

Mark Lane on Michael Jackson show LA 6/6/78, from cassette:

The program began with his "response" to the LATimes story. It was as unfair on his part as the Times was on its.

As usual with an open Mike Lane gets carried away. He gives an exaggerated representation of the CIA and FBI acts against him (inferentially him alone). To Lane there is no lily not for gilding.

He brought up the Grace Waldron part, exaggerating it enormously when he did not make it up. The display of ignorance of basic fact is, even for Lane, a virtuoso display.

She is "the only witness in the world to the murder of Dr. King." Later, in response to a call in, he added to a repetition of the same statement what without any exception is totally false:

"She was immediately taken to FBI headquarters...." and questioned.

"They brought in an artist from the Memphis Commercial-Appeal" and he prepared the sketch that was "spread all around the country." In his account this sketch was "based solely on her statement and upon her description. She was the only one involved and they procured statements from her..."

He claims by making unequivocal statements that after Ray was arrested she was called back to headquarters to sign an affidavit and she said wrong man/ She was essential to the extradition, in Lane's current version, so to get the affidavit "they threatened her, offered her a hundred thousand dollars reward...." But she said, "I cannot lie and they said ' your life will be in danger.'"

After more of an exaggerated and misrepresentative account of how she stayed in the hospital (while also pretending that he alone brought to light the fact that she was there, how and why) he says she is physically ill and requires medical care but is getting it thanks to him and is "living with me and my family."

Among his other pretenses ~~is~~^{is} that if it had not been for EBC interviews (1977) it would not now be known that Charlie Stephens was drunk at the time of the crime.

All the statements about Gracie and her "identification" are false. Without any exception. If his is a faithful account of what she said then there is an evaluation of her in this. If it is not there there is nothing new because Lane lies all the time, generally without any need to lie.

Some day I'm going to nickname him Goebbels.

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