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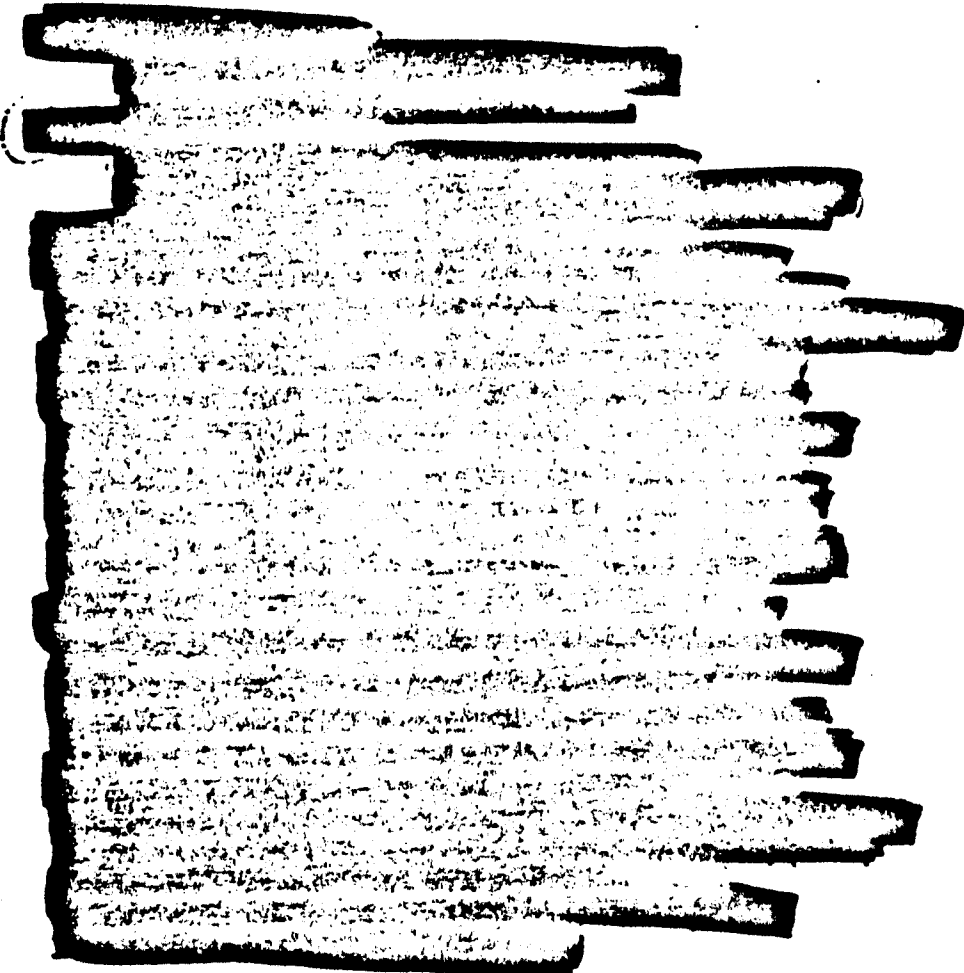
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Description of Information:

Meeting at Town Hall, NYC, by "National Guardian" with Mrs. OSWALD, 2/18/64.

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A copy of informant's written report follows:

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Feb. 19, 1964
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On Feb. 18, 1964, at Town Hall in N.Y.C. there was a meeting sponsored by the National Guardian to hear MARK LANE and Mrs. MARGARIT OSWALD present their case as to the innocence of LEE OSWALD.

Among those present were:

EDDIE FONTANELLIS
BILL TATUM
CAROLINE ROEST
JANE BENEDICT
PETER HAWLEY
ELLEN HAWLEY
LUCILLE SMITH
ED SMITH
JUDY SACHS
ESTHER RAND
JACK RAND
CORRINE JACKSON
ADOLPH HAZEL
JOHN HOWES
HINDA HOWES
LUCILLE PLATO

Those on the stage were:

STAUNTON LIND - speaker-Spelman College in Atlanta
JAMES ARONSON - Editor of National Guardian
Professor - from Rutgers University
JACK MINNIS - co-author of Seeds of Doubt-did not speak
MARK LANE
ANNETTE RUBENSTEIN - Fund raiser
Mrs. - MARGARITE OSWALD

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It was announced that next year STAUNTON LIND would be teaching at Yale University.

STAUNTON spoke from his article "Seeds of Doubt" printed in the New Republic and gave the reasons why LEE HARVEY OSWALD could not be guilty. STAUNTON compared the OSWALD case to the Drefus Case.

Mrs. OSWALD said that what MARINA OSWALD was saying now is completely different from what she said from Nov. 22 to Nov. 28 when she was with her all the time. She said the Warren Commission could not know what MARINA was saying and thinking then and they could not find out the truth without cross examination. MARK LANE had photostats of affidavits that he said came from District Attorney WADE's office that no nitrates was found on OSWALD's cheeks and nitrates typical of revolver shots was found on his hands.

LANE also said he had information that he was not at liberty to discuss at this time but said in about 2 weeks he hoped to be able to do so.

JAMES ARONSON said that everything had been done to prevent the meeting at Town Hall and that at the last minute on Monday they had put up the \$25,000 through the help of friends because if they had gone to court it would have taken beyond the date of the meeting.

Mrs. OSWALD said that letters from her son led her to believe her son worked for a government agency. She said these letters would be published in her book.

About 1500 persons were present at the meeting.

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After the meeting a group of friends met backstage to talk to STAUNTON. These people had worked with him in N.Y.C. in Housing. STAUNTON was the first Chairman of the Cooper Square Committee according to ESTHER RAND.

ESTHER said that STAUNTON had had a rather serious accident recently.

She also said that STAUNTON's mother taught at Sarah Lawerance College in Bronxville and that was how they got the students from Sarah Lawerance to help with the Cooper Square surveys.

ESTHER said that she didn't see how MARK was living but perhaps his brother who is a teacher is supporting him.