

WARREN COMMITTEE CHALLENGED BY LANE

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Former Assemblyman Mark Lane asked yesterday that his testimony before the Warren Commission be sent to the Attorney General's office "for prosecution for perjury" so that he might be allowed to prove "the absolute accuracy of my testimony."

Mr. Lane, a lawyer, testified last Thursday before the commission investigating the assassination of President Kennedy. Chief Justice Earl Warren told him that the commission had "every reason to doubt the truthfulness" of some of Mr. Lane's testimony. Mr. Lane has been making lecture tours here and abroad on the theme that Lee H. Oswald was not the assassin.

On March 4 Mr. Lane testified before the commission that

he had an interview with Mrs. Helen Markham of Dallas, a witness to the murder of J. D. Tippitt, the Dallas policeman who allegedly stopped Oswald less than an hour after the assassination. On Thursday he said he had a tape recording of the interview, but refused to turn it over to the commission. Mrs. Markham has said that she never talked to Mr. Lane.

Yesterday, the lawyer said in a statement that "I shall play the tape recording during this month at a public meeting to which members of the press and members of the commission will be invited." He did not give the time or place of the meeting.

He also said that he had told the commission that "if I am informed no prosecution will result, I will make the recording available to them." He said the commission had not responded, "indicating that it is they who are seeking to suppress the facts and the tape recording, not I."