Hub Man In JFK Case Vanishes On Way To La.

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A Boston dishwasher vanished while en route to New Orleans for questioning about the alleged plot to kill President Kennedy, an investigator for Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison disclosed today.

Arthur E. Strout, 26, of 120 Appleton St., South End, who claimed knowledge of a photo showing Lee Harvey Oswold and Jack Ruby together, left Boston a week ago yesterday.

He had a plane ticket purchased for him in New Orleans by William Gurvich, a private detective working for Garrison in the assassination probe.

"His luggage arrived at the New Orleans airport about 3 a.m. last Friday," Gurvich said, "but Strout was not on the plane."

Investigators from Garrison's office were at the airport to meet Strout, the detective said.

"Later that morning," Gurvich said, "Strout telephoned Garrison's office and said he was in Baltimore. He apparently had run into some weather problems. That was the last we heard from him."

Gurvich said he would still like to question Strout but he denied the existence of any picture showing Oswald and Ruby together.

Strout claimed that he was with Ruby and Oswald on four occassions about a month before the assassination in Ruby's Dallas nightclub.

He said he carried the picture in his suitcase for several years but lost it about a year ago while visiting a sister in Amarillo, Texas. Strout claims that Garrison now has the picture.

Strout's father, who lives in Auburn, Me., said yesterday, "There is no photograph. There never was one. Arthur would say he was with John Wilkes Booth at Lincoln's assassination if he thought he could get publicity out of it."