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Book On Assassination Has Holes, Innuendos

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Latest effort to undermine the basic conclusion of the Warren Commission—namely, that the self-styled Marxist Lee Harvey Oswald was the assassin of President Kennedy—is in the form of a book written by Mark Lane, a left-wing New York attorney.

Some 30,000 copies of the book, "Rush to Judgment," are being published and undoubtedly they will have some effect on public opinion in this country and abroad. A "documentary film" based on the book is scheduled for release in September.



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Fortunately, however, a noted law professor at Northwestern University has prepared an analysis of the Lane book. Jon Waltz, who also co-authored "The Trial of Jack Ruby," has read the Report of the Commission, the 26 volumes of testimony upon which it was based, and material made available at the national archives. And this is what this distinguished trial lawyer says:

"Lane's fevered arguments have no semblance of logic or even of organization. He

presents a phantasmagoric hodge-podge of unrelated and often wholly irrelevant second-guessing. If, in assembling his collection of quibbles, Lane had any ultimate purpose other than confusion and profit, it goes unstated. Instead, he relies on sly and thinly-veiled innuendo."

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Basically, the book is a rehash of the theory that Oswald, Jack Ruby (Oswald's killer), policeman J. D. Tippit (whom Oswald murdered) and other Dallas policemen were linked in the plot to kill the President. Ruby emerges as the chief villain whose job apparently was to liquidate Oswald following the assassination.

Comments Waltz: "The irrefutable evidence, unknown to Lane or ignored by him, guts this frail theory. Ruby, less than four minutes before his shooting of Oswald, was in a Western Union office some distance from the police and courts building. There, in response to a telephone plea, he was calmly wiring a little money to one of his strippers. The clerk's testimony and the stripper's, backed by the time-stamped telegram form and telephone company records, all attest that if Ruby had a pre-arranged and momentous appointment with Lee Harvey Oswald, he was slicing it wondrously thin.

Moreover, it is unlikely that any plotter in his right mind would have permitted a compulsive blabbermouth like Ruby to have joined the alleged conspiracy to kill the President or Oswald.

Lane had twice appeared before the Warren Commission as a witness. In his book, Lane complains that he was "one of the few witnesses to be excused (by the commission) without thanks." This is one Lane statement that is accurate; for the Warren Commission had adjudged his testimony as unworthy of belief.