

(ZNS) MARK LANE, THE ATTORNEY FOR CONVICTED ASSASSIN JAMES EARL RAY, CHARGED IN LOS ANGELES TODAY (MONDAY) THAT THE HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS HAS BEEN "CAPTURED" BY AGENTS OF THE F-B-I AND THE C-I-A.

LANE SAYS HE HAS LEARNED FROM PRESENT AND FORMER INVESTIGATORS HIRED BY THAT COMMITTEE THAT A NUMBER OF TOP STAFF MEMBERS HAVE BEEN FORCED TO RESIGN ALLEGEDLY AFTER THEY BEGAN PURSUING IMPORTANT NEW LEADS IN THE ASSASSINATIONS OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY AND MARTIN LUTHER KING.

LANE STATES THAT AT LEAST FIVE TOP STAFF MEMBERS, INCLUDING THE CHIEF INVESTIGATORS FOR BOTH THE KING AND J-F-K SUBCOMMITTEES HAVE BEEN REPLACED.

SAID LANE: "THE COMMITTEE THROUGH AN INDEPENDENT STAFF HAD UNCOVERED EXTREMELY IMPORTANT AND DECISIVE EVIDENCE IN EACH CASE. IT HAD CONDUCTED SOPHISTICATED TESTS... (WHICH) DESTROYED THE OFFICIAL VERSION OF THE TWO ASSASSINATIONS."

LANE ALLEGED THAT ONE NEW BALLISTICS TEST ON THE BULLET RECOVERED IN THE KING ASSASSINATION CASE WAS -- IN HIS WORDS -- (QUOTE) "ENOUGH TO WIN A NEW TRIAL FOR JAMES EARL RAY."

THE ATTORNEY ALSO CHARGED THAT THE CURRENT CHIEF COUNSEL OF THE ASSASSINATION COMMITTEE, ROBERT BLAKEY, MAINTAINS A SECRET CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH TOP OFFICIALS OF THE F-B-I AND THE C-I-A. A SPOKESPERSON FOR THE COMMITTEE COULD NOT IMMEDIATELY BE REACHED FOR COMMENT.--ZODIAC

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(ZNS) MINE-WORKERS IN GREAT BRITAIN ARE NOT AMUSED BY A NEW COMEDY ALBUM BY PETER COOK AND DUDLEY MOORE.

THE JACKET ON THE NEW RECORDING CONTAINS THE TONGUE-IN-CHEEK WARNINGS (QUOTE) "NOT TO BE PLAYED TO MINERS" -- SPELLED M-I-N-E-R-S. COOK AND MOORE INTENDED THIS TO BE A TAKE-OFF ON THE USUAL WARNING REGARDING THE OTHER KIND OF "MINORS"; PEOPLE WHO ARE UNDERAGED.

HOWEVER, THE ROYAL SCHOOL OF MINES SEES LITTLE HUMOR IN THIS PLAY-ON-WORDS. THE UNION HAS DELIVERED A NASTY LETTER DEMANDING A WRITTEN APOLOGY FOR THIS (QUOTE) "INSULT TO US AS MINERS."--ZODIAC

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