

PRO-OSWALD DATA CLAIMED BY LANE

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He Says Police Documents
Bolster Defense Stand

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Former Assemblyman Mark Lane said yesterday that he had obtained copies of more than 20 documents from the Dallas district attorney's files that he said bolstered a defense for Lee H. Oswald, accused assassin of President Kennedy.

As unpaid defense counsel for Oswald, retained by the alleged killer's mother, the New York lawyer asserted that he had "discovered some evidence that other persons very different from Lee Harvey Oswald in political philosophy may have been involved."

Oswald, who was slain Nov. 24 by Jack L. Ruby, had called himself a Marxist, but his mother has contended he may have been a secret United States agent.

Arriving at La Guardia Airport with the mother, Mrs. Marguerite Oswald, from Washington, Mr. Lane asserted that the photographic copies he had of District Attorney Henry Wade's documents showed:

¶Paraffin tests that Mr. Lane argued "indicate rather plainly that Lee Harvey Oswald did not fire a rifle Nov. 22, 1963." This report said "no nitrates" were found on Oswald's face but nitrate patterns "typical of the patterns produced in firing a revolver" were on both hands.

Mr. Lane argued that chemicals other than gunpowder could have produced the latter.

¶Affidavits of a number of persons who were in the Texas Schoolbook Depository Building, where Oswald was employed, and who described—without naming—a number of strangers who left the warehouse moments before the first shots were fired at President

Kennedy. One of these, Mr. Lane said, was reported to have got into a car bearing a sticker for a rival Presidential aspirant.

¶A statement by a woman eyewitness to the fatal shooting of Patrolman J. D. Tippitt describing the man who killed him—shortly after the President was shot—as "short, stocky, with bushy hair," contrasting with the slim, medium-tall Oswald. This statement said the killer had calmly leaned on the policeman's car, Mr. Lane said, an unlikely attitude in his opinion for a man who had just assassinated the President.

Questioned on Copies

Asked how he had obtained the copies, Mr. Lane said "someone was kind enough to secure them for me," and "I like to think he secured them legally."

But he indicated that his airport comments might give District Attorney Wade his first information that Mr. Lane had the copies.

Mrs. Oswald told newsmen that Chief Justice Warren, chairman of a Presidential commission investigating the assassination, had refused her request of Feb. 10, when she opened her own testimony, to allow a defense attorney for her son to take part.

Mr. Lane said that he would be willing to testify to the Warren commission on his own investigation, which he estimated might take two months more.

Mr. Lane asserted that he believed there had been a "plot" that involved "shots fired at the President from more than one direction."

Four employees of The Dallas Morning News, Mr. Lane said, described shots from an overpass in front of the Kennedy car—the Depository was behind the car. A Fort Worth Star-Telegram reporter, he said, told him that the first police radio alarm had asserted "all of the shots appear to have come from the overpass."