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Never let it be said that Mark Lane doesn't think fast on his feet. More embattled than ever as a result of his involvement with the People's Temple just before the suicide-murders in Jonestown, Guyana, Mr. Lane faces at least three lawsuits and says he is contemplating bringing a few of his own against news organizations and the American intelligence agencies. Now, the April issue of The American Lawyer reports, he proposes to use one

to sue to take care of another, specifically the divorce action filed by his wife, Annelise. Her lawyer in Beverly Hills, Calif., Warren Deutsch, confirmed that he has received from Mr. Lane a letter offering an unusual settlement. He will provide interim support to his wife by borrowing from friends, Mr. Lane said. But for the long run, he suggests she have a stake in his courtroom ventures, by forgoing a fixed settlement that he feels he cannot now afford, and instead gambling on "a share on whatever recovery there may be" from lawsuits he plans to file.