

# Garrison still at it

New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison, who is investigating the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, alternates between hibernation and headlines. Lately he has been in his press conference phase.

The rambling (six-foot-four) pistol-packing prosecutor set off a new round of controversy with his accusation against a second man in an alleged conspiracy to kill the President.

He named Edgar Eugene Bradley, representative on the West Coast for right-wing broadcaster Dr. Carl McIntire Bradley says it's a case of mistaken identity, that he'll fight extradition. Garrison previously had accused retired businessman Clay Shaw of New Orleans.

Garrison told one press conference he believes accused assassin Lee Harvey Oswald told the FBI in advance there would be an assassination attempt. And he said, at least 15 persons were in the conspiracy.

At another press conference Garrison exhibited photos purporting to show officials picking up a gun slug 10 minutes after the assassination in Dallas.

Dallas Deputy Sheriff Eddie Raymond Walthers, one of three men in the pictures, twice denied a bullet was shown—as Garrison had claimed. Snapped Garrison: "Of course, Deputy Walthers denies the bullet is a bullet. If he did not, he would not be deputy sheriff any longer."

Garrison produced a copy of a letter between former Warren Commission attorneys Wesley J. Liebeler and Norman Redlich written July 22, 1964, nine months after the President was murdered.

Redlich wrote Liebeler questions to ask Walthers, saying:

"One time Walthers was quoted as having found a bullet, but he seems to have backed away from this position.

"What is important is that Deputy Sheriff Walthers initially said that he did find a bullet."

Garrison came up with the entirely new theory that the bullet in question was from a .45-automatic. He also claimed belief that one assassin fired at the President from cover of a sewer.

The Warren Commission which probed the assassination thought a mark on the curb in Dealey Plaza was from a bullet that missed from the rifle of Lee Harvey Oswald.



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This is a vital point. Since three cartridge casings were found in the Texas School Book Depository, where Oswald was believed to have lurked in ambush, the Commission allowed only three shots for its theory.

The President was hit by two bullets, Texas Governor John Connally by one. The Commission had to account for another shot which they thought had missed. Into their final theory Commission members shoehorned the idea that one shot went through both men and the curb marking seemed to be the shot that missed the Presidential limousine.

However, close examination of the evidence indicates where the Commission went astray.

The Commission reported that FBI agents noted "a very small pattern of cracks on the outer layer of the windshield," with indications the damage was inflicted from inside the limousine. The fact was that the windshield was badly shattered all the way across.

This could have been caused by a ricochet from one of the three assassin's bullets. Meaning that the Commission over-explained. The President was hit by two shots, the Governor by one. There was no need to account for any other bullets as the Commission did.

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