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RUSSELL AND SARTRE SUPPORT EUROPEAN COMMITTEES OF INQUIRY;

LANE CALLED BACK FROM EUROPE TOUR TO
REAPPEAR BEFORE WARREN COMMISSION

New York, June 30 --- Grave doubts about the circumstances surrounding the death of President Kennedy have prompted many noted European lawyers, scholars and artists to call for and assist in the formation of committees to support an independent investigation of the assassination, it was reported today.

Attorney Mark Lane, Chairman of the American Citizens' Committee of Inquiry and a former New York State Assemblyman, who has just returned from a tour of Europe, announced that supporting Committees of Inquiry have been set up in England, Denmark and France. EARL BERTRAND RUSSELL has accepted the chairmanship of the British Committee, which has already begun to function. Other members of the British Citizens' Committee are: JOHN ARDEN, playwright; CAROLINE WEDGWOOD RENN, writer; JOHN CALDER, publisher; PROFESSOR WILLIAM TOMPSON, Professor of English Literature, Sheffield University; MICHAEL MOOP, Labour M.P. and Editor of the Tribune; SIR COMPTON MACKENZIE, author and playwright; KINGSLEY MARTIN, former editor of the New Statesman, writer and journalist; LORD BOYD ORR, Former Director-General, U.N. Food and Agricultural Organization, former Rector and Chancellor, Glasgow University; J. B. PRIESTLEY, novelist and playwright; SIR HERBERT READ, publisher, author and poet; TONY RICHARDSON, film director ("Saturday Night and Sunday Morning," "Tom Jones"); RT. REV. ARTHUR MERVYN STOCKWOOD, Bishop of Southwark; PROFESSOR HUGH TREVOR-ROPER, Professor of Modern History, Oxford University; and KENNETH TYNAN, writer, theatre critic and Director of the National Theatre.

The renowned British historian, Professor ARNOLD TOYNBEE, has sent the following message to the American people:

"The Mark Lane brief gives strong reasons for thinking that three is something wrong about the way in which the case is being investigated. I am sure that the right reaction to this is the setting-up, in the United States, of the Citizens' Committee of Enquiry."

In France, author and philosopher Jean-Paul Sartre has announced his support of an independent citizens' investigation; the Association of French Jurists is making plans for an international conference of jurists who will review the evidence in the case and arrive at their own determination.

Many of Denmark's noted jurists have added their sponsorship to a Danish Citizens' Committee headed by Atty. Jorgen Jacobsen.

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Mr. Lane interrupted his European tour at the request of the Warren Commission, who called him to reappear before that body on Thursday, July 2nd. Mr. Lane indicated that while he did not know what material the Commission wished to review with him, he would continue to cooperate with the Commission and would answer all relevant questions they might ask. His first appearance before the Warren Commission was on March 4, 1964.

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