

Lane's Persistence

An examination by The New York Times has determined that much of the information on which Congress decided to reopen its investigation of the assassinations of President Kennedy and the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is unfounded, and that it was Mark Lane, the author and lecturer, who provided the House subcommittee with most of its "new leads."

The committee, which has been mired in internal feuds, has no permanent staff director or chief counsel to guide its \$2.5 million investigation. Hearings, however, are still going on.

Mr. Lane confirmed last week reports that he was the primary force behind the formation of this newest committee, which has been in operation for nine months. He is the author of the 1966 best-seller "Rush to Judgment" that criticized the Warren Commission's investigation of the Kennedy murder. Last year Mr. Lane began looking into the death of Dr. King and persuaded the civil rights leader's widow, Coretta King, to solicit Congressional support for a reinvestigation of both assassinations. Shortly after a committee was formed last September, Mr. Lane co-authored with Dick Gregory, the comedian, a book about the King assassination. According to members of the committee staff, Mr. Lane's books, theories and private investigations provided the "working manuals" for the inquiry.