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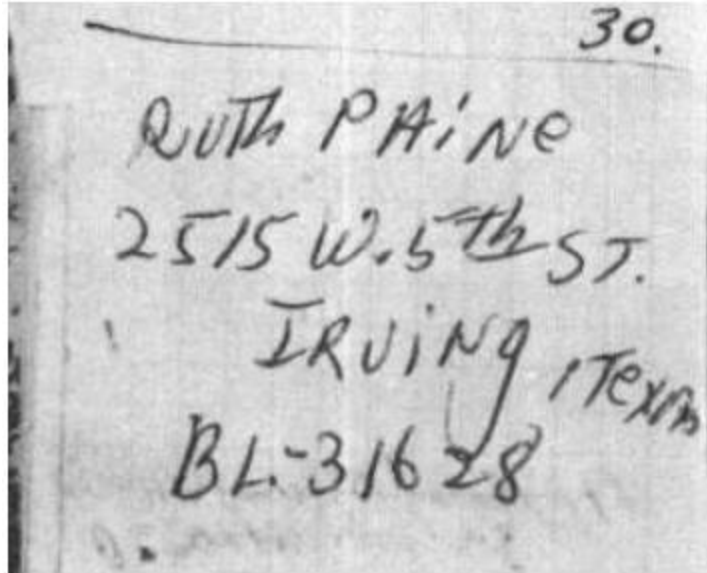
## RUTH AND MICHAEL PAINE'S CIA CONNECTIONS



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It was no accident that Ruth Paine found OSWALD a job that overlooked the parade route. She did so at the request of a family member.

#### QUAKER

Ruth Paine was born Ruth Hyde in New York City on September 3, 1932. When Ruth Paine was 15 years old, she preached with a traveling Bible school. Ruth Paine told the Warren Commission: "I was asked to be a leader, a teacher with a traveling Bible school. We went to three different small towns in Indiana and Ohio, and taught young children. I led songs and games and read stories." Ruth Paine became a Quaker while attending Antioch College in 1951 and was a delegate to two conferences of the Friends World Committee in England in 1952. She graduated from Antioch College in 1955. In 1993 Ruth Paine described herself as a financial contributor to the Friends World Committee.

#### RUSSIA/UNITED STATES EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

According to the Warren Report:

In 1955 Mrs. Paine was active in the work of the North American Young Friends Committee, which, with State Department cooperation, was making an effort to lessen the tensions between Soviet Russia and the United States by means of...exchanges of young Russians and Americans. It was during this period that Mrs. Paine became interested in the Russian language. Mrs. Paine participated in [and arranged] a Russian-American student exchange program...Ruth Paine was the "convener or clerk" of the East-West Contacts Group of the North American Young Friends Committee which was established in 1955. She

has corresponded, until recently, with a Russian schoolteacher. [WR p285]

Ruth Paine told the Warren Commission:

Paine: It was at this conference, toward the later part, arising out of a discussion of the need for communication and more of it between the United States and the Soviet Union, by no means the bulk of business of this conference, but a small committee of interested people, was working on this matter.

Jenner: Are these interested young people?

Paine: These are all young Friends.

Jenner: And you were then of what age, 1955. Twenty-three?

Paine: Yes...This was at the time that plans first began for encouraging an exchange of young people between the Soviet Union and the United States, and I became active with the committee planning that, and from the planning there was an exchange, three Soviet young people came to this country and four young Quakers went to the Soviet Union...

The Committee worked on: "Organization of pen pal correspondence between American and Soviet young people." In 1958 Ruth Paine was involved in a Russian/American exchange program on a leadership level. [*Friends Journal* 4.26.58]

Another Quaker group, the American Friends Service Committee, sent a delegation to the Soviet Union in 1955. The American Friends Service Committee was very much on the Left. The Friends World Committee soon sent a delegation to the Soviet Union. The CIA had an interest in "cultural exchange programs." CIA DD/P Richard Bissell stated: "Exchange of person programs...are more effective if carried out by private auspices than if officially supported by the United States Government." [Marchetti *Cult of Intell.* p52] The SSCIA reported that from 1964 to 1974 "the FBI identified over 100 intelligence officers among the approximately 400 Soviet students who attended universities as part of an East-West student exchange program. Also, in this program's 14-year history, more than 100 American students were the target of Soviet recruitment approaches in the USSR." [SSCIA For. & Mil. Intell. V1 p164] What was the story behind the Friends World Committee?

Ruth Paine answered negatively when she was asked if she had been aware of any intelligence community interest in student exchange programs. She stated: "The Soviets that came over were real party-line types, very doctrinaire." Ruth Paine was asked to name the State Department official who was involved with her program. She responded, "I haven't a clue, but you know they were working on cultural exchange at that point. Trying to make a crack in the Iron Curtain." Michael Paine stated, "I remember reading

about that kind of thing in *The Times* and finding it so frustrating that a genuine effort to try to get person-to-person contact was being subverted by the government there."

#### MANY DOCUMENTS STILL WITHHELD

Neither CIA Headquarters, nor the CIA's Office of Security traces on Ruth Paine have been released as of 1996, and she was mentioned only tangentially in the HSCA Report - "They never even called me. Someone called - to be sure where I was - if they wanted to call me." Despite much correspondence with the USSR, Ruth Paine did not show up on HT LINGUAL indices before 1966. (That year an American sent a letter to her from Moscow.) Withheld documents on the Paines included USSS 179-10001-10034, 10036; FBI NARA 179-10001-10091, 10094, 10101, FBI 179-10002-10084, 10244, 10251; HSCA 180-10116-10150; HSCA 180-10112-10450.

#### WILLIAM AVERY HYDE AND ANGLETON

The father of Ruth Paine, William Hyde, had contact with the CIA and the CIA's Office of Security had traces on him: "Files of the Office of Security reflect that Ruth Paine is the daughter of William Avery Hyde, OS C-157,435, (deleted)." William Avery Hyde [CIA SSD-157,435] was an anti-Communist who supported Socialist Party candidate Norman Thomas. Norman Thomas received millions of dollars in CIA subsidies because of his anti-Communist views. William Avery Hyde related: "Our introduction [to the Communists] came at the 1929 annual meeting of the Eastern Cooperative League. There were a number of Communist delegates to the convention. When they found out they did not have enough votes to control the meeting, they set out to obstruct it, and succeeding in preventing it from doing any business worth mentioning. Mother and I entered the meeting knowing very little about Communists, and left as their enemies, which we have been ever since 1948. From 1930 to 1942 I worked for, and with, various New York metropolitan area consumer cooperatives. They were subject to attempts at communist infiltration almost continuously. Both Mrs. Hyde and I took our part in trying to block this. From 1939 to 1941 I was the District Sales Manager of Greater New York for the Farm Bureau Insurance Companies of Ohio (now Nationwide). No one could get an agent's contract from the companies in my district except through me. Apparently the Comrades were anxious to infiltrate the outfit because a continuous stream applied for contracts. The fact that we had no specifically Communist type trouble from any agent I appointed leads me to think that my screening was successful. In our first few years in Columbus we met a few people we suspected of Communist leanings, but we have not been aware of such since the end to the Wallace campaign."

A report by Bruce Solie of the CIA generated on December 5, 1963, stated:

Files  
Chief, Research Branch/OS/SRS  
PAINE, RUTH  
nee: HYDE

aka: Mrs. Ruth Paine

1. FBI S.A. Cregar on December 4, 1963, confirmed that the Subject is the daughter of William Avery Hyde, SSD-157435. Cregar was furnished a copy of two 1957 investigative reports on William Avery Hyde, for lead purposes only, and was informed that Hyde was under consideration for a covert use by this Agency in Vietnam in 1957, but was not used. This information had previously been obtained from [03] CI/SIG.

2. Subject is the individual who is taking care of the widow of LEE HARVEY OSWALD and has apparently been quite well known to the widow of LEE HARVEY OSWALD for an undetermined period of time. The possibility that William Avery Hyde was the father of Ruth Paine was previously brought to the attention of Mr. Papich through Mr. O'Neal, CI/SIG. The Security File of William Hyde contains a copy of a 1956 FBI investigative report (Security of Government Employees) on Sylvia Ludlow Hyde aka Mrs. John Hoke who is the sister of Ruth Paine. The file of William Hyde also contains a 1956 OSI report on Sylvia Hoke.

3. In addition to the above, it was previously known that William Avery Hyde and wife Carol Hyde were associates in the late 1920's and later of Talbot Bielefeldt, #29931, who is currently employed by this agency in FDD. A certain amount of information concerning William Hyde, Carol Hyde, and other associates of Hyde and Bielefeldt during the latter 1920's was furnished by Talbot Bielefeldt during interviews several years ago. At that time the Bielefeldt case was under extensive investigation. Bruce Solie.

On April 8, 1964 the Office of Security reviewed the Ruth Paine entry in OSWALD's address book:

Files reflect that Ruth Paine is the daughter of William Avery Hyde, OS C-157435, who was being considered for covert use in 1957 by IO Division; however Hyde did not receive a security clearance for the proposed utilization. Files contain no pertinent information regarding Ruth Paine of her husband, and further reflect that the FBI is aware of the relationship of Paine and Hyde. [CIA 646-277]

On April 30, 1964, Birch O'Neal generated the following document:

MEMORANDUM FOR FILE (CI/OA File 59751)

SUBJECT: Mrs. Ruth Paine nee Hyde

Shortly after the assassination of President Kennedy the press carried information concerning a Mrs. Ruth Paine who had befriended the

OSWALD family. Mr. Bruce Solie, of the Office of Security, called to my attention that the Office of Security has information of possible interest concerning William A. Hyde, who had three children; namely Ruth Hyde, Sylvia Hyde Hoke and Carl Hyde. Mrs. Ruth Paine was known to have had the name Hyde prior to her marriage.

On November 29, 1963, I advised Sam Papich to contact Mr. Solie of the Office of Security for information of possible interest in connection with Mrs. Ruth Paine. I indicated to Mr. Papich that the Office of Security information was of possible security significance and consideration and I was subsequently informed that the Bureau had been in touch with Mr. Solie for its information. Birch D. O'Neal Chief, CI/SIG.

[NARA CIA 1993.07.08.09.:07:31:900520]

On March 1, 1964, FBI S.A. Charles M. Beall, Jr., ascertained at CIA that its security and foreign indices did not contain any references identifiable with Michael Ralph Paine. CIA advised its only reference to Ruth Avery Hyde, nee Hyde, was set out in CIA Report prepared in 1957 on William Avery Hyde, father of Ruth. This CIA material was furnished the Bureau via Liaison on December 4, 1963, with request the CIA material not be inserted in the Bureau reports. Dallas is cognizant." [FBI 105-1717-225 - Hosty's name on the "Searched, Indexed, Serialized and Filed April 19, 1964, FBI - Dallas" stamp on this document.] HEMMING told this researcher: "He was covering his ass."

The FBI reported:

On December 4, 1963, CIA made available information to the Bureau Liaison that in 1957 CIA considered using this individual to operate a cooperative educational center in Vietnam but he was not used by the CIA. Investigation by CIA at that time concerning William Avery Hyde was favorable.

Ruth Paine commented: "The information about the CIA considering my father for Vietnam was a surprise. I doubt if he would have accepted such an invitation, if it was offered. He certainly didn't go. He went to Peru. He was working with the Agency for International Development. He helped to develop rural credit unions for the compasinos so that they could save enough money to make loans to themselves, instead of always paying the huge bank rates. He loved it. I know that USAID asked my father to appraise a situation in Georgetown, Guiana. He recommended against starting a project there, as he thought the local officials corrupt." In 1964 Ruth Paine informed the Warren Commission:

Paine: My father is working for Nationwide Insurance Company. He has been on special assignment from them to - I am not certain of the name of the organization - to cooperative alliance in Europe.

Jenner: That is a cooperative alliance of insurance companies?

Paine: Having to do with insurance; yes.

Jenner: Insurance companies?

Paine: Yes; that is my understanding.

Jenner: This is a commercial activity, isn't it?

Paine: Yes; I believe so. And -

Jenner: The cooperative alliance in Europe, does that include any Iron Curtain countries?

Paine: No. He is presently teaching a course at Ohio State University and he is on loan for that portion of time which he occupies with teaching from his regular job at Nationwide, although he is at the company most of the time.

Michael Paine was told about William Avery Hyde and ANGLETON. Michael Paine: "I thought he was an insurance salesman. He would never have any connection to the CIA. This is getting ridiculous. Out of hand." Michael Paine, who was usually talkative, said: "There's a good movie on T.V. and I want to watch it now, so goodbye." He later refused further comment upon receipt of the documents.

Ruth Paine grew up in the Democratic Socialist, anti-communist tradition of Norman Thomas. Democratic socialists were willing to work with the CIA to defeat the Communists, who they viewed as a totalitarian perversion of socialism. William Avery Hyde was not the only socialist-type CI was willing to collaborate with; it also worked with David Dubinsky of the Garment Worker Union. [Scott - *Deep Politics* p374]

#### CAROL E. HYDE

According to Herbert Philbrick, the mother of Ruth Hyde Paine, a Unitarian Minister, Mrs. Carol E. Hyde, was a radical: "Ruth Paine's mother, Mrs. Carol E. Hyde, was active in the Woman's International League for Peace and Freedom, one of the very first fronts I came to know through the Cambridge Youth Council." (If this was correct, why did the CIA consider her husband for employment)? The FBI stated that Carol E. Hyde was insane, and had been institutionalized for mental illness. J. Lee Rankin of the Warren Commission was informed that these reports were Secret. The FBI also discovered that Carol E. Hyde had allegedly admitted to neighbors that she was a communist.

## RUTH PAINE AND COMMUNISM

During the Warren Commission hearings Ruth Paine was asked:

Jenner: Do you now or have you ever had leanings which we might call Communist Party leanings?

Paine: No, on the contrary.

Jenner: Are you now or have you ever been a member of any groups which you consciously recognize as being, let us say, a Communist front group?

Paine: No; I have not and I would be quite certain I had not been unconsciously a member of any such groups.

Jenner: I take it from your response that you have an aversion to communism?

Paine: Yes; I do...I am offended by the portion of the communist doctrine that thinks violence is necessary to achieve its aims. I am likewise offended by the doctrine that any means to what is considered a good end is legitimate. I, on the contrary, feel that there is no justification at any time for deception, and the Communists, as I have observed their activity, have no reluctance to deceive, and this offends me seriously...

Paine: As I have already testified, I dislike deception in any form. I might go on to say that I think the people of Russia on the whole have very little choice about their leaders at elections.

Jenner: It is the antithesis of democracy?

Paine: Yes it is certainly a dictatorship.

Jenner: And that is abhorrent to you?

Paine: Yes it is.

Jenner: I take it, far from having any sympathy or admiration for communism or what we call the Russian system or philosophy, you have an aversion?

Paine: I have an aversion.

Jenner: Have you ever studied Karl Marx?



Paine: No; not in the sense of studied. I think one history course in college included a few readings from Karl Marx.

Jenner: I think I have asked you this, but I want to make sure it is in the record. You are a pacifist?

Paine: I consider myself such. I don't like to consider myself as adhering to any particular doctrine. I believe in appraising a situation and determining my own action in terms of that particular situation, and not making a rigid or blanket philosophy dictate my behavior.

Jenner: But you are opposed to violence?

Paine: I am...I consider violence to be always harmful to the values I believe in, and just reserve the right to, as I have said, appraise each situation in the light of that initial belief.

As stated Ruth Paine came from a democratic socialist, anti-Communist tradition and was a genuine anti-Communist. The only reason she let a "Communist" like OSWALD live with her was because someone in her immediate family had told her that OSWALD was "alright." Ruth Paine was a Quaker but not a pacifist. She commented, "Pacifist is a label I object to. I would tend to look first and much harder for non-violent solutions than most people. I am not a Desert Storm enthusiast."

#### SYLVIA HYDE'S CIA SECURITY FILE

The sister of Ruth Paine, Sylvia Ludlow Hyde Hoke (born October 2, 1929), worked at the Labor Department from 1949 to 1953. She started working at the CIA in 1954. Her cover was Personnel Research Technician, Placement and Employee Relations Division, Director of Civilian Personnel, Headquarters, Department of the Air Force, Washington, D.C. Marina Oswald told this researcher in 1994: "Ruth Paine never mentioned her sister was in the CIA." The Sylvia Hyde Security File 348 201 was held by the Office of Security, Security Analysis Group. On June 15, 1955, this CIA Official Routing Slip from Bruce Solie was sent to illegible whose initials were "wmw"- "Remarks: Please have file set up on Sylvia Hyde Hoke nee Hyde MS 8201."

#### TALBOT BIELEFELDT

On December 21, 1955, this document was generated:

To: Mr. Bruce Solie, 2046 I Bldg.

From: Talbot Bielefeldt, 2401 Y Bldg. (Ext 2150)

Subject: ORR, Paul and Violet and others.

1. William A. Hyde was in Washington this last weekend, visiting his daughter and son-in-law, Sylvia and John Hoke, 763 Kennedy N.E. The latter invited (Deleted) and me over to meet him on Saturday night December 17, 1955, since we were friends at Stanford. (Deleted) Memo Dated December 21, 1955. Sanitized version appears above. Deleted Sections contain references to the Hokes, only 3rd party personal info.

In 1965 Talbot Bielefeldt, Chief USSR Branch, Foreign Documents Division, CIA, 1200 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia, was questioned by Naval Intelligence about Hoke. He gave the Navy favorable references and stated that "the sister of the Subject's wife was the one who rented an apartment to LEE HARVEY OSWALD and wife in Texas."

On March 21, 1956, the Department of the Air Force issued Sylvia Hoke a Final Secret Clearance which remained in effect until May 31, 1957, six months after the investigation by OSI, at which time Sylvia Hyde resigned her cover employment with the U.S. Air Force to accompany her husband overseas to Germany. As of 1965 the above clearance was still in effect. Sylvia Hyde Hoke was granted a Top Secret Clearance from the Agency for International Development on April 17, 1956. On September 20, 1956, and on September 21, 1956, the CIA noted that Sylvia Hyde Hoke's name appeared in FBI Reports about her father, William A. Hyde. Another document stated: "For additional Information regarding Sylvia Ludlow Hyde Hoke Refer to:

1. OSI (U.S.A.F.) Rpt. dated December 14, 1956, (#33-3439) Title: Sylvia Ludlow Hyde Hoke.

2. FBI Rpts covering period September 17, 1956, to February 6, 1957, (FD-204; May 7, 1954). Title: Sylvia Ludlow Hyde Hoke.

#### DOROTHY H. WILSON

In February 1957 Sylvia Hyde Hoke was the Subject of an FBI investigation, when her mother-in-law called her husband from a telephone monitored by the FBI. Mrs. Helen Hoke had called her son from the office of Dorothy H. Wilson:

Dorothy Wilson, according to the informant, also advised (Deleted) that Helen Hoke has a son, John Lindsay Hoke, who works for "AAA" in Washington, D.C. and whose wife works in 'Navy Intelligence.' Wilson continued with the information that John Hoke's wife was being upgraded from a semi-secret position, to a top secret position, and the authorities had informed her that she could not have this top secret position because of Helen Hoke's association with Wilson. Too, Wilson advised (Deleted) John Hoke's wife was told that it did not appear that she would get the top secret position if she could not be cleared, they did not believe she was fit

to hold her present position. Wilson said John Hoke's wife was faced with dismissal, which could have been frightful, except that she was expecting a child and was leaving in February anyway. [WCD 508 p1]

The FBI reported that

New York T-2 (SF 613-S\* Telsur on CP Headquarters San Francisco), who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in February 1943, Dorothy Wilson was a member of the North Beach Branch of the Communist Party in California and attended her first party meeting during that month. In 1943, Dorothy H. Wilson's name turned up as Communist Party member during a FBI trash cover. In 1946 Sylvia Hoke gave the name of Gerritt E. Fielstra as the person to contact in case of emergency when she worked for *Time Magazine*. Fielstra was a Communist sympathizer and union organizer. [FBI 105-1716-16]

The United States Civil Service Bureau advised the FBI by letter dated June 27, 1957, that Sylvia Hoke had resigned prior to a determination being made in her loyalty case. [FBI 105-82555 NR 199 4.3.64] On August 13, 1958, a Card For Action Report contained a cross reference between Sylvia Hoke and "CF #29931 (Talbot Bielefeldt) rep. December 21, 1955, p.1. Sylvia Hoke's CIA Security File contained "Two sealed envelopes" were withheld as of 2010 as was "Information regarding father / 3rd Party / 3rd Agency Information Contained memo dated June 11, 1959, (3rd Agencies - OSI, U.S.A.F. + FBI)." [NARA CIA 1993.07.25.08:39:37:560310]

Sylvia Hyde Hoke's clearance with the Agency for International Development was revalidated on January 17, 1962. On November 11, 1963, Bruce Solie asked Mrs. M.D. Stevens of the Office of Security to do a search on Sylvia Hoke and Carl Hyde. There were overt and covert traces on Sylvia Hyde and covert traces on Carl Hyde. The files on Sylvia Hoke and Carl Hyde included "\*157435 Type Covert \*Hyde, William A. FBI report September 20, 1956, p 2. FBI Report September 24, 1956, p2, MS-8201 Overt and \*157435 Covert Hyde, William A. FBI Report September 21, 1956 p1. FBI Report September 20, 1956, p1. Ethel Mendoza SRS."

On September 22, 1963, the CIA reported its files contained "No Pertinent Identifiable Information on Subject." In 1965 Sylvia Hyde Hoke worked for the Department of Health, Education and Welfare in a non-sensitive position. On May 9, 1967, Mrs. E. Mendoza of OS/SRS wrote: "Files of the Office of Security contain numerous references to Subject who is daughter of William a. Hyde, G-157435. (Sister to Sylvia is Ruth Paine, known to have been a close associate of LEE HARVEY OSWALD and Marina Oswald).

Hoke's mother-in-law is Helen Hoke Watts, who is a partner in a New York publishing firm with Dorothy Wilson, aka Dorothy Wilson Seligson, aka Mrs. Lou Seligson, who has been identified as a member of the Communist Party. Wilson is known to have been in contact with Isadore

Gibby Needleman concerning financial payments received by her from Bernard Geis (1962 to 1963).

Gibby Needleman was an attorney who represented the Amtorg Trading Corporation, the registered Russian Trade Agency in the United States.

SYLVIA HOKE IS IDENTIFIED AS CIA EMPLOYEE

June 30, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: HOKE, SYLVIA H.

FILE # 348 201

1. Subject, under name of Sylvia Hoke with an address of 523 Monticello Drive, Falls Church, Virginia, was identified as a CIA employee in the 1961 issue of the *Falls Church Virginia Directory*.

2. Since it is known that opposition intelligence services have in the past checked similar publications, it should be presumed that the indicated employment of Subject by the CIA is known to other intelligence organizations. The basic memorandum on which paragraph one is based is available in Volume III of Exposure of CIA Personnel, OS #601 818. This memorandum contains no additional information concerning SAC and further review of file # 601 818 can normally be considered unnecessary. Bruce Solie, Deputy Chief, SRS.

*Hill's 1961 Falls Church, Virginia, City Directory* contained the listing:

Hoke John (Sylvia) emp US Govt h523 Monticello Drive, (Fax Co)

Hoke Sylvia, Mrs. emp CIA r h523 Monticello Drive, (Fax Co).

[CIA 646-277; FBI 105-82555 NR 12.17.63 Sullivan/Branigan; WCD 508p1; 10WH167; WCD 75 p78; WCE1983 p7; FBI 60-109060-1784; ONI Report NCISC-32/dwc 9.13.65; CIA OS SF #348 201 Bruce Solie C/SAG 7.18.78]

Sylvia Hyde Hoke was contacted on November 22, 1993. She was asked if she had ever worked for the CIA: "No, I'm not going to answer any questions. I refuse to give interviews." Ruth Paine was asked about her sister: "I would doubt it seriously. When I asked her if she worked for the government she said she did statistical work for the Air Force. It's very unlikely and something I never heard from her. It's unknown to me." Michael Paine was told about Sylvia Hyde Hoke's connection to the CIA. Michael Paine: "I don't believe it. It is not true. I don't remember what her occupation was. I had no idea this was the case. Ask Ruth, what does she say? If it was true, it had no bearing on the Kennedy assassination." [Hoke, Sylvia Hyde 5421 Waneta Road Bethesda MD 20816 telephone 301-229-5998]

JOHN LINDSEY HOKE  
THE AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Ruth Paine's brother-in-law, John Lindsey Hoke, (born June 26, 1925, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania), worked for the American Automobile Association from 1951 to 1957. He accepted an appointment with the International Cooperation Administration (the predecessor of the Agency for International Development) on February 4, 1956, as a "audio visual consultant (regional) to be assigned to the U.S. Operations Mission (USOM), Panama City, Panama." John Lindsey Hoke told the Deputy Director of Communications of the International Cooperation Administration, Gale Griswold, that, "while assigned in Latin America he had been requested, and did, intelligence type work for the American Embassy." Gale Griswold did not know for whom John Lindsey Hoke worked, or what his job was.

On June 24, 1957, John Lindsey Hoke was transferred to Paramaribo, Surinam, where he worked with the International Cooperation Administration's Office of Program Support, Communications Research Division. One of his family members could not adapt to the field and Hoke returned to Washington, D.C. where he worked with the Agency for International Development in the Office of Program Support, Communications Research Division. Ruth Paine stated, "You want to know why he left - his wife couldn't stand Surinam." A notation in Hoke's Naval Intelligence File was "Mrs. Van Sast, CIA, on September 25, 1962, called and wanted to know Hoke's TS clearance and basis." On June 30, 1963, Hoke terminated his employment with AID, no reason given. In 1962, "DIO-NDW Confidential Informant (P-1) advised that Subject was approved as eligible for Top Secret Clearance during the years of 1962 to 1963 by a Government Agency who conducts security investigations [CIA]." On August 21, 1962, the CIA granted an Approval for Liaison with John Lindsey Hoke:

TO: Chief, Employee Activity Branch PSD/OS

THROUGH: Chief, Security Officer, OC

The following is hereby requested to be effective on a continuing basis:

CIA Employees: NAME (Deleted) and other such member of the Engineering Staff designated by him. Ext. 2952 Office OC-E

Non-CIA Employee: John L. Hoke. Organization AID, Communications Resource Specialist State Annex #1, Washington, D.C. On September 28, 1962, Subject's Security Officer advised that SAC was cleared for access to classified information up to and including TOP SECRET April 19, 1954, per (Deleted) x 113-3005] Classification of matter to be discussed: SECRET, Chief Engineering Staff, OC Ext. 2952 (Deleted) Authorized Signature.

## CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATION

Agency For International Development personnel and security records reflected that Congressman Porter Hardy, Chairman, Subcommittee on Government Operations, held hearings on John Lindsey Hoke on August 13, 1962, that produced evidence that Hoke seemed to be serving two masters, in connection with a solar-powered boat project between AID and Hoffman Electronics Corporation of California under circumstances which Congressman Hardy described as "collusion." Hoffman's president denied company profit on the contract. Hoffman "denied banality and explained false limousine fares covered purchases." A newspaper clipping, undated, *Washington Daily News*, stamped September 25, 1962, reflects results of a committee hearing, that caption read "Aid Official Has Wings Clipped." This article charged that Hoke was the promoter of a project to finance a solar powered boat for use in Surinam while at the same time he was planning to "make personal profit from the venture." On November 9, 1962, Assistant United States Attorney, Fredrick G. Smith declined prosecution in the case on the grounds that violation of Federal laws by Hoke were merely a technical nature. Hoke was embittered over the way this Congressional investigation was handled.

On June 20, 1963, the Hokes received a telephone call from the Paines to congratulate their son on his 10th birthday. On June 30, 1963, John Lindsey Hoke left the Agency for International Development. No reason was given.

On August 22, 1963, the CIA again granted an Approval for Liaison with John Lindsey Hoke on a continuing basis. This document was identical to the first Request for Approval of Liaison except that a block stamp on it was signed by Howard Osborne and the notation "EAB card reflects on September 28, 1962, Subject's Security Officer advised that SAC was cleared for access to classified information up to and including Top Secret." Ruth Paine visited the Hokes in August 1963. In August 1963 Ruth Paine was in Washington D.C. to attend a mass civil rights march. [WCE 1983 page 7] Ruth Paine described her trip in a letter to Marina: "Tomorrow we and the children will go to Baltimore, Maryland, where Michael's brother and wife live. We will spend one day there and then we will go back further to Washington, where we will stay with sister until Thursday. Then back to Paoli again, where we will wait for my father. He will be here with us for two days. I expect to be in Paoli until September 10, 1963, and then to go to Ohio and Indiana, where our relatives and friends live, and to arrive in New Orleans on the 20th..." [WCE 78 p253] When Hoke's Request for Liaison Approval was renewed on August 13, 1964, it was identical to the others except for a block stamp that read "On August 20, 1964, Subject's Security Officer advised that Subject was cleared for access to classified information up to and including Top Secret TERMINATED June 30, 1963. Return, no action."

## ATLANTIC RESEARCH

In July 1965 John Lindsey Hoke was the subject of a security investigation by U.S. Naval Intelligence because of his connection to Ruth Paine combined with his employment by Atlantic Research. Atlantic Research was founded in 1949 and is an

Alexandria-based, high-technology firm, which is engaged in the production of rockets, gas generators and chemical research techniques, design and development of command and control systems for space and air defense, data processing, computer facilities management, computer based research and analysis and the development of defense software. Atlantic Research was involved in launching unmanned satellites in 1956. Hoke was granted a company confidential clearance. [NYT 9.25.56] Everyone who was interviewed by Naval Intelligence recommended him "for a position of trust with the U.S. Government."

#### TELEPHONE INTERVIEW

John Lindsey Hoke was contacted in November 1993. He asked: "What is the purpose of your book? If this is another one of these books that's doing an exposé on plots and so forth and so on, I'm simply not interested in getting mixed-up in it." It was explained to John Lindsey Hoke that his wife's close connection to the CIA had been exposed. "She worked for the CIA, no (laughs). Well, let me ask her and find out. Honey, did you work for CIA? I don't know what you got, or where you got it. I don't particularly want to get into it. I don't need a copy. I don't know where all this crap is coming up from. I'm sure I'm in it too." John Lindsey Hoke was read the document that stated he was doing intelligence work: "Me? I really don't want to discuss it anymore. Thanks for calling."

#### CARL HYDE

On December 12, 1963, the FBI reported:

Ruth Paine's brother, Dr. Carl D. Hyde, was investigated by the Bureau in 1953 as a Conscientious Objector (CO), basing his objections on religious convictions. No subversive information was developed during investigation and persons interviewed expressed belief he was sincere in claiming status as CO [new paragraph] (deleted) CIA (deleted). CIA confidentially advised (deleted). On December 6, 1963, CIA furnished (deleted)...Separate investigations have been initiated in the view of the Paine's association with LEE HARVEY OSWALD and the subversive background of Michael Paine's parents (deleted) 3rd Agency. [FBI 105-126129-NR 12.16.63]

Ruth Paine came from a family well-known to the intelligence community. She was not the run off the mill housewife she pretended to be. Ruth Paine was asked that if her father, sister and brother-in-law worked for the CIA, what about her? She said this was "guilt by association."

#### RUTH PAINE MEETS OSWALD

Ruth Paine claimed her first meeting with OSWALD happened purely by chance. Michael Paine said he met Everette Glover at the Unitarian Church. Everette Glover asked him if I wanted to meet a Marine who had defected, then redefected, from the

Soviet Union. Michael Paine: "I thought, 'Oh boy, that sounds interesting.' It never struck me too odd that he should be allowed to come home. To be allowed back would be a feather in the cap of the United States. So I didn't have trouble. Without asking him, I assumed that was why he was so readily allowed back. I expected to find him politically interesting. And I didn't find him that way. He was very different from the kinds of people who had come to talk to my father. He didn't like complexities."

Michael Paine did not attend Everette Glover's party, but Ruth Paine did. In July 1993 Ruth Paine stated: "This whole thing is still very painful. Kennedy was the first President I ever voted for who won. I had no association with the Dallas White Russian community. I did not know DeMohrenschildt. The party was put on by Everette Glover. I sang English Madrigals with Everette. That was the only time I met DeMohrenschildt. A colorful fellow, though."

It was pointed out to Ruth Paine that the HSCA linked her father to George DeMohrenschildt. Ruth Paine: "Well it might be, you know, things happen."

On February 22, 1963, Ruth Paine met Marina Oswald and LEE HARVEY OSWALD. Ruth Paine said she discussed censorship in the Soviet Union: "He referred to a letter sent to him by Robert Oswald that he later learned, after he had come back to the United States, had been sent. He had not received it. He judged that they had simply stopped it, and he commented that they are more apt to just take a letter than to take out a piece of it and then send it on, and that censorship is more obvious." Ruth Paine said he told her how he attempted to give up his United States citizenship when he was in Russia. Ruth Paine was asked:

Jenner: When was your next contact with either LEE OSWALD or Marina Oswald?

Paine: I wrote a letter, a note to Marina at the address I had been given, and I got a note back saying, 'We have moved. This is the new address. Come in perhaps a week.' From that time. She wanted to get the house cleaned up before I came...I drove to her home. There would be no way for her to come.

Jenner: You just waited a few days, guessed how long it would take her to have her home in order, and you visited her. Am I correct in my summary?

Paine: She suggested Tuesday, as I recall in her letter, but what Tuesday I don't know. If it was written on the Tuesday March 8, 1963, that would be Tuesday March 12, 1963. There is no notation on my calendar.

#### RUTH PAINE TAKES THE INITIATIVE

Ruth Paine visited Marina Oswald on March 20, 1963. On April 2, 1963, she invited LEE and Marina to her home for dinner. Michael Paine picked them up and drove them to



Irving, then joined them for supper. On April 7, 1963, Paine invited Marina to move in with her. On April 10, 1963, Marina and Paine got together and on April 20, 1963, OSWALD went on a picnic with Ruth and Marina. A visit was arranged for April 24, 1963. When Ruth Paine arrived on April 24, 1963, OSWALD was about to depart for New Orleans. Paine offered to drive OSWALD to the bus station. She said his trip came as a complete surprise. Ruth Paine and OSWALD drove to the bus station, cashed in a ticket OSWALD had purchased for Marina, (since Ruth Paine had offered to drive Marina to New Orleans), then they returned to OSWALD'S apartment and moved some belongings to Irving. They then returned to the bus station and OSWALD left for New Orleans.

Ruth Paine launched an aggressive campaign to insert herself in OSWALD'S life. She called on Marina, and not visa versa. She acted hastily in exposing her children to strangers. Someone had instructed her to do this.

#### RUTH PAINE'S "NEWSPAPER AD"

On January 9, 1964, the FBI questioned members of the East-West Contacts Group about Ruth Paine. Wilmer Joseph Stratton told the FBI

It is his understanding that either Ruth Hyde Paine and Mrs. Marina Oswald placed an ad in one of the Dallas, Texas, newspapers expressing a desire to establish contact with some person who could exchange conversation in Russian language. He said he did not recall Ruth's statements concerning this fact but is of the opinion that Ruth Paine took the initiative in placing the newspaper ad. He related it was through the newspaper ad at Ruth Paine met OSWALD.

Another Quaker, Paul Alvin Lacey, told the FBI:

He recalled Ruth Paine had mentioned that either she had placed an ad in the Dallas newspaper for contact with some person who spoke Russian, or that Mrs. Oswald had placed the ad, seeking some one who would teach her to speak English. He stated, on reflection on the conversation, he is of the opinion that Mrs. Paine placed this and in this way, Mrs. Paine established her original contact with Mrs. Oswald. He related that he did not know when Mrs. Paine first made contact with Mrs. Oswald but assumed that it would have been during winter of 1962 or spring of 1963 and prior to that time Ruth returned East for the summer to visit with relatives. He stated that Ruth had commented on the fact that Mrs. Oswald was unhappily married and that her husband was an emotionally upset person, and she expressed concern as to the possible reception she would receive in making contact with Mrs. Oswald and was uncertain as to the reaction of LEE HARVEY OSWALD with regard to returning Mrs. Oswald to Dallas, Texas." [FBI interview with Stratton, Lacy IP 105-3441 Pettijohn / McDonald-1.15.64]

Ruth Paine commented: "You are way off here. I have no idea of what you are talking about. You know how I established my relationship with Marina." She was told that the FBI was merely passing on reports from several reputable Quaker leaders. Ruth Paine interjected, "You believe everything the FBI says, huh?" I told her I did not. She continued, "Now we can talk."

Ruth Paine was upset because she was caught lying. Why did Ruth Paine lie about the circumstances of the origin of her relationship with OSWALD before the assassination? Why didn't she say that she met OSWALD at a party through a mutual friend? How did she really meet OSWALD?

### MARINA OSWALD MOVES IN WITH RUTH PAINE

Ruth Paine knew the OSWALDS for about two months before she allowed Marina Oswald and her daughter to move in with her on a full-time basis and LEE on a part-time basis. Ruth Paine stated, "I visited with them in Dallas and discovered that LEE was all packed-up ready to go to New Orleans to look for work. This is late April, or early May 1963. He had tickets for Marina Oswald to get on a bus and follow him as soon as he found work. They did not have a phone. She was pregnant. I suggested she stay with me for ten days so OSWALD could call her." A few months later, she allowed OSWALD to live with her on weekends. The Warren Commission:

Sen. Cooper: What made you willing to have this man, you have said, this very curious man, from all you have described about him, to have him in your house?

Paine: He was Marina's husband and I, like her, as I have described, was both lonely and interested in learning the Russian language. I would have been happy had he never come out, indeed happier had he not come out on the weekends. But they were not separated as a married couple nor contemplating such separation, and I didn't feel that this - it was appropriate for him to have to stay away. I did not ask that.

Ruth Paine was already teaching Russian when she met Marina Oswald. She testified: "I presume to teach Russian, not because I am fluent, but because I think my pronunciation is particularly good for a non-native." Ruth Paine commented in 1994: "I had one student."

Why had Ruth Paine trusted OSWALD enough to live with her two children and herself on weekends? If she honestly thought OSWALD was a Communist, Ruth Paine would not have let him in her home. S.A. Hosty said Ruth Paine told him OSWALD was "a very illogical person and that he had told her that weekend that he was a 'Trotskyite Communist.'" Ruth Paine knew that OSWALD was connected to the CIA through someone in her family. Her family had strong ties to the intelligence community and may have been unwittingly used. What was not accounted for was that a sexual relationship developed between Ruth and Marina.

## ALLEGED LESBIANISM

Scott Malone reported that when Dallas Police searched the home of Ruth Paine after the assassination they found a commercial pornographic film depicting acts of lesbianism. Ruth Paine: "I certainly never saw them. I don't know what they thought they found." The police also found "Operating Manual for Sears Tower Automatic Projector No. 9885." [FBI 105-126128-Enc.] On page 17 of the description of items found in the Paine home items J and K are marked DELETED. [FBI 105-82555-5TH NR 2579] On November 26, 1963, S.A. WARREN C. DEBRUEYS informed SAC Gordon Shanklin: "Movie reels in possession of Dallas Pd on November 24, 1963, and November 25, 1963, as result of seizure by search warrant from the home of Ruth Paine, November 23, 1963...were reviewed and bore no pertinence to instant case." [FBI DL 89-43-616] The National Archives reported: "After an extensive search we cannot locate this film in the JFK collection." [Ltr. 1.5.96 from Martha Wagner Murphy NARA to AJW] The movie reels were probably returned to Ruth Paine. The FBI explored the possibility that Ruth Paine was a lesbian, however, it found no evidence and excised any indications of Bureau interest: "Stratton related that he had no reason to consider that Mrs. Paine was a sex pervert or in this way involved with either of the OSWALDS. Amended page inserted February 17, 1964." [FBI IP 105-3441 p13]

### HEDE MASSING, RUTH PAINE AND THE FIVE LETTERS



Hede Massing was a friend of Isaac Don Levine. A CIA document indicated that Massing had spoken with Isaac Levine and he had told her Paine "gave him five letters written by LEE OSWALD and that these letters are new evidence." [CIA 1283-1022] The FBI reported: "The existence of these letters allegedly has never been made known to any U.S. Government authorities." William Branigan stated "Bureau would like to have Ruth Paine immediately interviewed to determine whether or not she has been in contact with Isaac Don Levine and if she has been in contact with him, has she given him any letters or any documentary material concerning LEE HARVEY OSWALD. (Paragraph deleted.) Mrs. Paine allegedly has given Levine some documents not previously explained. Mr. William Branigan suggested we go one step further, and interview Marina to see if she has given him anything." [FBI-100-10461-4869 Dallas copies: Gemberling, Heitman, Odum and Hosty]

On March 31, 1964, SAC Gordon Shanklin, Dallas, advised that Mrs. Paine



...denied giving any letters to Isaac Don Levine. It will be noted, according to SAC Shanklin, that on March 6, 1964, Mrs. Paine was contacted concerning her effects as they might relate to the OSWALD investigation. At that time she advised she had six letters, four personal, written to her from Marina at New Orleans and two short notes written by Marina while Marina and LEE HARVEY were living at 214 West Neely, Dallas. She also had a note which she intended to deliver to Marina

but never did. All of these were in the Russian language. She stated that she had reviewed them and that they contained nothing of any significance regarding the investigation of LEE HARVEY OSWALD. One letter, written about June 5, 1963, at New Orleans, by Marina, indicates that LEE OSWALD wanted to send Marina back to Russia. She said she recalled sometime in the latter part of March 1963, Marina told her LEE wanted to send her back to Russia. She said the tone of conversation and the letter indicated to her that LEE did not intend to return to Russia himself. At that time she declined to make these letters available because they contained a great deal of personal talk regarding personal difficulties both in the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Paine and in the marriage of LEE HARVEY OSWALD and Marina Oswald. She stated that she did not desire the contents of these letters to be made public and if she furnishes them to the Commission, it will be with the understanding they are not to be made public. On March 21, 1964, when she was contacted, Mrs. Paine, Mrs. Paine advised that when she appeared before the President's Commission, she was required to turn the letters over to the Commission in whose possession they now remain. In addition, the letters were read into evidence as part of her testimony. [FBI Branigan to Sullivan 105-82555-29(?)84]

Some correspondence between Ruth Paine and Marina Oswald contained veiled references to lesbianism. One of them concerned a conversation with Dr. Froelick Rainey of the University of Pennsylvania's Music Department.

#### AN INNOCENT INTEREST IN THE RUSSIAN LANGUAGE

Ruth Paine alleged that the reason she associated with Marina Oswald was because she was merely interested in speaking Russian. She wrote Marina Oswald: "I confess that I think the opportunity for me to know you came from God...God asked me that I study a language..."

Michael Paine agreed that it was his wife's interest in the Russian language that brought her together with Marina Oswald:

Ruth would have been more effective in the East/West Exchange program had she spoke Russian. She went to Middlebury College one summer to learn it, and then, in Dallas, she was paying people from the Russian community to read Russian literature on to tape for her. That was fairly expensive and cumbersome. She mentioned, when we were in bed together, the possibility of inviting Marina to come live with us. And would there be a danger in that? And how would OSWALD respond to that? How would I feel about that? Well, I was fully in favor of it. I thought, he probably won't be hating us because we would be relieving his economic load. As for the cost to us, it was negligible. We had a free house, I mean

a free room there, and it was baby sitting and company for Ruth and a free in-house tutor.

Michael Paine was asked if his hospitality to OSWALD was totally innocent and not effected at the request of an intelligence agency: "Absolutely, not. It was a free way to get a Russian-speaking person in the house. A windfall."

HEMMING told this researcher:

I doubt if they found lesbian movies. Her watching movies? She's a religious freak. If she was involved in homosexual activities she could have been compromised. They wouldn't take the chance.

Ruth Paine was nine years older than Marina Oswald and had never conducted a similar living arrangement with a woman before. Evidence presented in later information nodules indicated that Marina Oswald was a sexually active individual. She could have engaged in homosexual activities with Ruth Paine. Ruth Paine looked very "butch" around this time and had separated from her husband, perhaps for sexual reasons. She never remarried. Ruth Paine maintained that everything she did was totally innocent, including her relationship with Marina. Another possibility was that the films belonged to Michael Paine and he had left them behind when he moved out of the dwelling.

#### MICHAEL PAINE: RUTH PAINE'S ESTRANGED HUSBAND



Although her husband lived nearby and visited her frequently, Ruth Paine was separated from Michael Ralph Paine while she knew OSWALD. On November 13, 1963, Ruth Paine filed a petition for a divorce from Michael Paine in Domestic Relations Court. This petition stated they were married on December 28, 1957, and separated on September 1, 1962: "This petition alleged that about six months before their separation, Michael Paine commenced a course of unkind, cruel, harsh and tyrannical treatment and conduct toward Ruth Paine of such a nature as to render their future living together insupportable." [DK-105-1716-Hosty] Wilmer Joseph Stratton, a close friend of Ruth Paine, told the FBI that Ruth Paine, in the past, "complained of the fact that Michael Paine was so engrossed in his activities that he spent little time with his family and when with them, he was so absorbed in his thoughts and plans that he rarely discussed family matters or showed an interest in any way with problems concerning Ruth or other members of the family." Paul Lacy, the best man at Michael and Ruth Paine's wedding stated: "He had never gotten to know Michael Paine due to his reserved disposition. He said that he knew of no close friends or associates of Paine's. He stated Paine is the type of person who while friendly, is very quiet an uncommunicative and involves himself in his own affairs and never takes time to seek out friendly relations with other people or to become interested in other people or their



activities." In 1960 Michael Paine inherited money from his maternal grandmother, Elsie Cabot Forbes. Under terms of her will, each of her 15 grandchildren were to receive equal shares of a fund when they reached the age of 21. The appraised value of Michael Paine's share of this fund as of January 1, 1963, was \$269,000.00

#### MICHAEL PAINE'S FAMILY HISTORY



#### MICHAEL PAINE'S MATERNAL GRANDMOTHER

Michael Ralph Paine was born into the Paine and Forbes families on June 25, 1928. He attended Harvard University and was dropped because of low grades. He was noted as being shy and lazy. His only activities were Glee Club, Bach Coral Group and Outing Club. He then worked at the prestigious Bartol Scientific Research Foundation at Swathmore University. He served in the U.S. Army from July 15, 1952, to April 28, 1954, and received an Honorable Discharge. His military service record contained the statement dated July 15, 1952: "The following inductee, Paine, was inducted today but refused to take the oath of allegiance." [FBI 105-82555 NR 12.17.63] Like Ruth Hyde, Michael Paine's family also traced back to the CIA. Michael Paine's maternal grandmother, Elise Cabot Forbes, was the brother of Thomas Dudley Cabot, the President of United Fruit in 1948. Michael Paine commented: "He was active in the



United Fruit Company. I only know we were related to the Cabots through Elise, my grandmother. I wouldn't recognize a Cabot, I've never seen one." The brother of Thomas Dudley Cabot, John Moors Cabot, was the Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs during OPERATION PB SUCCESS. John Moors Cabot visited Guatemala and reported: "Jacobo Arbenz had the pale, cold-lipped look of the ideologue and showed no interest in my suggestions for a change in his government's direction. He had obviously sold out to the communists, and that was that." John Moors Cabot held a large block of shares in United Fruit. [Mooney, Brown, *Truman to Carter*, p77 as cited in *Washington Silhouettes*] During the Truman Administration, John Moors Cabot was the Director of the International Security Affairs Office for the Department of State. In 1961 he offered the use of one of his companies, Gibraltar Steamship, to the CIA during the Bay of Pigs. Ruth Paine commented that these personages were "out of where I come from."

#### MICHAEL PAINE'S MOTHER: RUTH FORBES

The mother of Michael Paine was Ruth Forbes. Ruth Forbes was a great-granddaughter of Ralph Waldo Emerson. Ruth Forbes grandfather, who died in 1937, had been a founder and former president of American Telephone and Telegraph.

#### MICHAEL PAINE'S MATERNAL UNCLES: THE FORBES

Michael Paine commented, "Uncle Cam [Cameron], W.C. Forbes, yes, there were five brothers there, actually one of them died earlier, but five that I knew. Forbes was Governor of the Philippines and Ambassador to Japan."

David Cabot Forbes was another of Michael Paine's maternal uncles. David Cabot Forbes was a distinguished Bostonian financier who owned Naushon Island, located a half-mile from Cape Cod. David C. Forbes told the United States Secret Service that "during the summer months Paine and his wife Ruth usually came to Naushon Island, at Woods Hole, Massachusetts, and remained there a few weeks each summer, but for the past two years Paine has not appeared and his wife and two children came along alone while he remained in Texas. He stated that he realized there was a family strain, but did not pry into the whys and the wherefores; that during the first two weeks in August 1963, Ruth Hyde Paine came to Naushon Island and remained there with the children for the two week period, residing with Mrs. Arthur Young, who has a home on the island. The island is owned by the Forbes estate and has been owned by this family for over 100 years. At present there are approximately 20 houses and 500 sheep on the island. All inhabitants are members of the Forbes family and very seldom, if ever, are any homes rented or leased to outsiders." Ruth Paine disagreed: "David didn't own that island. No individual does," however Michael Paine stated: "The island has been owned by the descendants of J. M. Forbes who bought it in 1834. I'm the fifth generation." One such outsider to rent from the Forbes family was J. Richardson Dilworth. The Secret Service reported that Dilworth "is employed by the Rockefeller Brothers, New York, New

York. He resides at 141 Hodge Road, Princeton, New Jersey." [CD 687 p1252] In 1964 an employee of J. Richardson Dilworth, William T. Coleman, was an Assistant Counsel to the Warren Commission.

### MICHAEL PAINE'S PATERNAL GRANDFATHER

The paternal grandfather of Michael Paine, George Lyman Paine, Senior (born July 29, 1874; died September 1967), was a descendant of a signatory to the Declaration of Independence. He graduated from Harvard University in 1896. An Episcopal Priest, he described himself as a pacifist. He was in the War Resisters League, and was involved in a lawsuit around the time of World War I, after a Naval officer stormed into his office and hit him for flirting with his wife. The Reverend George Lyman Paine defended himself on the witness stand by saying he had driven her out to the meadows around Boston and "tickled her under the chin" with a piece of "Timothy grass." From then on he was known as "The Reverend Timothy Grass Paine."

Herbert Philbrick wrote: "The Communist use of the Paine family is a tragic reminder that the seeds of Marxism bear evil fruit. During my years as a counterspy, I frequently came across George Lyman Paine Sr. as a sponsor and supporter of numerous communist-front activities. Paine fathered George Lyman Paine, Jr...a follower of Leon Trotsky. "Michael Paine commented, "It sounds exaggerated about my grandfather, he was a subscriber to *Readers Digest*. Compared to his son, I never thought of him as a radical."

### MICHAEL PAINE'S FATHER



The father of Michael Paine, George Lyman Paine Jr., was born in New York City on November 16, 1901. He married Ruth Forbes on March 20, 1926, at Milton, Massachusetts. She was Ralph Waldo Emerson's great granddaughter. They were divorced in 1934 and George Lyman Paine Jr. married, Frances Drake, a follower of Leon Trotsky, the Russian Communist leader who believed in waging war against Capitalism rather than encouraging internal revolution. Leon Trotsky, exiled to Mexico, was assassinated by Soviet agents in 1940. Lyman Paine was a Trotskyist and wrote: "I came into contact with Marxism. The writings of Marx, Lenin, Engels and Trotsky opened new doors upon an old world...I became a follower of Leon Trotsky and a partisan of the world working class." [25th Ann. Rep. Harvard Class of 1922] Ruth Paine commented:

He was involved in left-wing politics before their marriage. That was part of the problem with the marriage." Michael Paine agreed: "He was very political before that, that was one of the difficulties they had." Michael Paine's parents separated when he was four years old. Ruth Paine: "It was not because of Trotskyism that he did not see his father. People didn't divorce as much then, as they do now, and there was much less skill and



knowledge on how to deal with being co-parents. My understanding from Ruth Forbes was that she and Lyman thought it would be best to make a clean break and not see each other. Michael didn't really get acquainted with his father until he was grown.

Michael Paine:

I saw my father very occasionally. He was an idealist. I won't say that he didn't love us. He considered his political actions far more important than tending to his own little personal thing of raising his family. I do remember going to Communist meetings with him in New York City. That absorbed his time, he didn't have much interest in his children. I did not feel any resentment against the left. I admired his idealism in High School and I mentally or emotionally followed a tact that was quite similar to my father, but it led me in quite a different direction. In high school I had a long daydream of a better society. The nature of it did not fit with Socialists or Communists. During the war, my father may have gone under a pseudonym and his wife Freddie was very active in union organizing. The Trotskyites biggest quarrel was not with the Democrats or Republicans, but with the Stalinists. My father called the Soviets 'state capitalists.' No friendly blood there.

#### ALLEN DULLES AND THE PAINE FAMILY

Mary Bancroft, who claimed she had an intimate association with Allen Dulles, knew Lyman Paine: "Two of our Boston friends, Ruth and Lyman Paine, had moved to New York and gave wonderful parties in their West Side apartment. We met a lot of their friends, mostly in the arts. Ruth was a painter. Lyman, an architect, was interested in what he termed 'The ultimate reality,' which I interpreted as my old friend, Truth. Lyman and I had endless discussions about this ultimate reality while sipping highballs of bathtub gin and ginger ale..." [Bancroft, *Autobiography of a Spy* p54] Abigail Schaffner, who knew Michael Paine until he was seven years old gave Allen Dulles information on Michael Paine which ANGLETON gave to the FBI:

TO: E. J. Brennan, Jr. DATE: December 9, 1963

FROM: S.J. Papich

SUBJECT: OSWALD

Enclosed herewith is a copy of a memorandum dated December (?) 1963, which Allen Dulles, former Director of the CIA received from a friend, not identified. The document, which was furnished to the liaison Agent on December (?) 1963, by JAMES ANGLETON, CIA, sets forth information concerning the family of Michael Paine. [FBI 105-126129-61 NR 199 12.17.63]

## EDWARD AND ABIGAIL SCHAFFNER

On March 13, 1964, Edward and Abigail Schaffner were interviewed by the FBI in Miami, Florida. They said they were 'employed from 1930 to about 1942, and then again immediately after World War II until about 1948, at the Forbes Estate, Naushon Island, Woods Hole, Massachusetts. During these periods, Edward Schaffner was employed in a caretaker capacity, and also assisted in the operation of a ferry boat owned by this estate which traveled from the island to Woods Hole. Abigail Schaffner was employed part-time in a domestic capacity. Her father, William Allen, was superintendent of the caretakers at this estate.

During the above periods the Schaffners knew Michael Paine as a small child, and later as a teenager, when he visited the estate during the summer school vacations." [FBI 105-1717-181]

The letter to Dulles:

It has been reported in the press that a Mrs. Michael Paine had given shelter to Mrs. Oswald and her children -- and that Michael Paine, who is separated from his wife, liked to talk politics and philosophy with OSWALD. All I know -- second hand -- about Mrs. Paine is that she is a Quaker and had 'studied Russian.' However I know about Michael Paine's background and knew him until he was seven years old. He is now approximately 35. His mother is Mrs. Arthur Young of 1810 Delancy Place, Philadelphia. Mrs. Young was born Ruth Forbes. Her mother was a Cabot and her father was Ralph Waldo Forbes, a direct descendant of Ralph Waldo Emerson. Ruth Forbes was also a cousin or niece of Cameron Forbes, one time Governor of the Philippines and U.S. Ambassador to Japan. Ruth Forbes had been married three times, Arthur Young being her first husband. He is an inventor (having 'invented' the helicopter.) I put this in parenthesis because, I believe, he invented improvements to the helicopter rather than he machine itself -- but am not sure. In any case, he is wealthy -- as is his wife -- and in recent years he had devoted himself entirely to researches in what is know under the general heading of ESP (Extra-Sensory Perception). (He believes that there is another 'force' in the universe -- like electricity or similar -- that has not yet been tapped). His researches have been extremely complicated an esoteric and he has worked with the Institute for Advanced Studies at Princeton -- consulted with them -- and also with Bell Laboratories. Ruth Young's first husband -- and Michael Paine's father -- was Lyman Paine who father, Reverend George Lyman Paine -- descendant of a signer of the Declaration of Independence -- was a famous Boston crackpot. He was involved in a lawsuit around the time of World War I, after a Naval officer stormed into his office and slapped or hit him for flirting with the Naval officer's wife. The Reverend Paine on the witness stand defended himself by saying that his relations with the Naval officer's wife had been entirely harmless. He

had simply driven her out to the meadows around Boston and 'tickled her under the chin with a piece of 'Timothy Grass.' From then on the Reverend Paine was known as 'Timothy Grass' Paine. I understand he is still alive and in his late 80's -- if not older. He is, of course, Michael Paine's grandfather.

Lyman Paine, Michael's father -- and Ruth Young's first husband -- was an architect -- but around 1930 -- 34 after divorcing Ruth, he became a 'Trotskyite' and married a girl active in Trotskyite circles. However, typical of the sort of New England crackpot tradition, they were not real Trotskyites, but belonged to some infinitesimal splinter group that as far as I know did nothing but sit around and talk, talk about how the other Trotskyists were 'betraying the Revolution' as conceived by Trotsky. I have not heard for many years anything about Lyman Paine. I believe he and his wife lived -- in the 30's -- in California...Mrs. Young is very much upset about recent happenings and my friend who is her cousin -- although I also know Mrs. Young very well -- 'imagines' that the fact that Lyman Paine was such a talky, talky 'Trotskyite' will lend to Michael's association with OSWALD an implication that in reality it may not have. In other words, Michael's talk may well have been -- although not necessarily was -- simply an offshoot of what he knew to be his father's interests. My own evaluation of Lyman Paine, whom I also knew well in the 1920's, is that he could not do anything, that he was thoroughly incompetent. However, he sure could talk. And I think that it should be pointed out that granted the social position and standing of someone like Michael Paine -- plus someone of his obvious advantages -- for advantages he did have -- and education -- that for a character like OSWALD to tune in on what all this must have meant to him could actually be a 'trigger." I have also heard, but not from his mother, that Michael had homosexual tendencies -- although he did marry and have children.

### SPLINTER GROUP POLITICS

George Lyman Paine moved to the West Coast where he became part of the Forest-Johnson Faction, a Trot splinter group. The Johnson-Forest faction was a group of former Socialist Worker's Party members who broke away from the Socialist Worker's Party 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 Forest-Johnson Group in the Los Angeles area. The Forest-Johnson then broke into the Forest Faction and Johnson Faction. In 1964 the Johnson faction had six members.

Lyman Paine was a factionalist - he was more interested in debating the fine points of Socialism than in defeating the capitalists. He was an armchair revolutionary. OSWALD wrote that he hated the "factional mutants...odd ball Hegelian idealists out of touch with reality."

## MICHAEL PAINE

Abigail Schaffner wrote, "Michael Paine from the minute he was born was a strange child. He yelled all the time, was afraid of everything, very destructive and generally weird. His mother, a very placid person, was in despair coping with him, as he would become excited at just about anything." The FBI reported a file from the Military Personnel Records Center in Saint Louis, Missouri, concerning Michael Paine, "contains the following statement: (deleted)." Ruth explained: "When he was sworn into the Army during the Korean war he indicated that he refused to follow orders he felt were immoral." The CIA checked its "security and foreign indices" and reported "no reference identifiable with Subject." [FBI 105-126129-44]

## BELL HELICOPTER

The stepfather of Michael Paine was Arthur Young, an inventor who helped perfect the helicopter. Arthur Young helped found Bell Helicopter. Michael Paine was a research engineer at Bell Helicopter with a high security clearance. [WCD 208, 213]

## WALTER R. DORNBERGER



Walter R. Dornberger, a senior vice president of Bell Helicopter, was a former Nazi general who supervised the construction of the first guided missile, developed by Werner von Braun. He was an ardent supporter of Adolf Hitler and used slave labor to build his missiles. After the perfection of the V-2 rocket in 1942, Dornberger directed the bombardment of London with V-2's late in the war. From 1945 to 1947 he was held as a prisoner-of-war in Great Britain. He was brought to the United States in 1950. FBI files indicated "that this individual is a German scientist brought to the United States under the custody and control of the Joint Intelligence Objectives Agency."

In 1957 it was alleged that Dornberger was still a Nazi:

Airtel TO: Director, FBI

FROM: SAC, Los Angeles (105-5122) December 3, 1957

RE: Werner Von Braun and Walter Dornberger.

Regarding Los Angeles letter to the Bureau, October 11, 1951, captioned (Deleted) INFORMATION CONCERNING; Albany letter to the Bureau November 9, 1951, titled "Guy Boisino del Vall, Misc;" two Washington Field airtels to the Bureau and Los Angeles, July 30, 1954; Washington Field airtel to the Bureau and Los Angeles, August 1, 1954; Los Angeles airtel to the Bureau August 6, 1954, setting out background information concerning (Deleted) and Los Angeles airtels to the Bureau, August 13,

1954, and August 23, 1954, all captioned "(Deleted) Misc. Info Concerning,"

Referenced communications deal largely with de Valle efforts to interest the Department of the Navy and Air Force in (Deleted) and his efforts to have the FBI assist him in this regard.

Enclosed herewith is a blank memorandum with five copies to the Bureau concerning the captioned individuals.

On December 2, 1957, (Deleted) advised ASAC Ralph W. Machman (Deleted) had been in (Deleted) office on December 2, 1957, and claimed to have information that Von Braun is still a Nazi.

On December 3, 1957, (Deleted) interviewed by SA's (Deleted) and (Deleted) and furnished information which is set up in enclosed blank memorandum.

(Deleted) advised that his primary purpose in contacting (Deleted) was to attempt to have either (Deleted) of the FBI arrange and introduction of (Deleted). He said if (Deleted) believed that this (Deleted) that it would tend to prove the activities of Von Braun and Dornberger have not been in the best interests of the United States. (Deleted) was advised that the Bureau could not arrange such an introduction. (Deleted) One copy of each blank memorandum is being furnished for San Francisco (Deleted) California, Birmingham (Werner Von Braun, Huntsville, Alabama) and Albany (Walter Dornberger, Ithaca, New York).

Another FBI document stated:

FBI files and other agency files of the FBI do not contain any derogatory information concerning Dornberger. Files of the Cincinnati Office revealed that (Deleted) the subject of Bufile entitled (Deleted). A review of this file reflected that (Deleted) was very pro-Nazi and might be a security threat to the United States. Investigation revealed that (Deleted) may have made statements which were considered pro-German, but many of these statements (Deleted) later denied, others, he insisted, were misinterpreted. A large number of neighbors, friends and acquaintances testified to (Deleted)'s loyalty to the United States. There was no evidence of organizational activity. The facts of this case were presented to the United States Attorney on November 13, 1943, who informed that in view of existing court decisions and policies of the Department, this was not a strong enough case to institute denaturalization proceedings against (Deleted). Confidential Informant T-1, another Government agency which conducts security type investigations, advised that their files contained no

record of derogatory information regarding Dornberger and no record of any security violations.

In 1958 Dornberger was considered for a non-sensitive position with the United States Government. The FBI reported: "No investigation of this individual is being conducted by the FBI in the absence of a specific request. This is not to be considered as a clearance or disapproval of this individual by the FBI for Federal employment." Dornberger died in July 1980. [FBI 140-0-497321; *Newsweek* 7.14.80]

Bell Helicopter supplied many CIA-sponsored dictators, such as the Shah of Iran, with materiel. The Textron Corporation, which eventually purchased Bell Helicopter, was investigated for having paid millions of dollars in kickbacks to an Iranian sales agency. Bell Helicopter was a member of the Aircraft Manufacturers Association, like Lockheed, Martin-Marietta and the General Dynamics Corporation. This Association was represented by Albert Jenner when it was a defendant in a Federal antitrust lawsuit. [72-Civ-1307-USDC-NY] Albert Jenner went over Ruth Paine's account of OSWALD with her on the morning that she testified. [WC Paine Testimony p455] He personally knew the Paine family and generated this memo:

After reading the attached article, it occurred to me that may be Michael Paine's father, Lyman Paine, whom I knew well thirty years ago but have not seen since, possibly did play a role somehow. As I told you before, Lyman Paine was -- and I believe still is -- a Trotskyite, but based on my knowledge of his ineffective personality and to the fact that I have been told that he belonged to a small splinter group of the Trotskyites. -- I imagine that all he ever did was talk. However, granted that Trotsky lived in Mexico -- maybe Michael knew of connections and maybe names of various individuals was all OSWALD needed. I don't know if Trotskyites are pro-Castro - but I suppose they could be anything. I have reflected on whether it would make any sense to talk to Lyman Paine -- for I imagine I could locate him -- but I am inclined to think he wouldn't talk -- that he would resent any authority -- for that was always his trouble. However, I think if anyone wanted to talk to him -- it would be wisest -- and most productive -- to talk first to Michael Paine's mother, Mrs. Arthur Young, whom I am sure would be cooperative -- and who could probably tell as much about Lyman Paine as he would tell himself." [UnID Warren Commission document by Jenner to file]

Ruth Paine claimed her husband only worked for Bell Helicopter for six or seven years: "He got the job because of his stepfather. Michael is not somebody who likes the military-industrial complex." Michael Paine was questioned about his association with Bell Helicopter:

The company was not like that. Personally, I went out there quite independent of that. My stepfather invented the Bell Helicopter. Larry Bell from Bell Aircraft in Buffalo saw it and bought the idea. They got a license

around the same time Sikorsky did in 1941. Then I came along - my mother married Arthur in 1946. Arthur engaged me to make models and another friend of his, a Vice President of Bell Helicopter and I were invited to go to Dallas. I stayed for ten years. Union regulations made it very difficult for an engineer to handle a tool. I worked on the 'convertiplane' that eventually became the Osprey. Bell Helicopter was largely a commercial company and it wasn't until the Vietnam war - maybe they used helicopters in Korea - but it was during the Vietnam War that Bell Helicopter made 40% of the aircraft that were used. So it was a vital part of the Vietnam War. I was president of the Committee for Peaceful Solutions in Vietnam. Bell allowed me to show a movie by a CBS correspondent which looked favorably on Ho Chi Minh. Another high officer there named Bob Lichten, the promotor of the XB-3, was President of the Dallas American Civil Liberties Union. He died in an automobile accident. Bell was more liberal than many other companies that made the major part of it's income from military sales.

#### THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

After the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, S.A. Hosty questioned Mrs. Werner R. Grimes about Michael Paine. She informed S.A. Hosty that

...on two or three occasions in the Fall of 1963, Michael Paine requested that he be permitted to attend a meeting of the John Birch Society of which Mrs. Grimes stated she was an active member. Mrs. Werner R. Grimes stated she invited Michael Paine to attend one John Birch Society meeting at her residence and later, when this meeting was canceled, she was unable to get in touch with Michael Paine to advise him of this cancellation. Michael Paine appeared at her residence for this meeting, which was not held. Mrs. Grimes stated she then tried on another occasion to get in touch with Michael Paine and advise him of another meeting but she was unable to get in touch with Michael Paine." [FBI DL 105-1776 3.15.64 Hosty]

Mr. Werner R. Grimes was interviewed by telephone in April 1993:

No, I was not Michael Paine's friend, I barely knew him. This was a number of years ago, and I was interviewed by the FBI at the time because I mentioned to a friend of mine in the Unitarian Church choir that I had met somebody who knew [OSWALD]. My job at Bell Helicopter was field engineer in high-pressure hydraulics. I met Paine in that lab. I don't know if this was the initial meeting, or if I first met him at the church choir." Werner Grimes was a Unitarian because he and his wife came from differing Protestant backgrounds. Mrs. Grimes died about 1983. According to Werner R. Grimes: "Mrs. Grimes was not an active member of the John Birch Society, although she attended several meetings. I was at that John

Birch Society meeting held in my house, I also was at one other meeting. Otherwise, I had nothing to do with it." Ruth Paine was asked if her husband joined the Birchers for counter-intelligence purposes? She laughed and said, "You live in an entirely different world than me. He was curious about their beliefs and wanted to see what a meeting would be like. He figured he'd go and make his own judgments. To him, it was a way of gathering information. Michael's a freethinker. He doesn't always do what is politically correct." Michael Paine explained, "I was a member of the Unitarian Church and was quite proud of the fact there was a member of the John Birch Society in our church, that it could span that much political spectrum. I didn't realize he had any connection to Bell Helicopter. I was distressed because there was no conversation between the liberals and the right-wing. We both said we cherished freedom of speech, but in practice, my actions and the right-wing were very far apart. So I was going to various right-wing seminars and groups trying to discover for myself why they didn't like the liberal point of view. So I was trying to find a bridge, language, ideas, that would get back to the root where we agreed and disagreed. I recall talking with LEE. He was likewise going around to - by the way I did go to a private home of a right-wing group - I don't recall the name. The only thing I can remember about it, nobody ever asked me what my point of view was. I wouldn't have lied about it, I can't lie. But I was glad I didn't have to tell them. I didn't view myself as spying on them. I was trying to understand what was the real bug under the skin that made these people feel that way. I wanted to be able to write something about how we both cared about freedom of speech, yet they didn't want to give Communists freedom of speech. And I remember taking LEE OSWALD to an American Civil Liberties Union meeting. I asked him, in my car, if he would like to join the American Civil Liberties Union. He said, 'No,' he did not want to give freedom of speech to the right-wing, Nazis. We had mentioned specifically Walker at this supper where I had mentioned that I was going around sort of observing right-wing groups, and he was doing it also. I didn't want to pursue it further, because I wanted to have a pleasant evening with him. I didn't find out explicitly, but I assumed he was doing it because he was of the view that America was controlled by a capitalist cabal, who manipulated the country to its interests. He thought the church, for instance, was just 'an opiate of the people.' He thought it was manipulated and controlled and put in place by capitalists who were trying to keep the people happy. And he wouldn't tell me much about them. I think David Rockefeller was the only name he ever gave. I surmised that when he was listening in on some of these right-wing groups, that he thought he was listening to the people who were behind the actions of this country. I saw them as a fringe groups.

An airtel from the FBI Legal Attaché in London dated February 5, 1964, regarding Michael Paine was almost totally deleted. [FBI 105-126129-44]



JOHN FORBES KERRY, MICHAEL PAINE, LEE HARVEY OSWALD AND JOHN F.  
KENNEDY

John Forbes Kerry's mother was Rosemary Forbes, a member of the Brahmin Bostonian Forbes' who made its name and wealth developing trade routes to bring tea from China. Cameron Forbes was the key player in this undertaking. The Boston Globe reported, "Today, the Forbes's own most of the Elizabeth Islands off Cape Cod where John Forbes Kerry still goes to sail and ride horses."

When Lee Harvey Oswald, the fall guy in the Kennedy assassination, lived in Texas prior to the November 22, 1963 coup d'etat he stayed at the home of Michael and Ruth Paine, in Irving, before moving into a rooming house in Dallas. Subsequently he stayed with the Paine's on weekends. Michael Paine's mother was Ruth Forbes. Ruth Forbes grandfather was Cameron Forbes. Michael Paine commented, "Uncle Cam [Cameron], W.C. Forbes, yes, there were five brothers there, actually one of them died earlier, but five that I knew. Cam Forbes was Governor of the Philippines and Ambassador to Japan."

David Cabot Forbes was another of Michael Paine's maternal uncles. David Cabot Forbes was a distinguished Bostonian financier who owned many of the Elizabeth Islands including, Naushon Island, located a half-mile from Cape Cod.

On August 26, 1962 John Kerry went boating with JFK. Did the young John Kerry run into Ruth Paine the same summer he met President Kennedy? According to documents released under the JFK Documents Act Ruth Paine's sister and father were connected with the CIA. Was Ruth Paine informed that Oswald had some tangential connection with the intelligence community and was this why she put him up? Did the fact that Oswald had a connection with people on this social level play a part in the subsequent cover up of the assassination? This is will always remain one of the most closely guarded secrets of the American Government. The truth will never be known.