

Dear Ted,

9/11/77-3rd.

On my last walk I listened to the excerpt from "Lane at the NYU symposium and to May's response. I'll limit myself to "Lane. Vintage "Lane, for all the emotion.

He can't stand competition or anyone with a command of fact with him. Remember that he told you and Peter I would refuse any invitation to appear with him? His stock line to create a monopoly and no authoritative voice to expose him.

As you know I was pretty sick then. I'd written a rough draft and did not have time to cut it. I can't be 100% sure of what I wrote and Jim read but I'm pretty confident.

Lane referred to one thing, and lied in that. He said that I said he was then getting \$1500 an appearance - and he did not deny that - and that he gave it all away.

My recollection is that I was talking about the Garrison period when I referred to his rakeoff and raking-in.

He did not say anything about his new line of saying he does not know who killed JFK compared with how he laced the land with charges that he knew the CIA did it. I used one of his by-lined stories on that.

He claims he gave all the money to the CCI. Well, first of it all, it promoted him only. Nobody else was involved except where he had a few cronies who would promote him. He then parlayed that into a six-figure deal for a book. Meanwhile, take him at his word on the CCI. Who owns the building? It is in Lane's name. What happened to it when he got his book out and saw more personal attention and possibly income in Hollywood? He folded it. Exactly as he did with the original CCI. It promoted him only. He folded it as soon as he got an establishment publisher.

He can lie all he wants, Mark's income from the assassination has been fantastic. He did not say, for example, what he lived on if he gave all his fees to the CCI.

Moreover, when a lecture bureau arranged for me to be booked by it, he killed it. He claimed he had a monopoly. Literally. I have their letter on this. I then offered to speak free on King and they did not take it up. Now how much can he talk about "colleagues" when he wanted to slam May with this record, claiming a monopoly on assassinations with the largest lecture bureau and in 1969 extending this to "Lug? Some exclusive in his contract when they booked Clay Shaw!

Lane never responds. He learned that from Hitlerism. He attacks, without concern for fidelity or truth.

I've loaned my last copy of that speech out so I can't check it and I don't now want to take the time to hear it, which is more time. If you have a copy check what I said about him and the \$1500 - and see if he responded to the rest of what I said. In fact I did not mention his name in the text I wrote. Mostly I avoided mention, except with the "Kolonick types.

So while what he says I said was true, he was then promoting himself only, it is not as I recall it what I said about him. He usually twists so he can make a speech and present himself as "A Galahad.

He is not only sick, and by this I mean with more than ego. He is personally corrupt.

If you have taped him on any other "King shows I'd like to hear it. You will find that on this he began by aborting the House committee and that he has given the FBI all it needs to exculpate itself. They'll talk not about what is real but about what he said, and that is so grossly wrong breaking it down is child's play.

Sincerely,