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# JFK Death Probe Spreads to Houston

An investigator for New Orleans District Atty Jim Garrison has been investigating three men who spent the night in a Houston motel on the eve of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. The Houston Post learned Wednesday,

Lum E. Twilligear Jr., manager of the Helena Motel at 2401 South Wayside Drive, confirmed that he had cooperated with Garrison's investigator last December when he wanted to check the motel's registration records for the night of Nov 21, 1963.

"I CO-OPERATED with the district attorneys' offices here and in New Orleans, but under

the circumstances I will have to say 'No comment,'" Twilligear said.

A source who wished to remain unidentified told a Houston Post reporter that Garrison's office wasn't able to get permission from the motel until local authorities asked the motel to co-operate.

At the time Garrison's investigator told local authorities that his office was investigating "a massive dope ring involving Houston, Dallas and New Orleans."

HOWEVER, Twilligear admitted that he believed the investigation involved Garrison's current investigation into an alleged conspiracy to

assassinate President Kennedy.

The three men contacted someone in Dallas that night from the motel, the source said. "They may have contacted Oswald or Ruby, but that is speculation as far as I know."

David W. Ferrie, a central figure in Garrison's current investigation, was found dead in New Orleans Wednesday.

FERRIE SAID Saturday he and two friends drove to Texas the day of the assassination.

"We went to Houston, Galveston and then back to Alexandria, La." Ferrie was quoted as saying.

Whether or not Ferrie and his two friends were the three men who stayed at the Helena Motel on the eve of the assassination was unknown Wednesday night. Twilligear won't comment on what the New Orleans investigator found in the motel's records. Harris County District Atty

Carol Vance said he had no recollection of a New Orleans investigator's contacting his office in December.

"We must have been told it was a dope ring investigation, and it was probably handled in a routine way by our staff," he said.

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