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One copy of this report is being furnished to the Dallas Division, in view of their interest in this matter and since MARK LANE is the attorney for Mrs. MARGUERITE C. OSWALD who lives in that division.

Concerning the alleged sodomy charges against LANE, mentioned herein, the following additional information was received on 1/20/64 by SAs RONALD E. YOUNG and BENJAMIN P. MC MANUS from conversation with Mr. BERNARD M. PATTON, Assistant District Attorney, Queens County District Attorney's Office, and WALTER ANDERSON, Investigator,

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The case against LANE was initiated in approximately December, 1961 on a complaint from Alexander's Department Store, Queens, N.Y., concerning a bad check received from a customer, one PHYLLIS DENISE GOLDEN in the amount of approximately \$100. GOLDEN was subsequently contacted by Mr. ANDERSON and promised to make the check good. At that time she stated "her boyfriend" would have to make the check good since she had "enough on him" to keep her the rest of her life. When GOLDEN failed to pay the money to Alexander's, ANDERSON told her that she could possibly be prosecuted. GOLDEN then stated she was mad at her boyfriend for his failure to give her money and wanted to furnish the District Attorney's Office with all details concerning this person she identified as the attorney, MARK LANE. In this connection, GOLDEN stated she had worked for LANE as his secretary for six months with no pay. She further stated she had another woman who would give information concerning LANE.

Accordingly, GOLDEN and one ELIZABETH LEE STEPHENSON appeared at the Queens County District Attorney's Office and each furnished signed statements concerning sadistic and masochistic acts performed by them on the person of MARK LANE. She further furnished an obscene photograph of LANE, which she said had been taken by her using a Polaroid Land camera. (Details of these alleged acts have been previously furnished the Bureau as attachments to the report of SA JOHN E. WARREN, entitled "SARAH SCHOENKOFF; PEACE CORPS - APPLICANT" (New York file 161-1207)).

Mr. PATTON decided to present the entire matter to the Queens County Grand Jury, but realized at the time that the charges against LANE were vague in that masochism is not covered as a crime under present statutes. He further stated that neither girl would admit that sodomy took place during the acts referred to.

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The Grand Jury failed to return a true bill and the matter was closed.

Mr. PATTON stated that he believes PHYLLIS GOLDEN apparently related her actions to MARK LANE, at which time LANE came to the District Attorney's Office and denied all charges and also denied he was the person in the photograph. Mr. PATTON said that prior to the Grand Jury hearing, pressure to drop the charges against LANE was brought by LOUIS KAPLAN who was then New York City Commissioner in charge of Investigations. (He has since been appointed a New York City Judge). KAPLAN accused PATTON's office of improper behavior in the matter, a charge which PATTON ignored. On 2/5/62, PHYLLIS GOLDEN submitted an affidavit recanting her previous statement and testimony before the Grand Jury. In this affidavit, GOLDEN stated she had lied and the original information furnished by her to the Queens County District Attorney's Office was false. This statement had been sworn to before STANLEY GELLER, Notary Public, State of New York, and was witnessed by NORMAN DORSEN, believed by Mr. PATTON to be a member of the faculty at the NYO Law School.

Mr. PATTON stated serious consideration was given to charging GOLDEN with perjury in view of her testimony before the Grand Jury, but it was decided the case was weak and no further action was taken.

The other person involved, ELIZABETH STEPHENSON, following the submission of her statement, refused all further cooperation on any basis with the District Attorney's Office.

The above is placed in the administrative section of this report since it contains a great deal of conjecture and opinion on the part of PATTON and ANDERSON.

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For the information of the Bureau, STANLEY GELLER was the subject of New York 100-117337, Bufile 100-410074. He was removed from the Security Index on 7/20/55 and from the Reserve Index on 11/17/60. GELLER was a CP member in 1947 and as of 1960 was an attorney-at-law at 400 Madison Ave., NYC.

For the information of the Bureau, on 12/20/63, NY 3225-S* furnished information that on that date ISIDORE GIBBY NEEDLEMAN furnished to KONSTANTIN SEMENOV, a Soviet official, a copy of the brief prepared by MARK LANE and which appeared in the 12/19/63 issue of the "National Guardian". (S) (u)

On 6/14/63, NY 2816-S* advised that on 6/10/63, MARK LANE attended a street meeting sponsored by the Metropolitan Council on Housing (MOH) and delivered a short speech. The above has been placed in the administrative section since no approved characterization of the MOH is currently available. (S) (u)

On 12/6/63, NY 2745-S* and NY 694-S* furnished information that on that date an informal discussion was held at CP headquarters, NYC. It was said that MARK LANE had prepared a brief that will punch holes "in proof that OSWALD was guilty". GEORGE MORRIS, CP official, commented that the prime thing to do was to prove he (OSWALD) was not a Marxist. He stated that MARK LANE will not prove him not guilty (of the assassination of President KENNEDY), "all he will do is report what others have done - punch holes in the evidence". (S) (u)

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