

Irving Friend of Oswald Cleared of Any Complicity

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WASHINGTON — The Warren Commission said Sunday it made a thorough investigation of Mrs. Ruth Paine, the Irving housewife who befriended Mrs. Marina Oswald, and "found nothing . . . which suggests disloyalty to the U.S."

It said that neither Mrs. Paine nor her husband, Michael, were involved in the assassination of President Kennedy.

Because of the close ties between Mrs. Paine and Oswald's wife, the commission said, it went so far as to check the Paines' spending and sources of income. The commission's report to President Johnson said it was

"satisfied that their income has been from legitimate and traceable sources, and their expenditures were consistent with their income and for normal purposes."

THE COMMISSION noted that Mrs. Paine was "completely cooperative" in providing evidence during the investigation of the Kennedy assassination.

It said she did not know about Oswald's attempt to kill Edwin A. Walker and assumed before the presidential assassination that, while Oswald was "a difficult and disturbing personality, he was not potentially dangerous."

The commission said this accounts for Mrs. Paine's failure to notify the FBI when she learned that Oswald was using an alias and that he had been in contact with the Soviet Embassy.

The commission said its intensive investigation produced no evidence which would "suggest the involvement of any member of the Russian-speaking community" in the assassination.

THE COMMISSION said it checked very carefully into activities of George de Mohrenschildt, a Russian-born petroleum engineer, and his wife, Jeanne, who was born in China of White Russian parents.

Its report said the de Mohrenschildts visited in the Oswald home and tried to help the Oswalds after they came to Dallas.

The commission said de Mohrenschildt, who was living in Haiti at the time of its investigation, was described by Russian-speaking residents of the Dallas-Fort Worth area as "eccentric, outspoken and a strong believer in individual liberties . . ."

The commission said they stated that de Mohrenschildt believed in the U.S. form of govern-

ment, but had also expressed the belief that "some form of undemocratic government might be best for other peoples."

After describing the backgrounds of the de Mohrenschildts, the commission commented, "neither the FBI, CIA nor any witness contacted by the commission has provided any information linking the de Mohrenschildts to subversive or extremist organizations. Nor has there been any evidence linking them in any way with the assassination."



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Lee Harvey Oswald in custody of detective.

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