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Assassination of John F. Kennedy

MARK LANE SX-C BUFILE 100-409763 DALLAS 100-10461

RENYTEL, XMEMEX JULY TWENTY TWO LAST.

ON SEVEN TWENTY TWO LAST PANEL SOURCE JAMES F. SLEVIN

ATTENDED THE MARK LANE AFFAIR SPONSORED BY THE CITIZENS COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY AT THEATRE FOUR, FOUR TWO FOUR WEST FIFTY FIFTH STREET, NYC, DURING WHICH HE WAS ABLE TO TAKE DETAILED NOTES OF LANES REMARKS.

IN ADDITION TO HIS STANDARD DEFENSE OF LEE HARVEY OSWALD, LANE SHOWED SLIDE OF PHOTOSTATIC COPIES OF DOCUMENTS AND AFFIDAVITS WHICH HE HAD SECURED FROM THE FILES OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEYS OFFICE IN DALLAS, TEXAS. LANE STATED HE HAD RECEIVED ALL THE FILES ON THE OSWALD CASE FROM THE DISTRICT ATTORNEYS OFFICE, DALLAS, TEXAS, FROM A QUOTE FRIEND AND UNQUOTE FRIEND ENOUGH TO GET THEM.

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IN SPEAKING OF THE TAPE RECORDING OF HIS CONVERSATION WITH HELEN LOUISE MARKHAM, THE EYEWITNESS TO THE DEATH OF DALLAS POLICE OFFICER J. D. TIPPIII, LANE STATED HE HAD CONTACTED MRS. MARKHAM BY TELEPHONE FROM NEW YORK AFTER OBSERVING AN OFFICE TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR HER ON ONE OF THE DOCUMENTS FROM THE DALLAS DISTRICT ATTORNEYS OFFICE. LANE STATED AT FIRST MRS. MARKHAM SAID SHE COULD NOT TALK TO HIM SINCE SHE WAS FORBIDDEN TO DO SO BY THE FBI, SECRET SERVICE AND THE DALLAS POLICE. LANE TOLD HER THAT AS AN AMERICAN CITIZEN SHE WAS FREE TO TALK AND ALSO THAT HE WAS TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE WARREN COMMISSION AND COULD USE HER HELP. LANE TOLD HER HE WAS NOT AN OFFICIAL OF THE WARREN COMMISSION BUT WOULD TESTIFY. HE THEN TAPED HIS CONVERSATION WITH HER CONCERNING THE DESCRIPTION OF THE KILLER OF TIPPIII.

LANE STATED WHEN HE WAS ASKED BY THE WARREN COMMISSION IF HE HAD A TAPE OF A TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH MRS. MARKHAM, HE REFUSED TO ANSWER STATING THAT THIS WAS PART OF HIS QUOTE CLIENT/S END QUOTE MATERIAL. HIS CLIENT WAS THEN MRS. MARGUERITE SCHEIDT, MOTHER OF LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

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LANE STATED THAT LATER ATTORNEY RANKIN OF THE WARREN COMMISSION ASKED HIM IF MRS. MARKHAM KNEW HER TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WAS BEING TAPED AT THE TIME. LANE STATED IT WAS AT THIS POINT HE DECIDED HE COULD NOT GIVE THE COMMISSION THE TAPE. LANE THEN CLAIMED THAT HE WROTE TO THE WARREN COMMISSION ASKING NOT TO BE PROSECUTED IF HE GAVE THEM THE TAPE. LANE STATED AN ASSISTANT ON THE COMMISSION ANSWERED SAYING THERE WAS A GOOD CHANCE THERE WOULD BE NO PROSECUTION IN THE MATTER. HE THEN SENT THE TAPE OF HIS CONVERSATION WITH HELEN MARKHAM TO CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN.

LANE FURTHER STATED THAT TWO INVESTIGATORS FROM HIS OFFICE, NOT IDENTIFIED, HAD CONTACTED MRS. MARKHAM AT HOME IN DALLAS, TEXAS. AT THIS TIME MRS. MARKHAM REFUSED TO COOPERATE BECAUSE SHE WAS UNDER CONSTANT HARASSMENT BY THE FBI AND DALLAS POLICE. HE STATED HOWEVER HER TWENTY ONE YEAR OLD SON JAMES MARKHAM WENT TO THE AUTOMOBILE BELONGING TO LANES INVESTIGATORS AND TALKED TO THEM THERE. LANE STATED THE INFORMATION FURNISHED BY JAMES MARKHAM COULD NOT BE DIVULGED AT THIS TIME. HE STATED THAT FOLLOWING THIS JAMES MARKHAM WAS ARRESTED BY THE DALLAS PD FOR BURGLARY. WHILE IN JAIL HE FELL AND

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HAS BEEN IN CRITICAL CONDITION IN THE DALLAS CITY JAIL HOSPITAL.
ALL OF LANE'S ATTEMPTS TO CONTACT JAMES MARKHAM OR HIS ATTORNEYS
SINCE THEN FAILED.

DURING HIS LECTURE LANE ACCUSED THE FBI, SECRET SERVICE
AND THE DALLAS POLICE FOR FAILURE TO ADEQUATELY PROTECT
PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY.

LANE ALSO STATED HE HAD BEEN RECENTLY STOPPED ON THE
STREET BY FBI AGENTS AND ACCUSED OF TAKING FILES. HE STATED
HE WAS ANNOYED AND THE WEATHER WAS BAD. HE ALSO STATED THAT
TWO FBI AGENTS ARE PRESENT WHENEVER HE SPEAKS.

AT THE CONCLUSION OF HIS LECTURE LANE WAS ASKED THE
QUESTION QUOTE DID HE FEEL THERE WAS A CONSPIRACY WITH GOVERNMENT
PERSONNEL INVOLVED REGARDING THE ASSASSINATION END QUOTE.
LANE ANSWERED THAT AS A POLITICIAN HE KNEW THIS QUESTION COULD
NOT BE ANSWERED. LANE STATED HE WANTS TO WORK FOR TRUTH AND
ONLY IN FACTS NOT THEORY.

SOURCE STATED THE MEETING WAS ATTENDED BY ONE HUNDRED
AND SEVENTY FIVE DASH TWO HUNDRED PEOPLE.

THE ABOVE IS BEING FURNISHED TO THE DALLAS DIVISION

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SINCE IT MAY BE OF VALUE IN THE INVESTIGATION OF THE OSWALD
CASE THERE.

INVESTIGATION AT NEW YORK IS CONTINUING.

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