Attached herewith is one copy of Pymemo of SA WILLIAM S. BETTS dated 4/7/64 entitled "PHILADELPHIA FRIENDS OF THE NATIONAL GUARDIAN; IS - C." PH'file 100-44403.
Memorandum

TO: SAC (100-44403)  DATE: 4/7/64
FROM: SA WILLIAM S. BETTS

SUBJECT: PHILADELPHIA FRIENDS OF THE NATIONAL GUARDIAN (NS - C)

On 3/12/64, who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally advised SA WILLIAM S. BETTS of the following. This information was dictated 3/13/64 into statement form, typed by Steno PHYLLIS KAVINSKI on 3/17/64, and was then read and initialed by the informant on 3/31/64. It is maintained in...

1 - Dallas (ASSASSINATION OF PRES. KENNEDY)(Info)(REGISTERED MAIL)
1 - New York (MARK LANE)(Info)(REGISTERED MAIL)
1 - Philadelphia (100-44403)
(Plus copies for 38 other Philadelphia files)

WSB: LRB (41)
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
March 12, 1964

On March 12, 1964, between three and four hundred people attended a meeting sponsored by the Friends of the National Guardian and held at the Philadelphia Ethical Society auditorium, 1906 Rittenhouse Square, Philadelphia, Pa. The auditorium was overcrowded and people were standing in the vestibule.

The meeting was billed as a public inquiry into the OSWALD case and took place about 8:30 p.m., featuring MARK LANE, described as a civil libertarian, a leader in the New York Reform Democrats, a former member of the New York State Legislature, and the attorney retained by Mrs. MARGUERITE OSWALD, LEE OSWALD's mother. Over three hundred people paid $1.00 each for admission and approximately $200 additional was collected.

A. HARRY LEVITAN was Chairman of the affair and DAVID DAVIS appeared to be in charge. MARK LANE spoke and gave various information to cause a great deal of doubt as to whether LEE HARVEY OSWALD was guilty of the assassination of President KENNEDY. He accused the FBI and Dallas Police of withholding evidence and accused the Secret Service of not doing a real thorough job of protecting the President. He
had photographs of testimony of OSWALD taken while he was in prison. He pointed out discrepancies in this testimony. He said that the Dallas Police said the rifle was one make and the FBI said it was another make. Also, that the doctor who examined the President after he was shot changed his story as to the direction from which the bullet entered the President's body.

He said also there were questions he could not answer now. One applied to JACK RUBY, which he could not answer due to RUBY's trial. The other information was given to the Warren Commission and had to do with the meeting of three men after the President was shot and before OSWALD was shot. The information in general was the same as that furnished by LANE on radio and was effective in convincing the people present that there was doubt as to the guilt of OSWALD. There was a standing ovation and the audience applauded for approximately ten minutes at the conclusion of his talk.

WPIL TV was there but no cameras were in the auditorium. Also, MARK LANE spoke on Radio Station WPEN from about 12:10 to 12:50 a.m., March 12, 1964.

All the faithful were there. That is to say many people known to me as pro-Communist or active in Communist front groups. Those recognized were those who have attended
meetings of the Philadelphia Social Science Forum, the JACK Foner Forum, members of the Sholem Aleichem Club, Emergency Civil Liberties Committee, and also Communist Party and Socialist Workers Party membership was in evidence at the meeting. A large group of Women Strike for Peace people were present and active in getting people to sign a peace petition after the meeting.

Of those present I recognized the following:

DAVID DAVIS
A. HARRY LEVITAN
JEAN FRANTIŠEK
JEAN BOREN
AL KATZ
SOL ROTENBERG
MAX MILLMAN
LILLIAN MILLMAN
ARCHIE COLEMAN
FREDA BURKE (collecting at door)
BEA SOLOMON
HENRIETTA Mlodhosky
Mr. and Mrs. LEON ROTENBERG
REBECCA GUBER
HETTY BRODSKY
ROSE MAHLIN and her mother

ABE MAHLIN

ELIOIT and STEVE KENIN (twins of SAM and ANNE KENIN)

JACK ZUCKER's daughter, age about 18, and many of the younger group.

The MAX COHEN

HARRY

The KRAVITZ's (HELEN)

Mrs. DAVID COHEN

JAMES DOLSON

HARRIET DRAHET

Mr. & Mrs. SOL ROTENBERG
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Your attention is called to the fact that the
International Association of Democratic Lawyers (IADL) referred to in your letter has been cited as an International communist
front organization in the "Guide to Subversive Organizations
and Publications," revised and published 12/2/61 by the
Committee on Anti-American Activities, United States House of
Representatives, Washington, D.C.

Enclosed for the information of the New York and
Dallas Offices are one copy each of Legal, Brem, letter 4/7/64,
and the letterback memorandum dated 4/15/64 being furnished
Legal, Brem, per his request.

Enclosures 2

1. New York (103-117344) (Enclosures 2)
2. Dallas (Enclosures 2)