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(KENNEDY ASSASSINATION)

NEW CRLEANS--DIST. ATTY. JIM GARRISON TODAY FILED CHARGES
ACCUSING A BROADCAST NEWSMAN OF ATTEMPTING TO BRIBE AND INTIMIDATE
A WITNESS IN GARRISON'S PROBE CF THE KENNEDY ASSASSINATION.

THE NEWSMAN, RICHARD TOWNLEY OF WDSU IN NEW ORLEANS, WORKED
ON A NATIONAL BROADCASTING CO. (NBC) SPECIAL PROGRAM LAST MONTH
WHICH CRITICIZED METHODS USED BY GARRISON'S STAFF IN OBTAINING
TESTIMONY AGAINST BUSINESSMAN CLAY L. SHAW.

GARRISON HAS CHARGED SHAW WITH CONSPIRING TO ASSASSINATE
KENNEDY.

A NEWS RELEASE ISSUED BY GARRISON'S OFFICE TODAY DID NOT DETAIL
THE CHARGES AGAINST TOWNLEY, WHICH WERE FILED A FEW MINUTES LATER
IN DISTRICT COURT.

ASST. DIST. ATTY. RICHARD BURNS SAID TOWNLEY WAS "BEING
CHARGED SIMPLY BECAUSE FROM EVIDENCE PRESENTED TO OUR OFFICE IT IS
CLEAR THAT HE HAS VIOLATED LOUISIANA PUBLIC RIBERY AND INTIMIDATION
CF WITNESS STATUTES."

LAST WEEK GARRISCN ISSUED AN ARREST WARRANT FOR NBC REPORTER
WALTER SHERIDAN, CHARGING THAT SHERIDAN ATTEMPTED TO BRIBE PERRY
RAYMOND RUSSO, A BATON ROUGE, LA., INSURANCE SALESMAN.

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