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FROM NEW ORLEANS 89-69

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,  
DALLAS, TEXAS, <sup>November</sup> NOV. TWENTYTWO, SIXTYTHREE, MISCELLANEOUS -  
INFO CONCERNING, <sup>office of origin</sup> DDF DALLAS.

THE NEW ORLEANS STATES-ITEM FINAL EDITION, MAY TWENTY-  
THREE INSTANT, REPORTED THAT CARLOS QUIROGA, ONE TIME CLOSE  
FRIEND OF FUGITIVE WITNESS, SERGIO ARCACHA SMITH, WAS

SUBPOENAED TODAY TO APPEAR BEFORE THE ORLEANS PARISH GRAND  
JURY AT TWO PM, MAY TWENTYFOUR NEXT. THE ARTICLE REPORTED  
THAT QUIROGA WAS A MEMBER OF THE CUBAN REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL  
WHICH WAS LED BY ARCACHA UNTIL ITS OFFICE AT FIVE FOUR FOUR  
CAMP ST. WAS CLOSED IN EARLY NINETEEN SIXTYTWO

THIS ARTICLE REPORTED THAT NEW EXTRADITION PAPERS HAD  
BEEN FORWARDED FROM BATON ROUGE, <sup>LOUISIANA</sup> LA. TO COLUMBUS, OHIO  
SEEKING THE RETURN OF FUGITIVE WITNESS GORDON NOVEL.

THE ARTICLE REPORTED THAT SERGIO ARCACHA SMITH, FUGITIVE  
WITNESS, WAS READY TO TALK WITH GARRISON ABOUT THE KENNEDY  
ASSASSINATION INVESTIGATION

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"SO LONG AS HE DOESN'T HAVE TO GO INTO THE LAIR OF MR. GARRISON". ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE, ARCACHA'S LAWYER, <sup>COBBIN</sup> ~~FRANCIS~~ <sup>STANLEY</sup> ERNEST COLVIN, JR. MADE THE ABOVE STATEMENT TO THE TEXAS <sup>TEXAS</sup> SECRETARY OF STATE DURING AN EXTRADITION HEARING AT AUSTIN YESTERDAY. ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE, COLVIN CHARGED THAT GARRISON IS "A MAN WHO IS POWER MAD" AND SAID ARCACHA FEARS FOR HIS LIFE IF HE RETURNED FOR TESTIMONY TO NEW ORLEANS.

THIS SAME ISSUE CARRIED AN ARTICLE CAPTIONED "ADVENTURER FOES OF CASTRO KILLED JFK --GARRISON", WRITTEN BY LAURA FOREMAN, ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER, WHICH REPORTED THAT DA <sup>District Attorney</sup> GARRISON SAID TODAY A GROUP OF ANTI-CASTRO ADVENTURERS OPERATING AS A PRECISION GUERRILLA TEAM ASSASSINATED PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY. THE ARTICLE QUOTED GARRISON AS SAYING "THERE IS NO QUESTION AT ALL ABOUT THE FACT THAT LEE HARVEY OSWALD DID NOT FIRE A SHOT THERE".

THE ARTICLE SAID THAT IN AN INTERVIEW WITH THE ASSOCIATED PRESS THE DA <sup>District Attorney</sup> OUTLINED THE ESSENTIAL FACTS OF HIS CASE CLAIMING AGAIN THAT THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY WITHHELD THE TRUTH ABOUT THE ASSASSINATION FROM THE WARREN  
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COMMISSION AND THE PUBLIC. THE ARTICLE QUOTED GARRISON AS FOLLOWS:

"THE PRESIDENT WAS KILLED BY A FATAL BULLET THAT WAS FIRED FROM THE FRONT", GARRISON SAID. "THAT WAS NOT THE ONLY TIME HE WAS HIT FROM THE FRONT. THERE WAS A CROSSFIRE SITUATION SET UP, WHICH INVOLVED AT LEAST TWO PAIRS OF MEN IN THE FRONT - APPARENTLY TWO MEN BEHIND THE STONE WALL AND TWO BEHIND THE PICKET FENCE, WHICH IS A LITTLE BIT IN BACK OF THE STONE WALL.

"THE ROLE OF THE SECOND MAN IN EACH CASE WAS TO PICK UP THE ACTUAL CARTRIDGES, TAKEN ON THE BOUNCE, SO TO SPEAK, SO THAT THE CARTRIDGES COULD BE DISPOSED OF AS QUICKLY AS THE GUNS, WHICH WERE APPARENTLY TOSSED IN THE BACK OF CARS. THERE WERE CARS PARKED IMMEDIATELY BEHIND.

"IN ADDITION TO THOSE MEN IN FRONT, THEY HAD AT LEAST ONE MAN IN THE BACK WHO WAS SHOOTING, ALTHOUGH IT IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY APPARENT THAT HE WAS NOT SHOOTING FROM THE SIXTH FLOOR OF THE BOOK DEPOSITORY.

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"WE HAVE LOCATED ONE OTHER PERSON WHO WAS INVOLVED IN THE OPERATION. HE WAS ONE OF THE ADVENTURERS WHO WAS INVOLVED IN THE ANTI-CASTRO ACTIVITIES, WHO WAS NOT USING A GUN, BUT WHO WAS ENGAGED IN A ROW IN DEALEY PLAZA IN ORDER TO AID THOSE WHO HAD GUNS.

"YOU HAD IN EFFECT A GROUP OF MEN OPERATING AS A GUERRILLA TEAM. IT WAS A PRECISION OPERATION, AND WAS CARRIED OUT VERY COOLLY AND WITH A LOT OF COORDINATION.

"IT APPEARS THEY USED <sup>frangible or fragile</sup> FRANGIBLE BULLETS", GARRISON CONTINUED. "THEY ARE FORBIDDEN BY THE GENEVA TREATY, BUT ARE THE KIND OF BULLETS THAT ARE QUITE OFTEN USED - OR WOULD BE USED - FOR AN ASSASSINATION PROJECT BY INTELLIGENCE FORCES OR FORCES EMPLOYED BY AN INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, BECAUSE THERE IS ASSURANCE EVEN BEFOREHAND THAT THERE WILL BE NO BULLETS, NO SLUGS REMAINING, WITH ANY OF THE LANDMARKS OF THE GUNS TO HELP AUTHORITIES IDENTIFY THE GUNS. FRANGIBLE BULLETS ESplode INTO LITTLE PIECES".

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ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE IN REFERRING TO THE BULLET FOUND AT PARKLAND HOSPITAL IN DALLAS, GARRISON SAID "IT WAS DISCOVERED ON ONE OF THE COTS AT THE HOSPITAL".

THE ARTICLE REPORTED THAT GARRISON DESCRIBED THE MEN HE SAID KILLED KENNEDY AS "CUBAN ADVENTURERS" AND THAT ALL WERE NOT NECESSARILY CUBAN IN NATIONALITY, BUT THAT THEY WERE ALL ANTI-CASTRO ORIENTED AND HAD BEEN ENGAGED IN ANTI-CASTRO TRAINING.

ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE GARRISON SAID HE DID NOT KNOW EXACTLY HOW THE ASSASSINS ESCAPED AFTER THE KILLING BUT SAID "WE KNOW THEY LEFT THE SCENE IN CARS -- AND HEDED IN ALL DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS. "

THE ARTICLE QUOTED GARRISON AS SAYING "IT'S QUITE OBVIOUS THAT THE <sup>CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY</sup> CIA KNEW WHO THEY WERE BECAUSE THEY HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN <sup>CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY</sup> CIA EMPLOYEES. NO LEGITIMATE CUBAN ORGANIZATION WAS INVOLVED."

ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE GARRISON DID NOT COMMENT ON WHETHER HE THOUGHT THE ALLEGED ASSASSINS ARE STILL ALIVE.  
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HE SAID THEIR WHEREABOUTS ARE BEING CONCEALED BY THE CIA. <sup>CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY</sup>  
THE ARTICLE ALSO QUOTED GARRISON AS SAYING THE CIA WAS <sup>CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY</sup>

MAKING EVERY EFFORT POSSIBLE TO PREVENT A TRIAL.

IN REGARD TO GORDON NOVEL THE ARTICLE QUOTED GARRISON  
AS SAYING WHEN NOVEL FIRST FLED FROM NEW ORLEANS HE HEADED  
STRAIGHT FOR MCLEAN, VA. <sup>VIRGINIA</sup> WHICH IS THE CIA SUBURB. <sup>CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY</sup> THIS  
IS NOT SURPRISING BECAUSE GORDON NOVEL WAS A FORMER CIA <sup>CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY</sup>  
EMPLOYEE IN THE EARLY NINETEEN SIXTIES". GARRISON CALLED  
NOVEL "A HOUSE GUEST OF THE CIA" <sup>CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY</sup> WHO WAS IN THE POSITION OF  
"A CANARY VISTING A CAT WHO HE THINKS IS A FRIEND OF HIS".

THE ARTICLE FURTHER REPORTED THAT GARRISON SAID HE  
DID NOT BELIEVE THAT <sup>CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY</sup> CIA PLANNED THE KENNEDY MURDER OR KNEW  
OF IT BEFOREHAND BUT ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT "IT IS ENTIRELY  
POSSIBLE THAT AT THE WORKING LEVEL THERE WERE INDIVIDUALS -  
WHO ARE STILL NOT CLEAR THAT HAD AN AWARENESS OF IT , BUT AS  
FAR AS THE INDIVIDUALS PARTICIPATING, THEY WERE NOT, IN  
OUR REGARD, <sup>CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY</sup> CIA MEN AS OF THE DAY OF THE ASSASSINATION".  
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THE ARTICLE FURTHER REPORTED THAT GARRISON SAID THE  
*CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY*  
CIA REFUSED TO GIVE HIM A PICTURE HE <sup>HAD</sup> ~~WAS~~ SUBPOENAED SHOWING  
OSWALD AND A CUBAN LEAVING THE CUBAN EMBASSY IN MEXICO IN  
NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE AND THAT *CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY*  
CIA TOLD HIM THE PICTURE NEVER  
EXISTED AND HE CONTENDS THE AGENCY IS LYING.

IN SPEAKING OF ARRESTS GARRISON SAID "WE COULD MAKE  
ANOTHER ONE RIGHT NOW OR IN THE NEAR FUTURE, BUT WE WILL  
DELAY IT AS LONG AS POSSIBLE".

ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE GARRISON CALLED THE FACT  
THAT SEVERAL OF THE PEOPLE IMPLICATED IN HIS INVESTIGATION

ARE ALLEGED HOMOSEXUALS "PURELY COINCIDENTAL". ACCORDING  
TO THE ARTICLE GARRISON WAS QUOTED AS SAYING "THE MAJOR  
THEME OF THE CASE - AND I CAN SAY THIS KNOWING THERE'S  
NO SHADOW OF A DOUBT ABOUT IT - IS THE CUBAN ADVENTURE, AND  
THE REACTIONS OF MEN INVOLVED IN THE CUBAN ADVENTURE; THE  
DETENTE WHICH PRESIDENT KENNEDY ANNOUNCED AND FORMULATED IN  
THE EARLY FALL OF SIXTYTWO AND WHICH ENFORCED IN THE MOST  
FORCEFUL TERMS IN THE LATE SUMMER OF SIXTYTHREE, THUS AROUSING  
A VEHEMENT REACTION FROM A NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS COMMITTED  
TO A ADVENTURE IN CUBA".

*Letterhead memo cc. MR. SULLIVAN*  
NO LHM BEING SUBMITTED.

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