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June 8, 1966.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

As you may know I am a researcher duly registered with the National Archives and Records Service and a holder of researcher identification card number 604-145. I have, in addition, an account with that office which has permitted me in the past to order photostatic copies of documents in their records.

I have examined a number of the documents on the list of basic source materials in possession of the Warren Commission maintained by the National Archives. I am now anxious to examine some of the physical evidence in the case. I refer to the shirt and jacket worn by President Kennedy on November 22, 1963, the bullet designated by the Warren Commission as Commission Exhibit 399, as well as the two fragments of bullets also found, the alleged assassination rifle, the jacket which the Commission determined that Lee Harvey Oswald wore on November 22, Oswald's handwriting specimens that were examined by the Commission's experts, the pistol that the Commission determined was used to shoot J. D. Tippit, the bullets recovered from Tippit's body, the goatskin that served as a target for bullets fired from the alleged assassination weapon, the metal shims that were ^{62-109090 -} used in the alleged assassination weapon before it was tested, the windshield of the Presidential limousine, the original photograph shown to Marguerite Oswald on Nov-

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order 23, 1963 by Agent Gdum, the curbstone that was damaged on November 22nd and examined at the FBI laboratory during August, 1964, the paper bag in which Oswald allegedly carried the rifle on November 22 and the paper bag manufactured by the FBI Laboratory to simulate the original, and the actual tape-recordings of the Dallas Police broadcasts which were examined by an FBI agent and from which two different and inconsistent transcripts were made and published by the Commission.

I have absolutely no objection to examining the evidence under the supervision of governmental agents. In some cases I would wish to have reputable and recognized authorities make the examination on my behalf. For example, I wish to employ outstanding handwriting experts to examine the handwriting specimens.

I have been informed that at least some, if not most or all of the evidence that I have referred to hereinabove, may be in the possession of the FBI. Accordingly I should like to know when it may be convenient for your office for me to see the evidence and arrange to have independent experts examine the evidence.

If for any reason you should decline to permit an examination of the evidence by me or by independent experts, I would appreciate it if you would in any event list those items of evidence that you actually do possess and the authorities upon which you rely both for the possession of the evidence and the declination to permit the examination of the evidence.

Sincerely,



Mark Lane

HL/rg

The Attorney General

June 13, 1963

Director, FBI

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LETTER OF INQUIRY FROM
MARK LANE DATED JUNE 8, 1963

Previous correspondence has been had with Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr., Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, concerning evidence temporarily retained by this Bureau relating to the assassination of President Kennedy. My most recent letter was dated June 12, 1963, and concerned a request from Mr. Edwin A. Walker, who desired the return of a bullet fired at him, which was acquired from the Dallas Police Department and subsequently became Commission Exhibit Number 573. It was also indicated it is desirable the material in our possession obtained during the investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy be turned over to the Government agency designated or to other interested individuals. This will be done when appropriate notification is received from you.

Enclosed for any action deemed appropriate is a copy of a letter dated June 8, 1963, from Mark Lane, who requested permission to examine items of evidence obtained during the investigation relating to the assassination of President Kennedy. Also enclosed is a copy of my letter to Mr. Lane dated June 13, 1963.

You may recall Mark Lane represented Marguerite Oswald, mother of Lee Harvey Oswald, during the investigation relating to the assassination of President Kennedy. You are specifically referred to letters and memoranda captioned "Assassination of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy, November 22, 1963, Dallas, Texas; Miscellaneous - Information Concerning" dated March 30, 1963, Dallas, Texas; March 31, 1963, Dallas, Texas; and April 23, 1963, Dallas, Texas. These letterhead memoranda were furnished to the Criminal Division on April 11 and 29, 1963. They contained information concerning Mark Lane who, at that time, was in Dallas filming interviews with witnesses for an alleged educational television documentary relating to the assassination of President Kennedy. At that time Mark Lane was representing himself as

"Robert Blake."

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NOTE: See memorandum Rosen to DeLoach captioned "Assassination of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy, 11/23/63, Dallas, Texas; Miscellaneous - Information Concerning," 6-15-66, KMR:eem.

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The Attorney General

For your additional information, Mark Lane has been preparing a book relating to the assassination entitled, "Truth to Judgment," which is scheduled to be released during the Fall of 1966.

It is noted legislation enacted on November 2, 1957, furnishing you authority to seize certain items of evidence relating to the assassination for retention by the Government, expires on November 2, 1966. I have not received any information as to what action is being taken in this regard. I will be glad to comply with any instructions to enable me to furnish the Government agency designated or other interested individuals material currently in our possession, upon notification by you.

Enclosures (2)

1 - The Deputy Attorney General - Enclosures (2)

1 - Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr. - Enclosures (2)
Assistant Attorney General