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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
 JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
 NOVEMBER 22, 1963
 DALLAS, TEXAS

I have previously furnished to you information this Bureau has received concerning the investigation being conducted by New Orleans District Attorney James C. Garrison in connection with the assassination of the late President John Fitzgerald Kennedy.

Mr. William H. Gurvich who has been acting as chief investigator for New Orleans District Attorney James C. Garrison in the latter's investigation of the assassination, appeared on a New Orleans television station on the evening of June 26, 1967, and advised that he has resigned as Garrison's aide. Gurvich stated he had been connected with Garrison's investigation for approximately seven months. He reported he had been a private detective for many years and when Garrison asked him to help in the investigation late in 1966, he informed Garrison he would do so. Gurvich claimed the fact that he served as chief aide for Garrison would be borne out by representatives of the news media who have descended on Garrison's office and by the Orleans Parish Grand Jury, New Orleans, Louisiana.

During his television appearance, Gurvich further stated he was dissatisfied with the way the Garrison investigation was being conducted and that he saw no reason for an investigation. Gurvich added that he had sought the truth, and had found it. He also added that the truth of the matter is that Clay Shaw should never have been arrested in connection with Garrison's investigation.

When Gurvich was asked by a television reporter whether there was any reliable evidence developed in Garrison's investigation, Gurvich replied, "I didn't see it." Gurvich also stated that there was no evidence of a conspiracy.

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Gurvich was asked by a television reporter whether Garrison had one theory of the assassination throughout his investigation or whether Garrison had varied his theory of the assassination. Gurvich replied that initially Garrison had one theory when he first informed Gurvich about it, but that Garrison has had several different theories since that time. Gurvich stated that Clay Shaw is yet to be identified by Garrison as Clay Bertrand. He added that Clay Shaw has been identified as Clem Bertrand but not Clay Bertrand.

Gurvich further reported during his television appearance that things had happened in Garrison's investigation that warrant an investigation by the Orleans Parish Grand Jury. Gurvich termed these things unethical and said that Garrison had knowledge of them and ordered them.

Gurvich also claimed that he has copies of the master file concerning Garrison's investigation of the assassination. He stated he expects to tell the Orleans Parish Grand Jury everything he knows. When asked by a television reporter if he thought he would be called by the Orleans Parish Grand Jury, Gurvich replied that he would not have to be called since he would be at the door knocking for entrance. Gurvich stated he plans to send a telegram to Mr. Labiche, foreman of the Orleans Parish Grand Jury.

When asked by a television reporter if he had not announced the arrest of Clay Shaw, Gurvich replied that he had done so at Garrison's request and that he felt very sick about it. Gurvich further stated he does not believe Garrison will stop his investigation voluntarily, but will only do so if forced to. Gurvich claimed Perry Raymond Russo was the only witness against Clay Shaw until Vernon Bundy was interviewed by Garrison's staff shortly before the hearing for Clay Shaw.

Gurvich further advised during his television appearance that he had contacted Senator Robert Kennedy in this matter because he thought Senator Kennedy should know the truth. Gurvich stated he thought the Warren Commission was correct in its findings and he added that he knows of no conspiracy.

The Attorney General

Additional pertinent information concerning this matter that comes to our attention will be immediately furnished to you. This data is also being furnished to Mrs. Mildred Stegall at the White House.

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NOTE:

Information set forth above was furnished to the Bureau in New Orleans teletype to the Bureau 1:30 a.m. 6/27/67. The Director has instructed that this information be sent to the White House and to the Attorney General.