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

In my letter of June 19, 1967, I reported information which this Bureau had received from the Department of the Army relating to New Orleans District Attorney James C. Garrison. I reported that Army files disclose Garrison was discharged from the Army in October, 1951, by reason of physical disability following a medical examination which resulted in the diagnosis of his condition

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As a matter of further interest, we have received information that after Garrison was discharged from the Army he was allowed to re-enter the National Guard. On February 28, 1967, Garrison resigned from the National Guard giving as his reason "incompatible occupation." He asked to be transferred to the Army Reserve.

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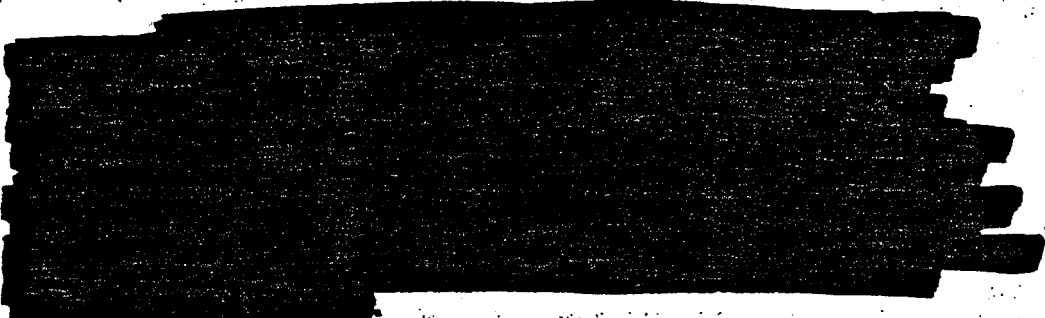
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National Guard records show that Garrison was relieved from active duty on October 31, 1951, and was discharged from both the National Guard and the U. S. Army, effective January 9, 1952. We have further been informed that on April 19, 1955, based on a physical examination in New Orleans and details of his therapy, the Army Surgeon General ruled Garrison was again physically qualified for the National Guard. Reportedly, on April 22, 1955, Garrison was given a waiver of his history of separation from the Army. The waiver was signed by the Army Surgeon of the National Guard and was based on the findings of the Army Surgeon General. According to National Guard records, Garrison re-entered the National Guard as a captain with the 835th Field Artillery Battalion in New Orleans. He became a major on July 14, 1959, and a lieutenant colonel on May 11, 1964.

I thought this information would be of interest to you in view of the publicity currently appearing in various news media concerning Garrison's medical history while in the U. S. Army and the National Guard. This data is also being furnished to Mrs. Mildred Stegall at the White House.

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