

FBI report, 12/9/63

"Pre-Publication Statement by Mark Lane," Holt, Rinehart and Winston RTJ brochure:

"But the recent release of the FBI Report (declassified only recently and quoted here for the first time) ..."

"During April 1966, I visited the National Archives and discovered (emphasis added) that the FBI Report had been declassified ..."

Aside from his rather incomplete understanding of this report, whose failure even to account for all the shooting escaped Mark, he knew better. This was anything but the first quotation of the report. First, it was assiduously leaked by the government. Next, it was first quoted in a magazine by Vincent Salandria, Mark's own collaborator; first reproduced in facsimile by me; first in my book; and to his knowledge was being used by Epstein in his then unpublished book, which appeared months before Mark's.

Further, before Rush to Judgment, before Epstein finished his book, Mark knew better. Forgetting what he wrote in this pre-publication blurb and the enormous advertising and public relations campaign by his publisher, Mark told the truth in A Citizen's Dissent, pp.41-2:

"Epstein had informed me of his trip to Vermont to visit Wesley J. Liebeler, a Commission lawyer ... Liebeler had shown him a number of documents ... with one being of genuine significance. It was the then unavailable FBI report of December 9, 1963 ... In London I received a telephone call from de Antonio. He reported that Epstein had told him he had secured a copy of the FBI report and that he added, 'I have my own book now.' ..."

This cannot be regarded as accidental error. Further, Salandria's article, in a magazine known to Mark and to which he has contributed, was in circulation before his pre-publication statement. He knew Epstein's book would be out before his, whether or not he then knew of WHITEWASH. It is a deliberate, willful lie, typical of Mark's attitude and the character of the promotion of his books.