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Rowland Evans and Robert Novak
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Dear Sirs,

In a story in the New York Free Press of 13 June 1968, Mark Lane writes as follows:

Several days after the murder of Dr. King, according to a Novak and Evan's column, at a conference at the Department of Justice, (Ramsey) Clark was asked about his public statements following the murder. He replied, the column revealed, that he knew his public statements were false but he felt that they would help restore calm to the country.

Although I read your column regularly in the New York Post, I have no recollection of reading anything remotely like this. I would be most grateful if you would indicate whether or not there is any foundation for Lane's version of what he purports to have read in your column.

= As I am writing an article in which I intend to deal with this and other claims published by Mark Lane which appear not to be strictly factual and have an early-July deadline, I would be very much obliged to you for an answer by return mail or a collect telephone call.

Yours sincerely,

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