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MICHAEL PAINE, 2377 Dalworth Street, Apt. 217, Grand Prairie, Texas, telephone AN 2-7976 was interviewed at the home of his estranged wife, Mrs. RUTH PAINE, 2515 West 5th Street, Irving, Texas. He furnished the following information:

He is currently employed as a research engineer at Bell Helicopter, Hurst, Texas, but works in Arlington, Texas, where a portion of the company is located and can be reached at telephone CR 5-5211.

In September 1963 he was at the residence of his wife, RUTH PAINE, 2515 West 5th Street, Irving, Texas, after MARINA OSWALD had moved to Irving from New Orleans, Louisiana, with her luggage and some household equipment.

He stated he went to the garage which is attached to the residence and desiring to use his drill press moved an object which was wrapped in a cotton blanket, green and red in color. He stated it was a cheap blanket such as one might use for camping and at the time he thought it contained metal tent poles. He stated that the object was about 40 inches long or slightly longer and that in the light of recent events he is now certain it was a rifle. He stated that he moved this object two or three times in various spots about the garage so he could use his band-saw and other equipment. He stated he did not look into this package and cannot definitely state what was in it. He stated that at first he felt if this object was a gun it did not have a scope on it, but that after seeing pictures of the gun and noting the small size of the scope, on the weapon used to assassinate President KENNEDY, he is of the opinion that this object he lifted could have been a rifle with a scope mounted on it. He estimated the weight of the object as about 7 pounds.

PAINE stated that on one occasion he took LEE OSWALD to a meeting of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) held at Southern Methodist University in Dallas. This was in October 1963 a short time after ADLAI STEVENSON had visited Dallas. During this meeting

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some mention was made of the John Birch Society, and comments were made about alleged anti-Semitism in the John Birch Societies. Someone else made a comment that even though some members of the John Birch Society might be anti-Semitic, such policies should not be attributed to the society as a whole without proof. Thereupon OSWALD spoke out and gave what appeared to be logical and appropriate instances of anti-Semitism by the John Birch Societies.

After the meeting FRANK KRYSTINIK, also employed at Bell Helicopter, Arlington, Texas, residing 2121 Greenway, Arlington, telephone CR 5-1517, got into a discussion on free enterprise with LEE OSWALD. PAINE paid very little attention to this argument.

On the way home from this meeting LEE OSWALD asked MICHAEL PAINE about the identity of an elderly man who was more or less involved in OSWALD's discussion with KRYSTINIK. PAINE told OSWALD that he did not know the identity of this person. Thereupon OSWALD stated that he thought this man must be a communist. PAINE asked him why he thought this and OSWALD stated it was because the man was interested in the "Fair Play for Cuba" organization which OSWALD had mentioned.

PAINE stated that on the night before ADLAI STEVENSON appeared at Dallas, Texas, in October 1963, LEE OSWALD attended a right wing rally held at the Civic Auditorium in Dallas and that he presumed since the John Birch Society was one of the sponsors of this meeting that OSWALD had gotten his information about the John Birch Society during this meeting.

He stated that he does not believe that OSWALD attended the rally the following night at which ADLAI STEVENSON appeared, this being the same night when an incident involving STEVENSON being spit upon and hit with placard occurred. He stated that OSWALD never made any

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comment about being at such meeting and, therefore, he believes he was not at such a meeting.

PAINÉ stated that OSWALD, following the ACLU meeting, told him that he could not join an organization such as the ACLU since it had no political function.

MICHAEL PAINÉ stated that about April 24, 1963 LEE OSWALD went to New Orleans, Louisiana, and that he believes his motive in going there was to get a job, and OSWALD told him this was the reason he was going there. He stated that he knew OSWALD had lost a job while he was living at 214 Neeley Street, Dallas, Texas, about June of 1963. At that time he was working in a photographic engraving plant where they were doing advertisements for fashion ads. PAINÉ stated he did not know the reason for OSWALD losing this job although MARINA had told Mrs. PAINÉ he was laid off for lack of work. PAINÉ personally thought he was probably laid off because of his continual statements regarding the "Marxist principle, being opposed to exploitation of man by man", and since such "exploitation" is a part of every job of the capitalistic system, statements by OSWALD regarding same would tend toward his termination by employers.

PAINÉ stated he does not recall LEE OSWALD ever stating that he had been terminated because of his beliefs or statements but that OSWALD's mother had mentioned that she had lost many jobs because of her son's (LEE OSWALD) defection to Russia.

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