# Two Convicts Cite Proposition To Aid Garrison in Plot Inquiry

By GENE ROBERTS

NEW ORLEANS, June 11-Two Louisiana prisoners have accused District Attorney Jim Garrison's office of offering . hem concessions if they would telp him prove his charge that the assassination of President Kennedy was the result of a conspiracy.

The charges came as Mr. Garrison and his staff were preparing for a hearing here tomorrow in Criminal District Court at which attorneys for Clay L. Shaw, a New Orleans businessman who Mr. Garrison says helped plot the assassination, will seek the dismissal of

conspiracy charges.

Miguel Torres, a one time. Arguel Torres, a one-time herbin addict who is in prison for burglary, said he had been thered his freedom, an ounce of heroin and three months va cation in Florida if he would "cooperate" in the district attorney's investigation.

Another convicted burglar. John Cancler, said he had been fold before his conviction in February that he might be needed to "put something" into Mr. Shaw's home in the French Quarter here.

Cancler said a representative of Mr. Garrison's office had told him that the burglary chargeagainst him would be dropped he were to break into M shaw's home. But after he r used, he went on, the district prosecution against him.

The two prisoners made their accusations in recent interviews with this reporter, who visited them in prison. They were signed tatements that outlined the major points in their stories.

When told by this reporter today that two prisoners had made harges against his office, Mr. Carrison said he was not sur-···ised that men who had been invicted by his staff would ake charges against it.

Cites Accusers' Background As a result, he said, he wouldn't be interested in listinging to the charges or in commonting A the charges of the world that the common time of the charge of the with an answer he above.

Mr. Garrison also said he was surprised that charges by Tor-res and Cancler would be given credence in view of their criminal records.

However, a large part of Mr. Garrison's investigation has centered on the interrogation of people who have less than conventional backgrounds.

One convicted burgiar who Mr. Garrison's staff questioned at length in the assassination investigation is Emilio Santana, 30, of Miami. He pleaded guilty to burglary in Criminal District Court in New Orleans in 1964. Was sentenced to three years on probation, and later given permission to move to Florida in the custody of the Florida Paroles and Probation Commission R. W. Buckhalt Jr. of the Florida Commission said Mr. Garrison's office had Santana flown here on Feb. 12 of this yar for questioning and kept. One convicted burglar who

year for questioning and kept him here until Feb. 17.

#### One Addict a Witness

It is also known that Mr. Garrison's staff has attempted to develop several alleged homosexuals as witnesses in his assassination case. Mr. Garrison. has already used one former narcotics addict, who is now a prisoner in Orleans Parish prison, as a witness against Mr.

on, as a waters Shaw.

He is Vernon Bundy, who testified that he was on the shore of Lake Pontchartrain preparing in the shore of begin in the shore of the shor to inject a shot of heroin into his arm in the summer of 1968, when he saw Mr. Shaw talking to Lee Harvey Oswald, the man the Warren Commission says kiled President Kennedy alone and unaided. Mr. Shaw denies that he ever knew Oswald.

In addition, Mr. Garrison said at a news conference in February that he and his staff were questioning Torres in an effort to get information about the

Kennedy assassination.

Torres and Cancler are not the first persons to make charges about the conduct of Mr. Garrison's investigation.

#### \$3,000 Offer Charged

Last month, another Louisiana man, Alvin Beauboeus, charged that an investigator for Mr. Garrison, who is district attorney for Orleans Parish, had offered him \$3,000 and a job with an airline if he would "help substantiate" the alleged conspiracy. He said, too, that a tane recording of the conversatape recording of the conversation was in existence.

Mr. Garrison responded then by releasing a notarized state-ment in which Mr. Beauboeuf swore that he was offered the money only after he had com-plained that he could not afford to take the time to cooperate with the district attorney's office.

Mr. Beaubocuf replied through his attorney that he had signed the statement only because of "threats and coercion."

Torres, who is 29 years old, made his charges against Mr. Garrison's office in a two-hour interview with this reporter in a prison conference room at the state prison at Angola, about

River from New Orleans

Speaking with only the Limitest trace of a Spanish accent, the slightly built native of Cuba said he had served about three years of a nine-year sentence for burglary. After serving his term in the state prison, he faces three years in a Federal prison on a conviction growing out of his one-time addiction to narcotics.

#### Describes Questioning

According to Torres, two members drove him to the parish prison in New Orleans where anuary. Then about two week ter, he said, one of the staf nembers drove him to the parish prison in New Orleans, when Mr. Garrison and his assistants

questioned him sporadically.

At the first meeting with representatives from Mr. Garrison's office, according to a signed statement Torres gave this reporter, one investigator said: "What would be the thing

you would like the most?"
"I said my freedom," Torres
said. "And he [one of Mr. Garrison's representatives] said. We'll give you an ounce of heroin and send you to Florida for three months on vacation. for three months on vacation ... just lay back and enjoy your-

"And he said, "If you don't cooperate, Miguel, we'll make you do those nine years you have here plus the other times have nere plus the other times I [three years] you have pending in the Federal penitentiary. You know the boss is very powerful. The can make you do all of this The can make you do all of th time or he can cut you loose! T

### First Impression Changes

Torres said he was under the Torres said he was under the impression initially that the district attorney's office would help him get his freedom if he answered questions to the best of his ability. But he said he later came to the conclusion that the offer of freedom applied only if he were to provide testimony that would help Mr. Garrison bolster his charges that the Kenneuy assuation was the result of a conspracy. was the result of a consparacy.

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the district attorney and sev-eral of his assistants drinking beer, He said Mr. Garrison had told him, "Have a couple of beers, Miguel," and then had begun showing him pictures of several Cubans and New Orleans residents.

#### Hypnosis Pressed

Torres said Garrison had given him, a "rundown on each of them [the men in the photo-graphs] and [kept] asking me if I knew them. I said, 'No.'"

"At subsequent interrogation

messions, Torres went on, one member of Mr. Garrison's stan tried to persuade him to sub

tried to persuade him to sub-mit to hypnosis, and still an other "stressed the point of go-ilg along with Mr. Garrison and reminded me how much Mr. Garrison could hurt me." One of the interrogators, Mr. Torres said, "asked me if I knew Mr. Shaw. I said, 'No.' He said, 'Yes, you know Mr. Shaw. You frequented his house on Dauphine Street. You went to his sex parties. You better to his sex parties. You better tell me, Miguel. You don't want to get the boss mad."

Torres, who moved to this country from Cuba in 1952 when he was 14 and was conwhen he was 14 and was convicted of burglary in 1964, said the district attorney's staff seemed convinced that he had "been involved" in anti-Castro politics in the early 1960's in New Orleans and might have heard anti-Castro forces plotting to kill President Kennedy. nedy.

"But I wasn't involved in politics," Torres said. "At that ime I had a \$120 to \$125 a day narcotics] habit and was too busy stealing [in order to fi-nance the habit] to have time

nance the habit] to have time for politics."

"Although they [Mr. Garrison and several of his staff members] had me over a barrel, it was immaterial."

Torres continued. "I didn't want to frame anyone, I came to the conclusion that the only to the conclusion that the only thing that I could do and have any principle as a man was to tell the truth."

Didn't Want to Get Involved Cancler, the other convicted furgiar, said he did not want to get involved in Mr. Garrison's investigation because he was "scared" of being connected with anything that big and important Didn't Want to Get Involved

and important.

He told his story in a two hour conversation in a visitors' from at the Orleans parish prison. He was dressed in a standard prison uniform, of blue denim and smoked an occasional Marbara Two days occasional Mariboro. Two days later, in the prison's records room, he wrote out the high-lights of what he said were his dealings with Mr Garrison's ștaff.

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He said he had been told that a member of Mr. Garrison's staff would get in touch with tim later. The contact was hade, he said, in mid-January.

At that time, he said, one of the Carrison's sides days had Mr. Garrison's aides drove him through the French Quarter of New Orleans, pointed to Mr. Shaw's house at 1313 Dauphine and, according to Cancler's statement, asked: "Do you think you could get in this house?"

Cancler said he asked why, and the investigator then told him: "I might want you to put something in there."

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Cancler said that he had instel on knowing "what's happening" and that the investigatior had told him: "We're investigating the assassination of Tresident Kennedy and we have reason to believe that the man [who] lives in that houe had something to do with it. According to Cancler, the investigator's attitude "changed completely in a belligerent sort of way after I refused to go along with the program."

## Delay in Sentencing

And soon afterward, Cancler added, the district attorney's office took steps to bring him to trial. A jury convicted him Feb. 18 of simple burglary, but sentencing has been deleyed in the case pending action on Cancler's request for a new lrial.

Cancler made the request after another prisoner on his cell tier in New Orleans con-fessed to the burglary that I d to Cancler's conviction.

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The other prisoner, Donnell Carroll, 22, said in a signed statement that he and a friend named "Wolf," who lived on Hagle Street, had not only committed the burglary that led to Cancler's conviction. that led to Cancler's conviction,

but had also looted another house in the same block on the same night.

In a formal answer filed in an effort to block a new trial for Cancler, the district attorney's office said it had established that a man named furrell (Wolf) Rhodes had once lived on Eagle Street. But he office said it had been unable to locate him. In a formal answer filed in

The office said, however, that it doubted other parts of that it doubted other parts of Carroll's story, and, as a result, planned to continue to press for a lengthy sentence for Cancler. Since Cancler's trial, the office has filed a "bill of information," pointing out that the Feb. 17 burglary conviction is Cancler's fourth conviction and asking that he be sentenced under the state's Multiple Offender's Act. This would mean a minimum of 20 years' imprisonment, for Cancler, and imprisonment for Cancler, and a maximum of life.

quest for a new t ludge Oliver P. Schuling imp of Cineinal District Court wew Orleans took the request in had been the art is ment early last in had was still considering it on June 1 when he left the bench for a monthly westler.

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In fighting the request for a new trial, the district atterney's office pointed out that New Orleans doctor, Morris Kloor, testified that he had seen Cancler, who is Negro, and a Negro woman enter the yard of one of the burglarized homes on the night of the robbery and return to their car with a bag and what anneared with a bag and what appeared to be a suitcase.

The district attorney's office also said that there were several contradictions in Carroll's contention that he and the man named "Wolf" had committed

the burglary.

The office said that Carroll had not accurately described the burglarized houses. In addition, the office argued, Carroll contended that three furs and \$20 had been taken from ofe, home, while the victims said two furs and \$70 had been taken stolen.

Carroll says he could have been confused over what was taken because he served as a "lookout" while his friend; "lookout" while his friend "Wolf" burglarized the house and stole the goods. Cancler concedes he was near the scene of the burglary on Nov. 6, but only because he was delivering a prostitute to a nearby colrge fraternity house.

He insists that the district ttorney's office is prosecuting him for refusing to break into Mr. Shaw's home, while the office says it is prosecuting him because it considers him to be one of the city's major burglars.

Meanwhile, attorneys for Mr. Shaw have questioned both Cancler and Torres, and there are indications that they plan to use them both as witnesses for Mr. Shaw if he is brought to trial by Mr. Garrison. Meanwhile, attorneys for Mr.



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