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TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: 6/15/66

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

cc Mr. DeLoach
 Mr. Sullivan
 Mr. Rosen
 Mr. Wick
 Mr. M.A. Jones

SUBJECT: BOOK ENTITLED
 "RUSH TO JUDGMENT"
 by Mark Lane, former counsel
 for mother of Lee Harvey Oswald

*Assassination of President
 John F. Kennedy*
City of New York
W. H. Holt

The Director approved a recommendation that I discuss with Mr. Frank Close, Sales Manager of Holt, Rinehart & Winston publishing firm in New York City, an indication in a New York Times article of 6/5/66 that his publishing firm planned to publish the captioned book.

Close was out of the city until today, 6/15/66. Upon mentioning the reference in the New York Times article he admitted that his company had contracted to publish this book. The contract was arranged by Al Edwards, Editor in Chief, who has taken over most of the old duties of Ed Rigg. Edwards approved the manuscript and later had Close also read this manuscript.

Close told me that neither he nor Edwards knew of Mark Lane's background. He added that the manuscript clearly reflected praise for the FBI, rather than criticism. The author does take the Warren Commission to task in numerous instances. The basis for such criticism is that the Warren Commission did not follow the FBI investigation as closely as it should have.

Frank Close told me that Lane reaches no conclusions in his book. He does raise a number of questions with respect to the administrative handling of the investigation by the Warren Commission.

I told Close that we, of course, had no doubts concerning Lane's feelings toward the FBI, and it would indeed be surprising if he praised us at any time. Close told me he would definitely bring our opinion to the attention of Al Edwards, and Edwards would no doubt call us in the next day or two.

I see no further action to be taken in view of the fact that the book has already been contracted for. It would seem that Holt, Rinehart & Winston would have checked on the author prior to signing a contract.

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