

Conversation with Martin Waldron 11/21/76

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He says Lane can hardly keep his feet on the ground he is so excited about his inside track with the House assassinations committee and Sprague personally. He tried not to let it show but he can't hide it. He boasts of close personal friendship with Sprague.

Mo volunteered that the only way Mark could have known Mo was in Washington was through Sprague.

Lane told him that he went to Memphis with Abby Mann and let ~~everyone~~ Holloman know they were researching a TV show. Holloman had no idea who Lane is but he knewajak well enough. This is why he permitted himself to be interviewed. His story is that he removed Redditt, or that it was done, because of the report of a threat against him.

Mark then interviewed Redditt and Murtagh and with these tapes, perhaps others, none new where accurate, they went to Atlanta and saw Coretta. They played the tapes for her, they turned her on and she went to work on the Congress.

She did not know this was unoriginal, inaccurate and angled.

Mo used Lane's description, the "get King squad." Mark has said they were in charge of the investigation. I forgot to tell Mo this is not so.

Mo says that Tip O'Neill was opposed to the investigation, Earl Albert luke-warm, but it was the King pressure that did it.

I told him how Mark got Les' sources to talk to him. He laughed and said it was clever.

In his story, which did not appear today and may tomorrow, he does not go in to all of this. He has a graf or so about Mark.

I encouraged him to get assigned to this story. For unexplained reasons he says it would cost him lots of money but he'll think it over. He is to call later this week.