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MR. TOLSON:

RE: BIASED BOOKS RE
ASSASSINATION OF
PRESIDENT KENNEDY

[redacted] called me from New York this morning. He asked that his best regards be given to you and the Director.

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[redacted] is fed up with the rash of distorted, biased books currently on the market concerning the assassination of President Kennedy. He particularly is incensed at the books by Epstein and Mark Lane.

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I told [redacted] briefly of the background of both Epstein and Lane. He asked if there was something he could do to set the record straight. He stated the FBI had not come off very good in either of those books. I told him we knew this; however, the Director could not be placed in the position of making a public statement inasmuch as we were the investigative agency with responsibilities of not only investigating but also running down considerable leads for the Warren Commission; consequently, it would be presumptuous for the FBI to speak out.

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[redacted] asked if we could not possibly furnish him some off-the-record information [redacted] told him I would check with the Director and let him know.

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It is suggested we take the analysis prepared here at the Bureau on Mark Lane's book and work up a blind memorandum which can be used by [redacted] in making Mark Lane's book look ridiculous. We, of course, would not furnish any information which is confidential or which has not been released to the American public. We are, however, in a position to furnish information that will make Lane's book look stupid. The said blind memorandum, if this plan is approved, will be sent to you and the Director for approval prior to being given to [redacted]

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Respectfully,

- cc. Mr. DeLoach
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Sullivan
- Mr. Wick

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