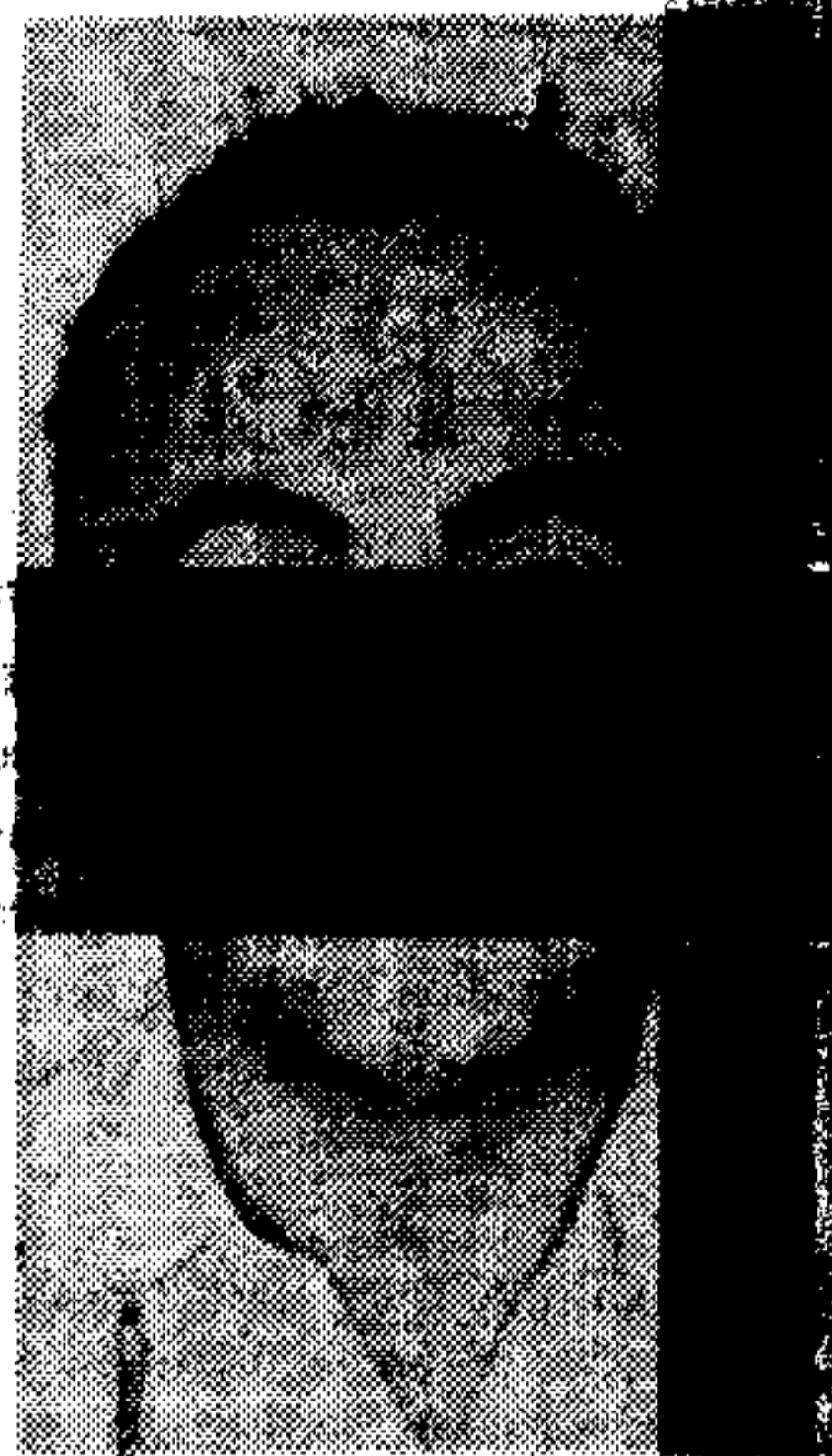


Investigation Called Big Joke by Ferrie



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Kennedy slaying

NEW ORLEANS, La. (AP)—
David W. Ferrie, a pilot who did private investigating and listed himself as a psychologist, had complained that Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison had him "pegged as the getaway pilot in an elaborate plot to kill Kennedy." He called it a "big joke."

The New Orleans district attorney, in an investigation that started last October, has been trying to prove that a conspiracy was hatched here that "culminated in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy" in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963.

Garrison promised arrests and convictions, but kept details secret.

THE PROBE has stirred an international furor because it backed up critics of the Warren Commission, who claim that the assassination of the President could hardly have been the work of just one man.

The official commission report said Lee Harvey Oswald shot Kennedy — and there was no credible evidence to show anyone else was implicated.

Ferrie was interrogated by Garrison's office last November for the second time in connection with the assassination. The first was in 1963.

"We arrested Ferrie 72 hours after John F. Kennedy was assassinated," said Garrison.

"The arrest was on the basis of information supplied out of this office. I turned Ferrie over to the FBI on Nov. 25, 1963. As a matter of record at that time, we suggested the FBI take a detailed statement."

Garrison said he had never seen a copy of the FBI interrogation.

"THERE ARE 40 pages relating to the interrogation and report on Ferrie which are in the National Archives in Washington," he said. "Only four of these pages are unclassified."

Ferrie repeatedly denied that he ever knew Oswald, a former New Orleans resident.

Ferrie said he and two companions went to Texas from New Orleans the afternoon of the assassination. He insisted it was a pleasure trip.

"We went to Houston, Galveston and back to Alexandria, La.," he said, adding that he had given a "meticulous" account of the trip during the first interrogation.

Ferrie said it was fruitless to search for an accomplice to Oswald because "My assessment of Oswald is that he would be incapable of any interpersonal relationship, especially anything as delicate as a conspiracy to kill."

A POLICE OFFICER outside Ferrie's apartment, shortly after officers arrived Wednesday to take away the nude body, pointed to a blond youth with long sideburns and said, "He found him."

The youth was hustled away by police. Before he left, he told a reporter he didn't find the body, didn't know Ferrie and "just happened to wander in."

Ferrie was odd looking. An explosion several years ago cost him his hair and eyebrows. He wore a shaggy toupee and mascara eyebrows.

Police records showed he was fired as an airline pilot after being arrested in Jefferson Parish

(city), which adjoins New Orleans, on a morals charge. The case never went to trial.

Garrison said his investigation has unearthed evidence not available to the Warren Commission. He would not elaborate.

FERRIE, A NATIVE of Cleveland, Ohio, has lived in New Orleans the last 15 years.

Oswald lived in New Orleans during the summer of 1963.

Ferrie said the FBI first became interested in him when a New Orleans man identified as Ed Voble reported he served with Oswald in a Civil Air Patrol unit under Ferrie.

Ferrie said Voble was in the Moisant Squadron and "I was in the Lakefront Squadron."

Told that his connection with the Garrison investigation

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