

Garrison Says He's Very Interested in Talking to Odom

NEW ORLEANS — New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison wants to talk to Lee Odom.

"We are very interested in knowing who introduced Mr. Odom to Mr. Shaw and how many bullfights Mr. Odom has actually produced and a few other things," Garrison said Wednesday in New Orleans.

"Mr Shaw" is Clay Shaw, the prominent New Orleans businessman whom Garrison is try-

ing to link with Lee Harvey Oswald in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Lee Odom, a Dallas area businessman, was caught up in the web of confusion stemming from the investigation when his name and Dallas Post Office box number were found jotted in Shaw's address book.

GARRISON FIRST implied that Lee Odom did not exist.

Garrison Wednesday said, however, he and his investiga-

tors were well aware there is a real Lee Odom.

"The fact there is a real Lee Odom, however, is not the point," Garrison said. "The point is that Clay Shaw and Lee Oswald had the same post office box numbers in their address books and this post office box number is in coded form the unpublished phone number of Jack Ruby in 1963."

The New Orleans district attorney said:

"We are particularly interested in clarifying now whether there is also coded in Lee Oswald's address book the local (New Orleans) phone number of the Central Intelligence Agency," Garrison said.

HE CLAIMED he had had evidence for some time that Ruby was working with the CIA in Dallas during the same period Oswald was working with the CIA in New Orleans.

"This means that the CIA well knew that these two men (Ruby and Oswald) knew each other," Garrison said.

He claimed he also has evidence that Oswald was not the only CIA agent who was at Dealey Plaza that November afternoon in 1963 when President Kennedy was slain.

The CIA telephone number, Garrison said, was found in the front of Oswald's address book.

"Since it is obvious that it is no longer possible to get the truth in any form from officials of the CIA in Washington, no matter how highly placed, we are looking forward to talking

to the businessman (Odom) about some of these other circumstances," Garrison said.

Shaw's attorneys, meanwhile, continued to brand Garrison's probe into the investigation a "shell game"—particularly the circumstances involving their client and Odom.