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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN F. KENNEDY
November 22, 1963, Dallas, Texas
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

The following information supplements that contained in memorandum dated March 30, 1966, at Dallas, Texas, captioned as above.

On March 30, 1966, Mrs. Jean Lollis Hill, 9402 Bluff Creek, Dallas, Texas, telephone number EV 1-2271, telephonically contacted the Dallas Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Office at approximately 7:15 PM., and stated that she had found out through a reliable source, which she did not reveal, that one of the individuals who had been at her residence on the night of March 28, 1966, was Mark Lane. She stated that she believed he identified himself as Blake, rather than Black.

On March 31, 1966, Lee E. Bowers, Jr., 1923 View Crest, Dallas, Texas, telephone number DA 7-2528, personally appeared at the Dallas FBI Office and advised that he had consented to a filmed interview with representatives of Judgment Films Corporation which interview and filming was conducted in Room 21 at the Arlin Motel, Arlington, Texas, on March 30, 1966. He stated that approximately 1,000 foot of film was made in connection with this interview, which was to be an educational documentary film concerning the assassination of the late President Kennedy. He stated that the man he dealt with was a Robert Blake. Also present at the filming of his interview was a blonde female, identified as Mrs. Blake; Emile de Antonio, who was supposed to be the producer; a camera man not further identified; an individual with a clip board; a bearded man operating sound equipment; and another individual not further identified.

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ENCLOSURE

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Mr. Bowers advised that Mr. Blake indicated he was attempting to put on film what the President's Commission on the assassination had determined with respect to the assassination. He stated that Blake indicated he had talked to a number of people to record their interviews on film.

Mr. Bowers stated that during his filmed interview considerable time was spent on his testimony before the President's Commission with respect to a place where he was interrupted by the person doing the questioning and Blake's group desired to know what Bowers was about to say in his testimony before the President's Commission when he was interrupted. Blake's group also dwelled to some extent on the fact that Bowers, in his testimony, had stated he saw a policeman ride a motorcycle up the embankment on the north side of Elm Street immediately after the assassination. Bowers stated that Blake's group appeared vitally interested in the sequence of shots with respect to whether they could have been fired by one man with one rifle. He stated they also questioned him as to what it was he actually saw that was a "flash" which he apparently mentioned during his testimony before the President's Commission. Bowers stated that Blake's group also appeared vitally interested in his interview with the police immediately after the assassination with respect to certain cars he had observed with political candidate stickers on them.

Mr. Bowers stated that prior to consenting to the filmed interview, he contacted his attorney, Richard W. Smith, of the law firm Lyne, Blanchette, Smith and Shelton, First National Bank Building, Dallas, Texas, telephone Riverside 1-4871, and had his attorney draw up the following quoted agreement:

"Date: 3-30-66

"Judgment Films Corporation

"Re: Lee E. Bowers, Jr.

"Gentlemen:

"You have requested the undersigned to appear in a documentary television and/or motion picture film regarding the events

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"surrounding the assassination of President Kennedy. I agree to participate without compensation in the filming of such production by allowing you to photograph and tape an interview with me concerning my knowledge of events relating to the assassination.

"In consideration for the appearance of the undersigned in connection with such television and/or motion picture interview or production you agree to indemnify and save harmless Lee E. Bowers, Jr. against any and all loss, damage, costs and expenses of any nature whatsoever, which said Lee E. Bowers, Jr. may hereafter suffer, incur, be put to, pay or lay out by reason of appearance on or in connection with such television and/or motion picture production; and further, you agree to defend at your cost any action or claim of any nature whatsoever which may be brought or asserted against the undersigned in connection with or related to the appearance of the undersigned in the abovesaid motion picture and/or television production, and to pay any and all costs and damages arising therefrom. Also in this connection you agree that, if necessary to enforce this indemnity agreement, suit may be brought by the undersigned against you, and you agree to accept service thereon, in any jurisdiction of the United States and specifically including, but not limited to, the jurisdiction of the courts of or located in the State of Texas.

"If you agree to my appearance in the abovesaid television and/or motion picture production on the foregoing terms and conditions you will indicate such agreement by execution of a copy of this letter in the space provided, returning same to the undersigned.

"Yours very truly,

"/s/ Lee E. Bowers, Jr.

"AGREED AND ACCEPTED:

"JUDGMENT FILMS CORPORATION

"BY: Emile de Antonio"

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Mr. Bowers stated that he had determined on the morning of March 31, 1966, that the individual representing himself as Robert Blake was actually Mark Lane. A photograph of Mark Lane taken in 1962 was exhibited to Bowers and he identified Lane's photograph as being the individual he knew as Robert Blake. Mr. Bowers stated that as a result of this misrepresentation he was now concerned as to whether the filmed interview permitted by him might be used in a distorted fashion and that he was interested in knowing if any federal law had been violated by such misrepresentation on the part of Mark Lane. Mr. Bowers indicated that he was going to recontact his attorney for legal advice with respect to what action he should take. Mr. Bowers also stated that he was considering calling former U. S. Attorney for the Northern District of Texas Barefoot Sanders, to determine if there was some federal law which Mark Lane had violated.

On March 31, 1966, Assistant U. S. Attorney B. H. Timmins, Jr., was apprized of the fact that Mark Lane had been identified as the individual representing himself as Robert Blake. Mr. Timmins stated that such representation did not constitute a violation of any federal law.

Mr. Bowers was advised of Mr. Timmins' opinion on March 31, 1966.