

Telephone call from David Lifton — Saturday night 10/8/66

His call was mainly concerned with Liebeler, who has been phoning Lifton suddenly with proposals for their collaboration. Clearly WJL wants to pick Lifton's brain—he suggested installing tape recorders at their phones so as to have a record of their conversations—he wants to find out everything possible about the critics and their theories or criticisms, obviously to prepare a defense against each argument, for inclusion in his book for Norton.

WJL and Mark Lane debated the WR at the Student Union UCLA. WJL was hissed and booed for his demagogic performance. Lane will sue him for his statement that Lane is going around the country telling deliberate lies in order to seal his book.

Lane is telling quite a few lies. For example, on a TV appearance (1 hr) Mark Davidson read passages critical of Lane from Sauvage's book. Lane said that Sauvage had since apologized to him for one statement, has been praising R to J. The apology manifestly is a pure invention.

Ray Marcus has been keeping secret for a whole year a letter he received from RFK after sending him a photo-kit (the Moorman blow-ups). The letter said "This is to let you know that your material has been received. Your interest in this matter is deeply appreciated." Ray thinks RFK typed the letter himself -- no secretary's initials.

Lifton is in touch with Kerry Thornley—he can produce affidavits from 2 ex-Marines to the effect that LHO and Heindel conversed with each other in Russian. Ramparts is definitely coming out with a story on the peripherals, written by staff. Lifton is in touch with Wes Wise, who is anxious to cooperate with the critics. He will show Willis and Zapruder frames on TV and appeal to persons pictured there, who witnessed the shooting, to come forward.

At Student Union, Liebeler repeated false statement that EE has admitted that his book has no validity and that he has withdrawn his criticisms of the WR. Lane said that in London EE said that WJL is a pathological liar, etc.

SM repeatedly and strongly warned Lifton against any contacts with Liebeler.