This Pub. Weekly story means that Lane has hooked up with Trumbo, Executive Action being the name of his movie also. I guess it explains Trumbo's silence. It does not explain Hoch's. I asked him for those two Chron clips on this. The strong willed bright young have no capacity for learning from past errors in their own judgement or that of others, with but a single exception. Guess this makes them like their elders! I'd appreciate it if you would be alert to any further reporting on Executive Action. The concept may be good, but I fear another assault on the credibility of all. NW 3/31/73

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Donald Freed and Mark Lane, Dell, \$1,25

In a taut and brilliantly conceived suspense story, the authors have advanced the modern innovation of the "nonfiction novel" to a new level—mingling real and fictional characters and events in a recreation of what available evidence and enlightened speculation suggests might truly have happened. This is the story of President Kennedy's assassination which takes into account some of the discrepancies and omissions in the Warren Commission report, and dramatically details a shocking logical theory of the tragedy. In a sound, thought-provoking introduction to the novel Richard H. Popkin, presents a cogent political and factual background for the fiction. [Mai]