Mark Lane Signs Guyana Book With Hawthorn

Mark Lane, the controversial and vocal lawyer hired by Jim Jones to represent the People's Temple, will publish his book on the Guyana cult and its self-massacre with Hawthorn. "The Strongest Poison" (\$12.95) will be a November book, says the publisher, and it will reveal what it was "really like in the weeks before the massacre."

Hawthorn reports that Lane will explain why the American government made no serious effort to rescue the people of Jonestown, how the group's weapons were purchased in the U.S. and illegally transported to Guyana, and "why no effort was made to provide security for Representative Ryan in the face of all that the national police agencies knew about the volatile situation there."

The publisher promises that much of the information in Lane's book will be exclusive, given only to him by Terri Buford, a Temple member for eight years who was second in command to Jim Jones before resigning shortly before the mass suicide.

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