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An article appearing in the February 9, 1968 issue of the "Utica Daily Press", a Utica, New York, daily newspaper, page 17, entitled, "Lane Says CIA Had Part in Plotting JFK's Death", reads as follows:

"Hamilton--Facts in a pending New Orleans trial will 'startle and shock' Americans over FBI-CIA and other government collusion in President Kennedy's assassination, controversial Warren report critic Mark Lane said last night.

"Speaking to more than 425 in the Colgate University Chapel, Lane lashed at coverups and lies, calling them 'hallmarks' of a total-state. He was interrupted repeatedly by prolonged applause and encouraging laughter.

"He said the facts would come out in the conspiracy trial, likely before April, of Clay Belshaw, a prominent New Orleans executive.

"Lane praised efforts of New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison. Lane, a former New York City assemblyman, is now on Garrison's staff as special counsel investigator.

"He wound up a lecture tour with his Colgate address and was to head back to the southern city.

"I predict Americans will be startled and shocked to learn the CIA (Central Intelligence Agency) participated in planning the assassination of the President, and that the FBI (Federal Bureau of Investigation) knew about it five days in advance and no one told the President," he said.

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"He pictured Lee Harvey Oswald, whom the Warren Commission called the only assassin, as an FBI pawn who informed that agency about the plot November, 1963, five days before it happened.

"Lane said the FBI sent telegrams to its southern offices the night of Nov. 17, saying that an attempt would be made on Kennedy's life in Dallas, Texas--where in fact Kennedy was slain on Nov. 22.

"Yet, President Kennedy', he said, 'was told, in October that the same group was planning to assassinate him in Chicago and he cancelled that trip.'

"The death motive, he said, could be traced to Kennedy's withdrawals of 1,500 men from Vietnam two months before his death and another 1,500 men shortly before he was killed. That left a total of 15,500. It is now over a half million men.'

"He said he didn't know why the Kennedy family had remained silent. He said the voters should ask this of New York Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, the late President's brother.

"He said Jack Ruby, Oswald's killer, was afraid to talk in Texas and that Chief Justice Earl Warren refused Ruby's plea to 'tell you everything I know', in Washington D. C.

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"He said Oswald's widow, Marina Porter, testified yesterday before a New Orleans grand jury. He said her answers would be 'very illuminating'.

"Lane said the government and news media have tried hard to stop the New Orleans trial. He said the FBI tried to prevent publication of his 1966 best selling book 'Rush to Judgment'.

"He said FBI assistant director John Roche² asked the eventual publishers to suppress it.

"Lane refused to say if Communists were behind the assassination. Somewhat cryptically, he said, 'philosophically the shots came from the right, not the left.'

"Wearing 41 and coughing from a cold, Lane swelt at length with assassination details in his hour and 20 minutes talk and 20 minute question period.

"He said five shots were fired, two from in front of the President's slow moving car, and two from behind and another that missed but ricocheted into a spectator's face.

"Lane said a photo showed Oswald standing in the doorway of the Texas School Depository Building as Kennedy's car passed, and not on the sixth floor from where the fatal shots allegedly were fired. He said the Warren group cut out this evidence.

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"Lane ridiculed Warren Commission members, the government and news media. He scorned former U-tician Walter Sheridan, NBC investigator for a recent TV show about the Garrison-Belshay case, for 'false statements, statements out of context, and bits and pieces. NBC is much aware that it has much to hide.'

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