

Mark Lane Thank you very much. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Jury, for you are the only jury, the American people, the only jury that Lee Harvey Oswald, shot to death in the basement of an American courthouse in Dallas, while handcuffed to law enforcement officials, the only jury that he will ever have. This is the document for which we have waited so long, which the W C has labored so long. It has been described by the NY Times as the most massive detective job in the history of the world. We were told that 25,000 separate interviews and reinterviews were held by the FBI alone to produce this magnificent document. It is, we were told, unmatched in the annals of fact-finding. When President Johnson received this massive document on a national television network not long ago he made exactly the same point, in a somewhat less sophisticated fashion. He held it in his hand and he said, "It's very heavy." As indeed it is. And history may record that comment as the finest short analysis of the W C Report. We have found that it is difficult to discuss this over the national media...more than a year but not one, national radio or TV network, has presented a single program...which in any respect challenged the conclusions of the Government...this is the ONLY country in the world in which this ^{shameful} condition exists, no other country...

Why when we say that this Commission report does not even accurately represent the testimony taken before the Commission the NY Post says that those who say it, Bertrand Russell and Mark Lane, are extremists. Well I would remind them, ^{and the media} of these words:--We are not afraid to entrust the American people with unpleasing facts, for a nation that is afraid to have the people judge truth and falsehood in an open market is a nation that is afraid of its people--J F Kennedy. And in that spirit let us examine this document.

Mr Ball was quite upset backstage a little while ago when I said...on television... when I said that this document is a fraud from the first page to the last page, and I have never made that statement prior to the time when the 26 volumes upon which it is allegedly based were released and we had an opportunity to read some of the important testimony...where the shots came from: the medical statements of the physicians, not when they testified before the Commission, but on radio and TV....(quotes Kemp Clark, McClelland, etc)...The Government started to develop the case, starting from the premise that Lee Harvey Oswald was the sole assassin...(Lane describes the many changes by which entrance wound throat was converted into exit wound)

(Lane reads certificate of Humes re burning preliminary draft notes)

(Goes into Seymour Weitzman affidavit and Mauser into Carcano)

Then on 11/23 the FBI issued its public statement on the case, as follows: Oswald purchased a rifle back in March 1963. He purchased it from the adv in the Feb 1963 issue of the American Rifleman. It was in fact an Italian carbine caliber 6.5 and then Mr Wade the Dallas DA jumped in front of the first live TV camera to announce that in that holy city of Dallas overnight a miracle had taken place---The rifle in their hands had been transformed, to change both its nationality and size...Read the WC Report. They explain to you...but then read Weitzman's testimony 7H 105, Mr Ball knows about it because he questioned him...(paraphrases testimony, running up hill to RR yards, engineer, graduate, sporting goods shop, shrubbery, where the noise of the shots came from...etc). Ball did not ask name of the RR man, he was not called before the Commission to tell what he knew.

The only witness to the shooting of Tippit...Helen Louise Markham...passed out on scene, taken to Parkland Hospital, hysterics, then to lineup (reads Markham testimony) Oswald was second man in four-man lineup, all day long. (Reads in detail) A rather mystic identification...But WC concludes she is reliable witness. I called Mrs. Markham...the newspapers were a little more accurate in this case in many respects than the Commission...Markham said to the DP in presence of Hugh Aynesworth that the man she saw was short, had bushy hair ...Sgt Hill said that he had heard from the Dallas radio that the person who shot Tippit had brown bushy hair...7H he said further (eyewitness told him brown bushy hair)...And so I called Mrs Markham (repeats account of telephone conversation, including Markham statement she had been ordered not to discuss).

I went before the Commission and told them what she had told me...and she denied it page after page, questioned by Dulles and Gerald Ford...and she said she never talked with me, etc...and the Chief Justice, a very moderate man for whom I have the greatest of respect, came to the conclusion which he released publicly, that "I have every reason to doubt the truthfulness of YOUR statement, Mr Lane." It was the last time that a Chief Justice of the U S accused an attorney testifying before him of perjury. I ask^{ed} the Chief Justice and the Commission to take my testimony and Mrs Markham's testimony to the U S Attorney and see who was guilty of perjury. But the Commission declined to do so. I was rather confident about that because I have a tape recording of that conversation with Mrs Markham.

Do you think the Commission ever directed me to give the recording? This is a very serious question because I did not have permission from Markham to make the recording. I wrote to the Chief Justice and asked "Will you direct me to give that recording?"

Do you think the Commission ever directed me to give them the recording? (I told the Commission that I had the recording.) Do you think the Commission ever directed me? This is a very serious question since I did not have permission from Mrs Markham to make the recording. Mr Rankin asked me that. He said, "Did you have permission from Mrs Markham to make the recording?" Sounds like someone is really dying to get his hands on the recording, doesn't it? I said, no I did not have permission. If the Commission had directed me to give the recording, then...I wrote to Mr. Rankin, I wrote to the Chief Justice, and I said, will you direct me to give you the recording...Then, if I was so directed...the crime is to make it without permission and to release it to divulge it without permission...if there's a crime at all, and there's a close question as to whether or not it is a crime...but to make it is not a crime, to divulge it is not a crime, thexx combination...if the Commission had ordered me to give it to them, and I gave it to them, there would have been no crime. The Commission of course never directed me to give them the recording. The Chief Justice merely said he didn't believe I had it. I went back to my office and I pondered this problem. I don't want to be prosecuted. I don't want to go to jail. But I thought that there were issues there that transcend the personal considerations of any ~~individual~~ single human being, and I voluntarily sent them the recording...(NB: why was the principle not equally applicable in the case of the alleged Tippit-Ruby-Weissman meeting????? (Meagher)) with a letter, not asking for an apology, of course not, but only saying to the Chief Justice that all I asked was that you send me a letter saying that you no longer have any reason to doubt the truthfulness of my testimony. **That was on July 7th, I have not yet received an answer from the Chief Justice.** (NB: This 7/7/64 letter is not included in the Exhibits.)

(Rifle marksmanship tests; Brennan's identification)

(Long bulky package--Frazier/Randle)

(Dougherty--actual testimony vs WR)

(NB: Lane shows how WR converts Randle's statement that the long bulky package was in heavy paper, into a heavy package.)