

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-109060)

DATE: 8/30/68

FROM : SAC, TAMPA (62-455)

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF  
PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,  
NOVEMBER 22, 1963, DALLAS, TEXAS  
(OO: Dallas)

MARK LANE

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For the information of the Bureau and recipient offices on 8/27/68, an individual identifying himself as ALFRED GARREN, 1229 Arlington Avenue, St. Petersburg, Fla., advised the Resident Agency in St. Petersburg, that he had become incensed over remarks of MARK LANE in his guest appearance on an "Open Mike" program on Station WLCY, St. Petersburg, on 8/26/68. The program lasted from 10:00 P.M. until 12:30 A.M.

It will be noted that MARK LANE has been in the St. Petersburg area making guest appearances before various groups.

For the information of the receiving offices, Mr. GARREN said that MARK LANE in the aforesaid program attacked the integrity of the President of the United States, the CIA, and the FBI. He said the moderator of the program was an individual named HARRY SHELTON, who was replacing the regular moderator, ROBERT BURKE. He said SHELTON is a self-pronounced intellectual who appeared to help LANE in presenting his viewpoint, and did not afford the rebuttal the time they should have had. (The Open Mike program is the type of program where listeners call into the station and ask questions.)

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GARREN described LANE as an associate of Prosecuting Attorney GARRISON of New Orleans and as the author of a book entitled, "Rush to Judgment". He said that LANE contended that the death of President KENNEDY was a plot on the part of the CIA, and that in a nebulous way, he tied in the FBI.

GARREN said that one of the listeners called in and asked LANE if he was not afraid of being killed because of his position and accusations, and asked if he had reported the matter to the FBI. GARREN said LANE's reply was, "Why call the FBI?" "That would be like CUSTER calling for more Indians."

GARREN also avers that LANE discredited the FBI in the JAMES EARL RAY case, saying that the FBI did nothing to find him and that it required Scotland Yard to locate him.

To illustrate some of the falsehoods which GARREN felt LANE made: GARREN said that on 3/28/68, on a TV interview in California, he heard ROBERT KENNEDY asked if he were to become President whether he would reopen the assassination case. ROBERT KENNEDY answered that he had carefully reviewed the findings of the Warren Report, and he was solidly behind its findings, and that he would definitely not reopen the matter, nor would he require that the archives be made public.

On the other hand, LANE in the aforementioned program said, according to GARREN, that JIM GARRISON of New Orleans had received a secret message from ROBERT KENNEDY just prior to his assassination telling GARRISON that he believed GARRISON was doing a fine job and that he would give him every assistance. GARREN could not believe that ROBERT KENNEDY would change his position in such a short period of time.