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The "New York Herald Tribune" newspaper dated January 15, 1964, page 7, column 1, contained an article entitled "Oswald's Mother Hires Lane." This article stated that on January 14, 1964, Mrs. Marguerite C. Oswald, mother of accused assassin Lee Harvey Oswald, announced she had hired Mark Lane to represent her slain son before the Warren Commission investigating the murder of President John F. Kennedy. According to this article, Mrs. Oswald stated she had been in contact with Lane during his stay in Fort Worth, Texas, the previous weekend. It was also pointed out that Lane had accepted the case although Mrs. Oswald stated she had no funds with which to pay him.

The "New York Times" newspaper dated April 2, 1964, page 37, contained an article stating that Mrs. Marguerite C. Oswald had dismissed Mark Lane, her New York lawyer.

Characterizations of the NYCAHUAC and the National Committee to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee (NCAHUAC) appear in the appendix hereto.

The May 16, 1964, issue of the "National Guardian" contained an article captioned "Benefit for Lane Group Slated in New York, May 18th". This article reflected that the cast of "The Third Ear" scheduled to open at the Premise Theatre

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in New York on May 21, 1964, would give a preview performance on May 18, 1964, for the benefit of the Citizen's Committee of Inquiry (CCI). The article reflected Lane would speak "On the latest information he has uncovered in the Kennedy-Oswald case." According to the article, the theatre is located at 154 Bleeker Street, New York, New York.

A characterization of the "National Guardian" appears in the appendix hereto.

A second source advised on May 19, 1964, that he attended the above-described function held at the Premise Theatre. According to the source, a sign at the theatre indicated a capacity of 183 persons; however, the theatre was overflowing. Source stated donations from \$1.00 and up were collected and that Lane spoke from approximately 8:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.

According to this source, the following is the substance of Lane's speech:

The President's assassination is not a matter for inquiry behind closed doors. I have no faith in the Warren Commission giving all the facts because Justice Warren himself has stated that you may never know all the facts in your lifetime for national security reasons. How can that be? The only way we can be secure is if our country is well informed; otherwise, our security is threatened.

The Warren Commission is composed of Dixiecrats, and former FBI and CIA members; Senator Russell of Georgia, Boggs of Louisiana, are two racists; representing the CIA is Allen Dulles, and the spokesman for the FBI is McCloy. The only one with integrity is Senator Cooper from Kentucky. This is not a real cross section of American people.

Oswald's right to have a defense had he lived was tampered with. We have a Commission with no attorney to defend Oswald. After several letters denying me the right to defend Oswald because he was dead - they forgot that.

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the dead and absent were tried in the courts of Nurenberg. As a last resort to prevent embarrassment, they appointed the President of a Bar Association to conduct the defense of Oswald. It is the first time in history that counsel has been appointed forgetting about the counsel retained by the family.

The Warren Commission appointed six panels to conduct the inquiry but forgot panel number seven. Who really assassinated the President of the United States? Everyone is presumed innocent as a cornerstone of our judicial system but this seems to have no meaning in the United States.

Our news media helped convict Lee Oswald moments after he was arrested, long before the trial. The Dallas Police Department, the FBI and the Secret Service are responsible for this. Lee Oswald was a totally prejudiced defendant. Even District Attorney Wade said, moments after Lee Oswald was shot, that the case was closed.

Everywhere I have spoken, in Europe or in the United States, everyone believes that Oswald was innocent or part of a plot.

Oddly enough no roadblocks in Dallas went into effect. A Paris reporter left Dallas by plane without being asked any questions. Only Mexico closed its border on its own initiative.

Of all the briefs and releases I submitted, the "National Guardian" has been the only one to present anything. Yet, I have been able to have material printed in Japan, Africa, Europe, etc., but here in the United States no one printed anything relating to Oswald's defense.

Wade, who knows of what he speaks, claims to have sent 23 men to the electric chair on much less than he had on Oswald. Wade released his whole case to the press before the trial, before Oswald was killed.

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The various statements made by District Attorney Wade were absolutely false or in contradiction to what sources had said to begin with. When I was in Dallas everything that should be checked, could not be verified (reference to information furnished by Wade).

Contradictions have been the so-called entry of the bullet into President Kennedy's throat which suddenly is supposed to have entered from the head. At first all the doubt was taken out by Dr. McClelland in Dallas who said there were plenty of bullet wounds. I know an entrance wound when I see one and that was an entry wound on the Adam's apple.

The FBI had first said Oswald had been in the second floor window from which he fired at the President striking him in the throat but then contradictions arose when the Secret Service re-enacted the crime, embarrassing the FBI, and "Life" magazine came to the rescue with doctored photographs. (According to the source, at this point Lane displayed a series of photographs, magazines and articles which he purported were in contradiction of one another.)

Later on President Kennedy's body was flown to Bethesda, Maryland, for an autopsy which resulted in two Secret Service agents returning to Dallas with said autopsy report obviously to brainwash the three doctors who originally worked on President Kennedy. From then on President Kennedy's entry wound at the Adam's apple became an exit wound. Dr. Perry, incidentally, stated that there is much more about this case that I know which I am not allowed to discuss.

What happened to the photographs taken by the FBI from the schoolteacher before and during the shooting? She still has a receipt for them. I am interested in seeing the front of the building President Kennedy was facing when the shots were fired. (At this point Lane played a taped interview of a female who claimed to have heard six shots.)

Paraffin tests proved Oswald did not fire a rifle on November 22. (Source stated that at this point Lane became very technical in an explanation of how paraffin tests are made.)

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How about Reynolds, the witness to Officer Tippit's death? He was shot with a rifle in the head. He still lives but no longer speaks. The man that shot him, a hood, produced an alibi, one of Ruby's strippers who claims she was with him. This same woman was later found hung in the Dallas jail, an alleged suicide.

Most people think the motive was Marxism; however, others knew the United States and USSR relations were at its best during the Kennedy administration. Still others know about Dallas and its Presidential wanted posters with captions "Dead or Alive for Treason" or questions like, why trade between the Monroe Doctrine and Moscow spirit.

The FBI knew Oswald worked on the Presidential route, yet they hide behind the excuse of not being permitted to work in the field of political nonconformists.

Salinger and Stevenson as well as Johnson knew it was not safe for Kennedy in Dallas. How come the Secret Service and the FBI didn't know? They were too busy interviewing anyone who was "pro-school integration."

According to the second source, a collection of names and monies was carried out after Lane's speech. A question-and-answer period ensued for about one-half hour. After the question-and-answer period, a "psychodrama" was presented by the theatre group.

A third source advised on May 19, 1964, that he also attended the above appearance of Mark Lane. This source commented substantially the same as the second source.

In addition, the third source commented that Lane stated that one morning in the pouring rain as he was leaving home, he was stopped by FBI Agents who accused him of stealing a Government file. Lane stated he asked the Agents if Government files were easy to steal and then informed them that he had an office and if they wished to contact him they could do so there. According to this source, Lane indicated he was leaving for Europe on Friday, May 22, 1963.

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APPENDEK

"NATIONAL GUARDIAN"

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the "National Guardian":

"National Guardian

- "1. Established by the American Labor Party in 1947 as a "progressive" weekly * * *. Although it denies having any affiliation with the Communist Party, it has manifested itself from the beginning as a virtual official propaganda arm of Soviet Russia. (Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the ROSENBERGS and MORTON SOBELL, August 25, 1956, p. 12.)"

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