

The Attorney General

June 16, 1966

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LETTER OF INQUIRY FROM
MARK LANE DATED JUNE 8, 1966

Previous correspondence has been had with Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr., Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, concerning evidence temporarily retained by this Bureau relating to the assassination of President Kennedy. My most recent letter was dated June 13, 1966, and concerned a request from Mr. Edwin A. Walker, who desired the return of a bullet fired at him, which was acquired from the Dallas Police Department and subsequently became Commission Exhibit Number 573. It was also indicated it is desirable the material in our possession obtained during the investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy be turned over to the Government agency designated or to other interested individuals. This will be done when appropriate notification is received from you.

Enclosed for any action deemed appropriate is a copy of a letter dated June 8, 1966, from Mark Lane, who requested permission to examine items of evidence obtained during the investigation relating to the assassination of President Kennedy. Also enclosed is a copy of my letter to Mr. Lane dated June 16, 1966.

You may recall Mark Lane represented Marguerite Oswald, mother of Lee Harvey Oswald, during the investigation relating to the assassination of President Kennedy. You are specifically referred to letterhead memoranda captioned "Assassination of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy, November 22, 1963, Dallas, Texas; Miscellaneous - Information Concerning" dated March 30, 1966, Dallas, Texas; March 31, 1966, Dallas, Texas; and April 26, 1966, Dallas, Texas. These letterhead memoranda were furnished to the Criminal Division on April 11 and 29, 1966. They contained information concerning Mark Lane who, at that time, was in Dallas filming interviews with witnesses for an alleged educational television documentary relating to the assassination of President Kennedy. At that time Mark Lane was representing himself as "Robert Blake."

NOTE: See memorandum Rosen to DeLoach captioned "Assassination of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy, 11/23/63, Dallas, Texas; Miscellaneous - Information Concerning," 6-15-66, KMR:eem.

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For your additional information, Mark Lane has been preparing a book relating to the assassination entitled, "Push to Judgment," which is scheduled to be released during the Fall of 1966.

It is noted legislation enacted on November 2, 1965, furnishing you authority to choose certain items of evidence relating to the assassination for retention by the Government, expires on November 2, 1966. I have not received any information as to what action is being taken in this regard. I will be glad to comply with any instructions to enable me to furnish the Government agency designated or other interested individuals material currently in our possession, upon notification by you.

Enclosures (2)

1 - The Deputy Attorney General - Enclosures (2)

1 - Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr. - Enclosures (2)
Assistant Attorney General