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Oxford Group ^{20.} Commissions Oswald Play

OXFORD, England (AP) — The Oxford Playhouse Company has commissioned a documentary play "The Trial of Lee Oswald" for presentation early next year.

The author is Mark Lane, American lawyer who is due in England next month for the publication of his book attacking the Warren Report. He is expected to bring the play script with him.

The theater's director of productions, Frank Hauser, met Lane while visiting America this year and suggested he write the play.

It will be in two parts. The first will make the strongest possible prosecution case against Oswald. This will be taken entirely from the report. It will include tape recordings and film clips provided by Lane. The second part will show what Lane believes to be confusions and contradictions which a defense attorney might have brought out if Oswald had come to trial.

Oswald himself will not be portrayed, Hauser said.

"Lane is not out to prove who did the murder," Hauser said, "but to show that on the report's evidence the defense would have stood a very good chance of getting Oswald acquitted.

"The play will probably give no verdict."

Oxford Playhouse is owned by Oxford University but Hauser's resident company is independently operated.