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Garrison Rebuked by Rep. Ford

WASHINGTON (AP)-Rep. Gerald R. Ford, R-Mich., rebuked New Orleans Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison today for not cooperating with federal officials in an inquiry into President John F. Kennedy's assassination.

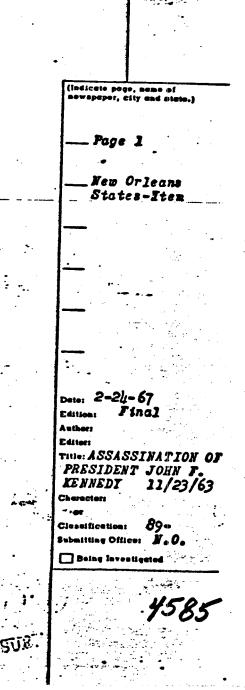
Ford, a member of the investigating commission which was beaded by Chief Justice Earl Warren, told a news conference, "I am amazed that public officials would refuse to cooperate with federal authorities."

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Asked if public disclosures made by Garrison had changed his mind about the Warren Commission's report, Ford replied: "I see no sign that any new evidence has been presented to any federal official." He added that if he were called to vote on the report today, his support of it would be the same.

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