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The federal government's blatant attempt to intimidate and discredit New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison shows how every American could be blackmailed if a proposed national data center were established.

Although a man's military medical record is supposed to be private, Garrison's was leaked to the press in an obvious effort to imply he'd been found to be unhinged. He was not, of course, but that wasn't made clear.

The extraordinary ploy against the controversial prosecutor makes one wonder if perhaps he indeed has uncovered something for the administration to fear in his



probe of a possible conspiracy in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

The Examiner holds no particular brief for or against Garrison. Whether he is right or wrong eventually will be decided by the judicial process. Certainly no one knows right now-probably not even Garrison himself-whether he has a case. Yet someone must fear him enough to play such a dangerous hand.

It is frightening to contemplate the use of private government records to intimidate a citizen, in this case a state official. Imagine the power of government over every American if the mania for filing information reaches the stage of a national computer center.

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