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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: BOOK ENTITLED
"RUSH TO JUDGMENT"
HARRY HALL COMPLAINT
INFORMATION CONCERNING

This is to advise that HARRY HALL [REDACTED] telephonically contacted this office on 11/7/66 concerning information he furnished to the FBI and Secret Service regarding the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY. He said the material he furnished to these government agencies in confidence now appears in the captioned book written by MARK LANE.

By way of background, HARRY HALL [REDACTED] He characterized himself as a gambler and a sports promoter widely acquainted with individuals in these fields. There is attached a document which furnishes more details concerning his arrests and his background, but he is considered a confidence man by personnel who have interviewed him.

HALL was interviewed while he was an inmate at the Federal Correctional Institution, Terminal Island, California, by SA WILLIAM JOHN NOLAN of this office and SAC GUY H. SPAMAN of Secret Service. This interview was conducted on 11/30/63 at HALL's request, and he advised at that time that his reason for contacting law enforcement was that he desired to get out of the institution and

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wanted some assurance of this fact before he gave information. No assurance was given him and he furnished information concerning his association with JACK RUBY in and around Dallas, Texas, in the early 1950's. Attached is one copy of the FD-302 dated 11/30/63 setting forth the results of this information. A summary of this material was furnished to the Bureau immediately by teletype dated 12/1/63 directed to Bureau file 44-24016, captioned, "JACK L. RUBY, aka; LEE HARVEY OSWALD - Victim, Deceased, CR." A copy of this teletype is also attached.

[HALL] advised that although he furnished the information to the FBI and Secret Service confidentially, pertinent details of this gambling scheme operated in Dallas now appears in the book, "Rush to Judgment." As will be noted from the attached material, the information was furnished by [HALL] in hopes of being released from the Correctional Institution and he made no request that this material not be disseminated. SA NOLAN also advised that no request was made that dissemination not be made of this material.

There is attached one copy of pages 237 and 238 of the captioned book which sets forth briefly how [HALL] ran a bet-and-run swindle in Dallas, using the name HARRY SINCLAIR, JR. Similar to the information he furnished FBI and Secret Service. [HALL] did not advise of the scheme that when he lost he wrote a worthless check and left town. As will be noted, the information in the book indicates this information was furnished to Secret Service Agents and not the FBI.

[HALL] contends that this disclosure of his scheme now jeopardizes his life as the gamblers in Dallas, whom he bilked, know his true identity and may take retaliatory action.

[HALL] stated that although the book does not mention the FBI as having received this information from [HALL], he, [HALL] contacted the Secret Service but refused to identify the person contacted and Secret Service denied making this material available to MARK LANE. [HALL] says he therefore assumes the material was made available by the FBI.

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It was clearly pointed out to HALL that the FBI did not make this information available to MARK LANE and that the files of the FBI are confidential, based upon the ruling of the U. S. Attorney General.

HALL stated that he is considering obtaining an attorney for purposes of suing the government for disclosing this information to MARK LANE.

As was previously indicated, HALL is well known as a confidence man and is considered by those who have contacted him as an opportunist and will seize upon any opportunity to benefit financially or any other way. For this reason, it is believed that any further contact with HALL concerning this matter would play into his hand and may give him an indication that he has some credence in his complaint. Since the book attributes this information as being told to Secret Service and in no way involves the FBI, it is recommended that no further action be taken. No dissemination of this material was made by the Los Angeles Division outside of the FBI Offices. Those offices receiving copies of this were enumerated to the Bureau by airtel dated 12/5/63 (copy attached).

The above is furnished for the Bureau's information in the event some contact is made at the Seat of Government. The Bureau will be kept advised of any further developments at this point.