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Dear Jim,

2/20/78

Attached to the Clarence Kelley 10/27/77 letter to me is a State cable #247, # 10/27/65, "Subject: Mark Lane's Forthcoming Book on the Warren Commission."

The first paragraph says the book "is scheduled for publication in England during November 1965."

Whether or not it was so scheduled it did not happen.

The (mis)information is attributed to "A confidential source within the government" of the U.S.

For a book to appear a month after announcement of its publication generally means it has already been manufactured.

If a publisher were departing from the norm and were rushing a controversial book he would not keep the publication secret. Rather would be publicize it all he could.

There are other reasons why I tend to believe this was just bad information, not that the book was scheduled for publication and the publisher backed out. Besides, Lane's own account in Citizen's Dissent does not, to the best of my recollection, indicate that this 11/65 publication had been scheduled.

Now it happens that at that time the same bad information reached another British publisher, Leslie Frewin, while he was drafting a contract for Whitewash. His was a typical reaction: the first book would cream the market and he did not contract WW. He wrote and explained it all to me. If not for this Whitewash would have appeared in England then.

I'm fascinated at the coincidence, if coincidence it is.

More so because earlier a larger British publisher, Collins, had decided to do WW but was discouraged by John Sparrow, who reportedly has long intelligence connections.

You may want to keep this "coincidence" in mind.

Bad information on Lane's book just in time to kill mine.

Best,



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

October 27, 1977

Mr. Harold Weisberg  
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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

Reference is made to your Freedom of Information-Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request directed to the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).

By letter dated March 16, 1977, the CIA forwarded 231 State Department documents to that agency for review and direct response to you. Of those 231 documents, one document was identified by the FOIPA unit of the State Department to contain information which originated with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This document was forwarded to the FBI, by letter dated September 15, 1977, for review and direct response to you.

The document, numbered 216 by State Department, is being released to you at this time without excisions.

Sincerely yours,

  
Clarence M. Kelley  
Director

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FROM : Department of State

DATE: Oct 22 5 22 PM '65

SUBJECT: Mark Lane's Forthcoming Book on the Warren Commission Report

A confidential source within the government recently received information that attorney Mark Lane's book Rush to Judgment is scheduled for publication in England during November, 1965. Lane has disputed the findings of the Warren Commission that Lee Harvey Oswald was the lone killer of President Kennedy; he claims many questions are unanswered and that the actual assassins remain at large. Rush to Judgment will attempt to refute the Warren Report.

Mrs. Marguerite Oswald, mother of Lee Harvey Oswald, retained Lane to represent her when she testified before the Warren Commission; that relationship has since been terminated. Lane, who affiliates with leftist groups and causes, was elected May 28, 1963 vice chairman of the New York Council to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee. His extensive travels and lectures throughout Europe on behalf of the Oswald cause have been sponsored by Communist or leftist organizations. Early in 1964, he formed the Citizens Council of Inquiry (CCI) to ascertain and reveal the "true facts" about the assassination. His law office and CCI had an identical address in New York City

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until July 1965 when both were changed to the same City P. O. Box. CCI's bank balance as of October 28, 1964 exceeded \$11,000.

In April 1964, Lane addressed the Eighth Convention of the International Association of Democratic Lawyers (IADL) at Budapest urging the formation of an international commission to investigate the assassination. (IADL has been designated an international Communist front organization by the HCUA and Senate Internal Security Subcommittee.) At a meeting of American expatriates (identified as Communists or Communist sympathizers) and Italian Communists later that month in Rome, Lane stated, among other things: his expenses to visit Budapest and other European cities, including Paris and London, were being paid by the "Hungarian Government"; that CCI was being financed by "leftist" elements in the U. S., including the American Civil Liberties Union; and that "an international commission of lawyers to investigate the Oswald case was to be constituted within the next month or so under the auspices of the International Association of Democratic Lawyers". During December 1964 and January 1965, he lectured in Europe under the auspices of Bertrand Russell arguing against the conclusions of the Warren Report.

Lane married a Danish citizen last year, Anne-Lise Dabelsteen, and now resides in Denmark.

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