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SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY, DALLAS, TEXAS, NOVEMBER 22, 1963 MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING (OO: DALLAS)

The New Orleans States-Item, Final Edition, January 3, 1969, reported that a National Committee to Investigate Assassinations has named New Orleans District Attorney JIM GARRISON to its board of directors. According to the article, the formation of the committee and the selection of GARRISON was announced in Washington, D. C. on the previous day.

BERNARD FENSTERWALD, Executive Director of the committee, said its purpose will be to coordinate and step up efforts of individual investigators throughout the country looking into slaying conspiracies.

The article reported it was suggested that the committee's formation came as a result of a belief that a conspiracy may have been behind the slayings of President KENNEDY, his brother, Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, and Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

The article quoted FENSTERWALD as saying, "With the help of a professional staff, the committee ultimately hopes to force the Federal Government into the thorough and honest inquiry which it has avoided since November 22, 1963" -- the date of President KENNEDY's assassination.

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The article also quoted FENSTERWALD as saying,
"There are a number of parallels in the three national
slaying cases which might indicate a common modus operandi
which normally would be subject to official scrutiny."

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