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SUBJECT: (Optional) Mrs. Ruth Sheldon Knowles				
FROM: Chief, Contact Division (Support) <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		EXTENSION 2270	NO 10000	DATE 26 FEB 64
TO: (Officer designation, room number, and building)	DATE		OFFICER'S INITIALS	COMMENTS (Number each comment to show from whom to whom. Draw a line across column after each comment.)
	RECEIVED	FORWARDED		
1. <i>DC/MS</i>	27 FEB 64	54	<i>JP</i>	<p>Ken, we have sent a copy of RSK's letter and her bio data to Mr. <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asst/ to the Dir for Public Affairs. Will you give me some idea of your reaction to this proposal so I can tell the field how to react. Here is a field comment re her letter:</p> <p>"----- RSK's terminology "provide funds for the project if it is approved" is her own. We did not discuss funds with her and told her only that we would pass on to Washington any proposal she had to make. She will be breathing down our neck for an answer and any kind of reply you can suggest that we give her would be helpful."</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>4: I suggest we and this to the Station. I would like to see comments, especially on the parts of the document the proposal.</p> <p><i>W</i></p>
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Biographical Sketch

of

RUTH SHELDON KNOWLES

The granddaughter and daughter of independent oilmen and wife of another, Ruth Sheldon Knowles, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, is a petroleum specialist, magazine writer, lecturer and author of the best-selling "The Greatest Gamblers," published by McGraw-Hill in 1959.

In 1939, the Mexican government retained her to make a survey of all the oil fields and refineries in Mexico. She was the first foreigner permitted to inspect the properties following their expropriation in 1938.

In 1941, Mrs. Knowles was appointed by Secretary of the Interior, Harold L. Ickes, as a Petroleum Specialist on his staff and was sent to South America to make the first U. S. government survey of South American oil fields and refineries; she remained with the Petroleum Administration for War till the end of 1942. The following year she was a special consultant to the Venezuelan government on its new petroleum law.

From 1951 to 1959 she spent a great deal of time in Cuba where she was a principal factor in inducing various oil companies to explore. She was the "godmother" of the discovery of Cuba's first sedimentary oil field which started a \$40,000,000 oil hunt there.

While carrying on a career as wildcatter and consultant -- and raising four children -- Mrs. Knowles has written many technical articles for the professional journals and articles of general interest for such magazines as the SATURDAY EVENING POST, FORTUNE, READER'S DIGEST, AMERICAN WEEKLY, NATION'S BUSINESS, ATLANTIC, etc.

Mrs. Knowles has also written and produced a series of radio programs on oil for the American Petroleum Institute and written another series for the Voice of America, broadcast in Europe and the Middle East.

In 1961, she was given an award as "Woman of the Year" in Oklahoma by American Women in Radio and Television.

In 1962, just before the missile crisis, Mrs. Knowles spent a month in Castro's Cuba. Her reports appeared in the SATURDAY EVENING POST, WALL STREET JOURNAL, WORLD PETROLEUM, PETROLEUM TODAY and U. S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT. Subsequently she visited East and West Berlin.

For the past three summers she has lectured to American Studies programs given in colleges and universities throughout the United States.

She is currently writing another book, "The Innovators," for McGraw-Hill.

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