

New Orleans Probe

Says 5 Aided Oswald

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 20 (AP) — A former private detective says five persons were involved with Lee Harvey Oswald in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, and he knows their identities.

David Lewis, a bus station



JIM GARRISON

express handler who worked as a private investigator here in the months before the assassination, said yesterday he has the names of the five persons allegedly involved in the planning phase of the plot on the President's life.

But Mr. Lewis said he would not disclose the names of the alleged conspirators until permitted to do so by Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison, who this weekend said the plot to assassinate Mr. Kennedy was hatched in New Orleans. Mr. Garrison charged that Oswald had plenty of help in devising the scheme, and vowed he would prove it.

VOWS ARRESTS

Mr. Garrison promised arrests and convictions from his investigation into the murder of President Kennedy.

Mr. Lewis, who identified himself as one of the witnesses upon whose testimony Mr. Garrison's case will be based, said the five persons allegedly involved are still in New Orleans. One of them was here for six

months before the assassination in Dallas, Nov. 22, 1963.

Mr. Garrison, who has blasted the Warren Commission report which ruled there was no conspiracy, said he would not turn over his investigation either to the FBI or the Department of Justice.

"I am running this investigation," Mr. Garrison said yesterday, "not the Attorney General. I am in charge of this operation and I'm not about to turn it over to anybody."

Mr. Garrison said he would welcome Federal assistance, but would not relinquish control.

FORD'S STAND

His statement came as House Republican Leader Gerald R. Ford of Michigan, a member of the Warren Commission, said that any evidence uncovered in the case should "immediately" be turned over to Federal authorities.

Mr. Garrison was certain the investigation would bear out his assertions of a conspiracy. "There will be, without a shadow of a doubt, convictions resulting from my charges," he said.

Oswald was born in New Orleans and spent much of his youth here. He lived with his wife here for six months in 1963, moving to Dallas just a few weeks before the assassination.

- Tolson _____
- DeLoach _____
- Mohr _____
- Wick _____
- Casper _____
- Callahan _____
- Conrad _____
- Felt _____
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