

April 5, 1967

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT  
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY  
NOVEMBER 22, 1963, DALLAS, TEXAS

[REDACTED] has informed this Bureau that he recently was in contact with New Orleans District Attorney James C. Garrison. According to this source, Garrison was completely candid with him and the source was quite positive that Garrison was leveling with him. The source furnished this information to us on a highly confidential basis and requested that the information furnished be closely held.

According to our source, Garrison has become obsessed with the assassination and the Warren Commission Report. Garrison's thesis is that the assassination of President Kennedy was masterminded by David William Ferrie and Clay Shaw. Garrison described Ferrie and Shaw as brilliant homosexuals who planned the assassination for "kicks." Garrison thinks Lee Harvey Oswald was the "decoy" and the "fall guy."

Our source advised that it was almost impossible to carry on a rational interview with Garrison. He stated that he would quiz Garrison about aspects of the New Orleans investigation and Garrison was unable to stay on the subject for more than a minute or two after which time he would wander off and start "dawning" the Warren Commission Report. Our source believes that Garrison is sincere in his belief that the assassination plot was hatched in New Orleans but our source noted that Garrison is completely disorganized, is impulsive and obviously knows nothing about running an investigation.

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New Orleans  
4-5-67

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- Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_
- Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
- Wick \_\_\_\_\_
- Casper \_\_\_\_\_
- Callahan \_\_\_\_\_
- Conrad \_\_\_\_\_
- Felt \_\_\_\_\_
- Gale \_\_\_\_\_
- Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
- Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_
- Tavel \_\_\_\_\_
- Trotter \_\_\_\_\_
- Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_
- Holmes \_\_\_\_\_
- Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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[REDACTED] sets forth details of Russo's identification of Clay Shaw. It is reported that Russo informed Sciambra that he saw Clay Shaw twice, one time at a service station and the second time at the Nashville Street Wharf. He gave no indication that he ever saw Clay Shaw at the apartment of David William Ferrie. It is to be noted that during the preliminary hearing of Clay Shaw in New Orleans on March 14, 1967, Russo claimed to have seen Clay Shaw, Lee Harvey Oswald and David William Ferrie in Ferrie's apartment in the Fall of 1963 at which time Shaw, Oswald and Ferrie allegedly plotted the assassination of President Kennedy.

[REDACTED] It is reported that Russo said if he were hypnotized, he may have total recall on names and places and dates. It is further reported that Russo said he had been hypnotized like this before and it had helped him to recall.

[REDACTED] Our source described [REDACTED] as a 31-year-old "oddball" who had just received his law degree. Our source stated that he quizzed Sciambra regarding the inconsistencies in Russo's statements as contrasted to what Russo testified to at Clay Shaw's preliminary hearing. According to our source, Sciambra was unable to resolve the inconsistencies and when our source asked him about his original notes taken [REDACTED] Sciambra claimed that he had burned them. It is our source's opinion that Sciambra is completely untrained and knows nothing about investigative matters.

