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4/3/64

SA HAROLD M. RATCHFORD

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On 3/12/64 [redacted], who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally advised SA HAROLD M. RATCHFORD of the following. This information was dictated on 3/18/64 into statement form, typed by Stenographer PATRICIA GRADY on 3/19/64, and was then read and initialed by the informant on 3/26/64. It is maintained in [redacted]

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- 1 - New York (100-MARK LANE) (RM)
- ① - Dallas (1 - ASSASSINATION OF PRES. JOHN F. KENNEDY) (Info) (RM)
- 29 - Philadelphia
 - 1 - 100-44403
 - 28 - other appropriate Philadelphia files

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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

March 12, 1964

On March 11, 1964, the Friends of the National Guardian held a public meeting at the Philadelphia Ethical Society House, 1906 Rittenhouse Square, Philadelphia, Pa. This affair was attended by approximately 300 persons. The meeting started at approximately 8:30 p.m., and ended at 10:30 p.m.

Chairman at this meeting was A. HARRY LEVITAN.

The principal speaker was one MARK LANE, an attorney retained by MRS. MARGUERITE OSWALD.

LANE in his speech was very critical of the Warren Commission, and he stated that he has doubt as to if LEE OSWALD was the actual assassin of President KENNEDY. LANE claimed conflicting testimony as to the source of rifle shots that killed President KENNEDY. He pointed out that some witnesses said shots originated from the grassy knoll or overpass, rather than from the Texas Book Depository.

LANE also said doctors at the Dallas Hospital originally said that President KENNEDY died as a result of rifle wound in the front of the neck puncturing a lung and filling the chest cavity with blood. According to LANE, this medical report was altered by an autopsy report

which stated President KENNEDY was killed from shots fired from the rear.

In regard to OSWALD's having allegedly killed Dallas Patrolman J. E. TIPPETT, LANE claims eyewitness to this killing gave physical description of killer which varies with description of OSWALD.

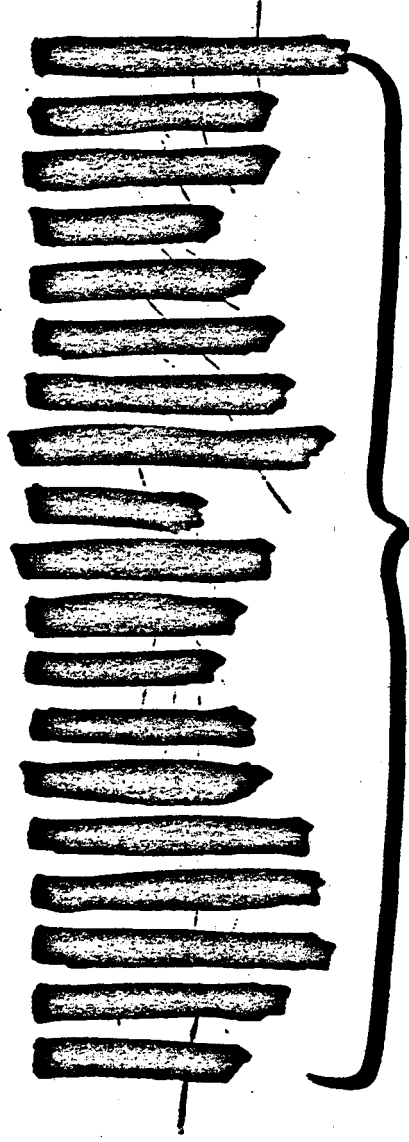
LANE further advised that he has sources, whom he refuses to identify, who have furnished him this information, and will eventually disclose their identity to the public. LANE stated that he has made the same similar speech on previous occasions, and will continue to make the same speech in all of his future talks.

LANE stated that on the afternoon of March 11, 1964, he appeared at Haverford College and gave the same speech, and it was well received by the students at Haverford College.

The following were observed in attendance at this meeting:

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