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Garrison Says Oswald Did Not Kill Kennedy

NEW ORLEANS, La. (AP) — Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison said Sunday night Lee Harvey Oswald did not kill President John F. Kennedy and charged that the Central Intelligence Agency through devious ways and through intermediaries is actually paying lawyers to block the

completion" of his investigation of the presidential assassination.

Garrison, who began his own probe last fall of the Nov. 22, 1963 slaying of Kennedy in Dallas, said of the CIA, "What it's doing, it's a criminal act."

"And if the director of the CIA

and the top officials of the CIA were in the jurisdiction of Louisiana, I would charge them without hesitation." Garrison said in a 23-minute interview with newsmen Bob Jones on WWL-TV of New Orleans.

THE STATION presented an hour-long documentary on Garrison's investigation Sunday night.

The Warren Commission concluded that Oswald, a New Orleans-born former Marine who went to the Soviet Union for 2½ years, acted alone in killing the President.

Oswald, who spent the summer of 1963 here before going to Dallas in October, was killed two days after the assassination by Jack Ruby

LAST MARCH 1, Garrison arrested Clay Shaw, 54, a wealthy retired businessman, on a charge of conspiring to murder the President. Since then, a grand jury has indicted Shaw on the same charge. He is free on \$10,000 bond.

Asked if Oswald fired the fatal

shots in Dallas, Garrison replied:

"No, Lee Harvey Oswald did not, did not even shoot President Kennedy. He did not fire a shot from the Book Depository Building . . . he did not touch a gun on that day. He was a decoy at first. And then he was a patsy and then he was a victim."