

Nothing To Hide

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he said. "Here" is the Dallas County town in which Odom now lives with his wife and two children.

They reside in a multi-unit apartment complex in the suburban city. For reason of privacy, Odom asked that the name of the city not be mentioned.

Odom said he was not aware that anyone was interested in talking to him until he was located Tuesday by The Times Herald with the help of the New Orleans States-Itern.

"I didn't have a chance to read a newspaper or watch television over the weekend," said Odom, a tall, rangy man who was born in Lakeview, Texas.

He said he would be willing to tell his story to Garrison or anybody else. "I have nothing to hide—my goodness," he said. "You can tell Mr. Shaw that I am ready to help him if I can."

ODOM SAID he also felt sure that his story of the trip to New Orleans and his brief meeting with Shaw can be corroborated. "The man at the Roosevelt might remember it all," he said. "The records of the hotel should show I was there."

As he remembered it, Odom was in New Orleans for two or three days in the latter

part of November, 1963. The Times Herald reporter, he rummaged through of his personal papers in apartment Tuesday and up with the stub of his air ticket he used to return New Orleans to Dallas, dated Nov. 22, 1966.

"I never threw away," he said, "and I'll eventually find Mr. Shaw's business card somewhere."

ODOM SAID he did not call any of the specific names said either by him or Shaw the November New Orleans version. "I was trying to find a place for the bullfight as said he might help me—something like that," he said the bullfight did not come so that was it.

"That was the only time I have ever talked to Mr. Shaw or had any contact with whatsoever."

Asked to describe the man talked to, Odom gave a description as to size—"very tall, big", age—"about 50 or so", other characteristics which match Shaw's.

LEFT UNANSWERED is Odom's story is the coincidence of the numbers, 19106, being in both Oswald's and Shaw's post office boxes.

In front of the five-digit numbers in Oswald's book and the numbers which Garrison says are "19" and "0." Others say, however, that they are actually the same letters.

Usually reliable investigators in Dallas say that the number 19106 did not come into existence here until the late 1965 when the Knightdale post office substation was re-mailed. They could not be confirmed, however.

Since Oswald died in 1963 after being in Dallas, this had given some credence to Garrison's theory that the post office box number