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STATEMENT TO THE PRESS:

Representative of the New Orleans District Attorney's office have contacted me both by telephone and in person in Dallas in recent days.

At all times I agreed that I would talk with them about the district attorney's current investigation of events surrounding the assassination of President Kennedy, Nov. 22, 1963.

However, since I am a resident of Dallas, I insisted that a representative of the Dallas police department or an attorney be present during any such interview.

The two representatives refused to talk in the presence of Dallas police at the Dallas city hall last Saturday night.

I have been requested to return to New Orleans for "questioning." I have refused, simply because I have a job and a family here to consider.

At no time have I refused to be interviewed by proper authorities. And, at no time in the future will I do so.

I know of nothing pertinent that I could tell the New Orleans people, but any time they wish to question me ---- under the reasonable conditions mentioned before, I am available.

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Sergio Arcacha Smith

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