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JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
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DALLAS, TEXAS

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San DePino, Newscaster, WVUE-TV, Channel 12, New Orleans, Louisiana, voluntarily furnished the following information to a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on March 14, 1968:

DePino determined from a source, which he declined to reveal, that an intensive investigation is now in progress by District Attorney Jim Garrison's Office into an alleged plot to kill Garrison. *Law*

DePino continued that a New Orleans bail bondsman (first name unknown) Bloom (phonetic), was wounded by a gunshot which he suffered in his office about a week ago. Bloom was supposedly aware of a plot to kill Garrison, having allegedly been consulted previously by unknown conspirators as to the advisability of carrying out the death plot against Garrison. DePino had no information as to who Bloom's assailant is, nor does he know whether the shooting of Bloom is related to the plot against Garrison. *Law*

According to DePino, the plot in question arose when a half million dollars was offered to bring about Garrison's death, and the offer allegedly came from "up the road," interpreted by DePino to be from the Chicago, Illinois, area, although DePino could give no specific reason for saying that the plot originated in Chicago. DePino stated that the factors of Bloom's mysterious

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shooting, and the intensive investigation by the District Attorney's Office, have apparently combined to impede the carrying out of the plot against Garrison.

DePino said that he understands that there may be another separate "contract" against Garrison, with payment of up to a million dollars involved. DePino indicated that this plot may involve a fifty-year old white male of Italian descent, further identity not known to DePino. DePino could furnish no additional information regarding the alleged plots against Garrison, nor does he know whether or to what extent the above matters are related.

DePino said that, according to his information, Garrison's Office is aware of the alleged plots and has been intensively investigating the situation for the past three weeks, resulting in the development of suspects in the case, not further identified. DePino mentioned that the District Attorney's Office is "taking the matter seriously."