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Assassination of President Kennedy
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Dear Mr. Rankin:

I have your letter of April 30, in which you requested further information relative to a false story deliberately planted by an agent of the Secret Service and to the details of my encounter with two Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I am gratified that you are interested in a false statement deliberately planted by an agent of the Secret Service, inasmuch as we have been led to believe that the Commission is relying upon the accuracy of the statements made by investigatory agencies including the Secret Service. Under such circumstances, it seems to me that a thorough investigation of the false statement made by the agent of the Secret Service is required.

I am not clear as to whether you would like me to appear before the Commission and present such information while I am under oath. If that is your preference, I will be happy to fly to Washington to testify before the Commission. If you prefer, instead, merely a statement in a letter from me detailing the incidents referred to above, I shall be happy to comply with that request.

I am continuing in my efforts to secure permission to release to you the name of the person who gave me information regarding the meeting which took place prior to the assassination and which was attended by Officer Tipit, Bernard Weissman, and a third person whose name I gave to the Commission while in executive session.

I am, of course, surprised to hear that Mrs. Markham denies that she gave to me the information which I have indicated publicly that she gave to me and am surprised even more to discover that she denies ever having had a conversation with me. Unless there is some gross error

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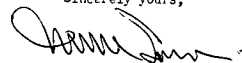
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involved on either Mrs. Markham's part or on mine, one of us seems to have committed perjury. Perhaps under the circumstances it would be appropriate, therefore, to refer this matter to the appropriate Federal authorities in order that criminal action might be instituted against the person who may be guilty of making false statements under oath.

Sincerely yours,



Mark Lane

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