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these disagreements were turned over to Epstein and served largely as a basis for Epstein's book. The Chief Justice indicated that Liebeler was not to be trusted. I replied that Liebeler had been in touch with the Director, seeking cooperation and that the Director had turned him down flatly. The Chief Justice stated the was glad to hear this.

I informed the Chief Justice of the background of Wark Lane and also the fact that the Director, in the near future, planned to issue a statement defending the FBI's phase of the assassination investigation. The Chief Justice stated he was glad to hear this and that the Director's name and prestige would be a great help in clearing the air. He stated many people desired that he issue a statement but he, as Chief Justice, does not feel he should do so. I made no further comment. ACTION:

For record purposes.