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Lane Challenges LBJ To Open Kennedy Files

Author Mark Lane, a critic of the Warren Commission, today urged that President Lyndon B. Johnson make all evidence in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy available to competent investigators.

Lane, speaking before the Young Men's Business Club at the Roosevelt Hotel, said the government's silence on questions about the assassination now "is tantamount to complicity."

LANE SAID "if you want a full-fledged open society again, you must do something about it."

"I urge you to pass a motion here today urging the President to make available all of the evidence now locked away in the archives."

Francis Richardson, a member of the YMBC board of directors, made the motion and it was seconded. This action caused a heated argument which was finally resolved with the motion being referred to the YMBC's American Independence Bureau for further study.

WHEN LANE made his request for the motion, the action drew a loud protest from Edward S. Butler, who jumped up and demanded that there be a "full disclosure" of Mark Lane's background. He was not permitted by the chair to continue his remarks, however.

YMBC officials said that at a later date Butler and Lane will meet for a debate.