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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: June 15, 1966

FROM : A. Rosen

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. Shroder
- 1 - Mr. Raupach
- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY, 11/22/63, DALLAS, TEXAS
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

PURPOSE:

To advise of the receipt of a letter from Mark Lane, who requested permission to examine evidence in our possession which relates to the assassination of President Kennedy. In view of legislation which has been enacted regarding this subject, Lane is being referred to the Department of Justice. A letter is also being directed to the Attorney General, with copies to the Deputy Attorney General and Assistant Attorney General Vinson, enclosing Lane's letter and a copy of our answer to him. We point out since the enactment of legislation on 11/2/65, and which expires on 11/2/66, we have not heard from the Attorney General as to what action is being taken by the Department for disposition of evidence temporarily in our possession.

BACKGROUND:

A letter dated June 8, 1966, has been received from Mark Lane. In his communication he indicated he is anxious to examine physical evidence in our possession as it relates to the assassination of President Kennedy. He specifically made reference to bullets and bullet fragments, the assassination rifle, Lee Harvey Oswald's jacket, handwriting specimens, the pistol used to kill police officer J. D. Tippit, the bullets recovered from Tippit's body and other evidence obtained in the investigation of this case.

He concluded by saying, should the Bureau decline to permit an examination of the evidence by him or by independent experts, he desired a list of items of evidence that the Bureau possesses and the authority upon which we rely, both for the possession of evidence and a declination to permit the examination of the evidence.

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MARK LANE:

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ENCLOSURE

Mark Lane is the controversial individual who was the former counsel for Marguerite Oswald, mother of Lee Harvey Oswald. Mark Lane

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is on the Reserve Index. Until recently he has resided in England, where he is preparing a book for publishing, relating to the assassination entitled, "Rush to Judgment." This book is scheduled to be released sometime during September, 1966. Information relating to Mark Lane has previously been disseminated to Secret Service, the Department, State Department, and Central Intelligence Agency. During March, 1966, Lane was in Dallas, Texas, and contacted witnesses, at which time he represented himself as "Robert Blake." At that time he was filming interviews for an alleged educational television documentary relating to the assassination of President Kennedy. This film was being prepared purportedly by "Judgment Films Corporation." The photograph of Mark Lane was exhibited to various witnesses who positively identified him as the individual representing himself as Robert Blake.

On 11/2/65, legislation was enacted, authorizing the Attorney General to choose any item of evidence for retention by the Government as it relates to the assassination of President Kennedy. We are acting as a temporary repository for this material and have previously gone on record with the Department indicating we will relinquish this material to the Government agency or other interested individuals when notified by the Attorney General. This legislation, which provides authority for the Attorney General to acquire items of evidence relating to the assassination expires on 11/2/66.

Our most recent letter to the Department was dated 6/13/66, and addressed to Assistant Attorney General Vinson, concerning a request from Edwin A. Walker (Major General resigned). Walker requested the rifle bullet fired at him on 4/10/63, which we acquired from the Dallas Police Department be returned. In this communication we reiterated we would relinquish evidence in our possession when appropriate notification is received from the Attorney General.

ACTION:

In view of the above, we should not become engulfed in any comments to Mark Lane pertaining to this matter.

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Attached for approval is a letter to Mark Lane referring him to the Department of Justice.

Also attached is a letter to the Attorney General, with copies for the Deputy Attorney General and Assistant Attorney General Vinson, advising we received Lane's letter and as enclosures to this letter are attached a copy of Lane's letter and the Bureau's reply. We briefly describe Mark Lane and his activities and refer to legislation enacted 11/2/65, reminding the Attorney General of the expiration date of this legislation, which furnishes him the authority to choose items of evidence for retention. We have had no indication of what action the Attorney General is taking concerning this matter. All exhibits are being temporarily retained by us.

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