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Sahl: I Know Who Killed JFK

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WASHINGTON — Mort Sahl says he knows who murdered President Kennedy in Dallas, and that the story is so sensational it will shock America into making major reforms.

"The crime has been solved by Jim Garrison, the District Attorney of New Orleans," Sahl said over several cups of strong coffee. "He has a completely structured case. He knows who pulled the trigger, and it was not Oswald."

"All I can tell you is the assassin is that a powerful element of the establishment, and that when Garrison tells his story, the implications will shake the country to its foundations. America will be forced to clean house."

It seems like only yesterday that Sahl, still a brilliant, strident satirist, was on the verge of joining the American Liberal establishment. He was on the cover of Time Magazine, earning \$400,000 a year, and propping up President Kennedy's reputation as a wit by writing jokes for him.

All that has changed. Sahl is now a fearless outsider, castigating his former Liberal admirers for leading America down the primrose path to greed, complacency and a clumsy parody of 19th century British imperialism, which is "like the office boy tak-

Lane: I Know the Assassin

Copenhagen, Denmark, March 31 (Reuters).—Attorney Mark Lane said in a signed article in the Copenhagen newspaper Ekstrabladet today that he knew who fired the fatal shot at President Kennedy in Dallas.

But he did not identify anyone and said the time was not ripe to publish all the information he claimed was available.

The investigation into the Dallas assassination being conducted by New Orleans district attorney Jim Garrison would lead to political chaos in the United States, Lane said.

"I know who fired the fatal shot at President Kennedy. I

know the forces behind the murder of the President," Lane's article said.

Lawyer in New Orleans

Lane, at present in New Orleans, is the author of the book, "Rush to Judgment" which criticized the finding of the Warren Commission on the Kennedy assassination and declared that Lee Harvey Oswald was not the killer.

Lane said in today's article that he was the only person, apart from those on Jim Garrison's staff, who had seen the extensive evidence collected in New Orleans.

"One of the strongest movements in America planned and

started the events that led to the murder of the President," said Lane.

No Foreign Involvement

"No foreign power was involved in the planning or execution of the assassination," — He added: "Anti-Castro Cubans played an important role in the assassination."

Germans Buy JFK Book Rights

Frankfurt, Germany, March 31 (AP).—The S. Fischer publishing house of Frankfurt has bought the German rights to William Manchester's "The Death of a President" and will have it on sale in June.



"The crime has been solved"

So controversial that two TV networks and last week one radio program have abruptly dropped him, Sahl has fastened on to the assassination as the prime example of willing public ignorance in the face of unpleasant truths.

"I've spent days in New Orleans, talking to Garrison," Sahl said. "I know he has a case. But nobody wants to hear it. The latest opinion poll says that 53 percent of the American people don't accept the Warren Report, but at the same time 57 percent don't want the case reopened. What a weird time

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After almost two years and many rejections, Mark Lane has found a publisher for his critique of the Warren Commission inquiry into the murders of President Kennedy, police officer J. D. Tippit, and Lee Harvey Oswald.

The Commission's 26-volume report concluded that Oswald had killed the President and officer Tippit in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963. Lane's research and analysis of the evidence in the 26 volumes led him to the conclusion that there is no credible evidence to show that Oswald killed either the President or officer Tippit. He told BOOKS:

"I do not know who killed them and I have no theories and no speculations. Lane says that a man who may have

invaluable information and who said that he was eager to testify before the Chief Justice in Washington is Jack Ruby. When he was questioned in the Dallas jail, Ruby told the Commission that if he was taken to Washington he would tell all that he knew about "the conspiracy" to assassinate the President. The Commission refused to let Ruby testify anywhere other than in the jail in spite of Ruby's statement that he was not free to tell the truth there. (Ruby's death sentence—for killing Oswald in a Dallas police station—is on appeal.)

Lane's critique, "Rush to Judgment," will be published in September by Holt, Rinehart & Winston, which is this year celebrating its 100th anniversary. It

will be published simultaneously in England by The Bodley Head, the venerable house that owns world publishing rights to the critique.

Arthur Cohen, editor-in-chief of Holt's trade department, told BOOKS:

"We're now up to a first printing of 30,000 copies and I think it will be an extraordinary experience."

The London Observer has observed that Lane's international lectures refuting the Warren Report have made him "one of the most disliked men in America." Conor Cruise O'Brien, the English critic who has read Lane's manuscript, has written in New Statesman: "In an argument of devastating cumulative force, Mr. Lane demonstrates that in case after case the Commission ignored or twisted the evidence before it, in order to reach a pre-ordained conclusion, and that, in particular, it ignored a substantial body of evidence

conspiracy. When [Mr. Lane's book] appears, I believe it will be demonstrated that the Warren Report bears the same relation to the facts about Kennedy's assassination as Adlai Stevenson's report to the UN bore to the reality of the Bay of Pigs."

Hugh Trevor-Roper, Regius Professor of Modern History, Oxford University, writes in the book's introduction that after reading all of the evidence he too is convinced that "there was no avowed evidence" that pointed toward Oswald when Oswald was being sought by Dallas police a few minutes after the President was shot. In the absence of such evidence, Trevor-Roper writes, "we must conclude that the Dallas police had undisclosed reasons for seeking Oswald."

Lane's critique will be preceded into (continued on page nine)

Immediately after President Kennedy and Governor Connally

were admitted to Parkland Memorial Hospital, a bullet was found on one of the stretchers. Medical examination of the President's body

revealed that one of the bullets had entered just below his shoulder

to the right of the spinal column at an angle of 45 to 60 degrees downward,

that there was no point of exit, and that the bullet was not in the body.

EXCLUSIVE: Excerpt from hitherto secret F.B.I. report on the assassination of President Kennedy indicates F.B.I. and Warren Commission reports are not consistent.

"Is it absolutely necessary to have a literary agent?"
—ADOLPH EICHMANN, IN KURT VONNEGUT, JR.'S "MOTHER NIGHT"