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1975 Review
NUMBERED DOCUMENTS F.B.I.
CD 181-621

- files Commission Documents: 181, 190, 212, 218, 227, 258, 433, 445A, B, and C, 449 and 449A-I, 470, 489 and 489 B and C, 499 and 499A and B, 504, 505, 506, 508, 599, 600, 601, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621.
- CD 181 pp.ruc, 2, 3, ?, Report out of Cincinnati on C. P. meeting in W. Va. where assassination is analyzed by members who express views it was work of right-wing conspiracy. Names are deleted but Chairman of Lower Ohio Valley section present, presided over by individual from N.Y. office.
- CD 190 pp.-ruc-, 2 and face page, as in CD 181 info. is furnished by informant on same C.P. chapter meeting. V.T. Lee (name deleted) notes C.B.S. news queried him re: L.H.O. correspondence.
- CD 212 pp. -p- 2 and face page, report of S.A. Wineberg dated 12-17-63 out of Phil. Investigation of Ruth Paine (B.S.L., names deleted) re: her attendance at 1957 Summer session course at Univ. of PA S.A. William S. Betts reports info on Paines membership in Young Friends Service Committee and groups effort to relax tensions between both sides of Iron curtain. Reference is made to pen pal program. Source (possibly Exec. Secy. of Young Friends Movement of Phila. yearly meeting) indicates Oswald got in touch with Paine thru this pen pal program.
- CD 218 pp. -ruc-, 2-4, face page, report on investigation of George Lyman Paine (names deleted). Brief background includes informants remarks with reference to expectation being voiced by G. Paine that son Michael would visit in Summer of '63. Various public record corroborations on background and Appendix on L. A. Local Correspondence also included. (B.S.L. indicates report subject is Michael).
- CD 227 p. -p-, synopsis, neg. record check on Winfred Barnes, John Freeman denies knowledge of L.H.O. or assassination, MMT-1 furnished info. re: Chinese-Cuban plot using Cortes and Feito, Neito denies possessing info. on both, Margaret Moffet admits accusation of Rutherford was false, Orlando Piedra neg. on L.H.O./pp. 2, 3, neg. record check on L.H.O. at Miami Publ. Lib., record check at Mex. Tourist Dept. in Miami on Winfred H. Barnes who was reported on Dec. 2 to be on list of persons entering Mex. thru Nuevo Laredo on Sept. 26. List indicates Barnes from Miami was destined to Monterey with

FM-5 tourist card. No record found for 3 mo. period prior to Sept. 26 for issuance of tourist card to Barnes (apparently unexplained contradiction). Police, credit and phone listings check on 12-11 result in no record of Barnes in Miami area./ pp. 4-6, John Ermil Freeman denies allegations by former fellow inmates at Raiford Prison that he claimed to know L.H.O., predicted assassination in Dallas or possessed hit list for all sherriffs. Admits making speculative remarks./ pp. 7, 8, Miami informant relays info. provided by Western diplomat re: alleged Cuban/Chinese plot in assassination, claims Castro worried and has jailed a dozen Cubans to prevent utterance of indiscretions. Diplomat fears own arrest imminent, names intermediaries in plot as Ramon B. Cortes and Fernandez Feito (F.N.U.) who he claimed were financed thru bank at 14 Wall St., N.Y. Informant adds that Robert Nieto might possess details/ p. 9 Roberto Nieto Diaz-Granados, Cuban born atty. states he arrived in U.S. 1-1-62 and denies knowledge of Ramon Cortes, Fernandez Feito. Shown photo Ramon Buenrostro Cortez and denies recognition. Denies all of informants assertions./pp. 10, 11 informant recontacted and advises no new info. from diplomat. States info. in Alien Reg. file indicates R. B. Cortes is representative of Intercontinental, S.A. and that in '60 as Rep. of Ameco of Texarkana he visited Cuba and stole funds. Further advises that as of Jan. 62 Cortes was Pres. of Transcontinental, S.A. and involved in trans-shipping material from U.S. to Cuba thru Mex. and Cubans charged him, along with Lorenzo Saunders of shipping inferior goods to Cuba, attempted to suppress Cuban action by claiming with Ignacio Hernandez Garcia to hold stock in large Canadian firm./ p. 12 Tamara Roberta Nieto Rodriguez, Cuban refugee contacted and denies ever being known as Roberta or knowledge of Cortez or Fernandez Feito./p. 13. Mrs. J. W. "Margaret" Moffit admits accusation of Rutherford made to Douglas, Ariz. police was fabrication/ p. 14, Orlando Piedra, former chief of Bureau of Investigations of Cuban National Police states he was partner in Hispano American Discount House with Joseph B. Namer at 117 Camp St. N.O. and suggests that reason L.H.O. had that address was in connection with activities against anti-Castro exiles. Denies personal knowledge of L.H.O., gives Namer's address and says Cuban atty. named Cusco has info. L.H.O. attempted to buy trucks for Castro./p. 15, Appendix on F.P.C.C.

CD 258 pp. -ruc-, 2-4, face page, identical to CD 218, same deletions.

CD 433 2 page Hoover to Rankin letter of 2-26-64 re: F.B.I. coverage of Mark Lane and Marguerite Oswald. Statement that F.B.I. does not maintain physical surveillances on either and will not unless requested/12 page letterhead memo on 2-18-64 meeting at N.Y. Town Hall/4 page letterhead memo on Lane

appearance at U. of Wisc. on 2-16-64 (both these memos are punctuated with Appendices on left-wing organizations)/ 60 page transcript of Town Hall Meeting.

- CD 445 a, b, and c, 35 pp. surveillances and summaries of Mark Lane public appearances, punctuated with appendices on left-wing organizations.
- CD 449 Hopver cover letter of 3-5-64 re: Willard Hotel records of Marina Oswald, James Martin and John Thorne/449A thru I, 19 pp. of Willard Hotel records and check receipts.
- CD 470 p. -p- Gemberling cover letter of 2-22-64 re: Marina Oswald dismissal of Martin and Thorne. Reason for dismissal is deleted./p. 1, table of contents covering pp. 2 thru 40./p. 2, informant re: meeting between Robt. Oswald and Atty. McKenzie. Reference to presumed dismissal cause deleted/p. 3, 2-16-64 interview of Martin, dismissal cause deleted. States Kathrine Ford acted as interpreter/p. 4, interview of Marina Oswald on dismissal, regular deletions of cause, states Martin told her of \$60,000 in donations and opened joint account in his name and "Maria Martin" for purpose of avoiding publicity. She states S.S. agent translated contract Martin proposed in early Dec. and advised her not to sign./pp. 5-12, interview of Robt. Oswald on same subject with similar deletions. He indicates S.S. agent introduced Martin to him, describes contract and Thorne striking out word "gifts" in re: to percentage-based fee, quotes Marina as suspecting, describes contract by which he (Robt.) received a percentage, recalls concern over Martin, Thorne lack of performance, states Schaffer and Burke provided neg. info. on them which prompted call to Marina in Wash. and apparently the subsequent dismissal. Carl Schaffer makes referral to Atty. McKenzie who advises firing by reg. mail/pp. 13-15, statement of Vada Oswald on same. What appears is consistent with statement of husband. Much deleted/pp. 16, 18, interview of S.S. agent, name deleted, who reveals S.S. interest in subject/pp. 19-21, Thorne interviewed re: his being retained as atty. and trip to Wash. with Marina and company/p. 22 James Martin declines to be interviewed on advice of his attorneys, Thorne and Leech./pp. 23, 24, 29, Marina Oswald interviewed on same subject. Kathrine Ford is interpreter. Interview is "of a most delicate nature" and atty. McKenzie is present only during part of interview. Note that pp. 25-28 are deleted/p. 29-31 end of Marina's statement./pp. 32-35 Statement of Kathrine Ford, like Marina's there is no new info. and the same deletions occur/pp. 36-38, statement of Delcan Ford, same info. confirms that Schafer referred McKenzie. States he posted letters of dismissal which were not accepted by Thorne's partner, Leech./pp. 39, 40 alphabetical name index.

- CD 489 Hoover 2 page cover letter of 3-13-64 re: surveillance of
B&C Mark Lane appearance in Buffalo on 2-28-64. Included are 3
reels of tape recorded lecture given at Unitarian-Universalist
Church (source deleted), Buffalo office of F.B.I. memo dated
3-6-64 re: arrangements and summary of talk, memo of 3-6-64
from same office re: question and answer period, and two
reels of tape recording of press conference on 2-22-64 at
Statler Hilton. Total number of pages in 489, 489B and
489C is forty-two.
- CD 499 Hoover 2 page cover letter of 3-16-64 re: Mark Lane's Citizen's
A&B Committee of Inquiry. Included are four pages on background
of Deirdre Grisswold, secretary (mostly deleted) and five
pages on background of Robert Gwathmey, treasurer (mostly
deleted).
- CD 504 Title page: Sylvia Ludlow Hyde Hoke
Personnel Research Technician
Placement and Employee Relations Division
Director of Civilian Personnel, Headquarters
Dept. of the Air Force
Washington, D.C.
SECURITY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES
pp. 1-12, results of Sept. '56 investigation in N.Y. Sylvia
Hoke (sister to Ruth Paine) is, along with associates, sub-
jected to investigation as a result of informants furnishing
tel. record of contact with Dorothy H. Wilson of New York.
Wilson, a member of North Beach Branch of Communist Party
subscribes to "Daily Peoples World". Info. provided in this
report is" biographical data on Hoke, voter registration
record of Wilson, addresses, employment and political
affiliations of Wilson. In August of '42 Wilson was employed
at Ft. Mason in San Francisco. Contact with one Isidore
Gibby Needleman, atty. for the registered Russian Trade
Agency in U.S., is noted in October of '55. Large sections
are deleted. Hoke is presently employed in Helen Hoke
Associates of N.Y., a publishing and media business. Sylvia
Hoke's former employers give info., including Time Inc.,
(personnel division) where she listed Gerret E. Fielstra as
person to contact in an emergency. Fielstra was an alleged
Communist organizer in N.Y.C. Public Library. Certificate of
Incorporation for Helen Hoke Associates shows directors
include Helen Hoke and Dorothy Wilson and that the business
engages in any and all forms of publication, dissemination
and production of print and film media.
- CD 505 face page, same as CD 504, Hoke investigation 9-24-56 in
Cincinnati./pp. 1-12, Mrs. Wm. A. Hyde (sister-in-law to
Sylvia Hoke, Ruth Paine) is reported to have admitted

Communist Party membership to neighbors. Husband is employed at Farm Bureau Co-Operative. Antioch professors interviewed, vouch for loyalty and respectability, familiar with husband of employee (Sylvia Hoke) and brother Carl Hyde who both attended Antioch. Carl Hyde is a physician. Neighbors of Hyde family interviewed, complain of their entertaining people of different races in home. Unsubstantiated allegations of Communist ties to such organizations as Consumers Co-op and Nationwide Insurance Co. of the Farm Bureau are made. Carol Hyde states to be involved in '54 in "Women's International League for Peace and Freedom." F.B.I. informants in Columbus area have nothing on any member of the family in regard to Communist Party activities.

- CD 506 face page, same Hoke investigation 9-24-56 in Seattle./p. 1 re: Dorothy Seligson, nee Dorothy Wilson, confidential informant advises Dorothy and husband Lou Seligson residing during period (deleted) in N.Y. and not attending C.P. meetings because Lou Seligson, born in Argentina was subject of I.N.S. investigation.
- CD 508 face page, same Hoke investigation 2-26-57, in N.Y./ p. 1, informant states Dorothy Wilson advised in '57 that Helen Hoke was turning over most of the business to Wilson, that Hoke wanted only business expenses and place to make luncheon dates. Informant quotes Hoke as advising she has son John who works for AAA. in Washington, D.C. and whose wife works in "Navy Intelligence", that Hokes wife was upgraded from a semi-secret position to a secret position and authorities had informed her that she could not have this top secret position as a result of her association with Wilson. Wilson had also said that if Hoke could not be "cleared" for this position she would not be fit to hold present position. Faced with dismissal, Hoke was leaving in February anyway as she was expecting a child. Info. on Helen Hoke Watts' relationship to John L. Hoke set forth in a previous report on this matter.
- CD 599 A&B&C One page Hoover cover letter of 3-20-64 re: statement of Vada Oswald on attempt of L.H.O. to assassinate Nixon./599A, 4 type written pages of Vada Oswalds statement of 2-24-64, much deleted, that present bears on Marina and Thorne's dispute./599A, 5 handwritten pages of same/599B, 1 type-written page of Vada's 3-15-64 statement of third person hearsay info. on L.H.O. attempt on Nixon. Nothing new./599B 2 hand-written pages of same.
- CD 600 pp. -P- thru 11, late 1953 internal security investigation of George Lyman Paine Jr., includes background on left-wing groups in L.A. area. These include the Johnson-Forest group and S.W.P.

- CD 601 pp. -P- thru 19, late 1955 investigation of George Lyman Paine, Jr., includes same background info. on L.A. area left-wing organizations. Reference is made to an alias. This series of investigations on the Paines (up to CD 621) has all names deleted. As with most of the documents released in the 1975 review deleted names are identifiable by referring to the basic source materials list. (B.S.L.) Throughout these investigations most material is repetitive. The character is of a regular F.B.I. internal security investigative follow-up on left-wing political activists. Synopsis of the following will include dates of investigations, subject, and any new material available therein.
- CD 603 pp. -P- thru 13, May '56. Same internal security investigation, includes reference to G. Paine travel to England in Feb. '56 to meet with leader of JF-JFG residing there. Deletor misses Paines name on page 2. Reference to alias on page 4. Details of European travel and meetings are as extensive and thorough as domestic including same coverage of British speech by Paine as his report upon returning.
- CD 604 pp. -P- thru 10, Dec '56. Same type investigation. Notes that G. Paine is now national leader of J.F.-J.F.G. and he and wife are close with international leader of group. Paines donate own funds for groups support of British Unit. Amount varies up to \$108 per week which is described as being derived from a \$20,000 inheritance.
- CD 605 pp. -P- 8, June '57. Same investigation. Revealed that G. Paine is reported owner of Correspondence Publishing Co. of Detroit as of July '54 according to Certificate No. 55129.
- CD 606 pp. -P- 8, Dec. '57 Same. Paine elected co-chairman of Johnson Faction-Johnson Forest Group at National Convention held in Detroit. As of Sept. '57 it was reported G. Paine and wife had sent up to \$6,000 to British Unit. (B.U.).
- CD 607 pp. -P- 4, Aug. '58. Same. Paines new contributing \$75. per mo., during May meeting it was voted to allow Paine relief from local responsibilities so as to attend to leadership. Also in May publication "Manifesto" now called "Facing Reality" came off the press.
- CD 608 pp. -P- 4, Feb. '59. Same. G. Paine.
- CD 609 pp. -P- 5, July '59. Same. G. Paine.
- CD 610 pp. -P- 4, Dec. '59. Same. G. Paine.
- CD 611 pp. -C- 5, June '60. Same except Geo. Paine no longer held position of leadership.

- CD 612 pp. -C- 4, June '61. Same except Geo. Paine now considered a member on leave of absence.
- CD 613 pp. -C- 10, June '62. Same except meetings now held in Paine residence and part played by Paine in the split of their small group is put forth. This could be summarized as a move from traditional Marxist ideology to socialism.
- CD 614 pp. -C- 4, June '63, Same.
- CD 615 pp. -P- 7, Oct. '53, Frances Drake Paine AKA Freddy Paine, AKA Anna, wife of George Lyman Paine, Jr. (B.S.L.) member of Workers Party from '42 to '45. Deletor slips on p. 2, listing "Paines" and informant refers to them as "the brains behind J.F.G. in the L.A. area". F. Paine is indicated to have at once had tuberculosis and continuing lung problems. Background of F. Paine set forth. Usual format of meetings attended and participation in such continue this portion of the Paine series of documents.
- CD 616 pp. -P- 16, July '55. Same, with details of involvement as "Correspondence" editor and local leader.
- CD 617 pp. -P- 12, Dec. '55. Same. Listed are the various names by which the Los Angeles Local-Johnson Forest Group is alleged to have used to conceal its true identity: Organization, Correspondence Committee, Correspondence, Correspondence Club, Johnsonites, Johnson Forestites, and Johnson Forest Tendency.
- CD 618 pp. -P- 13, July '56. Same. Remark quoted at meeting that members were using aliases on political documents and letters. One of Paines (unclear due to name deletions) discusses at meeting policy change. Here, p. 8, deletor misses name "Lang" who relates change in Policy decided at National Plenum to the effect that "Correspondence" no longer considers itself to be in the forefront of the revolution, in other words J.F.-J.F.G. would not lead a revolution.
- CD 619 pp. -P- 9, Jan. '57. Same. F. Paine is selected to take over duties of Chairman of L.A. local, and was member of B.U. as of Oct. '56. Reference to new alias (Anna B.S.L.)
- CD 620 pp. -P- 8, Aug. '57. Same. F. Paine considered to be among top 5 national leaders and resigned as local chairman.
- CD 621 pp. -C- 7, Feb. '58. Same. F. Paine attends National Convention in Detroit.