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Warren Report Critic Sure Garrison Will Prove Plot

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Warren Commission critic Mark Lane, following extensive discussion with District Attorney Jim Garrison, said he is convinced the New Orleans prosecutor will prove there was a conspiracy to murder Presi-

dent John F. Kennedy. Lane is author of the best-seller, "Rush To Judgement."

"When Garrison's case is finally revealed in the courtroom," said Lane, "the whole country will be shaken as never before from Maine to Florida."

Lane said he is confident that Garrison confided to him everything he knows about the case, and added: "I am overwhelmed with his grasp of the facts, the evidence. He has a case and a fantastic one. The implications are beyond anything I expected."

Other key assertions by Lane, in an interview:

—Sylvia Odio looms as a key figure in the probe. Mrs. Odio, an anti-Castro Cuban living in Dallas, told the Warren Commission that in late September, 1963, three men visited her in Dallas, including one identified

as "Leon Oswald." The next day one of the other two men called her and said Oswald was a former Marine and a crack rifle shot who said it would be easy to kill Kennedy. She later identified "Leon Oswald" as Lee Harvey Oswald from photographs. (The Warren Commission says Oswald did not visit Mrs. Odio.) Garrison has been trying to contact her.

—Indications are that the conspiracy was "the serious consideration of anti-Castro Cubans."

—Garrison will probably be able to secure convictions of one or two people, but none of the others involved because they are beyond his jurisdiction.

—Five shots were fired at President Kennedy Nov. 22, 1963, in Dallas, Tex., and the fatal shot was fired from the front of the Presidential motor-

cade, not the rear.

—The Warren Report is a "fraudulent document."

Concerning another central figure in Garrison's probe, Dean A. Andrews, Lane said the former Jefferson Parish assistant district attorney agreed to appear in Lane's documentary film but later refused, claiming his life was threatened.

Andrews told the Warren Commission that, the day following the assassination, he received a telephone call from a man named Clay Bertrand asking him to defend Oswald, who was arrested in Dallas.

Garrison's investigation produced Perry R. Russo, a witness who says that Clay L. Shaw, former managing director of International Trade Mart, met with David Ferrie and Lee Oswald in mid-September, 1963, to plot the assassination. He said he knew Shaw as Clem Bertrand. Andrews, now under Orleans Parish Grand Jury indictment for perjury in the case, has said he is unable to say whether Clay Shaw and Clay Bertrand are one and the same.

Lane said that in March, 1966, he was in New Orleans to film an interview with Andrews for the documentary. When he visited Andrews' office, Lane said, Andrews said he would be unable to appear.

"He said he had received a telephone call from someone in Washington and the caller told him that if he gave out the interview he would end up with a hole in his head," said Lane of his conversation with Andrews.

Lane's book, in both cloth-

bound and paperback, has now sold more than 900,000 copies. His documentary movie with the same title as his book has its United States premiere here Thursday at several neighborhood theaters.

Lane said his visit to New Orleans to address the Young Men's Business Club Thursday at 1 p. m. in the Roosevelt Hotel coincided with the premiere as well as his plans to confer at length with Garrison on the case.

Lane, who has received much criticism for his outspoken views on the Warren Report and the Warren Commission, said the report "is the single most important obstacle for finding out who killed President Kennedy."

He said it has convinced the American people of something "which was untrue"; and he charged the Commission with a conspiracy to stop all rumors, so no shadow would be cast on the President or any one else but Oswald.

Lane said that he and Garrison, working from two different directions, reached the same

conclusions in the case.

Garrison, he said, began investigating incidents that occurred in New Orleans a few months before the assassination. Lane said he was concerned with what happened in Dallas.

Lane said that, because of Garrison's limited jurisdiction in Orleans Parish, he will not be able to prosecute all persons involved.

Asked if he thinks Marina Oswald, Oswald's widow, may be subpoenaed, Lane said he did not believe it would be within Garrison's power, adding he wished it were "because I'd like to see Marina Oswald face cross-examination for the first time."

He tagged Garrison "the most important man in this country," and said "The Establishment" in America knows "Garrison has something that is very damaging."

Regarding the number of shots fired, Lane said the Warren Commission says three were fired: one that hit Kennedy in the back then went through Gov. Connally; a second that missed, and a third that hit Kennedy's head.

Lane maintains that one shot hit Kennedy in the back and was later worked free when Kennedy was given heart massage; that a second shot fired from the front of the motorcade hit Kennedy in the throat; that a third shot hit Connally; that a fourth shot was fired wild, striking a curbing, resulting in a wound to the face of James T. Tague, and the fifth, fired from the front, which hit Kennedy on the right side of his head. Lane also displayed movie frame enlargements of the assassination, with one sequence covering a half-second period showing Kennedy being hit and the force of the shot causing his body to move backward and to the left.

He said that, because of her position at the time, Mrs. Kennedy would have also been hit if the last shot had been fired from above and to the rear. The movie frame at the time

bullet impact shows Mrs. Kennedy's face almost in front of her husband's face.

Mark Lane, author of the best-selling "Rush to Judgement," will speak at 1 p. m. Thursday in the Roosevelt Hotel at a meeting of the Young Men's Business Club crime committee.

The talk is open to the public and reservations may be obtained by contacting the YMBC office in the Roosevelt.