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To: SACs Los Angeles (137-42)
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From: Director, FBI (44-24016)

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BOOK ENTITLED
"RUSH TO JUDGMENT"
HARRY HALL - COMPLAINANT
INFORMATION CONCERNING

ReLAairtel to Director 11/10/66.

There is enclosed for Dallas one copy of reairtel and one copy of each of its enclosures.

On Pages 237 and 238 of Mark Lane's book, "Rush to Judgment," he refers to certain statements made by Harry Hall to "Secret Service Agents." Lane does not mention the FBI with regard to the statements attributed to Hall. Lane cites the Warren Commission Report and the Commission's "Hearings" as his source on Hall. Volume XIII, Pages 362 and 363, of the Commission's Hearings contains a reproduction of a Secret Service report of the interview of Hall by Secret Service and a Bureau Agent.

Los Angeles promptly submit LHM reflecting contact with Harry Hall as set forth in reairtel. Indicate in your LHM that volume XIII, Pages 362 and 363 of the "Hearings Before The President's Commission On The Assassination Of President Kennedy," Commission Exhibit No. 1753 is a Secret Service report of an interview with Harry Hall. State in the LHM that Mark Lane's book, "Rush to Judgment," cites the above volume at Page 363 as its source for statements attributed to Hall. Also include brief background information indicating Hall's prior criminal record and his own admissions as to his gambling activities.

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Airtel to SACs Los Angeles and Dallas
RE: BOOK ENTITLED "RUSH TO JUDGMENT"
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Los Angeles Office, contends disclosure of his gambling schemes in the Mark Lane book now jeopardizes his life as gamblers in Dallas, whom he bilked, now know his true identity and may take retaliatory action. Los Angeles and Dallas immediately advise appropriate local police officials as well as Secret Service of [Hall's] fears that his life may now be in jeopardy.

NOTE: [Harry Hall] self-styled gambler, [redacted] has alleged information he furnished FBI and Secret Service in 1963 about his contacts with Jack Ruby has now appeared in the Mark Lane book, "Rush to Judgment." [Hall] contends this disclosure jeopardizes his life as gamblers he bilked in Dallas now know his true identity and may take retaliatory action. He stated he is considering suing the Government for disclosure of the information to Lane.

It was clearly pointed out to [Hall] by the Los Angeles Office that the FBI did not make this information available to Lane. [Hall] stated he contacted Secret Service, which also denied furnishing the information to Lane and he therefore "assumes" FBI gave out the information. Information received from [Hall] was furnished during an interview conducted at his request on 11/30/63.

[Hall] initially contacted Secret Service, which in turn requested Bureau Agent be present at interview as FBI had most recent contact (in 1963) with [Hall] and he was confined as result of an FBI investigation. [Hall's] stated reason for furnishing information was to obtain his release; no such assurance was given; he did not request information not be disseminated; interviewing Agent has advised no request was made that it not be disseminated.

Lane's book reflects [Hall] gave certain information to Secret Service and does not mention FBI. Lane cites Exhibit 1753 (a Secret Service report) of the Commission's Hearings as source of his information. LHM being furnished by LA in order that allegation and threat to sue may be disseminated to Secret Service and the Department. LA Office advises [Hall] is confidence man and opportunist and recommends no further contact with him. He has been clearly told FBI did not divulge the information and Lane's source is clearly indicated in his book.