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On Wednesday, August 12, 1964, at 8:10 P.M. Mr. MARK LANE delivered a lecture, titled, "Who Killed Kennedy" at the Gramercy Arts Theatre, 138 East 27 Street Street, N.Y.C.

Mr. LANE had a diagram on an easel on the left hand side of the stage illustrating the area in Dallas where the assassination took place- He had a projection machine operated by someone in the balcony and he also had a small tape recorder with a taping of his interview with Miss HILL, a schoolteacher, in Dallas.

On the main floor there are approximately 15 rows of seats, 6 seats on the left hand side, 4 seats on right hand side, all seats were occupied, and there were a few people in the balcony. The people appeared to be an average American audience, predominantly young and well dressed men-; a couple of elderly women, a few "beatniks" and one older man on the "Bodenheim" type.

Mr. LANE started his lecture by stating that in 1800, a William Hatfield assassinated the King of England, and while the populace wanted immediate punishment Lord Erskine's writings and pleadings persuaded the government that the assassin had the right to a trial in a court of law before a jury but such rights have not been accorded the "alleged assassin" in the case of Harvey Lee Oswald. Mr. LANE also gave a preview of the famous Dreyfus case and what had happened to Emile Zola when he wrote articles in search of justice miscarried.

A few minutes after Mr. Kennedy had been shot Dick Goodwin wrote an article for Associated Press from Los Angeles stating he knew Oswald from the Armed Services- that he was shy and socially unadjusted but never was considered a good marksman. Ten minutes later the word was passed "delete Goodwin's story- he never knew Oswald.

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Mr. LANE referred to Gallop's Poll published ten days later stating the assassination was the work of a conspiracy. He referred to many newspaper and magazine articles such as:

Feb. 21st Issue "Life Magazine" about Oswald- and how about 80 reprints were made from negative taken in Michigan in 1963. The rifle being drawn in after the print was made and the sights being different in each reprint, also indentation not on rifle.

NY Times - Nov, 1963- rifles different

NY Times- Feb. 1964- given by A.P. made from same negative- no sights- (negative identifiable by the scratches on it)

NewsWeek to Detroit Free Press

France Academy claims pictures are forgeries- shadow under nose, with sun over head, and shadow of body in opposite direction.

This lecture was in most part a repetition of the lecture Mr. LANE gave at Town Hall earlier in the years- when Mrs. MARGUERITE OSWALD appeared with him.

Mr. LANE stated that he has been around the world giving lectures on the subject of the Assassination of Mr. Kennedy. He said that he is very well received in the European countries- to process his passport and deliver it to the school of place where he will be lecturing or staying, etc. but when he returned here his name was in the black book of the Immigration Authorities and he went step by step from the lowliest person to the highest official in the Bureau but he could not get a satisfactory answer except to learn that he was now back in this country and that there is more press and press reporters, also government representatives are puzzled by the attitudes and methods of investigations conducted by the F.B.I., The Secret Service, and the Dallas Police, and also the Warren Commission. None of the investigations so far have attempted to come near to the solution of the crime.

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Dallas, D.A. maintains Oswald was a card carrying Communist.

Mr. LANE has an affidavit supposedly made by a police officer at the onset of the assassination and in this affidavit the officer states the weapon used was a German Mauser of 7.65M. He flashed this affidavit on the screen.

On November 23, 1963, F.B.I. said Oswald purchased a rifle in March 1963 - an Italian carbine under name of Cardel - 6.5M.

Mr. WADE made 15 points about assassination- but none of them have been really investigated- but one point was that DARRELL CLICK was the taxidriver. The Taxi Companies and all bus and other transportation companies are all one syndicate and they definitely confirmed that no such person as DARRELL CLICK worked for the taxi company. Now D.A. WADE says the driver's name is WILLIAM WAYLEY, but no one has ever found him. Mr. LANE claims that the parafine test made by the F.B.I. had a negative response, and even if it was positive, it cannot be used as legal evidence in a court trial. Mr. LANE said that he interviewed the cashier of the movie theater Oswald was supposed to have been captured in, and she stated that she had not sold Oswald a ticket and was no in a position to observe him from her cashier's place, and that she had not called the police, as reported because she knew knothing about Oswald or the case.

Mr. LANE has an affidavit made by Mrs. HELEN MARKHAM, onl star witness, stating she saw a young white man, stocky in build, with dark bushy hair, wearing a grey jacket run from the police car after shooting Tippett- He says no truth in government's story stat the person was of Oswald's description- Mr. and Mrs. MARKHAM had be advised by Dallas Police, Secret Service, and F.B.I. not to discuss the case when LANE tried to verify affidavit. LANE claims this family lives in fear and are very nervous, because of threats and intimidations. According to LANE's statement or this writer's interpretation- the MARKHAMS mistook Mr. LANE for an official investigator from the Warren Commission. The MARKHAMS' son JAMES came down and said he would give information. Secret Service

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Dallas police and F.B.I. cut short corroboration. A few days later the son was arrested for burglary. At the jail he was permitted to go to the bathroom without a guard and he jumped out of the window and was seriously injured.

WM. REYNOLDS - runs a used car lot- he was a star witness- and he told what he knew- and late one night while in the process of closing up he was shot in the head by a man- When this man was apprehended he claimed he had spent the night with his girl friend- His girl friend, BETTY MARIE MC DONALD verified the gunman's story- A few days later BETTY MARIE MC DONALD was arrested for disorderly conduct in her own apartment- shw as having a quarrel with her roommate. BETTY MARIE was a strip tease artist in JACK RUBY's Carousel. While in jail she hung herself. Her boy friend disappeared from Dallas, perhaps from Texas, he has never been heard of since he was allowed to go by police.

Mr. LANE referred to BOB CONSIDINE's article in the Journal American "Vilent Dallas" which he wrote while he was covering the RUBY trial.

General WALKER wanted to testify before the Warren Commission but was not permitted.

REYNOLDS has information and should testify- (but he is supposed to be partially paralyzed from gun wound).

Mr. LANE appeared on "WOR-TV" - Long John Knebel's show- at invitation of Mr. RANDI who is standing in for Long John. Mr. LANE has been on the program several times- twice with lawyers who questioned him. The report from WOR is that telephone response to broadcast greatest response. Mail response greatest WOR response. Thus far half of mail opened- results- 8 undecided, 38 guilty, 342 innocent.

Mr. LANE stated that the funds raised from these lectures are used to pay for the small office which cost 75 dollars per month- and to send investigators to Dallas Area- no funds to pay round trip tickets. (This was a digression from lecture).

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Prosecuting authorities claim Oswald is the lone assassin.

Theories scrapped because contradicted and evidence changed so that major premise could be maintained.

Parkland Memorial Hospital physicians had to change autopsy report to please F.B.I., Secret Service and Dallas police. Now no one is allowed to challenge physicians or are they permitted to testify.

Congressman said 6th car stopped- car slowed on left- which indicates that Presidential car was well past the Book Depository building where Oswald was supposed to have been. Route was published on morning Nov. 22nd- but was not the route taken. Secret Service make change when necessary. - How did Oswald know? Chief CURRY (of police) 4 Dallas News Reporters- F.B.I. and Dallas police say fired down Houston Street; August Issue Mc Call's Magazine - Mrs. CONNELLY's description - car location- JACKIE- etc. - 50 ft beyond Book Depository. Car was on Elm Street not Houston Street.-

N.Y. Times Nov 27

Life Nov 29- Resolved method of shooting proved conclusively President looked front. Over 1000 F.B.I., Secret Service, and Dallas police questioned witnesses but no physicians who have crucial evidence. Two secret service men and physicians confessed error. Fifteen witnesses claim fired from front. ROY TRUELY and another person named CAMPBELL standing in Book Depository Bldg say shots came from R.R. pas. Miss WOODWARD - 3 shots from right and behind us- MORMAN took President's picture- F.B.I. grabbed camera out of hand- has receipt for film which was never returned.

Miss HILL a Dallas schoolteacher held by F.B.I. and Secret Service- heard four to six shots- Mr LANE has this interview on a tape recorder and played his interview back. Secret service man heard more than three shots too- but he has only 3 shells so it is three shots- Also stated that one bullet hit the curbing and jumped to the earth at someone's foot. Newspaper's early report shows a photo when police is examining the spot - but now after nine months the curbing has been shipped to Warren Commission Mr LANE wants to know what good it will do now- after nine months of wear and tear -

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TOM WICKER, reported police officer charged Railway and chased a man or two mens across railroad bridge. The police officer was a motorcycle patrolman-

Miss HILL has been threatened and is also very nervous-

Mr. LANE lectured in Italy where veterans of WW1 and WW2 attended. They laughed when told the Italian carbine was used in the assassination and how. They said that Italy lost the wars because of the ineffectiveness of the Italian Carbines.

Judge DAVIS an expert marksman tried from the same spot with an Italian carbine and a camera and could not duplicate Oswald's performance. The greatest world champion called up to repeat the shots could not accomplish what Oswald was supposed to have done. A group of reporters from Italy visited Dallas and concluded an Italian carbine could not be used so effectively.

Mr. LANE tried several times to testify before Warren Commission-- first he demanded a public hearing- but then testified as others had done- but demanded transcripts of his testimony- he has received same and each sheet is marked both top and bottom "Top Secret" - he flashed these on the screen- Citizens Commission of Inquiry tried to get public testimony before Warren Commission- Senator RUSSELL of Georgia and Pres. JOHNSON ruled no public testimony. Mr. LANE said he always had had a deep respect for Mr. WARREN but he is at a loss to understand his method of handling this investigation. Half of the time WARREN is not present.

Any trial should be public.

Espionage law- was quoted here.

After MARINA OSWALD was held 9 weeks incommunicado, not having any friends, or ability to speak English, and being a Soviet citizen brought up under Stalin Rule- she finally yielded to government pressure and said she thinks her husband is the assassin- although in the beginning she said he was not, that it was not his gun. She said that he was kind and gently and very fond of Mr. Kennedy.

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Mr. LANE showed two newspaper clippings- from newspapers published in Dallas on morning of November 22nd. He secured these clippings in Europe as they disappeared from Dallas after the assassination. One is titled "Wanted for Treason and show pictures of Mr. Kennedy as printed on F.B.I. posters looking for desperados as one often sees in local Post Offices. Another one "Welcome Mr. Kennedy"- - listing many questions all starting with the word "Why" - "Why did you become friends with Mr. Krushchev"- etc. Both clippings are surrounded by a black border.

F.B.I. had Oswald's name as Number 1 on a list of 23 persons- but Mr. HOSTEY of F.B.I. was always checking at his home while Oswald was working. Other 22 persons being segregationists etc were checked thoroughly and were supposed to have been in custody. But Oswald, whom the F.B.I. knew had defected to the Soviet Union, had Marxist leanings, was active in the Cuban ? in Louisiana, was allowed to walk down the street with his gun in a brown paper and was never stopped. Now how foolish can you get.

Press influences public. Instant guilt in this case- Pretrial justice.

Mr. LANE said that he has spent all his time since New Year's day 1964 in investigating this case and trying to get a fair trial which is every citizen's right. He has given up all his time and his practice. Mrs. MARGUERITE OSWALD contacted him after she had read a Law Review Article Mr. LANE had written. Sometimes he feels that if he had known it would have led to this he would not have written the article.

Mr. LANE lampooned the F.B.I. saying he was informed by two of them who stopped in front of his home that two F.B.I. men would always be where Mr. LANE goes. He also related the difficulty he experienced when returning to this country when he saw a name "MARK LANE" in the Immigration Authorities Book.



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The lecture ended at 11 P.M. and Mr. LANE said he would answer questions until 11:30 P.M. when the theatre had to be cleared. One question was "Why did ROBERT F. KENNEDY say in Poland that he was convinced the assassination was the work of one person". Mr. LANE seemed not anxious to reply- but said he did not know why he said that but politics do strange things to people. Another question "Has Mr. JACQUELINE KENNEDY ever testified." The answer was not yet but she has stated that she will tell her story as she saw it and some one (he mentioned a name) will write an article or a book on it. -

b7d [REDACTED] In the front lobby a tall thin gentleman said these lectures would be the same- as had Mr. LANE said- He also said the purpose of the lectures were to raise funds for the inquiries and investigations yet to be made. Most office work is being done on a volunteer basis and the girls taking the tickets etc. were volunteers.

There was a very outstanding gentleman in the foyer who had planned to attend but he thought the Radio and newspaper announcements were an open invitation to the public. Unwilling to pay the \$2.00 admission fee he left.