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I. BACKGROUND

A. Residence and Employment

MARK LANE has not been determined to be established at any permanent residence during the past two years, but has traveled extensively throughout the United States and abroad, involving himself in anti-war and anti-Government activities. LANE is an author and lawyer by profession. His last known permanent address was 521 Dumaine Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.

B. Description

Name	MARK LANE
Alias	Robert Blake
Race	White
Sex	Male
Born	2/24/27, Bronx, New York
Height	6'0"
Weight	180
Build	Medium
Complexion	Olive
Eyes	Brown
Occupation	Attorney, author, lecturer
SSAN	073-22-4908
Passport no.	E-067352
Characteristics	Wears dark hornrimmed glasses, last known to wear a beard.

II. ANTI-WAR AND ANTI-GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES

In March and April, 1968, MARK LANE was in New Orleans, Louisiana, to assist New Orleans District Attorney JIM GARRISON in GARRISON's prosecution of New Orleans businessman CLAY SHAW for conspiracy in the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY in November, 1963. While in New Orleans, LANE met on several occasions with BOB HEAD and

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DARLENE FIFE, who originated and published the "NOLA Express," a militant underground New Orleans newspaper. LANE reportedly told FIFE that he is a very close friend of District Attorney GARRISON, and was also to assist DARLENE FIFE in covering the trial in New Orleans for the "National Guardian" newspaper of New York City.

LANE reportedly told FIFE that the right-wing element in New Orleans is against District Attorney GARRISON's action against CLAY SHAW, and that he would be willing to accept support from the New Left movement in the New Orleans area.

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March 19, 1968

In Volume 1, Number 1, of the "NOLA Express," dated April, 1968, the following interview with MARK LANE took place and is set forth below in its entirety:

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Interview with Mark Lane, March 12, 1968

Darlene Fife - What are Garrison's objectives?

Mark Lane - Garrison has limited objectives. He wants the American people to know who killed the president, he wants to arrest everyone in his jurisdiction, although he believes no one will go to jail, and he wants the ramifications to be sufficiently great so that the United States government will have to dissolve the Central Intelligence Agency and find three new letters for the organization that will be formed. He has no illusions about permanent change.

F - Say Garrison gets all his convictions and it turns out that high men in the CIA are involved and Johnson flees the country to join the American deserters in Sweden; what do you think is going to happen? Certainly there's some kind of "power vacuum" left.

L - Well we are presently residing in a totalitarian state and the fact that there might be a power vacuum doesn't frighten me. That would be a massive improvement over what we have at the present time. I don't see President Johnson fleeing to Sweden. I don't think that will be the result and I don't think that what takes place in New Orleans in terms of the trial will have that kind of shocking effect upon the American people. Firstly because they probably won't even know about it since they have to rely upon the media for the facts and the media has not proved to be too reliable in this area for the last 4½ years. They may hear about a conviction or two and Walter Cronkite in stentorian tones will make some reference to Southern justice. So I think that what is taking place here will never be accurately reported just as what has been taking place here for more than the last year has been distorted by NBC, CBS, New York Times, Time magazine and most of all Newsweek, the liberal publication. And I think that one cannot expect that the facts which are presented at the Shaw trial will be genuinely broadcast around the country.

F - Explain to me what Garrison is talking about when he talks about an operational level, an intermediate level, and then the sponsor level.

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L - I've recently interviewed a person closely associated with the CIA for a number of years. I've talked with him about the assassination of the president and he said it fits into the classic pattern of program for "executive action" and which any intelligence agency in the United States or abroad would have used to bring about the operation. He says the footprints of an intelligence operation are all over Dealey Plaza. He describes it as at one end of the chart there is a sponsor; that is the man or organization who wants the job done. At the other end of the chart is the target; the target is the objective the sponsor wants to achieve. It may be the blowing up of a bridge or the sabotaging of a ship or assassinating a head of state. It may be going into an embassy and removing documents, photographing them and returning them. In the latter case the objective is never to let anyone know the job has been planned or has been done. However when it comes to blowing up a bridge or killing a president, it is of course impossible to prevent knowledge that the job has been done and then it is most important to prevent anyone from knowing who the real sponsor is. In order to see to it that the information is not divulged first of all the chain of command each person just knows the person above him and below him. The chain can be broken at any time by the removal, they call it "permanent termination" of anyone in the chain. I asked him what was meant by that and he said you kill him. There are a series of false sponsors that are also established so that in case anyone is curious, which the Warren Commission was not, they will find false leads. So if the Commission had examined the evidence closely and found there was a conspiracy and were they curious enough to find out who might have been behind the conspiracy they would have uncovered many false leads which were scattered around Dealey Plaza live leaves on an autumn day. For example they would have found out that Jack Ruby was associated with organized crime. There would have been indications that Castro was involved in the assassination. For instance Oswald was planning possibly to go to Cuba after the assassination. There are a whole host of clues that point in various directions -- the extreme right, extreme left, organized crime. These are just three examples of the clues that were developed but it never got that far because the Commission being a liberal body decided that it had no concern with the truth and that it would compromise. True liberalism. The Commission decided it would compromise because those who planned the assassination envisioned planes taking off the next morning to bomb China or Cuba or Russia or hopefully all three. The President didn't want that to happen and the Commission was established to conceal the facts and in concealing the facts, they also concealed any evidence of a conspiracy including the conspiracy the CIA wanted them to fall upon - the evidence of a conspiracy of the left involving foreign governments.

F - The CIA was the sponsor and Kennedy was the target, and all the people Garrison is investigating like Shaw and Ferris were in the intermediate level?

L - Yes.

F - Does Garrison have an inside view yet? Has anyone confessed?

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L - No one has confessed and I don't think you can expect many confessions in this case because if you're convicted without confessing all you can get in a conspiracy to kill the president is 20 years and you don't serve 20 years, you may just serve 1/3 of that. And if you confessed you'd probably be "permanently terminated" by the sponsor.

F - What kind of support has Garrison received from the press or say a "movement"?

L - Well almost none from the press as you know. The press is almost unanimous. NBC had a historically unprecedented program which was the trial of Clay Shaw. It took place on television before it took place in real life. Shaw was found not guilty and Garrison was found guilty. CBS did four, 1-hour programs on the Warren Report defending the Report from its critics and at one point Walter Cronkite said "Garrison has made many charges but he hasn't proven any of them in court." In fact Garrison has made two charges, one against Dean Andrews for perjury in a case closely related to the assassination investigation and the other against Clay Shaw. It's true he hasn't proven the guilt of Shaw because for over a year now Shaw has been doing everything to prevent that case from coming to trial. About Dean Andrews - 3 days after Cronkite said Garrison had not proven anything in court, Dean Andrews was convicted of perjury. I watched television the next night to see how Cronkite was going to explain this but he never did. The only movement which has supported Garrison has been the Citizens Committee of Inquiry on various college campuses and cities which were established early after the assassination for the purpose of making the facts known. Of course RAMPARTS magazine has been very helpful in terms of publishing new material but one of the things that dismays me, that while one would expect attacks from the right, one would expect the left to have a more sophisticated view, a knowledgeable view of what takes place in this society. One would expect the left to support Garrison but the left seem to be sitting back watching, waiting very cautiously. That's not the position the left should be taking at the present time it seems to me. One of the problems is the atmosphere around to convince us that Garrison is some kind of nut. One listens long enough and tends to believe it and gives that as an excuse for not participating. I think that's unforgiveable.

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F - I think one of the problems is that even assuming everything Garrison says is true, what happens is that as you say you have to get three new letters for the agency and everything is the same again. There have been heads of states assassinated in other countries and nothing changes. Why should it be different here?

L - Well that's a very cynical view by those who are sitting back and taking no position right now and saying that the truth is not sufficient, the truth must do that which we want it to do; the abstract truth is not sufficient. But I think things will change - comes the conclusion that the CIA, an agency of the federal govt, killed President Kennedy, things can never again be exactly the same in America. I don't think a revolution will take place the next day. I don't think there'll be rioting in the streets either, but I think there'll be a change in America and a healthy change.

F - I know your position on the war in Vietnam. What is Garrison's view on the war?

L - I spoke at the La. Polytechnic Institute about 4 months ago. Garrison had been there just a year ago, that was before his investigation began, and they asked if he'd go back to discuss the assassination and I said I'd raise the issue with him. I saw him the next day and told him I was there. He said "I was there a year ago. Did they tell you." I said yes they told me. He said "Did they tell you what I talked about there." I said no. He said "I was a lieutenant colonel in the active reserve. I spoke in favor of the war in Vietnam." He blushed. He said that in his 40's when he came across the Warren Commission report and the contradictions and he began his investigation, he realized for the first time that honorable men had issued this false report. It brought a great change in his thinking. He is now wholeheartedly against the war in Vietnam and has resigned as a lieutenant colonel in the active reserve and he believes in the very near future there will be an American Dienbienphu. He says the American people probably don't realize that those in this country and outside this country who oppose our policy in Vietnam are the only ones today defending Americas freedom.

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On November 1, 1968, MARK LANE, during a speech at San Francisco State College, San Francisco, California, stated that a house, "The Black House," had been purchased in Washington, D.C., and that he, LANE, and DICK GREGORY would run "an American Government in exile" from this house. LANE further stated that plans were being made for a black inaugural ball to be held outside the White House to coincide with the Presidential inaugural ball. DICK GREGORY is a well known Negro entertainer and comedian who is involved in civil rights activities throughout the United States.

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November, 1968

In November, 1968, the Radio Free People, whose address is 160 Prospect Place, Brooklyn, New York 11238, published their first catalog, indicating that they could make available on tapes an interview with MARK LANE. The following is a copy of the brochure-type catalog advertising the tapes:

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68-1 AN INTERVIEW WITH MARK LANE

Mark Lane, author of Rush to Judgment, was one of the earliest and most persistent critics of the Warren Commission's report on the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. In this interview he discusses his recent book, A Citizen's Dissent, which describes the pressure exerted to keep the facts and questions raised by Lane's research from being published or broadcast to the American public. Lane feels that censoring of the mass media may be even more important than evidence of CIA sponsorship of the assassination. Fortunately, assassination of Presidents is not an everyday occurrence, as censorship is.

The interview is conducted by the Rev. Finley Schaef of the Washington Square Methodist Church and was recorded in the spring of 1968.

Produced by John Ankele.

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On February 4, 1969, Special Agents of the FBI observed two Soviet newspapermen, SERGEY A. LOSEV and GENRIKH A. BOROVIK, meet with MARK LANE and an unknown female who was with LANE. BOROVIK and LOSEV spent over three hours in the company of LANE and the unknown female.] (\$ W

On March 4, 1969, the inauguration of DICK GREGORY as president of "the United States in exile" took place at 12:00 noon at Morgan Community Auditorium, 1733 California Street N.W., Washington, D.C. The oath of inauguration was administered to GREGORY by JEAN WILLIAMS, a Chicago, Illinois, attorney. GREGORY announced at this inauguration that MARK LANE had taken the oath of office as vice-president in exile by telephone from New Orleans, Louisiana, on the same date. During the oath, GREGORY swore to faithfully execute the office of president of the United States in exile, and to preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States.

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March 4, 1969

On April 22, 1969, Sheriff FRANK CLINE, DeSoto County Sheriff's Office, Arcadia, Florida, advised a Special Agent of the FBI that he has recently received information indicating that MARK LANE, a white male, age 42, has recently been in the Arcadia, Florida, area trying to stir up trouble and agitate the Negro population of DeSoto County against Sheriff CLINE. According to CLINE, LANE is the author of the book Rush to Judgment, and LANE has also recently authored an article for Playboy Magazine concerning the recent murder trial of JAMES RICHARDSON, who was convicted in July, 1968, in DeSoto County, Florida, for the murder of his seven children by poisoning. LANE has recently been working closely with attorney JOHN ROBINSON, Flagler Beach, Florida, who was RICHARDSON's defense attorney at the murder trial. LANE and ROBINSON have indicated in numerous news articles that they have developed additional evidence indicating RICHARDSON's innocence. Sheriff CLINE feels that

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LANE's recent efforts to agitate among the Negro residents of DeSoto County have been connected with LANE's efforts to obtain publicity concerning the RICHARDSON case, and thereby gain additional financing through LANE's articles and a book which LANE reportedly is planning to write about the RICHARDSON case.

LANE has recently been traveling with a white female, known to CLINE as CAROLYN MUGAR, in MUGAR's blue 1967 Volvo station wagon, bearing Massachusetts license L37-018. MUGAR and LANE have recently been residing in a lakeside cottage at Flagler Beach, Florida, which is owned by attorney JOHN ROBINSON.

On April 29, 1969, GEORGE LANE, JR. and VIRGINIA LANE, 565 Retta Esplanade, Punta Gorda, Florida, telephone 639-3928, personally contacted a Special Agent of the FBI at the Sarasota, Florida, Resident Agency. LANE stated that he and his wife are independent reporters, working principally for the United Press International and for the St. Petersburg Times of St. Petersburg, Florida. LANE stated that he and his wife had covered the JAMES RICHARDSON murder trial in Arcadia, Florida, during 1968, and have been preparing a manuscript with the intention of publishing a book about the RICHARDSON murder case.

On March 28, 1969, LANE was telephonically contacted by one MARK LANE, who is in no way related to GEORGE LANE, and MARK LANE indicated that he was aware that GEORGE LANE was preparing to publish a book on the RICHARDSON case. MARK LANE stated he wanted to get together with GEORGE LANE in order to read their files and manuscript about the RICHARDSON case. An appointment was made, and MARK LANE met with Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE LANE at their office, 207 Tamiami Trail, Punta Gorda, Florida, at 12:30 AM, March 31, 1969. When MARK LANE appeared for this meeting, he was accompanied by his girl friend, CAROLYN MUGAR, a white female, age approximately 22 years, 5'7" tall, slender build, light shoulder-length hair, driving a dark-colored Volvo station wagon bearing Massachusetts license.

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At this meeting, MARK LANE made numerous probing inquiries concerning GEORGE LANE's knowledge of the RICHARDSON case, and appeared to be seeking additional witnesses who might be able to assist in exonerating RICHARDSON. During the course of conversation, MARK LANE stated that he has been in the Arcadia, Florida, area talking to the residents of the Negro section of the town and trying to stir up trouble against Sheriff FRANK CLINE of DeSoto County, Florida. MARK LANE expressed a great deal of animosity toward Sheriff CLINE, and indicated he does not understand how the people of DeSoto County have allowed him to remain as Sheriff. MARK LANE indicated that he intends to continue trying to stir up the Negro residents of DeSoto County against Sheriff CLINE.

MARK LANE also inquired about GEORGE LANE's knowledge of any "underprivileged Indians" who might be residing in the Immokalee, Florida, area. From this inquiry, GEORGE LANE understands or believes that MARK LANE is trying, or will be trying in the near future, to agitate trouble in the Immokalee, Florida, area, based on alleged discrimination against the Seminole Indians who reside in that area.

MARK LANE advised GEORGE LANE that he and Miss MUGAR are presently staying at Flagler Beach, Florida, at a cabin owned by attorneys JOHN ROBINSON and RICHARD WHITSON, who represented JAMES RICHARDSON at his murder trial and are still representing RICHARDSON trying to get him a new trial. GEORGE LANE noted that JOHN ROBINSON is a Negro attorney. He stated he believes WHITSON is also a Negro.

MARK LANE stated that he and Miss MUGAR are presently traveling extensively throughout the southeastern part of the United States, frequently visiting New Orleans, Louisiana, as well as going to Boston, Massachusetts, occasionally. They also go to Immokalee and Miami, Florida, on occasion. They apparently travel in the Volvo station wagon, according to GEORGE LANE.

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GEORGE LANE stated that it was his distinct impression from his contact with MARK LANE that MARK LANE is an agitator who is interested in stirring up racial disturbances, particularly in the Arcadia and Immokalee, Florida, areas. GEORGE LANE stated he has brought the above information to the attention of DeSoto County Sheriff FRANK CLINE, Arcadia, Florida.

GEORGE and VIRGINIA LANE advised that during their meeting with MARK LANE and CAROLYN MUGAR, they received the very definite impression that MARK LANE and MUGAR are romantically involved, although MUGAR appears much younger than MARK LANE. MUGAR appears to be a "wild, 'hippie'" type, and during conversation she indicated that she assists MARK LANE as a photographer.

GEORGE and VIRGINIA LANE advised that besides the interest which MARK LANE and MUGAR evidenced in the RICHARDSON case, they also appeared very interested in any trouble spots in Florida, such as Negro unrest and mistreatment of Indians.

On October 29, 1969, a confidential source abroad advised that during the month of October, 1969, an organization known as the "English Language Committee" was created in Paris, France, with the objective of opposing the continuation of the war in Vietnam, as well as the following additional objectives: (S)

- 1) Opposition to nuclear armament;
- 2) Opposition to American imperialism;
- 3) Action in favor of recognizing Communist China;
- 4) Activity against racism in the United States and throughout the world.

Source further stated that during a meeting held on October 15, 1969, at the American Center for Students and Artists, 261 Boulevard Raspail, Paris, France, an initial impetus was given to the English Language Committee by (S)

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MARK LANE, a lawyer and American writer. (S)

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October 29, 1969

[Another Government agency which conducts investigations abroad advised that] on November 14, 1969, MARK LANE was the main speaker at a teach-in against the war in Vietnam held at the University of Munich, Munich, Germany. This meeting was attended by 400-600 individuals, and in his speech LANE likened the atrocities of the Nazis at Dachau, which he had visited, to those allegedly committed in Vietnam by American soldiers and South Vietnamese supported by American soldiers. LANE played a tape-recorded interview with an American deserter, the grandson of General JOSEPH STILWELL. LANE also discussed alleged resistance within the U. S. Army to the war in Vietnam, claiming that the "brass" was going to extremes to stifle dissent. LANE asked his German audience to assist those soldiers who want to desert or fight the Army "brass" from within. Finally, he declared that he was returning to the United States within a month, although he feared possible prosecution for providing assistance to deserters. (S)

On December 3, 1969, a second confidential source abroad furnished the following information concerning MARK LANE: (S)

The Communist-front organization "International Association of Democratic Lawyers" (IADL) held its 8th Congress in Budapest during the period March 30-April 3, 1964, attended inter alia by a delegation from the Danish Section of the IADL. One of the delegates was a Copenhagen lawyer named JORGEN JACOBSEN, who, prior to the Congress, had collected some material concerning the assassination of President KENNEDY. This material was to be used for a draft resolution to the effect that the Congress was to advocate unbiased inquiries into the circumstances surrounding the assassination and the sequel to it. (S)

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