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April 1, 1964

BY COURIER SERVICE

Honorable J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel
The President's Commission
200 Maryland Avenue, N. E.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rankin:

In connection with coverage of the public appearances of Mark Lane, this Bureau has determined that on March 25, 1964, Lane received a United States passport for travel in Europe and that his departure was scheduled for April 1, 1964.

There are enclosed two copies of a communication dated March 30, 1964, at Washington, D. C., setting forth information furnished United States Department of State by Lane in his passport application.

You will note in paragraph two on page one of the enclosed communication that Lane advised he would attend a convention of the International Association of Democratic Lawyers. This association, which is reportedly holding a congress at Budapest, Hungary, from March 30, 1964, to April 3, 1964, has been cited as an international communist front organization on page 88 of the "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published December 1, 1961, by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.

This material is being furnished to advise you of Lane's plans for travel abroad and to assist you in the event you desire to arrange coverage of Lane in the foreign countries to which he travels.

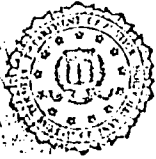
Honorable J. Lee Rankin

On Lane's return to the United States, this Bureau will resume its coverage of his public appearances.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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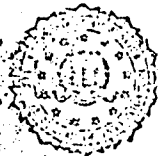
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In the name Mark Lane, San Francisco Passport No. E-067352 was issued on March 25, 1964. Notation on the passport application indicated he presented his birth certificate for inspection by the Passport Agency Officer. The application described him as a white male, six feet tall, brown hair, brown eyes, and no distinguishing marks; occupation was given as attorney. It was noted the passport photograph showed him to be wearing dark shell-rimmed glasses.

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