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(KENNEDY ASSASSINATION)

NEW ORLEANS--DIST. ATTY. JIM GARRISON SAID TODAY HE HAS SOLVED THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY AND WILL ARREST EVERY INDIVIDUAL INVOLVED.

GARRISON MADE THE STARTLING STATEMENT ON HIS WAY TO A MEETING WITH A GROUP OF LOCAL BUSINESSMEN WHO SAID THEY WILL FINANCE GARRISON'S INVESTIGATION OF A CONSPIRACY HATCHED IN NEW ORLEANS TO KILL THE LATE PRESIDENT.

GARRISON REVEALED LESS THAN A WEEK AGO HE HAD BEEN INVESTIGATING THE CONSPIRACY FOR THREE MONTHS.

HE PROMISED ARRESTS, CHARGES AND CONVICTIONS.

TWO DAYS AGO, DAVID W. FERRIE--A MAN GARRISON SAID WAS DEEPLY INVOLVED IN THE CONSPIRACY--WAS FOUND DEAD IN HIS APARTMENT. GARRISON SAID FERRIE KILLED HIMSELF AND REPEATED HIS BELIEF TODAY.

HOWEVER, ORLEANS PARISH (COUNTY) CORONER NICHOLAS CHETTA SAID LESS THAN AN HOUR EARLIER IT APPEARED FERRIE DIED A NATURAL DEATH.

CHETTA RULED OUT VIOLENT MURDER AND SAID THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE OF DEATH-DEALING CHEMICALS OR POISONS IN FERRIE'S BODY.

A GROUP OF BUSINESSMEN HEADED BY OILMAN JOSEPH RAULT JR. AND AUTOMOBILE DEALER WILLARD E. ROBERTSON MET AT NOON TO SET UP A FUND TO PAY FOR GARRISON'S PROBE.

GARRISON SAID EARLIER IN THE WEEK HE WOULD HAVE TO FIND ANOTHER METHOD OF FINANCING THE INVESTIGATION BECAUSE RECORDS OF HIS SPENDING WERE PUBLIC AND NEWSPAPERS WERE REVEALING THEM.

THE BUSINESSMEN WHO RALLIED TO FINANCE GARRISON'S CAMPAIGN WERE PLANNING TO PLEDGE AT LEAST \$100 EACH, AND POSSIBLY MUCH MORE.

"IF YOU ARE GOING TO BACK UP A MAN, YOU OUGHT TO BACK HIM TO THE HILT." (VOLKSWAGEN) AUTO DEALER WILLARD E. ROBERTSON SAID. "THERE ARE NO PLEDGES YET, BUT THERE WILL BE. THIS WOULD BE MY APPROACH."

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