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**"RUSH TO JUDGMENT"
THE CRITIQUE OF THE
WARREN COMMISSION
WRITTEN BY MARK LANE**

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SYNOPSIS

AUTHOR - MARK LANE:

Mark Lane is an attorney who has received considerable publicity for his criticism of the Warren Commission and its report. He has a long history of affiliation with Communist Party Front groups and records of the Office of the District Attorney, Queens County, New York, disclose Lane is a sexual degenerate. Lane formerly represented Marguerite Oswald, mother of Lee Harvey Oswald. Lane's book, "Rush to Judgment," has been released and Lane claims his book is a critique of the Warren Commission's inquiry into the murders of President John F. Kennedy, Officer J. D. Tippit, and Lee Harvey Oswald.

REVIEW OF BOOK:

Lane's book has been reviewed and the first reaction received is, in fact, it is a defense brief. It has been found to be a disturbing and cleverly contrived piece of literature designed to discredit the President's Commission. It comprises 478 pages, including appendices and is divided into four parts.

The introduction is written by Hugh Trevor-Roper who contended the Commission's power was limited, which was understandable, however, it was particularly serious because by the time the Commission effectively took over from the FBI, the FBI had already reached its conclusions that Oswald shot the President and that Oswald was not connected with any conspiracy.

He indicated criticism should take place before judgment and that if the Warren Commission had allowed Mark Lane to contest their evidence before judgment, there would have been no need of his book. He stated that he believed, along with Mark Lane, that their examination was defective and their

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach
 RE: "RUSH TO JUDGMENT"

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Mark Lane is an attorney who formerly represented Marguerite Oswald, mother of Lee Harvey Oswald. He is on the Reserve Index and during the time he was preparing his book, "Rush to Judgment," he did reside in England. Our files reveal that during 1962, the Office of the District Attorney, Queens County, New York, conducted investigation of Mark Lane for alleged sodomy and furnished the Bureau statements of two girls which revealed Lane had performed upon him perverted sexual acts of a sadistic and masochistic nature.

During the period of time Mark Lane was preparing his book, "Rush to Judgment," he resided in England. It was during this time that he associated with numerous individuals among whom, specifically, were three individuals who he has acknowledged in his book as persons who encouraged and assisted him.

Bertrand Russell, a so-called philosopher, atheist, educator, author, pacifist and an advocate of free love who believes that the consummation of human desires during life is the only happiness worth seeking, is one of the individuals. In the past, he has been a severe critic of the Bureau and its work and also criticized the FBI for alleged "frame-up" practices. Another individual acknowledged is Professor Arnold Toynbee of England. Although we have not conducted any investigation concerning him, the files of the Subcommittee to Investigate the Administration of the Internal Security Act and other International Security Laws of the Committee of the Judiciary, U. S. Senate, 84th Congress on the Institute of Pacific Relations, has references to him. It is noted that among other things, the Institute of Pacific Relations has been considered by the American Communist Party and by Soviet officials as an instrument of communist policy. Toynbee's son, Philip, also has a history of membership in the Communist Party which he later rejected, and later, during World War II, was commissioned an intelligence officer in the English Military of Economic Warfare.

Professor Hugh Trevor-Roper, who wrote the introduction to Lane's book, has never been investigated by the Bureau. However, our files do reveal that he was a former member of MI-6 (British Intelligence). Public source material published in England revealed Trevor-Roper was a severe critic of the

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