

Memo to DeLoach from Rosen
Re: Assassination of President

DETAILS

Contents of Liebeler's Letter

Bureau is in receipt of a 3-page letter dated October 14, 1966, (received in Bureau 10/17/66) from Wesley J. Liebeler, former Assistant Counsel to the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy. In his letter he states he is deeply concerned about some of the recent books attacking the Warren Commission and its report. He states he has discussed this matter in some detail with other members of the staff of the Warren Commission and in view of the circumstances has undertaken to write a book describing generally how the Commission conducted its investigation, reviewing the evidence relating to the basic conclusions reached in the report, and discussing the major criticisms which have been made of the report and the work of the Commission.

In his letter Liebeler solicits the assistance of the Bureau relative to several matters which were thoroughly looked into by the Warren Commission during its hearings. Liebeler is apparently desirous of the Bureau going beyond the material reported by the Warren Commission and is asking the Bureau to furnish him additional facts which may be in FBI reports.

He also comments that as he proceeds with his work he will have additional questions and mentions that W. W. Norton and Company have agreed to publish the book he is now working on. He comments he understands W. W. Norton and Company are also publishing a book about the FBI which is being written by the Overstreets. Liebeler is referring to Dr. Harry Overstreet and his wife who are known to be preparing a book favorable to the Bureau. Assistant Director W. C. Sullivan has been in contact with the Overstreets during preparation of their book and parts of their manuscript have been reviewed by both the Domestic Intelligence and Crime Records Divisions.

According to Liebeler, Mark Lane, author of "Rush to Judgment", announced to the press he was suing Liebeler for slander. Liebeler states Lane was at the University of California, Los Angeles, on 10/7/66, and Lane refused Liebeler's challenge to debate. Liebeler claims that following Lane's press conference he held one immediately thereafter and charged Lane was going around the country telling lies for money. He states he has not yet been served with any process.

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