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On 10/19/64, at 8:00 p.m. at Manhattan Center, 34th St. and 8th Ave., New York, NY, the subject appeared with MELVIN BELLI, former attorney for JACK RUBY, in a debate entitled "Lee Harvey Oswald - Guilty or Innocent?" The debate was sponsored by the Citizens' Committee of Inquiry (CCI).

On 10/20/64, NY 4098-PSI advised that about 4000 people attended this debate, having paid from \$1.50 to \$5.00 for admission.

LANE and BELLI were each allotted 40 minute opening statements and a 15 minute rebuttal period.

LANE spoke first. He reiterated points made in his previous appearances in NYC such as his claim that the doctors' reports were changed and that the photographs of OSWALD's rifle were touched up in various magazines. He made reference to witnesses that were not called before the Warren Commission and stated that witnesses were told not to talk to anyone else. He commented that the FBI, Secret Service and Dallas Police Department kept evidence from the public.

BELLI quoted the Warren Commission report which he stated proved OSWALD was guilty and was the lone assassin. He refuted some of LANE's points through the facts appearing in the Warren Commission report. BELLI stated we have to have faith in the FBI and the Secret Service. He commented

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