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Warren Report Foe Heads New Group

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Mark Lane, an indefatigable critic of the Warren Commission report, yesterday announced the formation here of the Citizens Commission of Inquiry, an umbrella organization designed to coordinate the activities of those who believe that Lee Harvey Oswald either did not kill President John F. Kennedy, or was not working alone.

Lane, the director of the newly formed organization, said its purpose would be to generate "a nationwide organizing project to urge Congress to investigate the assassination of President John F. Kennedy and the resultant cover-up of the facts by the FBI and the CIA."

The organization, Lane said, would begin legal action for the release of evidence still kept secret by the government. He said some of the most important evidence relating to Kennedy's murder was never seen by members of the commission headed by late Chief Justice Earl Warren and charged by President Lyndon Johnson to investigate the assassination of Kennedy.

The Warren Commission was established by Johnson a week after the Nov. 22, 1963 assassination and turned in its report a year later. Since then, its conclusion that Oswald was Kennedy's sole killer and not part of a conspiracy has come under attack from critics such as Lane.

At his press conference, Lane took some swipes at the commission headed by Vice President Rockefeller which is investigating the CIA, and attacked the commission's executive director, David W. Belin, who had been an assistant counsel for the Warren Commission.

Lane exhibited correspond-

ence with the Rockefeller commission in which he had volunteered to appear as a witness to discuss the Kennedy killing and the CIA. He was told by Belin to first submit a letter and responded by addressing one to Rockefeller himself.

In announcing the formation of his commission, Lane released the names of its executive committee. It includes Richard Barnet and Marcus Raskin, both of the Institute for Policy Studies here; Morton Halperin, former deputy assistant secretary of defense; Linus Pauling, a Nobel Prize laureate in chemistry; John Marks, co-author of "The CIA and the Cult of Intelligence"; Bernard Fensterwald, Jr., a lawyer whose Committee to Investigate Assassinations was merged with Lane's organization; and George O'Toole, a former computer specialist with the CIA and the author of magazine articles saying the Oswald's voice prints indicates he was not lying when he told officials he did not kill Kennedy.

Despite a free-swinging attack on the Warren Commission and federal police and intelligence agencies, Lane said he himself did not know who—or who else—killed Kennedy.

Lane's press conference was the latest indication of a revival of interest in the Kennedy assassination, as well as the subsequent killings of Robert F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King. Lane, whose one-man lecture tour attacking the Warren Commission crisscrossed the country in the early and mid-1960s, said yesterday that he has recently completed a national speaking tour of 35 colleges.