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AIRMAIL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-109060)

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (89-69)

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY, DALLAS, TEXAS NOVEMBER 22, 1963 MISCELLANEOUS - INFO CONCERNING OO: DALLAS

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are newspaper articles appearing in New Orleans newspapers concerning the assassination of President JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY.

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Novel Admitted Bunker Theft, Rhodes Is Told

An affidavit filed with new extradition papers sent to Columbus, Ohio, claims that Gordon Novel admitted his part in a burglary of a munitions bunker in Houma in 1961.

The new extradition papers were sent to Ohio Gov. James Rhodes as part of Orleans Parish Dist. Attorney Jim Garrison's efforts to bring Novel back to Louisiana on a burglary conspiracy charge.

Garrison wants Novel in connection with his investigation of President Kennedy's assassination.

James L. Alcock, an assistant district attorney, said in the affidavit:

"The said Gordon Novel responded to questioning by Jim Garrison, district attorney for the Parish of Orleans, and William Gurvich, investigative aide to Jim Garrison, that he and the parties named herein did in fact commit the conspiracy and burglary outlined above."

In the body of the affidavit, Alcock declared that Novel, Sergio Arcacha Smith, David W. Ferrie and other unnamed persons "did conspire, agree, and combine to burglarize a munitions bunker located in Houma, La."

He said the conspiracy was entered into in New Orleans at the home of Arcacha.

Alcock said that the men went to Houma on or about Aug. 21, 1961.

"The trip was made from New Orleans to Houma at night in a Lincoln automobile owned and driven by Gordon Novel and in a panel truck.

"AFTER ARRIVING at the site of the bunker, which was leased by Schlumberger Well Services Corp., the defendant, Gordon Novel, Sergio Arcacha Smith, David W. Ferrie, and others, unnamed, unlawfully entered it by cutting the lock with a pair of bolt cutters which had been brought along for the purpose.

"After entry into the bunker (they) took various forms of explosives and munitions. Thereafter they returned to the city of New Orleans with the stolen munitions."

The extradition papers also included a photograph of Novel identified by a former girl friend, Marlene Mancuso, 42 Oaklawn dr., Metairie, who had dated Novel in 1961.

THE DOCUMENTS also contain a copy of the simple burglary charge leveled against Novel and Smith by the sheriff of Terrebonne Parish. The affidavit was signed by Capt. Bert Boyne.

Meanwhile, the DA's office said a new figure in the investigation scheduled for questioning today was interviewed last night by a Garrison aide.

A DA's office spokesman declined to say what questions were asked or what information was obtained from the man.

He is Juan M. Valdes, a self-described Latin playwright who figured in one of the city's more sensational murders. A subpoena was issued for him yesterday.

Valdes in the summer of 1964 discovered the mutilated body of Dr. Mary Stults Sherman, a women physician who occupied the same St. Charles ave. apartment building where the summoned witness lives.

HE WAS investigating smoke coming from the Sherman apartment when he stumbled onto the body. Dr. Sherman's killer, who has never been found, tried to burn the body. Garrison would not comment on what questions will be asked Valdes.

Another Latin, 30-year-old Carlos Quiroga, spent two hours and ten minutes before the grand jury yesterday and emerged without comment.

QUIROGA, a Cuban exile, was once a close friend and associate of a fugitive witness from the Garrison inquiry, 44-year-old Sergio Arcacha Smith.

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TION in Miami in the first quarter of 1961."

The recent book, "The Invisible Government," which carries details of CIA operations, identifies Double-Chek of Miami as a CIA front.

On page 79, the book declares that Double-Chek was the company through which pilots and other persons connected with anti-Castro Cuban operations were recruited.

"We have no current contact available to inform of this situation," the Novel letter draft continues. "So I took the liberty of writing you direct and appraising you of current situation . . . expecting you to forward this through appropriate channels."

Although the draft is undated, the sequence of events it relates places its writing sometime in late January or early February.

It tells of "avoiding" one Garrison subpoena but says that attorneys have warned other subpoenas are to follow.

"The Fifth Amendment and/or immunity (and) legal tactics will not suffice," the letter states.

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Jury to Quiz Cuban Exile in Plot Probe

Two days after the assassination.

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Subpena Latin Playwright in DA Plot Probe

A new figure entered Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's Kennedy death plot investigation today when a self-described Latin playwright was subpoenaed to appear in the DA's office.

Spokesmen for Garrison said the subpoena to appear at 10 a. m. tomorrow was issued for Juan M. Valdes, who resides in an apartment house on St. Charles.

Valdes was in the news in 1964 when he discovered the body of a slain woman physician, Dr. Mary Sherman, at the apartment building.

GARRISON REFUSED to comment on the subject about which Valdes will be questioned.

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QUIROGA CALLED FOR GRAND JURY

Associate of Fugitive in Garrison Probe

one-time close friend of
to Arcacha Smith, a fugi-
witness in Dist. Atty. Jim
rison's Kennedy death plot
stigation, was subpoenaed
sday by deputies of Crim-
Sheriff Louis A. Heyd Jr.
appear before the Grand
y at 2 p. m. Wednesday.
The subpoena was issued for
rios Quiroga, 30, and served
his wife at their residence,
34 Derby pl.

This is the second subpoena
which has been served on
Quiroga. He was previously
ordered to appear on May 10,
it was not required to testify
at day.

Arcacha Smith, now residing
in Dallas, Tex., and fighting
extradition to Louisiana, founded
the Cuban Democratic Revolu-
tionary Front in New Orleans
in 1960 and was its head the
following year.

Quiroga was a member of
the front, which occupied offices
at 544 Camp until early 1962.
He denies any knowledge of the
alleged plot to kill Kennedy.

NEW PAPERS SENT

He has said that accused
presidential assassin Lee
Harvey Oswald was a Com-
munist and that he has proof
to that effect.

Garrison, however, charges
that Oswald was an agent of
the Central Intelligence Agency
and that the Federal Bureau
of Investigation and the CIA
collaborated to cover up Os-
wald's involvement with anti-
Castro Cubans.

Earlier Tuesday, William

Redmann, executive counsel
to Gov. John J. McKeithen,
said new extradition papers
seeking the return of former
New Orleans night club op-
erator Gordon Novel were dis-
patched to Gov. James
Rhodes in Columbus, Ohio.

Sources say that Novel, who
was reportedly shot at and
wounded by flying glass in
Nashville, Tenn., Sunday,
has traveled South to hide.
Efforts to contact Novel Tues-
day were unsuccessful.

The new extradition order for
Novel comes almost a month
after Gov. Rhodes rejected the
first extradition papers.

He asked for technical correc-
tions in the original papers sent
back to Gov. McKeithen April
21 and also wanted to know if a
federal crime was involved in
the D.A.'s charge that Novel
conspired to burglarize a mu-
nitions bunker in Houma, La.,
during August, 1961.

DA POWER MAD, CLAIM

Garrison says Arcacha Smith,
David W. Ferrie and Novel were
involved in the burglary plot.

Both Arcacha Smith and No-
vel are free on bond.

Ernest Colvin Jr., Arcacha's
lawyer, says his client is will-
ing to talk with Garrison about
the Kennedy probe "so long as
he doesn't have to go into Gar-
rison's lair."

At an extradition hearing
Monday in Austin, Tex., Col-
vin charged that Garrison is
a "man who is power mad,"
and that Arcacha fears for
his life if returned to New Or-
leans.

Colvin added that Garrison
uses "the law like a damn

club and this the type of
thing the governor of Texas
should not put his stamp of
approval on."

Texas Gov. John Connally
was wounded during the Ken-
nedy assassination. No decision
on the Arcacha extradition is
expected for several days.

THREATENING CALL

Jerry Weiner, Gordon Novel's
Columbus attorney, said Novel
returned to Columbus after the
Nashville incident and then left
for a place to hide in the South.

He said he received a tele-
phone call threatening No-
vel's life Friday.

Weiner added that the call
"sounded like it was long dis-
tance," and the voice told
him, "If Novel doesn't return
to New Orleans on his own,
he's going to return in a
'hearse.'"

The only man charged with
complicity in Kennedy's murder
is Clay L. Shaw, a 54-year-old
retired New Orleans business-
man and former managing di-
rector of the International Trade
Mart.

He is free on \$10,000 bond
awaiting trial.

DA Says CIA Hides Killer's Whereabouts

By LAURA FOREMAN
Associated Press Writer

The CIA is concealing the
whereabouts of the actual as-
sassins of President John F.
Kennedy, Dist. Atty. Jim Garri-
son said Tuesday.

Garrison told The Associa-
ted Press in an interview his
investigation shows that Pres-
ident Kennedy was killed by
a group of anti-Castro ad-
venturers who formerly
worked for the Central Intelli-
gence Agency.

"It's quite obvious that the
CIA knew who they were," Gar-
rison said, "because they had
previously been CIA employees."

He said Lee Harvey Oswald,
the man named by the Warren
Commission as the lone assas-
sin, was not the one who killed
Kennedy.

"There is no question at all
about the fact that Lee Har-
vey Oswald did not fire a
shot there," said Garrison.

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FIRED FROM FRONT

The President was killed by a fatal bullet that was fired from the front. That was not the only time he was hit from the front. There was a crossfire situation set up, which involved at least two pairs of men in the front, apparently two men behind the stone wall and two behind the picket fence, which is a little bit in back of the stone wall.

"The role of the second man in each case was to pick up the actual cartridges, taken on the bounce so to speak, so that the cartridges could be disposed of as quickly as the guns, which were apparently tossed in the back of cars. There were cars parked immediately behind.

"In addition to those men in front, they had at least one man in the back who was shooting, although it is becoming increasingly apparent that he was not shooting from the sixth floor of the book depository.

PARTICIPANT LOCATED

"We have located one other person who was involved in the operation. He was one of the adventurers who was involved in the anti-Castro activities, who was not using a gun but who was engaged in a row in Dealey Plaza in order to aid those who had guns."

"You had in effect a group of men operating as a guerilla team. It was a precision operation and was carried out



CARLOS QUIROGA
Subpenaed by Grand Jury.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : MR. W. C. SULLIVAN

DATE: May 26, 1967

FROM : D. J. BRENNAN, JR.

SUBJECT: JAMES POWEROY HENDRICK
SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR ENFORCEMENT
TREASURY DEPARTMENT
MEETING WITH THE DIRECTOR
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At 10 a.m., on May 26, 1967, Mr. Hendrick, accompanied by the Liaison Agent, met with the Director. Mr. Hendrick stated that he had just recently taken over his present position as Special Assistant to the Secretary of the Treasury for Law Enforcement, and in that capacity, wished to stop by and pay his respects to the Director.

The Director emphasized the need for teamwork among law enforcement agencies, both Federal and local, and this was particularly true in the Treasury Department where there are a number of law enforcement agencies. The Director discussed the current situation regarding electronic surveillance and wire tapping. He stated this is a tool which should be available to law enforcement in major cases, such as kidnapping and organized crime, as well as the security field; however, it should be very tightly controlled by the head of the agency and with the concurrence of the Attorney General.

The Director commented upon the vicious attacks upon law enforcement by certain areas of the news media, such as Drew Pearson and persons of his character. He outlined the Bureau's policy of furnishing the news media only those facts which they are legitimately entitled to and not trying cases in the newspapers. He pointed out that the Bureau maintains a strict "No Comment" policy other than brief statements issued at the time of arrests. The Director pointed out that over the years there has been a trend for defense attorneys to lose sight of the fact

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that they are officers of the court and to resort to all sorts of unethical tactics to thwart the true aims of justice. Regarding the numerous books which have been written that are critical of the Government's handling of the investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy, he commented that an excellent book had been written exposing the fallacies in these attacks and requested the Liaison Agent to furnish Mr. Hendrick the title of this book. The Liaison Agent called Mr. Hendrick and advised that the book is "The Truth About the Assassination" by Charles Roberts, described as a noted White House Correspondent, and is published by Grossett and Dunlap, New York.

At the conclusion of the conference, the Director extended his offer of assistance to Mr. Hendrick, as he undertakes his new assignment.

It was very apparent that Mr. Hendrick was greatly impressed by his meeting with the Director, and in fact as he was leaving the building, he commented to the Liaison Agent "What a thrill to sit at the feet of that great man."

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Extradition Papers Say Bunker Entry Admitted

Return of Novel Again Being Sought

The district attorney's office has claimed that assassination probe figure Gordon Novel admitted his part in the burglary of a munitions bunker that occurred in August of 1961.

An affidavit accompanying Novel's revised extradition papers to the governor of Ohio said that Novel admitted committing the burglary to District Attorney Jim Garrison and William Gurvich, a private investigator working for Garrison, it was revealed Thursday.

Novel was charged with conspiring with Sergio Arcacha Smith, the late David W. Ferrie and unnamed others to burglarize a munitions bunker near Houma leased to Schlumberger Well Services.

Garrison is attempting to extradite Novel, described as a very important witness, and Arcacha Smith, former anti-castro leader in New Orleans, on the charge.

LIE TEST TAKEN

In Dallas, Arcacha's lawyer said Thursday a polygraph test shows his client knows nothing about any plot to assassinate President Kennedy.

The lawyer, Frank Hernandez, said the test was given to Arcacha March 7 in Dallas by the Scientific Security Service.

Resolutions were introduced in the State Legislature in Baton Rouge Thursday asking for return of Novel, Arcacha and Sandra Moffett McMaines, friend of star state witness Jerry R. Russo.

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The woman, Marlene Mancuso, 42 Oaklawn dr., Metairie, reportedly is the person who swore in another affidavit for extradition purposes that Novel was in New Orleans in August of 1961.

It was also learned that Juan

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A spokesman for the district attorney's office declined to say what questions were put to Valdes, who describes himself as a playwright.

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Novel Admitted Bunker Theft, Rhodes Is Told

An affidavit filed with new extradition papers sent to Columbus, Ohio, claims that Gordon Novel admitted his part in a burglary of a munitions bunker in Houma in 1961.

The new extradition papers were sent to Ohio Gov. James Rhodes as part of Orleans Parish Dist. Attorney Jim Garrison's efforts to bring Novel back to Louisiana on a burglary conspiracy charge.

Garrison wants Novel in connection with his investigation of President Kennedy's assassination.

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THE DOCUMENTS also contain a copy of the simple burglary charge leveled against Novel and Arcacha by the sheriff of Terrebonne Parish. The affidavit was signed by Capt. Bert Boyne.

Meanwhile, the DA's office said a new figure in the investigation scheduled for questioning today was interviewed last night by a Garrison aide.

A DA's office spokesman

declined to say what questions were asked or what information was obtained from the man.

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Garrison would not comment on what questions will be asked Valdes.

Another Latin, 30-year-old Carlos Quiroga, spent two hours and ten minutes before the grand jury yesterday and emerged without comment.

QUIROGA, a Cuban exile, was once a close friend and associate of a fugitive witness from the Garrison inquiry, 44-year-old Sergio Arcacha Smith.

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LETTER IS TRAP FOR DA--NOVEL

Statement Is Dictated to Times-Picayune

Gordon Novel has told The Times-Picayune that a letter in his handwriting linking him with the Central Intelligence Agency represents "the last trap" for District Attorney Jim Garrison.

Novel, apparently anticipating public disclosure of the contents of the letter, Wednesday dictated a statement to The Times-Picayune to be published only after the letter was released.

The New Orleans States-Item, in its final edition Thursday, disclosed the letter which it said "discovered." The story also included a statement by Steven Plotkin, Novel's New Orleans lawyer, that Novel worked for the CIA here in early 1961.

The letter reportedly was found under linoleum in Novel's New Orleans apartment. In the letter, Novel allegedly tells a Mr. Weiss "that he wants to be taken 'out of this mess' by an unspecified date in March of this year.

'IMPORTANT WITNESS'
Garrison has called Novel an important witness in his probe of an alleged conspiracy to murder President John F. Kennedy. Novel left New Orleans in mid-March.

The following is the statement which Novel dictated in a call from North Carolina:

"Mr. Garrison has finally fallen into the last trap. I thought his fine Cajun gumshoes were going to miss it. Under the rug, ha, ha!

"The party is in the white paper can and will very shortly be over for him and all the witch hunters, from the government on down.

"The letter should be checked

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against the extradition papers and statement of Marlene Mancuso. The new extradition papers now have a panel body truck wherein Mr. Garrison had tried to put Mr. Mark Lane's green Ford pickup truck puzzle piece. Didn't fit, Big Jim, did it?

"Mr. Garrison fancies himself the all powerful Samson. Samson slew the Philistines with the jawbone of an ass. Mr. Garrison is trying to slay our government with his asinine jaw.

"Mr. Garrison should not ask what more he can try to do for himself, but what in God's name was he trying to do our country. I am sure Ralph Schoenman in England and Thomas Buchanan in Paris will completely tell you."

Novel's letter reference is to critics of the Warren Report who have written in opposition to the findings of the Warren Commission.

Novel, after he disappeared from New Orleans, was arrested April 1 at Gahanna, Ohio, on a warrant charging him with conspiracy to burglarize an oil service company's munitions bunkers at Houma in 1961. Since his arrest, he has been free on bond and fighting extradition from Ohio.

The latest chapter in the extradition fight also came Thursday when the contents of the latest extradition papers sent to Ohio were released. Novel referred to this, too, in his statement.

An affidavit filed with the new extradition papers claims that Novel admitted his part in the 1961 munitions bunker burglary.

In his statement on the letter, Novel said the letter should be checked against the extradition papers and statement of Marlene Mancuso. Attempts Thursday to obtain a copy of the first extradition papers and Miss Mancuso's statement were not immediately successful.

Miss Mancuso has been identified as a former girl friend of Novel's.

Plotkin, Novel's attorney here, was quoted as saying his client served as an intermediary between the CIA and anti-Castro Cubans in New Orleans and in Miami prior to the April, 1961, Bay of Pigs invasion.

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Plotkin could not be reached immediately Thursday afternoon regarding Novel's statement.

The letter found in Novel's apartment contains clipped phrases, cloak and dagger terminology and references to "top secret" activities.

LETTER QUOTED

Addressed to a Mr. Weiss, it says, in part:

"Our attorneys and others are in possession of complete sealed files containing all information concerning this matter. In the event of our sudden departure, either accidental or otherwise, they are instructed to simultaneously release same for public scrutiny in different areas . . ."

The letter speaks of taking "appropriate counter action relative to Garrison inquisition concerning us . . ." and suggests that the business of handling Garrison may be done "through military channels vis-a-vis the D.I.A. man."

D.I.A. is the abbreviation for Defense Intelligence Agency, an organization established by President Kennedy to supervise the CIA after the ill-fated Bay of Pigs invasion.

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A letter writing expert said the letter was written by Novel.

FRAUD ALLEGED

Plotkin said Novel has tapes, photographs and other data which will be released shortly and will "prove beyond any shadow of a doubt that Mr. Garrison's investigation is a fraud and a hoax."

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Oswald—Did Fire, Dallas—Officials Insist

DA's Team Theory Also Discounted

By PEGGY SIMPSON

DALLAS (AP) — Key Dallas investigators of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy here in 1963 don't believe Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's claim that Lee Harvey Oswald never fired a shot.

They also disbelieve the New Orleans prosecutor's theory that a precision team of

(Stories on developments in the Garrison investigation and the discovery of a letter draft written by fugitive witness Gordon Novel will be found on Page 6B.)

guerrilla adventurers fanned out on the crest of a park to kill Kennedy and escape undetected, until now.

"I don't think there's any question but that Oswald did some shooting, and indications are all of the shooting," said Dist. Atty. Henry Wade.

RETIRED POLICE Chief Jesse Curry, who drove the car preceding the President's in the motorcade, said there was no ruckus on the Dealey Plaza lawn preceding the shooting, as Garrison claims.

He said if guerrilla gunmen had crouched behind a three-foot stone wall in the plaza as Garrison says, Curry and Sheriff Bill Decker and Secret Service men could have seen them from the street as they drove by. He said his policemen atop the railroad overpass overlooking Dealey Plaza likewise could have spotted any persons behind the stone wall or even behind the five-foot-tall picket fence which is 26 feet in back of the stone wall.

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Texas Probers Say Oswald Did Fire

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the park and by the stone wall but they sure weren't squatted down shooting. I'll tell you that," Curry said. "We just didn't see anything that would indicate that at all."

For eight months, Garrison has independently been scrutinizing the assassination, vowing to prove the Warren Commission wrong in its finding that Oswald alone killed Kennedy, and that Jack Ruby also acted independently when he gunned down Oswald during a jail transfer two days later.

Garrison says he has uncovered a conspiracy to kill Kennedy between Oswald; a now-dead pilot, David Ferrie; a New Orleans business magnate, Clay Shaw, and others.

HE SAYS THE Central Intelligence Agency is concealing the whereabouts of the assassins because they had been CIA employees.

"I never did rule out some encouragement of Oswald," said Wade, "but whether there was a conspiracy or an accomplice before or after the assassination is a matter of speculation. I don't know."

"I don't have any way of knowing about the CIA," Wade said.

But he said he was just as sure now as in 1963 that police had the evidence to send Oswald to the electric chair as the assassin.

"It was his gun, there were three empty shells by the window, he was seen in the window, his prints were found there, and everybody else was down watching the motorcade and he was upstairs," Wade said.

WADE AND CURRY said they looked but found no proof that Oswald and Ruby knew each other.

Wade said eight or 10 persons volunteered information that Ruby and Oswald were together on occasions but he said he could not vouch for the credibility of any of them. A local lawyer failed a lie detector test about such beliefs and some of the other informants were alleged homosexuals or police characters.

Garrison said the assassins apparently used "frangible bullets," which he described as a type forbidden by the Geneva Treaty, that explode into little pieces and leave nothing behind to be traced to the gun. He said these bullets would be favored by forces working for an intelligence agency.

A FIREARMS expert here said a frangible bullet does indeed fragment into tiny pieces—but the shattering is upon impact, before any penetration. The soft, compressed graphite bullets are used for target practice and might barely pierce a tin can at 50 yards. The firearms expert said he knew of no bullet which combines the characteristics Garrison named, since soft-nose bullets which cause a gaping wound and much internal damage leave traceable elements.

The FBI identified a whole bullet found after the assassination on a stretcher as coming from Oswald's rifle and said fragments of a second bullet came from the same rifle.

Curry said Garrison's probe hasn't refuted any Warren Commission findings, as far as he is concerned.

"It's difficult for me to believe that a group of men sat around and formed a conspiracy and carried it out to assassinate the President. The evidence doesn't show that to me," Curry said.

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VALDES CALLED IN PLOT PROBE

Discovered Body of Slain Woman Doctor in '64

A self-described Latin playwright identified as Juan M. Valdes was subpoenaed Wednesday to appear before District Attorney Jim Garrison at 10 a.m. Thursday, but the issues on which he will be questioned were not disclosed.

Valdes, who lives in a St. Charles ave. apartment house, is the latest of a growing number of figures to be called upon in Garrison's probe into the death of President John F. Kennedy.

It was Valdes who discovered the mutilated body of Dr. Mary Sherman, a noted New Orleans physician, in the same apartment house in 1964.

Dr. Sherman, who lived in the building, was discovered when Valdes noticed smoke coming from the woman's apartment. Her slayer, who is still unnamed, attempted to burn the body before making a getaway.

In another investigation development, a 38-year-old Cuban exile underwent questioning late Wednesday afternoon by the Orleans Parish Grand Jury. The man, Carlos Quiroga, 3134 Derby pl., was once a friend of Sergio Arcacha

Smith who is presently fighting extradition proceedings in Dallas, Tex.

After two hours and 10 minutes before the grand jury, Quiroga quietly left the jury room without fanfare at 6:35 p. m. and departed the Criminal Courts Building. He would not comment to newsmen on why he was questioned.

Garrison wants Arcacha returned here to answer questions in connection with an alleged assassination conspiracy, and also on charges of conspiring to commit burglary on a Houma munitions bunker in 1961. Arcacha is now free on \$1,500 bond in Dallas.

The DA's office alleges that Arcacha, former leader of a Cuban revolutionary movement in New Orleans, plotted to burglarize the bunker along with the late David W. Ferrie and Gordon Novel, 29, formerly a local bar owner who is also fighting an extradition attempt by Garrison. Novel is free on bond in Columbus, Ohio.

Garrison has named three men as having conspired to murder Kennedy, two of whom are now dead. Ferrie died Feb. 22 in his Louisiana ave. pkwy. apartment. Lee Harvey Oswald, named by the Warren Commission as the President's lone slayer, was killed Nov. 24, 1963 by Jack Ruby in Dallas.

The only living accused conspirator is retired New Orleans businessman Clay L. Shaw who is free on \$10,000 bond awaiting trial on the conspiracy charge. Shaw, 54, has strongly denied any connection with the crime.

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Novel Asks Damages Which May Total \$50 Million

Suit Filed Against DA, Members of Group

Damages which might amount to about \$50 million are sought in a suit filed Wednesday in federal district court against District Attorney Jim Garrison and members of Truth and Consequences, Inc.

The suit was filed on behalf of Gordon Novel, 29-year-old former New Orleans bar operator who has been termed by Garrison a major witness in the Kennedy assassination plot investigation.

Damages of \$10 million are sought from Garrison. Other defendants from whom \$1 million each is sought include Truth and Consequences, Inc., Willard Robertson, Joseph Rault Jr., Cecil Shilstone and "John Doe," who are sued as unidentified individual members of the

Truth and Consequences organization.

FREE ON BOND

Truth and Consequences, Inc., was established shortly after the Garrison investigation became known publicly after the district attorney complained that his probe was being hampered by public disclosures of his office's expenditures.

It was organized by about 80 businessmen who agreed to contribute funds to finance the probe. Robertson, Rault and Shilstone were prime movers behind the organization.

The suit was signed by attorneys Steven Plotkin of New Orleans and Jerry Weiner of Columbus, Ohio.

Novel is free on a \$10,000 bond in Columbus where he was arrested April 1 on a warrant issued by Garrison's office charging him with conspiring to burglarize a munitions bunker at Houma.

DAMAGE CLAIMED

It is alleged in the suit that

the defendants conspired to use the district attorney's office to charge various individuals with being involved in a plot to kill President Kennedy.

The action claims that Garrison's statements and accusations against Novel have ruined his "reputation as a man of honor, honesty and probity."

Until the investigation began, it is charged, Novel had never been "suspected of or charged with the crimes of being a material witness; conspiring to commit a simple burglary and theft of merchandise or being in any way connected with or have knowledge of the conspiracy to assassinate the late President John F. Kennedy."

LIST OF QUESTIONS

It is also alleged that the various defendants conspired with Garrison and authorized him to speak and publish "malicious and scandalous words" about Novel.

As a result of these actions,

it is charged, Novel has suffered loss of property and business in New Orleans, has been unable to obtain employment, credit and enjoy his freedoms guaranteed under the Constitution of the United States.

Attached to the suit are a list of questions which Novel's attorneys seek to have the defendants answer, including the names of all members of Truth and Consequences.

A hearing on the suit has been set for May 31 before Federal District Judge James A. Comiskey on a motion asking that the plaintiff be allowed to propound the interrogatories.

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New Witness Is Summoned In Plot Probe

A new figure in Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's Kennedy death plot investigation was scheduled to appear for questioning at the DA's office today.

He is Juan M. Valdes, a self-described Latin playwright who figured in one of the city's more sensational murders. A subpoena was issued for him yesterday.

Valdes in the summer of 1964 discovered the mutilated body of Dr. Mary Stults Sherman, a women physician who occupied the same St. Charles ave. apartment building where the summoned witness lives.

HE WAS investigating smoke coming from the Sherman apartment when he stumbled onto the body. Dr. Sherman's killer, who has never been found, tried to burn the body.

Garrison would not comment on what questions will be asked Valdes.

Another Latin, 30-year-old Carlos Quiroga, spent two hours and ten minutes before the grand jury yesterday and emerged without comment.

QUIROGA, a Cuban exile, was once a close friend and associate of a fugitive witness from the Garrison inquiry, 44-year-old Sergio Arcacha Smith.

Arcacha was a leader of a militant anti-Castro organization here. He is currently fighting extradition attempts in Dallas. Garrison wants him both as a witness and as a defendant in a burglary conspiracy case.

MEANWHILE, ANOTHER fugitive witness, 29-year-old Gordon Novel, has sued Garrison and Truth and Consequences in what could amount to a \$50 million damage action.

The U.S. District Court suit asks \$10 million from Garrison and \$1 million from each member of the private organization which is funding the DA's investigation.

Novel charged in the suit that Garrison had injured his reputation for "honesty, honor and probity."

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Novel Asks Millions in DA, Backers Suit

A suit which may total as much as \$50 million in alleged damages was filed against Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison and members of Truth and Consequences today in Federal District Court.

The action was brought by 29-year-old former New Orleans bar owner, Gordon Novel, whom Garrison has termed an important witness in the DA's Kennedy death plot investigation.

ACTING THROUGH attorneys here and in Columbus, Ohio, Novel brought the action against Garrison, Willard Robertson, Joseph Rault Jr., Cecil Shilstone and all members of the private organization which is funding the Garrison inquiry.

Robertson, Rault and Shilstone, all New Orleans business leaders, are the organizers and leaders of Truth and Consequences.

The Novel suit asks \$10 million in damages from the DA and \$1 million each from the three other defendants, Truth and Consequences and "John Does" which the action identifies as members of the organization.

Steven Plotkin of New Orleans and Jerry Weiner of Columbus, Ohio, signed the action filed with the U.S. District Court Clerk.

THE SUIT CHARGES the "various defendants" conspired to "use the office of the district attorney of Orleans Parish to charge various individuals with being involved" in a plot to kill Kennedy.

It charges that Garrison's statements and organizations against Novel have ruined his

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Until the Garrison investigation began, the suit declared, Novel had never been "suspected of or charged with crimes of being a material witness; conspiring to commit simple burglary, theft of merchandise or being or in any way to have knowledge of a conspiracy to assassinate the late John F. Kennedy."

NOVEL IS FREE on \$10,000 bond at Columbus where he was arrested April 1 on a warrant from Garrison's office charging him with conspiring to burglarize a munitions dump at Houma.

Since the original arrest, Terrebonne Parish authorities have charged Novel with burglarizing the bunker. The theft charges from Orleans Parish also have been lodged against him. Both grew out of alleged bad debts.

Novel's suit contends Garrison and members of Truth and Consequences conspired "maliciously intending to injure the plaintiff."

It said Garrison's actions against Novel forced him to leave New Orleans and take sanctuary in another state. A jury trial was requested in the action.

THE SUIT WAS accompanied by a group of questions seeking the names of the members of Truth and Consequences, its charter position and how its funds are distributed and used.

Truth and Consequences was established shortly after the Garrison investigation became public when the DA complained that public recording of his office's expenditures was hampering the probe. It was organized by about 50 of the city's businessmen who agreed to contribute funds.

Judge James A. Comiskey ordered a hearing on the suit next Wednesday.

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Decoy, Patsy, Victim

District Attorney Jim Garrison continues to be a voice in the wilderness.

Despite the sensation caused by the arrest of Clay Shaw as a JFK conspirator and the subsequent parade of odd-ball characters across the New Orleans scene, Washington has remained officially cool to Garrison. It is difficult to see how this cynical, snobbish attitude can continue in light of the district attorney's repeated charge that Oswald did not kill President Kennedy.

Garrison is a responsible public official, albeit a controversial one. For the Justice Department and yes, even the White House, to act as if Garrison were some kind of cajun lunatic, mouthing off to get more newspaper space, is just short of disgraceful. At this writing there has been no rush to open a Senate investigation into Garrison's charges of a big CIA-FBI cover-up. Perhaps these words will spur Congress to act:

"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."

Garrison says that he knows who the assassins were, but can't get additional information because the CIA is "keeping its vaults locked." He indicates that a quick look at the super secret agency's files would clear up the whole Dallas tragedy.

Last week Garrison tied Oswald, Clay Shaw and Jack Ruby together in cloak - and - dagger fashion. He said that a post office number found in Oswald and Shaw's private belongings was really the un-

listed telephone number of Jack Ruby, Kennedy's lone avenger, who ran a nightclub in Dallas. A newspaper in that city said the number belonged to a bullfight promoter and hinted that the number was neither mysterious nor a code.

Reading between the lines, one may assume that deep, dark secrets about the assassination lie in government files. Whether they will vindicate Garrison remains to be seen. But the feeling persists that he is trying to peel back, layer by layer, the store of information that will lead him to the truth. In doing so, he has challenged the awesome power of the CIA, and to a lesser degree, the FBI, whom he says form a stone wall. If one's imagination is allowed to run riot, there are all sorts of possible visions to conjure up — dupes, plots and counter-plots, counter - counter plots ad infinitum. Hopefully, Garrison is wrong in one of his earlier estimates. He said it may be 30 years before the whole story of the assassination is in.

Garrison is a personal friend of Senator Russell Long and apparently is counting on him to promote a Congressional investigation into the Executive Branch "cover-up." The Senator has been extremely busy trying to save his Campaign Fund Act. He failed after seven weeks of wrangling and filibustering. Next he takes on the defense of Senator Tom Dodd, the Connecticut Democrat whom the Ethics Committee wants to censure. Long's services will not be available immediately. But something should be done to clear the fetid New Orleans air which Garrison continues to pollute with Martian - like infusions.

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Enclosed herewith are newspaper articles appearing in New Orleans newspapers concerning the assassination of President JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY.

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REPORT NOVEL SHOT IS PROBED

Allegedly Wounded by Sniper Fusillade

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Metropolitan Nashville police said Sunday they were investigating a report that Gordon Novel, a figure in New Orleans, was wounded by sniper fire earlier in the day.

Police said they were investigating the report by Charles F. Walker, president of station WKDA. They confirmed, however, that five shots had been fired at a WKDA news wagon in which Novel was allegedly sitting.

Novel was in Nashville at the request of the radio station, Walker said, and had agreed to disclose information that "would blow the New Orleans investigation wide open."

The station official said the shooting occurred as Novel and WKDA news director Gary Edwards were preparing to leave for Columbus, Ohio, where Novel is awaiting extradition proceedings to Louisiana. The former nightclub operator has been subpoenaed as a material witness by Garrison.

Police estimated that at least five shots had been fired at a WKDA news wagon from behind a hedge in front of Edwards' apartment.

Walker said Novel and Edwards left Nashville immediately after the shooting and are now "somewhere between here and Washington, D.C." He told police he learned of the incident when Edwards telephoned him from Bowling Green, Ky.

Oswald Didn't Kill Kennedy, Says DA

(The Associated Press)
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 in Dallas, Tex., of Kennedy, said the CIA is guilty of "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 on WWL-TV.

Garrison, this city's unorthodox prosecutor for six years, said he would include CIA Director Richard Helms "because he has to know what he's doing."

The Warren Commission concluded that Lee Harvey Oswald, a New Orleans-born ex-Marine who went to the Soviet Union for 2 1/2 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, who has since died.

Last March 1, Garrison arrested Clay Shaw, 54, a wealthy retired businessman, on charges 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.

"The Central Intelligence Agency began its criminal activities, in my judgment," Garrison said, "immediately after the assassination when they failed to reveal to the Federal Bureau of Investigation in its entirety what its

activities were in New Orleans when Lee Oswald was working for it and it's compounded them since by essentially criminal activities by making every possible effort to block our investigation."

Asked if Oswald fired the fatal shots in Dallas, Garrison replied:

"No, Lee Harvey Oswald 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."

This is how Garrison answered the next question about who did kill the President:

"Oh I can say who did without any question, and we know the group and we know some of the names of the group. But we don't know which one was standing where and we can't find out with the CIA keeping its vaults locked."

"They were former employees of the CIA. We managed to get the names of some of them in a way I can't describe here, but we cannot find out through

any government agency where they are located now and we have a stone wall there as far as the identification of the other individuals.

"But I can say the rest of them are Cubans who were training in New Orleans."

Garrison said his investigation is now "moving at a snail's pace" but quickly added, "it isn't that fatal a problem for us because the essential elements we have clarified a long time ago."

"I don't believe they can stop us. They can just delay us."

Garrison also said he learned from his investigation that the CIA "has infinitely more power than the Gestapo and the NKVD of Russia combined."

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5 PROBE FIGURES GIVEN SUBPENAS

Papers Served in Behalf of Dean Andrews

Subpenas were issued Friday through the United States District Court for five figures in District Attorney Jim Garrison's probe into the death of President John F. Kennedy.

Deputy U. S. marshals were assigned to serve subpenas on the five in behalf of suspended Jefferson Parish Assistant District Attorney Dean A. Andrews Jr. who has filed a \$100,000 suit against Garrison.

Andrews, who was twice indicted by the Orleans Parish Grand Jury on perjury counts stemming from his testimony in connection with Garrison's investigation, was suspended shortly after he became a principal figure in the probe.

The subpenas Friday were issued for Dr. Nicholas Chetta, Orleans Parish coroner; Dr. Esmond F. Fatter, who testified that he administered a truth drug to Perry R. Russo, Garrison's key witness thus far in a conspiracy charge against businessman Clay L. Shaw; Albert LaBiche, foreman of the Orleans Parish Grand Jury; William Gurvich, Garrison's chief aide, and Lynn Loisel, Garrison investigator.

Dr. Chetta said Friday night that his subpoena orders him to appear in Andrews' office Monday. He said it seems "very unusual" for a subpoena to direct the receiver to appear in a person's office and not in court.

The coroner added that he did not know if the other four subpenas were successfully served Friday. He said, however, he believed the other four were to appear at different times throughout the day Monday.

Andrews filed the \$100,000 damage suit in federal court April 18, alleging that Garrison had deprived him of his civil rights. It was filed shortly after he pleaded innocent for the second time that he had perjured himself before the grand jury.

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Missed by Bullets, Cut by Glass--

Fusillade In Nashville Is Described

Novel

Gordon Novel, one of the most elusive figures in Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's Kennedy assassination probe, said in a telephone conversation with a New Orleanian today that bullets fired in Nashville yesterday did not strike him but that he had suffered a shoulder wound from flying glass.

Novel was with radio newsman Gary Edwards, a friend of 11 years' standing, in Nashville when shots were fired at them as they sat in a radio station truck in front of Edwards' apartment.

NOVEL AND Edwards left Nashville immediately after the shooting and called radio station officials from Bowling Green, Ky., several hours later to tell them what had happened.

They were en route back to Ohio, where Novel is awaiting extradition to Louisiana on a burglary charge lodged against him by Garrison, who wants to question Novel in connection with the probe.

A spokesman for the radio station, WKDA, said Edwards had received minor facial wounds from flying glass.

Nashville authorities said the glass in the left door of the truck was shattered and that there were four indentations made by bullets on the right side of the truck's paneling.

CAPT. W. A. McDaniel of the Nashville Metropolitan Police said officials of the radio station reported that Novel had been wounded by a sniper—but not until 13 hours after the incident allegedly occurred, and after Novel and Edwards were already out of the state.

He said that he could not, therefore, confirm whether anyone had been wounded or not. Capt. McDaniel said the Nashville police were told that Novel had been treated in Kentucky for a wound, but McDaniel said this had not been confirmed for him by any official source.

McDaniel said the police were told that the incident occurred about 2 a. m. yesterday and that the police were not told until 3 p. m.

Radio station President Charles F. Walker told police Novel was in Nashville at the request of the radio station and, according to Walker, Novel had agreed to disclose information that "would blow the New Orleans investigation wide open."

ANOTHER STATION spokesman said that Novel once hired Edwards to work with him in New York on the Louisiana Pavilion at the New York World's Fair and that Novel said Edwards was the only newsman he trusts now. Edwards' real name is Gerald Mundy.

The spokesman for the station would not say where Novel is now. He said, however, that Edwards, who is news director for the station, left Novel today and went to Washington to attend a professional meeting.

Novel could not be located in Columbus, Ohio.

ON ANOTHER front of the investigation, Dean Adams Andrews Jr. and his attorney, Sam Monk Zelden, during a hearing on a motion to quash a perjury indictment against Andrews, asked Criminal District Judge Frank Shea to order the Orleans Parish Grand Jury to turn over to Andrews the entire transcript of his testimony before the jury.

Zelden said that nowhere has the district attorney's office specifically spelled out where in Andrews' testimony he is supposed to have perjured himself.

Zelden said that although the jury had released about 10 pages of testimony the specific part of the testimony which allegedly was false is not spelled out.

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aid that it would be impossible to prepare any kind of defense without a copy of the entire testimony given by Andrews. Zelden said that Andrews may have later corrected information which he gave in the part of the testimony which is supposed to be perjurious.

Andrews was indicted by the grand jury, which accuses him of lying about his knowledge of Clay L. Shaw and the mysterious Clay Bertrand. Shaw, retired managing director of the International Trade Mart, is accused by Garrison's office of participating in a conspiracy to murder the President. An insurance salesman, Perry Raymond Russo, testified at a preliminary hearing for Shaw that he knew Shaw as Clem Bertrand.

Andrews told the Warren Commission someone he identified as Clay Bertrand called him after assassination of President John F. Kennedy and asked him to represent Lee Harvey Oswald, the man who later was named as Kennedy's assassin. Garrison says Shaw and Bertrand are one and the same.

Two of the men subpoenaed were to show up this afternoon.

Friday, five figures in Garrison's investigation were subpoenaed by Federal District Court in connection with a \$100,000 suit filed by Andrews.

Andrews, who was suspended as a Jefferson Parish assistant district attorney after his perjury indictment, filed the suit against Garrison April 18. He charges Garrison with depriving him of his civil rights.

The subpoenas were served on Dr. Nicholas Chetta, Orleans Parish coroner; Dr. Esmond F. Fatter, a physician who testified that he placed star state witness Perry Russo under hypnosis at the request of Garrison's office; Albert V. LaBiche, grand jury foreman; William Gurvich and Lynn Loisell, investigators for the district attorney.

In Detroit, an attorney for the brother of the late Jack Ruby branded as "completely incorrect" Garrison's charges that Ruby was connected with Lee Harvey Oswald and New Orleans businessman Clay L. Shaw.

Alan Adelson, an attorney for Earl Ruby, said Garrison told him last week that he had discovered a coded telephone number known to Oswald and Shaw that turned out to be Jack Ruby's unlisted phone number in Dallas.

Oswald was slain by Ruby before a nationwide television audience; Ruby has since died of cancer.

Adelson said Garrison told him his theory of his case against Shaw. "A lot of what he told me I can't repeat because he asked me not to. The only part that I was concerned with was when he said that Ruby, Oswald and Shaw were all working for the CIA," Adelson said. He said he went to Dallas and

checked out the information with people who knew Ruby and he said "It is completely incorrect."

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Garrison said the CIA "should be eliminated and reorganized, because you cannot have any agency in a democracy which really believes that the end justifies the means."

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Wounding Of Novel Unverified

Metropolitan Nashville police today said they received word that Gordon Novel, a figure in Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's Kennedy assassination probe, was treated for a gunshot wound yesterday in Kentucky.

Earlier, Nashville police had said they were investigating a report that Novel was wounded by a sniper while in Nashville yesterday.

The report, police said, came to them from Charles F. Walker, president of station WKDA. Novel was in Nashville at the request of the radio station and according to Walker, Novel had agreed to disclose information that would blow the New Orleans investigation wide open.

WALKER TOLD POLICE that the shooting occurred as Novel and WKDA news director Gary Edwards were preparing to leave for Columbus, Ohio, where Novel is awaiting extradition proceedings to Louisiana.

A Nashville police detective told the States-Item today that they have confirmed that five shots were fired at a WKDA news wagon in which Novel was allegedly sitting.

The detective said that they also found traces of what apparently was blood.

He said they have received word that Novel was treated in Kentucky, but that they have not yet confirmed this.

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HARVEY OSWALD NEVER FIRED A SHOT. ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE
THESE INVESTIGATORS ALSO DISBELIEVE THE NEW ORLEANS
PROSECUTOR'S THEORY THAT A PRECISION TEAM OF GUERRILLA
ADVENTURERS FANNED OUT ON THE CREST OF A PARK TO KILL
KENNEDY AND ESCAPED UNDETECTED.

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THE ARTICLE QUOTED *District Attorney* DA HENRY WADE AS SAYING "I DON'T
Dallas County THINK THERE IS ANY QUESTION BUT THAT OSWALD DID SOME SHOOTING
Texas AND INDICATIONS ARE ALL OF THE SHOOTING". MAY 31 1967

THE ARTICLE ALSO REPORTED THAT RETIRED POLICE CHIEF
JESSE GURRY, WHO DROVE THE CAR PRECEDING THE PRESIDENT'S
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IN THE MOTORCADE, SAID THERE HAD BEEN NO RUCKUS ON THE DEALEY PLAZA LAWN PRECEDING THE SHOOTING AS CLAIMED BY GARRISON. CURRY SAID IF GUERRILLAS HAD CROUCHED BEHIND A THREE FOOT STONE WALL IN THE PLAZA AS ALLEGED BY GARRISON, CURRY, SHERIFF BILL DECKER AND SECRET SERVICE MEN COULD HAVE SEEN THEM FROM THE STREET AS THEY DROVE BY. CURRY ALSO WAS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID THAT HIS POLICEMEN ATOP THE RAILROAD OVERPASS OVERLOOKING DEALEY PLAZA LIKEWISE WOULD HAVE SPOTTED ANY PERSONS BEHIND THE STONE WALL OR EVEN BEHIND THE FIVE FOOT TALL PICKET FENCE WHICH IS TWENTYSIX FEET BACK OF THE STONE WALL. CURRY ADMITTED THAT THERE WERE PEOPLE IN THE PARK AND BY THE STONE WALL BUT SAID THEY WERE NOT SQUATTED DOWN SHOOTING.

ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE, ^{District Attorney} DA WADE SAID HE WAS JUST AS SURE NOW AS IN NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE THAT POLICE HAD THE EVIDENCE TO SEND OSWALD TO THE ELECTRIC CHAIR AS THE ASSASSIN AND HE WAS QUOTED AS SAYING "IT WAS HIS GUN, THERE WERE THREE EMPTY SHELL BY THE WINDOW, HE WAS SEEN IN THE WINDOW HIS PRINTS WERE FOUND THERE, AND EVERYBODY ELSE WAS DOWN WATCHING THE MOTORCADE AND HE WAS UPSTAIRS."

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WADE AND CURRY WERE ALSO REPORTED TO HAVE SAID THEY LOOKED BUT FOUND NO PROFF THAT OSWALD AND RUBY KNEW EACH OTHER.

THE ARTICLE ALSO REPORTED THAT AN UNNAMED FIREARMS EXPERT HAD SAID A FRANGIBLE BULLETS WHICH CAUSE A GAPPING WOUND AND MUCH INTERNAL DAMAGE LEAVE TRACEABLE ELEMENTS.

THE NEWSPAPER ALSO REPORTED IN REGARD TO LETTER, MENTIONED IN NEW ORLEANS ^{THE LIFE} TEL MAY TWENTYSIX INSTANT, THAT TWO GIRLS WHO RENTED THE NOVEL APARTMENT AFTER HIS DEPARTURE FOUND THE LETTER DURING A THOROUGH HOUSECLEANING AND REFURBISHING SESSION. ONE OF THE GIRLS TURNED THE LETTER OVER TO HER BOYFRIEND WHO IN TURN SHOWED IT TO HIS PROFESSOR AT A NEW ORLEANS UNIVERSITY. THE PROFESSOR IS A FRIEND OF A REPORTER ON THE NEWSPAPER AND TURNED THE LETTER OVER TO THIS REPORTER.

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THIS ISSUE ALSO REPORTED THAT *District Attorney* DA JIM CARRISON, TODAY,
ASKED THE STATES - ITEM TO FURNISH COPY OF THIS LETTER.
LETTERHEAD MEMORANDUM
NO LHM BEING SUBMITTED.

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CC- MR. SULLIVAN

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PM 5/28/67 URGENT WHD

TO: DIRECTOR(62-109060)

FROM: NEW ORLEANS (89-69)

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,

DALLAS, TEXAS; NOVEMBER TWENTYTWO, NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE,

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING.

Reference

TELEPHONE

RE NEW ORLEANS TEL CALLS TO BUREAU MAY TWENTYEIGHT,

TELEPHONE

INSTANT, AND BUREAU TEL CALLS TO NEW ORLEANS MAY TWENTYEIGHT,

INSTANT.

SOMETIME BETWEEN ELEVEN PM, MAY TWENTYSEVEN, LAST AND

ONE AM, MAY TWENTYEIGHT, INSTANT, JUDGE EDWARD A. HAGGERTY,

JR., CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURT, PARISH OF ORLEANS, NEW ORLEANS,

LOUISIANA, TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED NEW ORLEANS OFFICE AND

REQUESTED SA REGIS L. KENNEDY CONTACT HIM BY TELEPHONE AT HIS

OFFICE.

SA KENNEDY TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED JUDGE HAGGERTY AT

WHICH TIME HAGGERTY ADVISED HE WAS AT HIS OFFICE PREPARING

AN ORDER WHICH HE WILL ISSUE IN ORLEANS PARISH CRIMINAL

DISTRICT COURT ON MONDAY, MAY TWENTYNINE, NEXT. JUDGE

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HAGGERTY ADVISED SA KENNEDY HE FELT HIS TELEPHONE WAS TAPPED AND SAID HIS REMARKS WOULD THEREFORE HAVE TO BE MOST GUARDED. HAGGERTY REQUESTED SA KENNEDY TO CONTACT HIM AT HIS HOME, ⁷⁰⁵⁰ SEVEN ZERO FIVE ZERO MEMPHIS STREET, NEW ORLEANS, PERSONALLY AT FOUR PM, MAY TWENTYEIGHT, INSTANT. HAGGERTY ADVISED SA KENNEDY HE HAD SOMETHING HE WANTED TO TELL SA KENNEDY AS HE HAD COMPLETE TRUST IN SA KENNEDY BUT DID NOT GIVE ANY INDICATION AS TO THE SUBJECT MATTER HE DESIRED TO DISCUSS WITH SA KENNEDY.

SA KENNEDY HAS ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN JUDGE HAGGERTY FOR OVER TWENTY YEARS, HAVING MET JUDGE HAGGERTY WHILE HE, HAGGERTY, WAS SERVING AS ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR ORLEANS PARISH PRIOR TO HIS APPOINTMENT AS CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURT JUDGE IN ORLEANS PARISH, AND UNDOUBTEDLY THIS WAS THE REASON JUDGE HAGGERTY CONTACTED SA KENNEDY.

ABOVE INFORMATION TELEPHONICALLY FURNISHED BUREAU, AND PURSUANT TO BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS USA* LOUIS C. LACOUR TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED AND FURNISHED THIS INFORMATION. USA* LACOUR ADVISED HE WOULD DISCUSS MATTER WITH DEPARTMENT. BASED UPON DISCUSSION WITH DEPARTMENT USA* LACOUR TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED
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JUDGE HAGGERTY WHO ADVISED SOME WEEKS PRIOR TO ARREST OF CLAY SHAW OR ANYONE ELSE IN GARRISON INVESTIGATION HAGGERTY MET GORDON ~~NOVEL~~, SONNY ~~BENNETT~~ AND BEN ~~LEHANS~~ AT LOCAL RESTAURANT AND HAD GENERAL DISCUSSION DURING WHICH GARRISON INVESTIGATION MENTIONED. DURING CONVERSATION NOVEL INDICATED HE HAD BEEN INTERVIEWED BY FBI AND SECRET SERVICE BUT HAD NOT TOLD THE WHOLE TRUTH, AND JUDGE HAGGERTY SUGGESTED THAT NOVEL COME TO HIS OFFICE ON THE FOLLOWING DAY AT WHICH TIME JUDGE HAGGERTY WOULD ARRANGE TO HAVE SA KENNEDY PRESENT SO NOVEL COULD TELL THE WHOLE TRUTH. NOVEL DID NOT APPEAR AND JUDGE HAGGERTY DID NOT CONTACT SA KENNEDY.

JUDGE HAGGERTY ADVISED HE HAS DETERMINED THAT GARY EDWARDS, RADIO STATION WDKA, NASHVILLE, ^{Tenn} IS ATTEMPTING TO SELL TAPES THAT NOVEL ALLEGES HE HAS CONCERNING THE FOLLOWING:

- (1) WILLARD ROBERTSON, NEW ORLEANS VOLKSWAGEN DISTRIBUTOR AND FINANCIAL ANGEL OF DISTRICT ATTORNEY BARRISON, A MEMBER OF TRUTH AND CONSEQUENCES, A GROUP ORGANIZED TO FINANCE GARRISON INVESTIGATION,
- (2) DISTRICT ATTORNEY JAMES GARRISON,
- (3) AUBREY YOUNG, AIDE-DE-CAMP OF GOVERNOR JOHN MC KEITHEN,
- (4) GOVERNOR JOHN MC KEITHEN, (5) WILLIAM GURVICH, DISTRICT

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ATTORNEY GARRISON'S CHIEF INVESTIGATOR, SIX) LOUIS IVON, L.O.
(7)
INVESTIGATOR FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY GARRISON, SEVEN) JUDGE
EDWARD A. HAGGERTY, JR.

JUDGE HAGGERTY ADVISED IN EVENT TAPES SOLD, THE NAME OF SA KENNEDY MIGHT BE MENTIONED, AND HE WANTED TO ADVISE SA KENNEDY HOW HIS NAME CAME UP IN THE EVENT THESE TAPES ARE MADE PUBLIC.

HAGGERTY ADVISED HE WAS ISSUING AN ORDER ON MONDAY, MAY TWENTYNINE, NEXT REITERATING AND REFINING PREVIOUS ORDERS AND GUIDE LINES SET DOWN FOR NEWS MEDIA AND MEMBERS OF BAR ASSOCIATION IN HANDLING INFORMATION CONCERNING SHAW TRIAL.

JUDGE HAGGERTY AGREED WITH USA* LACOUR THAT IT WOULD NOT BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF JUDGE HAGGERTY AND WITHIN THE PROPER PROPRIETY FOR JUDGE HAGGERTY AND SA KENNEDY TO HAVE A MEETING.

JUDGE HAGGERTY ALSO ADVISED HE HAS HAD BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED ON NOVEL AND DESIRED TO FURNISH RESULTS TO SA KENNEDY BUT THAT HE WOULD FURNISH RESULTS OF BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION TO USA* WITH COPIES OF THE PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED
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ORDER AND THREE ³ PRIOR ORDERS CONCERNING GUIDE LINES FOR NEWS
MEDIA AND MEMBERS OF BAR ASSOCIATION.

INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED BY GORDON NOVEL
CONCERNING MEETING WITH JUDGE HAGGERTY FURNISHED BUREAU BY
NEW ORLEANS TELETYPE MARCH TWENTYEIGHT, LAST, AND NEW ORLEANS
AIRTEL AND LHM^{*} DATED MARCH TWENTYNINE, LAST.

FILES OF NEW ORLEANS OFFICE CONTAIN NO DEROGATORY
INFORMATION CONCERNING JUDGE HAGGERTY.

LHM^{*} FOLLOWS.

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** Letterhead Memorandum*

CC MR SULLIVAN.

Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 5/26/67

Jim Garrison made a fantastic statement to the press to the effect that he has proof that Lee Harvey Oswald did not even fire a shot, let alone kill John F. Kennedy. He also said that actually there were two gunmen shooting from the front and another from the rear in a crossfire situation. He claimed that the identity of these gunmen is known to the Central Intelligence Agency and that they were connected with the anti-Castro Cuban movement.

With reference to the letter reportedly found in the apartment of Gordon Novel, this is probably the same letter quoted in a news article 5/25/67 and the letter which Jim Garrison quoted in a letter to the New Orleans Office last week. Novel allegedly wrote the letter in which he claimed to have been an employee of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Central Intelligence Agency has been requested to advise if Novel has been connected with that agency.

The attached will not be disseminated, since it is from news media material.

TJS:cwb

[Handwritten signature]

16 Magnolia Avenue,
Millbrae, California 94030.
May 19th, 1967.

EARL WARREN,
CHIEF JUSTICE,
SUPREME COURT,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

MARY L. ~~Tracy~~ ~~Carroll~~

complaint

Dear Mr. Warren:

OFFICIAL RECORDS of
President John F. Kennedy

I am inclosing herewith a publication which speaks for itself. I heard about this through a local radio station on a talk program. The communicator had the editor on the phone to ask if he had any basis for this article and the answer was "let people read it and draw their own conclusions."

A disclaimer heads the article and no doubt the editor will cop-out on "freedom of the press" and "freedom of speech" as a defense if any action should be taken. I hope that I will not be held for putting obscene material through the mail but feel that if this happens I will scream to high heaven. Residents of California are sick and tired of tripe and filth being published under the excuse of freedom of speech. They quote the classics, but classics usually in time past were pursued by college students and not by the general public and the young, impressive young minds.

I hold you and your Court responsible for this mess due to your radical decisions in every manner and respect. Your Court has kicked all sense of decency out the window. You favor criminals and all the law breakers, as well as the pinkos.

My object in writing you and the Court is if there was a way that we could have local laws to restrict this sort of thing, which when brought in Court, could not be brought up to you in your ivory tower to be nullified. I think this is important, and as very much porturbed. I need not state that I am a conservative which you might consider a dirty word, but you overlook the filth.

Is there some way that this editor could be brought up to produce his photostatic copy that is implied. I need not tell you that I have no sympathy for President Johnson nor the Kennedy Clan, but I am indignant at this article.

I am sending one to our beloved Governor Reagan, who is a fine upright man, also to J. Edgar Hoover and a few others.

Please arouse yourself out of your sanctum sanctorum and give an answer. I understand that your Court tries to keep out of the public eye but this is important. I might state that I have four children, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, so I am not a hysterical do-gooder but a very concerned American and tax payer. Remember I contribute to your salary and you owe the tax payers something.

Respectfully,

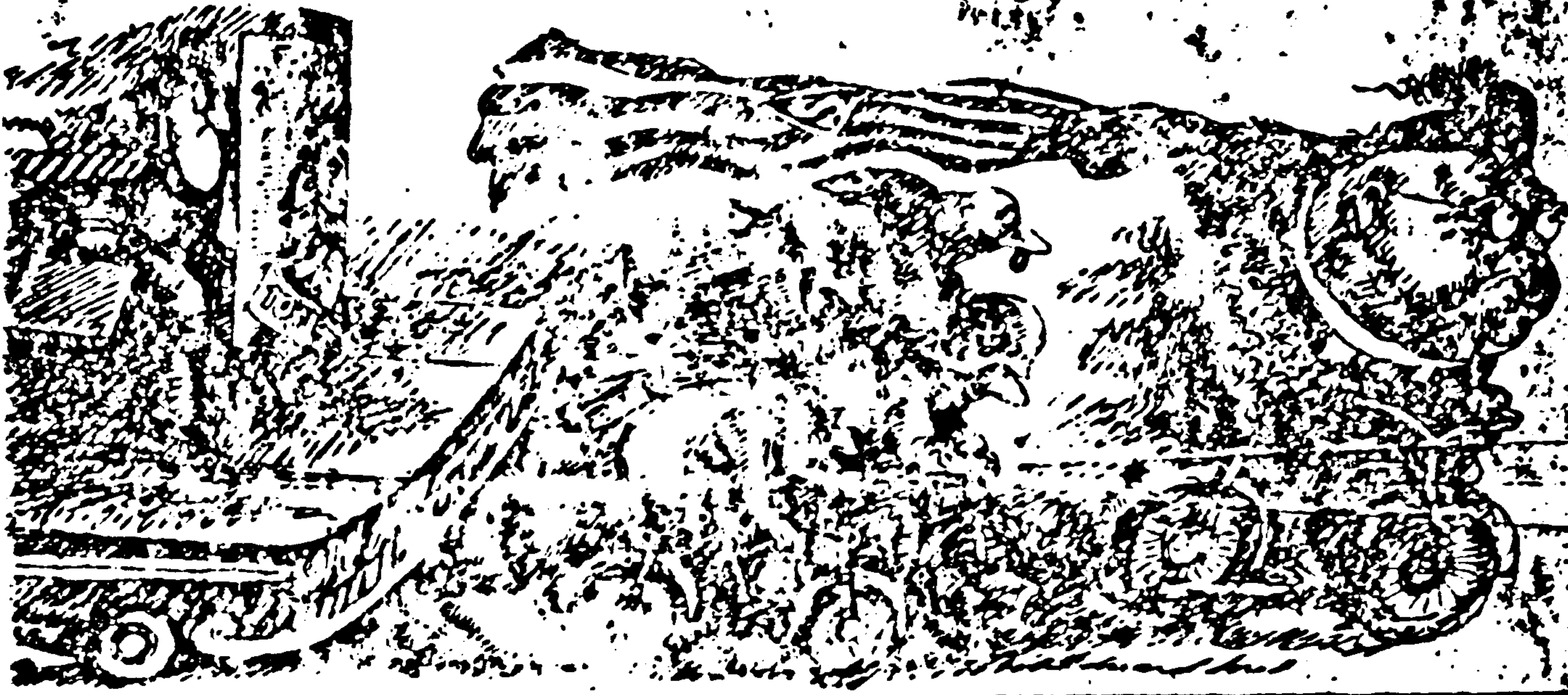
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This war is, I believe, a war for civilization.
 —Francis Cardinal Spellman



The Parts That Were Left Out of the Kennedy Book

An executive in the publishing industry, who... must remain anonymous... he made available to the Herald a photo-tape copy of the original manuscript of William Manchester's book, *The Kennedys*. These passages which were printed here were written a few months before Harper & Row sold the serialization rights to Look magazine; hence, they do not appear even in the so-called "complete" version published by the Green Bay magazine, Stern.

Scull

At the Democratic National Convention in the summer of 1960 Las Vegas was the scene of a political visitation of the alleged sins of the father upon the son. Lyndon Johnson and his staff were busy with the political maneuvering... and witty banter... of Kennedy.

The Texas... was appointed to a strange... on the grounds that his father, Joseph P. Kennedy, was a Nazi sympathizer during the time he was United States ambassador to Great Britain from 1938 to 1940.

The senior Kennedy had predicted that Germany would defeat England and he therefore urged President Franklin D. Roosevelt to withhold aid.

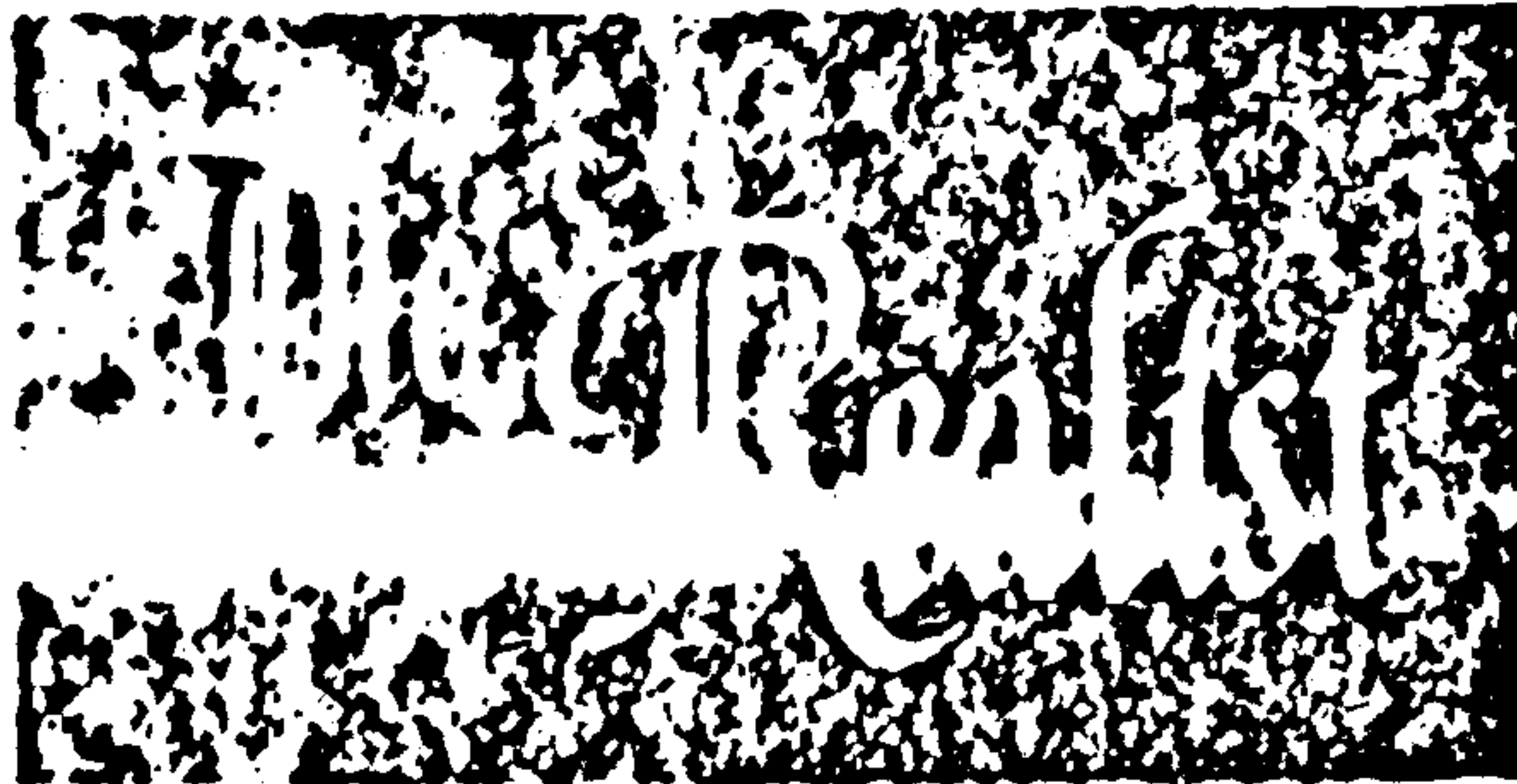
Now Johnson found himself fighting pragmatism with pragmatism. It didn't work; he lost the nomination.

Ironically, the vicissitudes of regional bloc voting forced Kennedy into selecting Johnson as his running mate. Jack rationalized the practicality of the situation, but Jackie was constitutionally unable to forgive Johnson. Her attitude toward him always remained one of controlled paroxysm.

Scull

It was common knowledge in Washington social circles that the Chief Executive was something of a ladies' man. His staff included a Secret Service agent referred to by the code name *Dentist*, whose duties virtually centered around escorting to and from a rendezvous site—either in the District of Columbia or while traveling—the models, actresses and other strikingly attractive females chosen by the President for his not at all infrequent trysts.

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THE KENNEDY BOOK

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"Get me that," he had said of a certain former Dallas beauty contest winner when plans for the tour were first being discussed. That particular aspect of the itinerary was changed, of course, when Mrs. Kennedy decided to accompany her husband.

She was aware of his philandering, but would cover up her dismay by joking. "It runs in the family." The story had gotten back to her about the late Marilyn Monroe using the telephone in her Hollywood bathroom to make a long-distance call to *New York Post* film-gossip columnist Sidney Skolsky. "Sid, you won't believe this," she had whispered, "but the Attorney General of our country is waiting for me in my bed this very minute—I just had to tell you."

Scrub

It is difficult to ascertain where on the continuum of Lyndon Johnson's personality innocent boorishness ends and deliberate sadism begins. To have summoned then-Secretary of the Treasury Douglas Dillon for a conference wherein he, the new President, sat defecating as he spoke, might charitably be an example of the former; but to challenge under the same circumstances Senator J. William Fulbright for his opposition to Administration policy in Vietnam is considered by insiders to be a frightening instance of the latter.

The more Jacqueline Kennedy has tried to erase the crudeness of her husband's successor from consciousness, the more it has impinged on her memories and reinforced her resentment. "It's beyond style," she would confide to friends. "Jack had style, but this is beyond style."

Capitol Hill reporters have observed the logical extension of Mr. Johnson boasting about his six-o'clock-in-the-morning forays with Lady Bird to his bursts of phallic exhibitionism, whether in the swimming pool or the lavatory. Apropos of this tendency, Drew Pearson's assistant, Jack Anderson, has remarked: "When Lyndon announces there's going to be a joint session of Congress, everybody cringes."

Scrub

It is true that Mrs. Kennedy withstood the pressures of publicized scandal, ranging from the woman who picketed the White House carrying a blown-up photograph supposedly of Jack Kennedy sneaking away from the home of her press secretary, Pamela Turnure, to the *Blauvelt Family Genealogy* which claimed on page 884, under Eleventh Generation, that one Durie Malcom had "married, third, John F. Kennedy, son of Joseph P. Kennedy, one time Ambassador to England."

But it was the personal infidelities that gnawed away at her—as indeed they would gnaw away at any wife who is shaped by this culture—until finally Jackie left in exasperation. Her father-in-law offered her one million dollars to reconcile. She came back not for the money but rather because she sincerely believed that the nation needed Jack Kennedy and she didn't want to bear the burden of losing enough public favor to forestall winning the Presidency.

Consequently she was destined to bear a quite different burden—with great ambivalence—the paradox of fame. She enjoyed playing her role to the hilt, but complained, "Can't they get it into their heads that 'here's

a difference between being the First Lady and being Elizabeth Taylor?"

Even after she became First Widow, the movie magazines wouldn't—or couldn't—leave her alone. Probably the most bizarre invasion of her privacy occurred in *Photoplay*, which asked the question, "Too Soon for Love?"—then proceeded to print a coupon that readers were requested to answer and send in. They had a multiple choice: Should Jackie (1) Devote her life exclusively to her children and the memory of her husband? (2) Begin to date—privately or publicly—and eventually remarry? (3) Marry right away?

Mrs. Kennedy fumed. "Why don't they give them some more decisions to make for me? Some real ones. Should I live in occasional sin? Should I use a diaphragm or the pill? Should I keep it in the medicine cabinet or the bureau drawer?" But she would never lose her dignity in public; she had too deep a faith in her own image.

Scrub

American newspapers seem to have a schizophrenic approach to American leaders. They want to expose their human frailties and they don't want to expose their human frailties. Gore Vidal was on a television program in London, and he explained why Jacqueline Kennedy will never relate to Lyndon Johnson. During that tense journey from Dallas to Washington after the assassination, she inadvertently walked in on him as he was standing over the casket of his predecessor and chuckling. This disclosure was the talk of London but not a word was mentioned here.

Of course, President Johnson is often given to inappropriate response—witness the puzzled timing of his smiles when he speaks of grave matters—but we must also assume that Mrs. Kennedy had been traumatized that day and her perception was likely to have been colored by the tragedy. This state of shock must have underlain an incident on Air Force One which this writer conceives to be delirium, but which Mrs. Kennedy insists she actually saw. "I'm telling you this for the historical records," she said, "so that people a hundred years from now will know what I had to go through."

She corroborated Gore Vidal's story, continuing: "That man was crouching over the corpse, no longer chuckling but breathing hard and moving his body rhythmically. At first I thought he must be performing some mysterious symbolic rite he'd learned from Mexicans or Indians as a boy. And then I realized—there is only one way to say this—he was literally fucking my husband in the throat. In the bullet wound in the front of his throat. He reached a climax and dismounted. I froze. The next thing I remember, he was being sworn in as the new President."

[Handwritten marginal notes: 1. Check with Rankin — did secret autopsy show semen in throat wound? 2. Is this simply necrophilia or was LBJ trying to change entry wound into exit wound by enlarging?]

The glaze lifted from Jacqueline Kennedy's eyes. "I don't believe that Lyndon Johnson had anything to do with a conspiracy, but I do know this—Jack taught me about the nuances of power—if he were miraculously to come back to life and suddenly appear in front of him, the first thing Johnson would do now is kill him." She smiled sardonically, adding, "Unless Bobby beat him to it."

The Realist

Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date May 28, 1967

Judge Haggerty has been assigned to hear the case of Clay Shaw presently under indictment in New Orleans. It has previously been widely reported that Gordon Novel has tapes of conversations with various figures involved in the Garrison investigation. Gordon Novel has been cooperating with the National Broadcasting Company who supposedly are going to attack the Garrison investigation as a fraud.

Information in the attached will be furnished to the Department.

ABF:abf

wcs/r *[Signature]*

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

- 1-Mr. Rosen
- 1-Mr. Sullivan
- 1-Mr. Wick
- 1-Mr. M. A. Jones

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TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: May 24, 1967

FROM : C. D. DE LOACH

SUBJECT: CONGRESSMAN F. EDWARD HEBERT
(D - LOUISIANA)

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY
DALLAS, TEXAS, NOVEMBER 22, 1963



Congressman Ed Hebert called at 10:15 a. m. this morning. He made reference to the assassination investigation being conducted by District Attorney James Garrison in New Orleans. He stated that Garrison was a damned fool and that he, Hebert, is staying as far away from this matter as he possibly can. He mentioned that it was all an issue of local politics in New Orleans and that he refused to be mixed up in the matter. He stated that Senator Russell Long "most certainly had his rear end in a sling inasmuch as he had started Garrison off on this kick."

Congressman Hebert also referred to Al LaBiche, a prominent merchant in New Orleans who also is a member of the National Executives Committee of The American Legion. He stated that LaBiche was foreman of the Garrison grand jury. I told him I knew this and that LaBiche had offered to be of any assistance, however, this was strictly a local matter and that we would not under any circumstances contact LaBiche. Congressman Hebert replied that LaBiche was always getting involved in grand juries and that while LaBiche held no brief for Garrison, he felt that LaBiche was going to be trapped in the quagmire of local politics.

Congressman Hebert told me that from looking over the whole situation, he fully believed that Garrison would now try to drop his investigation and excuse himself on the basis that the Federal Government has refused to cooperate, consequently, he can no longer continue his investigation. He stated that Garrison has CIA in a bind and will use CIA as a foundation for his excuses.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI DATE: 5/25/67
 ATTN: GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION
 CRIMINAL SECTION

FROM : *JM* SAC, PHOENIX (62-1484) (P)

SUBJECT: BURAL FRANCES KESSENS;
 JOHN MATTHEW CLINTON
 MISCELLANEOUS -
 INFORMATION CONCERNING

ReBuairtel 2/21/67; Los Angeles letter to Phoenix,
4/28/67; Boston airtel 5/19/67.

Enclosed for the Bureau are six copies of a letter-
head memorandum entitled JOHN MATTHEW CLINTON. One copy is
being designated to San Francisco for information, and to
Los Angeles for information.

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*cc of LHM
& USSS Dept
7/27/67
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