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(KENNEDY ASSASSINATION)

NEW ORLEANS--NEW ORLEANS BUSINESSMEN, SOME 50 STRONG AND PLANNING TO ADD MORE, PROMISED TODAY TO FINANCE DIST. ATTY. JIM GARRISON'S NEW INVESTIGATION OF THE KENNEDY ASSASSINATION.

"IF YOU ARE GOING TO BACK UP A MAN, YOU OUGHT TO BACK HIM TO THE HILT," AUTO DEALER WILLARD E. ROBERTSON SAID. "THERE ARE NO PLEDGES YET, BUT THERE WILL BE. THIS WOULD BE MY APPROACH."

ROBERTSON AND OILMAN JOSEPH M. RAULT JR. WERE CALLED LEADERS OF THE GROUP, BUT ROBERTSON SAID THE IDEA FOR THE GROUP CAME FROM RANDOM CONVERSATIONS ABOUT GARRISON'S EFFORTS.

"THESE MEN WANTED TO GET TOGETHER AND DISCREDIT THE RUMORS THAT HAVE BEEN GOING AROUND," ROBERTSON SAID. "THEY REALIZED GARRISON WAS GETTING CRITICIZED A LOT."

HE SAID HIS GROUP MIGHT ALSO TAKE UP MONEY FOR A REWARD TO SOMEBODY GIVING SUBSTANTIAL INFORMATION ON THE ALLEGED PLOT. "ANY CITIZEN THAT HAS INFORMATION--HE OUGHT TO COME FORWARD," ROBERTSON SAID.

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