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BURNES RESIGNS FROM D.A. STAFF

Played Role in Garrison's JFK Death Probe

An assistant district attorney who has played a major role in DA Jim Garrison's Kennedy assassination probe has resigned from Garrison's staff.

The assistant is Richard Y. Burnes. Assistant DA James L. Alcock Wednesday confirmed the resignation and said that Burnes has joined the law firm of Camille Gravel in Alexandria.

Reached at Gravel's office, Burnes refused to make any comment about his resignation. It became effective March 15. Alcock said the resignation

had nothing to do with the assassination probe.

"Many attorneys join the DA's staff to gain experience, then move on to other jobs," Alcock said. The Alexandria position

offered Burnes a "much better financial arrangement," Alcock said.

Last summer another Garrison aide, William Gurvich, broke with Garrison in disagreement over the prosecution of Clay L. Shaw, who was charged with conspiracy to murder President John F. Kennedy. Gurvich was a private investigator and not an assistant DA.

As late as last week Burnes was associated with Alcock in a hearing on a motion to move Shaw's trial out of New Orleans.

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