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Oswald Story 'Plant' Charged

It was charged here yesterday that a Dallas Secret Service agent deliberately "planted" a false story about the assassination of President Kennedy.

New York Attorney Mark Lane, who appeared before the Warren Commission in defense of Lee Harvey Oswald, charged that the phony story was "leaked" to a Fort Worth reporter on February 9 to take press attention away from the appearance of Oswald's mother before the Commission on the following day.

"Secret Service agent Mike Howard gave the story to reporter Thayer Waldo," Lane said. "Howard told Waldo that Dallas police were holding a Negro janitor who saw Oswald do the shooting.

Lane also charged that FBI agents have "silenced" a Dallas school teacher who witnessed the shooting from only a few feet from the President's car.

Lane said that he spoke

to the woman—a Mrs. Hill—by phone a few weeks ago and she said "FBI agents have warned me not to speak to you again."

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The teacher had originally told Lane that she heard four to six shots instead of three and that they came from the direction of a railroad overpass instead of the Texas School Book Depository where Oswald worked.

Lane, in town for an 8 p. m. talk today at California Hall, also revealed he will refuse to obey a Commission request recently made that he name an informant.

An April 16 letter from the Commission asks Lane to reveal the name of the man who told Lane about a meeting of a right-wing propagandist, Officer J. D. Tippet and a "third party" at Jack Ruby's club shortly before the assassination.

"I will go to jail before I'll reveal that name," Lane said.