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ADDITIONAL FACTS ON ASSASSINATION REVEALED IN
NEW LANE BOOK WHICH INDICTS AMERICAN ESTABLISHMENT
FOR ITS ATTITUDE TOWARD DISSENTERS.

A CITIZEN'S DISSENT by Mark Lane is the alarming account of how "the American media act when a matter of historic dimensions occurs and when the Government takes the very firm position that that which is demonstrably false, is true."

Rush to Judgment, Mr. Lane's detailed and provocative critique of the Warren Commission Report, both recorded and made history. Yet, if Rush to Judgment helped to focus public attention upon the Warren Report and thereby revealed that "an ad hoc committee, admittedly comprised of important men, was shown to have issued an invalid document" Mr. Lane states that A CITIZEN'S DISSENT goes beyond "isolating a symptom." His current book "seeks to take full measure of the disease."

He adds "the Draconic power of those who would negate reasonable disagreement is our subject. In pursuing it, we will meet police, directors, television commentators, Pulitzer Prize winners, doctors, lawyers and FBI chiefs -- the makers of public opinion, except perhaps in this instance. Then we may better know why the freedoms we cherish and speak of have become more and more illusory and why our nation moves, imperceptibly to those who will not observe the phenomenon, but nonetheless significantly, toward the strictures of a closed society."

The recent assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. makes almost prophetic the words used by Mr. Lane in closing one chapter. Lane said that an assassination never solved, officially excused, is an invitation. "The damage that was done to our country did not end when the shots were fired in Deally Plaza. As that day, and the days that followed have shown, violence begets violence, and perfidy, perfidy."

A CITIZEN'S DISSENT is really three books. The first portion tells how Mr. Lane became involved in his study of the facts surrounding the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, of his own investigation conducted in Dallas, of his frustrated efforts to communicate with the American people through the media, and of the response of the Government (he was under surveillance by FBI agents) and of the media -- "The princes of the networks, who share a Government-created monopoly."

The second portion of the book focuses upon the four one-hour documentary programs, presented by CBS-TV in support of the Commission conclusion, the response to criticism of the Warren Report by Warren Commission lawyers and the academic establishment. Mr. Lane also analyzes three books which presented the orthodox view, including William Manchester's The Death of a President. His devastating critique of the CBS programs will surely cause wide-ranging discussion. Lane flatly charges that the CBS programs were "a disservice to the truth," which cannot be "explained by ignorance."

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His problems in trying to find a publisher for Rush to Judgment are presented in a fashion that has already created a furor in the publishing industry. The final section of the work presents new evidence regarding the assassination which has recently been uncovered by the investigation conducted by New Orleans District Attorney, Jim Garrison. Mr. Lane has been living in New Orleans for the last seven months where he has been conducting a study of that investigation. He is perhaps the only member of the public who has examined the files in the District Attorney's office and closely questioned the relevant witnesses.

Although A CITIZEN'S DISSENT deals with a grim story, it is told with a biting, and ever constant humor. Of the FBI surveillance over a period of some years, Mr. Lane writes: "As I looked back, not without some degree of nostalgia, upon the great silence, I realized that although others were now beginning to listen, during the difficult days the men of the FBI were my most loyal followers."

Of Peter Kihss of the New York Times, and Richard Dudman of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch -- "While most of the American press representatives were paralyzed by the firmness of the official position, regarding the 'lone assassin' of President Kennedy, Kihss and Dudman were among those few reporters who continued to serve their profession and their nation."

A CITIZEN'S DISSENT: Mark Lane Replies
by Mark Lane

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