

HOW MUCH CREDIBILITY WILL THE WARREN COMMISSION REPORT GIVE THIS WITNESS?

Dear Mrs. West:

The following quote by Ruth Paine in your REDBOOK article is unfortunate:
"I didn't try to preach to Lee (Oswald) about right or wrong, I simply told him that I was the kind of person who had never been able to lie."

We wonder if this statement was as amusing to Lee Oswald as it is to us? In February, 1964, we traveled to Dallas to talk to Mrs. Paine. During the course of our visit, she told us a number of stories DIRECTLY OPPOSED to those she told you. While we realize that Mrs. Paine was under NO obligation to tell us anything, the fact of the matter is, SHE DID. Therefore, either in her conversation with us or in her conversation with you, SHE LIED. Does this not negate her statement: "I (am) the kind of person who has never been able to lie?"

How much credibility will the Warren Commission give a witness of this kind? If Lee Oswald had lived, many of the things Mrs. Paine has so grandly said would be torn to pieces under cross examination. The Warren Commission has no doubt considered its historical vulnerability in this regard.

Sincerely,
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