

Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 2/22/67

New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison is conducting investigation of assassination of late President John F. Kennedy.

David William Ferrie involved in Garrison's investigation, recently told Press Garrison investigation was "a big joke." Our New Orleans Office reported Ferrie found dead in bed earlier today. (WCS/RS)

Immediately following assassination of President Kennedy in November, 1963, we received allegation from Jack Martin that Ferrie may have known Lee Harvey Oswald through Civil Air Patrol unit in New Orleans. We have been advised Martin is source for current investigation of assassination being conducted by Garrison. Martin was previously hospitalized in 1956-57 for mental condition and several acquaintances describe him as mental case. Martin recently contacted our New Orleans Office and complained of being harassed by Garrison's office.

Our investigation of assassination of President Kennedy failed to develop evidence Ferrie knew Oswald or involved in any way in assassination. We previously informed the White House, Acting Attorney General and Secret Service of Garrison's current inquiry involving Ferrie.

New Orleans Police Official advised autopsy reveals Ferrie's death due to "natural causes." However, results of toxicology exam will not be known for 2 or 3 days. New Orleans following matter through reliable sources.

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