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Mrs. RUTH PAINE, 2515 West 5th Street, Irving, Texas, telephonically advised that she had just talked with a reporter from the Houston Post Newspaper and that this individual was returning to her home later in the day.

Mrs. PAINE stated that the reporter had advised her that LEE HARVEY OSWALD's mother had been working for a party in Fort Worth during September and October, 1962, as a practical nurse and according to the reporter Mrs. OSWALD (mother of LEE HARVEY OSWALD), advised this party during her employment, that her son was doing important anti-subversive work.

MARGUERITE

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on 12/28/63 at Dallas, Texas File # DL 100-10461
by Special Agent IVAN D. LEE/atd Date dictated 12/31/63

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Mrs. RUTH PAYNE, 2515 West 5th Street, Irving, Texas, telephonically advised that a reporter for the Houston Post, by the name of LONNIE HUDKINS, had returned to see her in the afternoon of December 28, 1963. Mrs. PAYNE furnished the following information concerning this contact by HUDKINS:

HUDKINS referred to an article which he stated had appeared in the New York Times, either December 26 or 27, 1963, which article conjectured that LEE HARVEY OSWALD probably made a deal with the U. S. Government to work in its behalf in anti-subversive endeavors in return for being granted permission to return to the United States. She stated that the article reportedly goes on to bring out that OSWALD probably was not being watched any more closely than he was by the FBI because OSWALD was working for or on behalf of the government.

Mrs. PAYNE stated that HUDKINS said that a "socially prominent" (not further identified) person for whom OSWALD's mother had worked in Ft. Worth about a year or so ago, was supposed to have been told at that time by OSWALD's mother that OSWALD was doing important anti-subversive work for the government.

Mrs. PAYNE stated that HUDKINS' primary purpose of seeing her was in an effort to get some confirmation, if possible, of the possibility OSWALD was actually working on behalf of the U. S. Government prior to the assassination. Mrs. PAYNE told HUDKINS she knew of no such situation and ventured the opinion to HUDKINS that the story was highly unlikely since she could not imagine anyone having that much confidence in OSWALD.

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Under date of December 31, 1963, the Houston Office advised that **LONNIE HUDKINS**, reporter for the Houston Post Newspaper at Houston, Texas, had advised SA **JAMES W. EUSSELL** on December 31, 1963, that in his conversations with **RUTH PAINE**, the socially prominent Ft. Worth woman referred to was **LINDA ROSENTHAL** who lives in the 4800 Block of Oram Street, Ft. Worth, Texas.

HUDKINS advised that Mrs. **ROSENTHAL** had employed Mrs. **OSWALD** in September and October 1962, and that **ROSENTHAL** had previously been interviewed by the FBI.

HUDKINS concluded by stating he was on a "fishing expedition" and was attempting to determine if **LEE HARVEY OSWALD** had been a "stool pigeon" for some government agency such as CIA or the FBI.

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It should be noted that Mrs. LINDA ROSENTHAL (Mrs. LOWELL N. ROSENTHAL), 4800 Harley Street, Ft. Worth, Texas, was interviewed on November 29, 1963, the results of which interview have previously been reported.

In this interview Mrs. ROSENTHAL stated that from conversation with Mrs. MARGUERITE OSWALD, she got the impression from Mrs. OSWALD that her son who was in Russia was working for the U. S. Government in Russia. She could not recall any definite statements that Mrs. OSWALD made about the nature of the work of her son in Russia.

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Mrs. RUTH PAINE, 2515 West 5th Street, advised that LONNIE HUDKINS of the Houston Post Newspaper, in his contact with her on Saturday, December 28, 1963, had stated that the FBI was foolish to deny that Agent JOSEPH HOSTI (reference to SA JAMES P. HOSTY, JR.) had tried to develop LEE HARVEY OSWALD as an informant. Mrs. PAINE stated she made no comment one way or the other to HUDKINS regarding this remark.

Mrs. PAINE stated that she knew that SA HOSTY had not interviewed LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

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 by Special Agents BARDWELL D. ODUM & JAMES P. HOSTY, JR. Date dictated 1/6/64