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The March 8 issue of the weekly Moscow newspaper Literaturnaya Gazeta carries brief telephone interviews obtained by the paper's (LAW) correspondent "V. German, with New Orleans District Attorney James Garrison and Dallas Police Chief Bachellor. The Soviet news-  
woman appears to have tried to maneuver Garrison into stating Oswald was innocent, which Garrison would not do, commenting only that Oswald was not the main figure in the assassination "plot." Her effort to elicit a critical opinion from Bachellor on Garrison's investigation was largely unsuccessful.

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Besides indicating the high degree of Soviet propaganda interest in Garrison's assertions that President Kennedy's assassination had been plotted by a group of people, the article is interesting as a demonstration of the news-collecting aggressiveness of the "new look" Literaturnaya Gazeta. Although called a "correspondent," V. German appears to be assigned to the paper's Moscow staff and to have made these interviews by trans-Atlantic telephone. The Embassy has not issued a visa to any one named "V. German" in the past five years. It is of course possible that this person is the wife of a Soviet national stationed in the US and using her maiden name, or NOT RECORDED  
US citizen.

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