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### ABOUT MARK LANE

Mark Lane is a New York lawyer who has practiced law for more than fifteen years, almost exclusively as defense counsel involved in the trial of criminal cases. In 1959, Mr. Lane with Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt and Senator Herbert Lehmann among others, founded the Reform Democratic Movement within the New York Democratic Party. With the support of the late President Kennedy, Senator Humphrey and others, Lane was elected to the New York Legislature in 1960, where he sponsored bills calling for the abolition of capital punishment (subsequently enacted).

Following the assassination of President Kennedy, Lane formed the Citizens Committee of Inquiry and began an investigation into the facts surrounding the assassination and the murder of Oswald. He personally travelled to Dallas five times. To make known his findings in the case Lane twice testified before the Warren Commission and has lectured widely on the case throughout the United States and Europe.

RUSH TO JUDGMENT

by Mark Lane

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"First" and "Only" for Mark.

Ad f or A Citizen's Dissent

From the first Publishers' Weekly RTJ ad, doublepage:

"It is the only completely documented critique of the Warren Commission Report,"

which is false and was known to be. Not until four months later did the publisher agree to cease and desist. He and Mark never stopped. From the publisher's announcement of the film:

"Lane has recently completed a book (then unpublished), the first based on a thorough examination of the complete 26 volumes of the Warren Commission report ..."

With like devotion to truth, Lane and his publisher here modestly claim that it is he who founded "the Reform Democratic Movement", in which such humble lesser personalities as Eleanor Roosevelt and Senator Herbert Lehman, joined. This is a favorite line repeated in the brochure and elsewhere, Its carefully deceptive language exactly the same in all cases.

Of similar integrity is the false representation of sales of Rush to Judgment, as in Book Week, 225,000 copies "in print", and I think later there were higher figures, whereas in the cover ad for A Citizen's Dissent, the sales figure is given as but 140,000.

Not inconsistent is the modest ad on the front cover of Publishers' Weekly, the most exalted position in the trade. With unended modesty, it bills the book and Mark as "The thrilling story of a lone determined man who stood up to 'the Establishment' - and won." In smaller type, "... this thrilling account of what one man - virtually alone - can do when he is determined ..."

If Mark "won", does not one question what Garrison feels impelled to do? Why those of us still working labor so, or what there is for us to struggle with?

The cover of the book is consistent. There the effort to bring the truth about the assassination to light is pitched as "his dissent".

Now the grim - the word used on the cover - truth is that the one man who was never alone, the one to have widespread assistance in financing, research and other services, the one of the original critics farthest from alone, is Mark, es, with considerable understatement, A Citizen's Dissent, in an entirely different context, proves. As a matter of fact, in one of his partly truthful aberrations, Mark also acknowledged, without indication of the magnitude, indebtedness to a large number of people who did much of his basic research for him. On p.25 of Rush to Judgment those credited by name as investigators and researchers total 17, and he had other significant help. Which is one way of being "alone".

In some cases, these people did virtually all of Mark's work for him, still another way of being "alone".