

*Ruth Paine File*

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*Re: On Paine's file*

MICHAEL RALPH PAINE  
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RUTH HYDE PAINE  
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*Ruth's father-in-law was SWP*

For several weeks prior to President Kennedy's assassination, Marina Oswald, wife of Lee Harvey Oswald, resided at the residence of Ruth Hyde Paine, 2515 West 5th Street, Irving, Texas, and this memorandum summarizes subversive background of Paine's families; investigation to date discloses no connection between Paine's and assassination.

MICHAEL RALPH PAINE

This individual, born 6-25-28, New York City, residing at 377 Dalworth Street, Grand Prairie, Texas, is husband of Ruth Hyde Paine, but at time of Kennedy's assassination and for approximately two months prior thereto, was separated from his wife, contemplating divorce. He is employed as Design Engineer, Bell Helicopter Company, Fort Worth, Texas. He served in the U. S. Army 7-15-52 to 4-28-54, receiving honorable discharge and served in the U. S. Army Reserves, inactive status, from 1-29-54 to 7-14-60, receiving honorable discharge. His military service record contains statement dated 7-15-52 "The following inductee, Paine, Michael R., was inducted today 15 July 1952 but refused to take oath of allegiance."

Investigation has determined that Michael Paine's father and stepmother are George Lyman Paine, Jr., and Frances "Freddie" Paine, both of whom are on the Security Index because of their affiliation with the Johnson-Forest Group (JFG). Both have long histories of affiliation with the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) and the JFG. The SWP and the JFG have been cited pursuant to Executive Order 10450. George Lyman Paine, Jr., was a Key Figure until 1960 based on his position as a national co-chairman of a group within the JFG.

The JFG is a group of former SWP members who broke away from the SWP in 1951 over the question of whether Yugoslavia should be considered a "worker" state. George Lyman Paine, Jr. and his wife were described as the brains behind the JFG in the Los Angeles area. The JFG is dedicated to bringing about a social revolution in the U. S.

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Subsequently in 1955, a split in the JFG occurred over a difference of opinion concerning a publication of the JFG and the desire of certain elements in the JFG to avoid having the organization designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450. This split resulted in two factions, one known as the "Forest Faction" and one known as the "Johnson Faction." The "Johnson Faction" is commonly known as "Correspondence." George Lyman Paine, Jr., and his wife associated themselves with the "Johnson Faction" and were reportedly the leaders of this faction in the Los Angeles area.

The "Johnson Faction" had a further split in 1962 concerning the politics of the national chairman of the "Johnson Faction" and the Paines affiliated with the minority group who followed the politics of the national chairman. At the present time George Lyman Paine, Jr., is a member of the "Johnson Faction" in Los Angeles and his wife is chairman of the Los Angeles group of the "Johnson Faction." This faction has a total membership in the U. S. of approximately six individuals. Due to the limited membership the activities of the Paines at the present time are confined primarily to membership by name and financial contributions.

The "Johnson Faction" of the JFG has completely divorced itself from the SWP and all publications of the SWP, including the "Militant."

Review of Bureau files concerning George Lyman Paine, Jr., and Frances "Freddie" Paine disclosed no information to indicate a close association between Michael Paine and those two individuals. On interview 12-10-63 Michael advised that his father divorced his mother when Michael was four years of age and since he has only seen his father on a very limited basis since he was four years of age, he does not have a close attachment to his father and does not feel he has been influenced by him to any great degree. Michael has always considered his father as somewhat of a "radical" and denied having knowledge of any organizations which his father belongs to. Michael stated his father has always looked toward "the revolution" but he has never shared his views in that connection and added that they differ basically on ways of solving any problems which the U. S. has.

In interviews with Michael Paine subsequent to the President's assassination, he furnished details of his association with Lee Harvey Oswald, including the fact that in October, 1963, he took Oswald to a meeting of the American Civil Liberties Union. Michael stated he first met the Oswalds on 4-2-63 when the Oswalds had dinner at Paine's residence in Irving, Texas. After that first meeting he saw Oswald on approximately five occasions. Oswald told him that he left the USSR because he did not like his job and did not like to be told where to live. He said that in the Soviet Union a person could not own a rifle, but could own a shotgun.



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Oswald expressed an objection to the restriction on rifles. Oswald claimed that he became a Marxist in the United States and that he learned Marxism from reading books. Oswald said that he had never met a communist before he went to the Soviet Union, but he did not mention whether he had met any communists in the United States after his return. He stated that he did not believe in the exploitation of man by man, and he quoted frequently from Marx. Paine mentioned to Oswald during one discussion that he was against violence in any form, but Oswald did not elaborate on Paine's comment. They also discussed hunting. Oswald spent considerable time watching football games on television and appeared to be an avid football fan.

Bureau files contain no identifiable subversive information concerning Michael Paine's brother, Cameron Forbes Paine, his stepfather, Arthur M. Young, and his mother, Ruth Forbes Young.

On 12-6-63 Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) furnished to Bureau Liaison copy of a memorandum dated 12-2-63 which Allen Dulles, former CIA Director, received "from a friend" who was not identified. That memorandum revealed that Michael Paine's mother, Ruth Forbes, has been married three times, Arthur Young being her third husband; that Arthur M. Young is an inventor, having invented improvements to the helicopter, is wealthy and in recent years has devoted himself entirely to research in what is known as "ESP (Extra-Sensory Perception) (he believes that there is another 'force' in the universe-like electricity or similar-that has not yet been tapped)." The memorandum which Dulles furnished CIA also contained this statement, "I have also heard, but not from his mother, that Michael had homosexual tendencies, although he did marry and have children." The memorandum from Dulles also contained information that Michael Paine's grandfather was a famous Boston "crackpot."

RUTH HYDE PAINE

This individual who currently resides at 2515 West 5th Street, Irving, Texas, is a Quaker and reportedly very religious. In interviews Mrs. Paine advised that she first met the Oswalds about February, 1963, at a social gathering in Dallas. About two months later, Oswald and his wife had dinner at Mrs. Paine's residence. She developed a friendship with Mrs. Oswald because Mrs. Oswald spoke only Russian and Mrs. Paine, who also speaks Russian and teaches the Russian language, wanted someone to converse with in that language to perfect her knowledge of it.

After Oswald lost his job at Jaggars-Chiles-Stovall in Dallas and went to New Orleans to find a job, Mrs. Paine drove Oswald's wife and child to New Orleans to join Oswald. In September, 1963, Mrs. Paine picked up Marina Oswald and the child at New Orleans and drove them to



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The Paine residence in Irving, Texas, where they remained until November 22, 1963. Oswald visited his family on weekends at Irving, Texas. Oswald paid none of the expenses connected with his wife's stay at the Paine's home.

In conversations with Mrs. Paine, Oswald claimed to be a Marxist, but she considered him to be a little odd and nothing further. She did not think he was a very logical person but, at no time, did he ever give any indication to her that he would commit a violent act such as killing a person. She claimed her friendship with the Oswalds was based on her fondness for Mrs. Oswald.

Bureau files contain information that the April 26, 1958, issue of the "Friends Journal," a Quaker weekly, published by the Friends Publishing Corporation, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, reported that "Young Friends" have made final plans for a six-week summer visit of four Russians to the United States. The article stated that six Americans will travel with the Russians by automobile, and their plans include contact with Friends; visits to industry, farms, and schools; as well as visits to areas of public interest to the Soviet young people. The article identified the members of the planning group. Among them was the name "Ruth Hyde Paine."

Ruth Paine's brother, Dr. Carl D. Hyde, Yellow Springs, Ohio, was investigated by the Bureau in 1953 as a Conscientious Objector (CO). He based his objections on religious convictions. Persons interviewed during that investigation advised that Carl D. Hyde was a Quaker and they were convinced of his sincerity in claiming to be a CO.

Ruth Paine's sister, Sylvia Ludlow Hyde Hoke, born 10-2-29 at New York City, was subject of a Security of Government Employee (SGE) investigation in 1956-1957. At that time she was employed as a personnel research technician, U. S. Air Force. She resigned prior to security termination being made. She was reportedly pregnant at time of resignation. That investigation was predicated on information that a telephone call had been made on 12-23-55 from residence telephone of Dorothy Wilson (who admitted to an informant she was Communist Party (CP) member between 1946 and 1948) and to the information that Sylvia Hoke's mother, Carol E. Hyde had admitted to neighbors she was a communist. In an interview by Office of Special Investigations, Air Force, 12-5-56, Sylvia advised that Dorothy Wilson associated with her mother-in-law, Helen Hoke Watts, in the publishing business, and that Wilson had assisted in editing a book coauthored by Sylvia's husband, John L. Hoke, and Helen Hoke Watts. Sylvia denied having any social contacts with



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Wilson and stated she did not know Wilson's political views or ideologies. Investigation at that time developed no substantial subversive information concerning Sylvia and persons acquainted with Carol E. Hyde characterized as rumors only the information that she was a CP member and further advised that Carol E. Hyde was suffering from mental disorder.

Ruth Paine's mother, Carol E. Hyde, is currently divorced from Ruth's father, William Avery Hyde, and according to an acquaintance, Carol Hyde is a former mental patient and is currently attending and residing at the Oberlin Theological Seminary, Oberlin, Ohio.

Bureau files contain no identifiable subversive information concerning Ruth's father, William Avery Hyde, an actuary, Nationwide Insurance Company, Columbia, Ohio. On 12-4-63 CIA made available information to Bureau Liaison that in 1957 CIA considered using this individual to operate a cooperative educational center in Viet Nam but he was not used by CIA. Investigation by CIA at that time concerning William Avery Hyde was favorable.

ACTION:

None. This is for information. Investigation concerning both subjects is being conducted and you will be furnished any additional pertinent developments.