

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: April 7, 1966

FROM : A. Rosen

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
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SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN F. KENNEDY, 11/22/63
DALLAS, TEXAS
MISCELLANEOUS -
INFORMATION CONCERNING

PURPOSE:

To advise witnesses of the captioned case were contacted in Dallas for purposes of a filmed interview by representatives of "Judgment Films Corporation." A representative of this company who introduced himself as Robert Blake is actually Mark Lane, former counsel for Margurite Oswald, mother of Lee Harvey Oswald. Copies of letterhead memorandum attached will be disseminated.

BACKGROUND:

Our Dallas Office on March 28, 30 and 31, 1966, was contacted by Mrs. Jean Lollis Hill, Mr. Lee E. Bowers, Jr., and Mr. Warren Allen Reynolds, all of whom were witnesses in connection with the assassination of President Kennedy and the shooting of Dallas, Texas, police officer J. D. Tippit. These people were contacted by representatives of the "Judgment Films Corporation" for the purpose of having a filmed interview made which will be included in an alleged educational television documentary relating to the assassination of President Kennedy.

The witnesses were contacted by a person representing himself as Robert Blake. Mr. Lee E. Bowers, Jr., consented to the filmed interview only after consulting his lawyer who prepared a release from all liability and damages arising from this film which was signed by one of the representatives of the film corporation. Subsequently, Mr. Bowers determined 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.

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Mr. Bowers, as a result of this misrepresentation, became concerned as to whether the filmed interview he permitted might be used in a distorted fashion and was interested in knowing whether a Federal law had been violated on the part of Mark Lane. Bowers related he was contacting his attorney and considering calling former U. S. Attorney Barefoot Sanders. Based on this comment concerning Bowers' anticipated contact with Mr. Sanders, on 3/31/66 Assistant U. S. Attorney B. H. Timmins, Jr., Dallas, Texas, was apprised of the fact that Mark Lane had represented himself as Robert Blake. Mr. Timmins stated that such representation did not constitute a violation of any Federal law and subsequently Mr. Bowers was advised of Mr. Timmins' opinion.

Mark Lane, former counsel for Margurite Oswald, mother of Lee Harvey Oswald, is on the Reserve Index. Lane has recently been residing in England where he has been preparing a book for publication relating to the assassination entitled, "Rush to Judgment." This information has previously been disseminated to Secret Service, the Department, State Department and Central Intelligence Agency. We also received information Lane was contemplating the preparation of a documentary film dealing with the assassination founded on his book. It now appears he is following through in this respect.

Dallas was instructed to incorporate information received in a letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination, information copies of which are attached.

ACTION:

Copies of the letterhead memoranda dated March 30, 1966, and March 31, 1966, Dallas, Texas, will be disseminated to the Internal Security Division and Criminal Division of the Department, U. S. Secret Service, State Department and the Central Intelligence Agency.

Handwritten initials and signatures:
MK, JRM, GR, PR, V, RVS, JS, [Signature]