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 MOST CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS, HOWEVER, FEATURE ONE OR MORE
 WITNESSES OF REASONABLE STABILITY WHOSE VERSIONS CAN BE USED
 TO MEASURE OR EVALUATE EVIDENCE OFFERED BY OTHERS. IF GARRISON
 HAS ANY SUCH WITNESSES, HE HAS KEPT IT A CLOSE SECRET.

HERE ARE SOME OF THOSE WHO HAVE FIGURED IN GARRISON'S CASE
 SO FAR:

-- AN UNFROCKED AIRLINE PILOT, FANATICALLY RELIGIOUS, WHO
 SOMETIMES DRESSED IN VESTMENTS OF A PRIEST IN SOMETHING HE
 CALLED THE "ORTHODOX OLD CATHOLIC CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA,"
 AND A KNOWN SEXUAL DEVIATE. THIS WAS DAVID W. FERRIE WHO
 ON GEORGE WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY LAST MONTH WAS FOUND DEAD
 IN BED, WEARING A RED WIG AND MASCARA EYEBROWS. FERRIE, ONE
 OF THE FOUNDATION STONES OF GARRISON'S CASE, WAS LABELED
 PROMPTLY BY THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY AS A SUICIDE. THE CORONER
 AND TWO DOCTORS WHO CONDUCTED AN AUTOPSY ATTRIBUTED DEATH TO
 HEMMORRHAGE OF A BLOOD VESSEL AT THE BASE OF HIS HEAD. FERRIE
 WAS IN AN ADVANCED STAGE OF HYPERTENSION WHICH WAS NOT HELPED
 BY HIS FREQUENT USE OF STIMULANT, DEPRESSANT AND EUPHORIC PILLS.

-- A CONVICT OF CUBAN EXTRACTION WITH A PENCHANT FOR ARMED
 ROBBERY, BURGLARY AND PUSHING NARCOTICS. THIS PROFESSIONAL
 TOUGH, MIGUEL TORRES, HAS NOT BEHAVED SO PUGNACIOUSLY OF LATE.
 WHINING FOR PROTECTION, HE WAS QUESTIONED BY GARRISON'S MEN
 IN ANGOLA STATE PRISON, MOVED TO THE NEW ORLEANS JAIL,
 THEN INTO THE JAIL HOSPITAL FOR EVEN GREATER SAFETY. ONE
 THEORY IS THAT MIGUEL MAY BE MORE AFRAID OF THE COSA NOSTRA
 WHICH IS WELL-REPRESENTED HERE, THAN HE IS OF GARRISON OR
 SOME OF THE ALLEGED CONSPIRATORS.

(LOCAL EXPERTS ON THE SUBJECT SAY THE MOBSTERS WITH BIG
 CARS, BIG RINGS AND BIG CIGARS--ARE QUITE UNKIND TOWARD
 INDEPENDENT PURVEYORS OF NARCOTICS, PINBALL MACHINES AND GIRLS.)

-- JACK S. MARTIN, 51, A NATIVE OF PHOENIX, ARIZ., ALSO
 KNOWN VARIOUSLY AS EDWARD STEWART SUGGS, COL. MARTIN AND
 BISHOP MARTIN (AFFILIATION, ORTHODOX OLD CATHOLIC CHURCH
 OF NORTH AMERICA). A SELF-STYLED EXPERT ON ELECTRONIC
 EAVES-DROPPING, MARTIN DESCRIBES HIMSELF AS "AUTHOR, A FORMER
 NEWSPAPERMAN, PROFESSIONAL SOLDIER, ADVENTURER AND PHILOSOPHER."

SOME OF GARRISON'S CRITICS SAY MARTIN IS HIGHLY IMPORTANT
 TO THE CASE. MARTIN AGREES MOST ENTHUSIASTICALLY. BUT NOT
 GARRISON. THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND HIS STAFF QUESTIONED
 MARTIN COUNTLESS TIMES, AS HAVE THE FBI AND SECRET SERVICE.
 HIS STORIES ARE HIGHLY CONTRADICTORY.

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MARTIN HAS TOLD A VARIETY OF STORIES LINKING OSWALD WITH FERRIE. ONE VERSION WAS THAT FERRIE HYPNOTIZED OSWALD WHO WENT TO DALLAS UNDER A SPELL; THAT FERRIE WAS WAITING FOR OSWALD IN DALLAS WITH A GET-AWAY PLANE ON NOV. 22, 1963; AND THAT FERRIE AND OSWALD WERE HEAVILY INFLUENCED BY W. GUY BANNISTER, FORMER FBI AGENT, LATER DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE NEW ORLEANS POLICE FORCE AND THEN HEAD OF A PRIVATE INVESTIGATION AGENCY BEFORE HIS DEATH IN 1964.

MARTIN, AN EPISODIC DRUNK AND NO STRANGER TO JAILS AND MENTAL WARDS, HAS A PATTERN OF TALKING AND RECANTING. HE TOLD THE SECRET SERVICE THE LURID STORY ABOUT FERRIE BEING THE GET-AWAY PILOT, THEN TOOK IT BACK AS BEING NOTHING BUT A FANTASY. HE TOLD ME IN TURN THE SECRET SERVICE LIED, THAT HE HAD TAKEN BACK NOTHING. HE ALSO TOLD ME THAT FERRIE HAD A RIFLE IDENTICAL TO THE ONE USED BY OSWALD AND THAT ON ONE OCCASION BANNISTER PISTOL-WHIPPED FERRIE OVER SOMETHING RELATED TO THE ANTI-CASTRO MOVEMENT.

BEFORE I MENTIONED OUR CONVERSATION TO ANYONE AND WAS SITTING IN MY HOTEL ROOM STUDYING MY NOTES ON MARTIN'S JUMBLED CONVERSATION, HE WAS ON THE PHONE TO A NEW ORLEANS TV STATION DENOUNCING THE UPI AND ME FOR HAVING DISTORTED WHAT HE SAID.

MARTIN IS WORTH REMEMBERING, HOWEVER. AT ABOUT THE TIME OF FERRIE'S DEATH, MARTIN WAS QUITE APPREHENSIVE ABOUT HIS OWN SAFETY AND LEFT TOWN. HE TOLD ME HE MOVED AROUND FOR MORE THAN A WEEK, FINALLY REACHING A POINT 1,000 MILES AWAY. WE PICKED UP REPORTS OF HIS PRESENCE AS FAR AWAY AS ROSARITA BEACH IN BAJA CALIFORNIA, MORE THAN 2,000 MILES FROM NEW ORLEANS, AND AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN MISSISSIPPI AND TEXAS.

IN ANY EVENT, THIS TOOK FINANCING OF A SORT AND MARTIN IS PERENNIAL BUSTED. WHERE DID THE FUNDS COME FROM? ASKED WHETHER HE GAVE MARTIN WALKING-AROUND MONEY, GARRISON WAIVED OFF THE QUESTION AND SAID HE WOULD NOT BE SO FOOLISH AS TO ATTACH ANY DEFINITIVE IMPORTANCE WHATEVER TO INFORMATION FROM THIS KIND OF SOURCE.

-- DAVID LEWIS, 26, NEW ORLEANS BUS COMPANY FREIGHT HANDLER AND SELF-DESCRIBED PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR, PART OF THE BANNISTER-FERRIE-MARTIN SET.

LEWIS, TOO, FEARS FOR HIS LIFE ENOUGH TO DISAPPEAR PERIODICALLY. HIS MOTIVATION IN THE CASE SEEMS TO INVOLVE PROFIT AND STATUS. HE REBUFFS REPORTERS WITH A LORDLY "NO COMMENT." BUT MOMENTS LATER HE TRIES TO PEDDLE FOR AN OUTRAGEOUS SUM A TAPE RECORDING WHICH HE MADE WITH MARTIN "NAMING NAMES." UPI WAS INVITED TO START THE BIDDING FOR THIS TAPE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF \$1,000. IT HARDLY SEEMED WORTH IT.

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BUT GARRISON'S STAFF DOUBTS THAT LEWIS WAS MUCH MORE THAN AN ERRAND BOY WITH A TASTE FOR HIGH ADVENTURE. IN A CASE SUCH AS THIS, HOWEVER, A CASUAL RELATIONSHIP IN 1962-63, RETOLD MANY TIMES, CAN BLOSSOM IN THE MIND OF THE TELLER INTO SOMETHING OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE. LEWIS IS SUPPOSED TO HAVE OVERHEARD SOME OF THOSE BOUND TOGETHER IN THEIR HATRED OF CASTRO COMMUNISM BY A MUTUAL WISH FOR KENNEDY'S DEATH. BUT IT WOULD SEEM THAT ANYTHING HE HAS TO SAY IN COURT WOULD HAVE TO RELATE TO THE WORDS AND DEEDS OF TWO DEAD MEN, BANNISTER AND FERRIE, AND THE MERCURIAL MOODS OF MARTIN.

-- CARLOS QUIROGA (WHO MAY BE IN EITHER NEW ORLEANS OR SOMEWHERE IN TEXAS) AND SERGIO ARCACHA. BOTH WERE INVOLVED IN THE CUBA LIBERATION MOVEMENT IN NEW ORLEANS ON OR ABOUT THE TIME OSWALD WAS THERE. GARRISON HAS BEEN TRYING TO QUESTION ARCACHA, WHO IS IN DALLAS. AS OF EARLY THIS PAST WEEK, THE CUBAN REFUSED TO BUDGE AND WOULD NOT TALK WITH GARRISON'S INVESTIGATORS IN ANY PLACE BU THE DALLAS CITY JAIL AND THEN ONLY WHEN FLANKED BY DALLAS DETECTIVES.

QUIROGA AND ARCACHA MUST BE CONSIDERABLY MORE IMPORTANT TO GARRISON'S CASE THAN SOME OF THE OTHER PUBLICLY IDENTIFIED FIGURES. GARRISON DOES NOT LIKE DISCUSSING THEIR RELATIONSHIP TO HIS INQUIRY, BUT CONCEDES THAT THEY ARE PRIME NAMES ON HIS ROSTER OF PERSONS TO BE QUESTIONED.

-- BERNARDO TORRES OF MIAMI, FLA., SELF-STYLED INVESTIGATOR REPORTED TO HAVE OFFERED HIS HELP TO GARRISON. GARRISON IS NOT ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THIS TORRES (WHO APPARENTLY IS NOT RELATED TO MIQUEL) BECAUSE HE DOESN'T SEEM TO HAVE MUCH TO OFFER. BERNARDO TORRES HAS DESCRIBED HIMSELF RATHER WARMLY AS ONE OF THOSE ASSIGNED TO GUARD KENNEDY WHEN HE MADE HIS MOVING SPEECH TO SURVIVORS OF THE CUBAN REFUGEE BRIGADE WHICH WAS CHOPPED UP SO BADLY IN THE 1961 INVASION. THE SECRET SERVICE HAS NO RECORD WHATEVER OF BERNARDO BEING INVOLVED.

THESE ARE ONLY SOME OF THE 35 OR MORE PEOPLE WHO CURRENTLY SHOW UP IN GARRISON'S INQUIRY. GARRISON'S INVESTIGATION REACHES INTO THE CUBAN COLONY OF MIAMI AND THE TEXAS TOWNS OF DALLAS AND HOUSTON. IN ADDITION TO NEW ORLEANS. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF CUBANS WITH WHOM HE WOULD LIKE TO TALK, BUT THEY HAVE LONG SINCE DROPPED OUT OF SIGHT.

"THE ONLY WAY THEY CAN GET AWAY IS TO KILL THEMSELVES," SAYS THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY, REFLECTING HIS RELENTLESS, BURNING ZEAL FOR THE CHASE.

ACROSS TOWN FROM THE COURT HOUSE, IN A QUIET 11TH FLOOR OFFICE, SITS AARON KOHN, ALSO A FORMER FBI AGENT WHO FOR MORE THAN 20 YEARS HAS SPECIALIZED IN INVESTIGATING POLICE DEPARTMENTS AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT. KOHN, WHO HELPED BREAK UP POLICE CORRUPTION IN CHICAGO, CAME TO NEW ORLEANS IN 1953 AT THE REQUEST OF THE MAYOR TO INVESTIGATE THE LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENT. HE HAS REMAINED AS MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE NEW ORLEANS METROPOLITAN CRIME COMMISSION.

GARRISON AND KOHN HAVE NO USE FOR EACH OTHER. GARRISON SAYS, "IF THERE IS ANY ORGANIZED CRIME IN NEW ORLEANS, IT IS THE METROPOLITAN CRIME COMMISSION." KOHN'S COMMISSION CONSISTS LARGELY OF HIMSELF AND SEVERAL SECRETARIES, FUNCTIONING AS A PRIVATELY-FINANCED WATCHDOG OVER CRIME IN ORLEANS PARISH. THE COMMISSION'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS INCLUDES SOME OF THE BIGGEST NAMES IN TOWN--FROM THE WORLD OF BANKING AND FINANCE, BUSINESS AND EDUCATION.

KOHN IN 1963 WROTE TO GARRISON, SUGGESTING THAT SOME OF THE MEN WHO NOW FIGURE IN THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S INVESTIGATION BE PLACED BEFORE A LUNACY COMMISSION AND COMMITTED, IF POSSIBLE, TO MENTAL HOSPITALS.

THE CRIME COMMISSION DIRECTOR FEELS EVEN MORE STRONGLY TODAY, AS I SAT IN HIS OFFICE WHERE HE HAD JUST HEARD GARRISON SAY IN A RADIO INTERVIEW THAT THE CASE WAS "SOLVED" AND ARRESTS WOULD BE MADE SHORTLY. KOHN PACED WORRIEDLY BEHIND HIS DESK.

"ALL THROUGH THIS THING," HE SAID, "THERE IS A PERVASIVE INGREDIENT THAT NEEDS MORE ATTENTION (AT THIS POINT) THAN THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY, TRAGIC AS IT WAS. AND THAT IS EMOTIONAL ILLNESS. WE TREAT THE VICTIMS OF THIS SORT OF ILLNESS LIKE WE USED TO TREAT CANCER. WE TRY TO PRETEND IT ISN'T THERE."

SHORTLY AFTER KENNEDY WAS KILLED, KOHN MADE A REPORT ON CERTAIN ASPECTS OF THE CASE. HIS BOARD OF DIRECTORS THOUGHT SO MUCH OF IT THAT IT WAS PRINTED IN PAMPHLET FORM FOR PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION. IT MADE THIS POINT:

"IN NEW ORLEANS, AS IN EVERY MAJOR CITY, THERE IS A LUNATIC FRINGE, COMBINING INTELLIGENCE WITH DISTORTED EMOTIONS. SOME OF THEM BECAME IDENTIFIABLE THROUGH ACTIVE EVIDENCE OF DESTRUCTIVE HATE. WHICH OF THEM IS INCAPABLE OF DUPLICATING THE SHOCKING ACTS OF OSWALD AND (JACK) RUBY?"

KOHN ALSO HAS HIS DETRACTORS. HE HAS STEPPED ON A NUMBER OF WELL-POLISHED TOES. ALSO, THERE HAVE BEEN TIMES WHEN HE SEEMED TO SUPPORT GARRISON, OR REMAINED SILENT WHEN GARRISON DID SOMETHING WITH WHICH PROMINENT MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY DISAGREED STRONGLY. THERE IS NO QUESTION TODAY, HOWEVER, OF KOHN APPROVING OF ANYTHING GARRISON DOES, PARTICULARLY IN CONNECTION WITH HIS CURRENT INVESTIGATION.

WHAT ABOUT GARRISON'S FUTURE? DURING THESE HECTIC DAYS, HIS ADMIRERS EXPRESS CONFIDENCE HE WILL MAKE IT ALL THE WAY TO THE GOVERNOR'S CHAIR IN BATON ROUGE. SOME 50 OR MORE PROSPEROUS BUSINESSMEN, LARGELY IN OIL AND AUTOMOBILES, ARE COLLECTING A SPECIAL FUND WITH WHICH GARRISON CAN FINANCE HIS INVESTIGATION WITHOUT USING PUBLIC MONEY FOR WHICH THERE HAS TO BE PUBLIC ACCOUNTING. THEY CALL IT "TRUTH AND CONSEQUENCES, INC."

THE LOCAL NEWSPAPERS, THE TIMES-PICAYUNE AND THE STATES-ITEM, ANNOYED GARRISON NO LITTLE BY EXAMINING HIS EXPENSE VOUCHERS WHICH MUST BE FILED WITH A COURT. IN FACT, GARRISON WON'T KNOWINGLY TALK TO THEIR REPORTERS. THIS DOESN'T BOTHER THE PAPERS. THEIR SOURCES ON GARRISON'S ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN QUITE ADEQUATE.

MORE ENTHUSIASTIC GARRISON PEOPLE SEE BEYOND THE GOVERNORSHIP. SOME SAY THAT IF HE BRINGS OFF THIS CONSPIRACY CASE, HIS CREDENTIALS AS A HIGH QUALITY LAW-AND-ORDER MAN MIGHT PUT HIM ON A FUTURE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL TICKET, POSSIBLY AS VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE.

IN ANY CASE, IT IS DIFFICULT TO BE COLDLY OBJECTIVE ABOUT GARRISON'S CURRENT ACTIVITIES. HE SAYS HIMSELF THAT MINNOWS BECOME WHALES AS ONE SOURCE OR ANOTHER BREAKS INTO PRINT WITH AN ALLEGEDLY NEW DEVELOPMENT. WHATEVER HIS INTENTIONS, GARRISON IS SOMETHING OF A WHALE-MAKER HIMSELF.

AT ONE TIME, HE CALLED FERRIE "ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT MEN IN HISTORY" BECAUSE HE THOUGHT THE FORMER PILOT COULD OFFER PROOF POSITIVE OF THE CONSPIRACY. IN ANOTHER VOICE, HOWEVER, THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY SPEAKS OF FERRIE'S QUITE OBVIOUS INSTABILITY.

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