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Dear Jim,

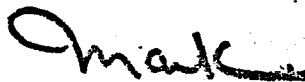
NBC was even worse than one could have expected. National Variety, published in New York, intimated that the relationship between NBC and RCA (one evidently owns the other) and the relationship between the government and RCA may have motivated the unfair program. They asked for my comment. I agreed, and I added a bit about my own experience with RCA and this case.

Daily Variety has also joined in. Page 8 of the enclosed issue of June 21, 1967, carries a good review of a bad job. The reviewer called me for a long story attacking the networks for their mishandling of the case. That story will be forthcoming soon.

Der Spiegel sent me their May 22, 1967, issue, which contains a long and interesting interview with you. My wife has translated parts of it for me, and it is excellent.

With very best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,



Mark Lane

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July 6, 1967

Mr. J. Harrison
District Attorney
District of Orleans
State of Louisiana
1001 Poydras Avenue
New Orleans, La.

Dear Sir,

I spoke with Bill Turner this morning, who told me that things were going reasonably well in New Orleans.

Some months ago, two young men, both of whom are bright and energetic and friends of Mort Sahl, sat with me to discuss various ways that they might be of service regarding the assassination investigation. One of them, Steve Powers, is writing his doctoral thesis on the subject, and has consequently been involved in a vast amount of research. The other, ~~John Jaffe~~ Jaffe, is doing graduate work at UCLA and is organizing the Citizens' Committee of ~~Stanford~~ that university. Among the projects they were most interested in was the possibility of producing a documentary film regarding your investigation. While that possibility may still exist if you would be willing to permit such a project, a substantial amount would first have to be made available to finance the film. Such a film would be an excellent antidote to the CBS and NBC distortions. I am anxious to hear from you regarding your assessment of this project.

Both Jaffe and Powers like the idea of a film, and are both so completely committed to our work on your investigation that they now wish to do anything which might be of service. Today they suggested to me that they would like to go to New Orleans and work as investigators for you without compensation. They are willing to pay for their own expenses and to work under anyone on your staff whom you might suggest. Both Mort and I feel that we can vouch for their sincerity and for the fact that they are trustworthy. They are not trained investigators, which merely means, as you have observed in the past, that they have not yet had time to be exposed to corruption.

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If these various suggestions meet with your approval, and by various I include those contained in my last letter to you as well as those contained in this letter, then I will arrange to move to New Orleans some time toward the end of next month. Wife and Powers can accompany me at that time or can precede me if there is something for them to do at the present time.

I know how busy you are, and I should not like to impose any additional burdens upon you in terms of correspondence, but of course moving my family from California to New Orleans is a major step and I am anxious to hear your response as soon as possible.

Assuming that all is as it was when last we met, I have already negotiated a release from my lease on the house in California so that we may move to New Orleans at the end of the summer.

Our invitation to you to spend some time relaxing in the California ⁵⁴⁸ and a California pool remains open and we hope that you will be able to break away from the investigation long enough to join us here in the near future.

All of us, including Mort and Bill and Ray Marcus send their very best wishes to you.

Sincerely,



Mark Lane

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF ORLEANS

A F F I D A V I T

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, Notary Public for the Parish of Orleans, personally came and appeared:

MARK LANE

who, after being duly sworn did depose and say:

That during January, 1968, I interviewed William S. Walter in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Walter informed me and Anne-Lise Lane that he had been employed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation during 1963. He stated that he had been a security clerk and was assigned to the New Orleans office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Walter said that during the morning of November 17, 1963, he received a TWX message directed to all southern regional offices of the FBI. The message advised that an attempt to assassinate President Kennedy would be made in Dallas on November 22, 1963.

Walter stated that as he was alone on duty on the midnight to eight a.m. shift, he immediately called the Special Agent in Charge of the New Orleans office, Maynard, and informed him of the content of the message. Walter was advised by Maynard to call a number of FBI agents in New Orleans who maintained contact with various informants. Walter did so then, as the regular procedure requires, wrote on the TWX message the names of the SAIC and the names of the Agents whom he had called.

On another occasion I sought to verify the statement that Walter was employed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I examined the file maintained by University College at Tulane University in New Orleans. The file disclosed that Walter was employed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and that "from midnight to eight in the morning he was working for the Bureau (FBI)".

Walter also told me that an FBI directive ordered the New Orleans office to direct the various agents who had conducted interviews regarding the assassination of President Kennedy to examine those interview reports to make sure that there were no conflicts contained within them. The agents were ordered to resolve the conflicts, prepare new reports and to destroy the old ones.



MARK LANE

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME THIS

30th DAY OF January, 1968.



NOTARY PUBLIC