

Lane to Do Play About Lee Oswald

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OXFORD, England, Aug. 20
A theater company here has commissioned American lawyer and Warren report critic Mark Lane to write a play depicting Lee Harvey Oswald on trial.

It will aim to show that on the Warren Commission's evidence Oswald stood a good chance of getting off any charges of killing President Kennedy, a theater spokesman said today.

Lane is expected to bring the script when he visits England next month for the first publication of his book "Rush to Judgment," a criticism of the assassination investigation.

Frank Hauser, a director of the Oxford Playhouse Theater, said the two-part play would set out available prosecution evidence and the defense that could be raised against it.

The court scenes would not be realistic, he said. All roles apart from the lawyers would probably be played by a small cast of actors changing hats and coats.

The play would probably give no verdict and Oswald himself would not appear, he added.

The prosecution case would be entirely from the Warren Commission report, with tape recordings and film excerpts. The defense would dramatize the confusion and contradiction a lawyer might have brought up on Oswald's behalf, Hauser said.