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MEMORANDIE: TO MR. J. LEE RANKIN, General Counsel

From: Howard P. Willens

Re: Fork Lone

During the course of my discussion this morning with Mr. Malley of the PRI be brought up the matter of your interest in having coverage at the lectures given by Mark Lane before various meetings. Mr. Malley pointed out that the FRI is not currently covering Mr. Lane on a day-to-day basis. The FRI does know however that Mark Lane does attend small meetings of approximately 30 cm 35 people which are not publicly amounced. If these meetings are not publicly amounced the FRI cannot get actual recordings of the presentations made by Mr. Lane.

After our discussion Mr. Melley agreed that he would write a letter to you setting forth what coverage the FBI can provide of Mark Lane's activities under their current procedures. At that point if the Commission desires fuller coverage we will have to make nose specific request to that effect to the FBI. I think that we will want to consider very cerefully the problem interest in requesting fuller coverage of Mr. Lane which might require placing him under full surveillance by the FBI. Such a procedure would inform us as to his location, give us some indication of all meetings which he attended, but would still not enable us to obtain recordings or knowledge of the substance of his presentations at the meetings which are not open to the general public.