while, period not known to him, RUTH HYDE was employed by the Young Men's Hebrew Association (YMHA), at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He believes she left the Friends movement either while employed

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by the YMHA, or shortly thereafter.

He recently heard, through [REDACTED] College, that RUTH HYDE had been able to be of some assistance to the wife of LEE OSWALD, but he had not been furnished any details of the manner in which RUTH had been of assistance.

He believed that, during the period RUTH HYDE lived in the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, area, she would have been in contact with [REDACTED] of the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of the Society of Friends, and this individual might be in possession of information concerning her.

[REDACTED] may know of others who might have associated with RUTH HYDE in Philadelphia.

[REDACTED] does not believe RUTH HYDE was ever a student at [REDACTED] College. He believes she studied at [REDACTED] College, [REDACTED], Ohio. [REDACTED] College is a center for the Young Friends of North America, and that is probably why she was at the college from time to time.

RUTH HYDE has always impressed [REDACTED] as a young lady of high ideals and sound personal integrity. She is not the kind of person to become involved in any subversive activity. She is very open and above-board, and always felt free to criticize the Government in such matters as racial discrimination and compulsory military service, but never gave him any reason to doubt her loyalty to the United States Government.

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[REDACTED], furnished the following information:

She has met RUTH HYDE, a young lady who was affiliated with the Young Friends of North America movement, and who was instrumental in establishing the East-West Contact Program within the Society of Friends, but she never got to know RUTH HYDE well. She did not attend the joint meeting of the Young Friends of North America and the Friends General Conference at Cape May, New Jersey, during the Summer of 1953, because of illness.

She recalls that RUTH HYDE was, at one time, employed by the Young Men's Hebrew Association at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She noted that [REDACTED] Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, have been active in the Young Friends of North America movement, and did attend the combined conference at Cape May, New Jersey, in 1953. She thought that they may have associated with RUTH HYDE, since they were at Philadelphia during the period RUTH HYDE worked there.

RUTH HYDE was well known among members of the Society of Friends because of her work in the East-West Contact Program. To [REDACTED] RUTH HYDE always appeared to be a sincere young woman, and [REDACTED] was never given any reason to doubt her loyalty to the Government of the United States.

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[REDACTED] furnished the following information:

He has heard of RUTH HYDE, who was instrumental in establishing the East-West Contact Program of the Young Friends of North America, and may have met her on a few occasions, but he did not know her well. She traveled to many areas of the United States in connection with the program.

[REDACTED] Indiana, was also interested in the program, and traveled throughout the country with RUTH HYDE in connection with the program. He recently heard from [REDACTED] that RUTH HYDE, who is now married to a man named PAINE, had befriended the wife of LEE OSWALD, but he was not given any details as to the manner in which she had helped Mrs. OSWALD. He does not know anyone else who would have been a close associate of RUTH HYDE.

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