

Lane - Ray's lawyer

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Last night Ted Gandolfo phoned. He said he was calling at Lane's request. Lane would like to speak to me. When I asked why Ted said about my lawsuit to get James Earl Ray records. I told Ted first that I think no good can come from my talking to Lane and second that I have no suit for James Earl Ray records.

He said he would tell Lane, who is to be in touch with him today.

For the moment it is confidential but this Thursday Lane plans some kind of House assassins demonstration at which they will have some means of having a transcript. It is not clear that this is in connection with any testimony.

~~XXXXXX~~ Those who are to be there besides Lane, who appears to be the leader, reportedly include Jim Garrison and Donovan Gay.

Lane claims to still be close to Fauntroy.

Among the purposes of this demonstration, it is said, is demonstrating to the members that Blakey is misleading and deceiving them.

Gay is to disclose the proofs of conspiracy that passed through his hands.

Lane insists that the committee has initiated step to get him disbarred over his insistence on representing Jerry Ray when he already represents Jimmy, the committee finding this to be a conflict of interest.

It also appears that Lane has started a campaign to get Jimmy tried by petition. Supposedly more than 2,000 signatures at Fordham yesterday, when Ted spoke along with him and Gregory. Lane is due in Syracuse within the next day or two but will cancel that if Ted can make some kind of arrangement the nature of which I've forgotten.

Ted conducted an interview for Mark, of one who answered the Flynt ad. This one claims to have known Oswald was CIA. Mark supposedly is conducting other NY interviews of this kind.

I find it unusual that Lane wants to talk to me as I do that if this is the case he didn't use the phone himself.

It can be no more than an effort to fortify himself in his petition campaign by obtaining material he can use. Or an effort to be able to claim that I refused to provide records that could be of help to Ray.

But it also can be his recognition that he is bankrupt on the case, as he is.

Along with this petition campaign he seems to be campaigning to free facies Waldon (Stephens) from durance vile, in his version compulsory confinement against her will. (The version he attributes to her is demonstrably false, having Charlie not in the flophouse at the time of the crime and herself getting a clear view of the fleeing assassin.)