UNITED STATES COVE. emorandum

2-2-67 DATE:

Date

Tics

'elt Goie

ulir - 21 ° T.A.tter

A

OBICINAL FILD

たないたいます

OM

Mr. Wick

M. A. Jones

"PLAYBOY' MAGAZINE BJECT: FEBRUARY, 1967, ISSUE

The current "Playboy" contains a lengthy interview of the notorious Mark Lane, author of "Rush to Judgment," a conscienceless attack upon the Warren Commission and its conclusions concerning the assassination of President Kennedy.

A review of Lane's book was made on October 6, 1966,shortly after its issue, and the many false allegations he made about the Bureau and the Commission were refuted in detail. A copy is attached.

The interview is a rehash of the scurrilous and irresponsible tcharges he made concerning the Warren Commission's conclusions. It is replete with allusions indicating the FBI did not thoroughly investigate the assassination.

He was questioned by the "Playboy" interviewer regarding the comment in his book that the Warren Commission "covered itself with shame" and asked whether or not he was accusing the Commission of lying to the American people. He replied he did not care to say that the Commission lied, but "it did issue a false report." Many of the half-truths, irresponsible statements, and downright lies reflected in his book were repeated in the interview. It does not appear necessary to again analyze these charges.

The current issue of "Playboy" magazine is enclosed.

109C **RECOMMENDATION:** HOT For information: APR 10 Enclosure 1 - Mr. DeLoach 1 - Mr. Wick Mr. Rosen