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Mr. GERSTEIN was asked if he could furnish any information concerning the assassination. He stated he did not wish to appear uncooperative, but he simply had no information.

He said he has known GARRISON previously through the Association of District Attorneys.

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TO DIRECTOR 62-109060 AND DALLAS 89-43

FROM\_NEW ORLEANS 89-69

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,

DALLAS, TEXAS, NOVEMBER TWENTYTWO, SIXTYTHREE, MISCELLANEOUS INFO CONCERNING, OO: DALLAS.

RE NEW ORLEANS TEL TO BUREAU AND DALLAS DATED NOV.

TWENTYSEVEN, SIXTYTHREE AND REPORT OF SA MANNING C. CLEMENTS

DATED NOV. THIRTY, SIXTYTHREE AT DALLAS, IN CASE ENTITLED

JACK L. RUBY; LEE HARVEY OSWALD, AKA. - VICTIM,

DECEASED, CR.

REFERENCED TEL FURNISHED INFO FROM MRS. CORINNE BURGESS,
CLERK, NEWPORT MOTEL, MORGAN CITY, LA. ON NOV. TWENTYSIX,
SIXTYTHREE, ADVISING THAT A MAN STOPPED AT NEWPORT MOTEL ON
NOV. FOURTEEN, SIXTYTHREE, AT APPROXIMATELY ONE PM AND ASKED
REC. 71 (2-109060-45)
TO SPEAK TO PETE GUARISCO, OWNER OF MOTEL. PERSON

CLAIMED TO BE OLD FRIEND OF BUARISCO FROM DALLAS. MRS. BURGESS 1957.
SAID PHOTO OF JACK RUBY IN PAPER APPEARED TO BE THIS MAN.

GUARISCO WAS NOT AVAILABLE AT TIME BUT SUBSEQUENTLY ADVISED

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MAN. REFERENCED REPORT OF SA CLEMENTS SETS FORTY THREE
ZERO TWO'S COVERING INTERVIEWS WITH PETER JAMES GUARISCO
AND MRS. CORINNE BURGESS REGARDING ABOVE INFO.

ON AFTERNOON OF FEB. WINETEEN, SIXTYSEVEN, ASSISTANT COP A. A. ACOSTA, MORGAN CITY, LA. TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED RESIDENT AGENT THAT MRS. BURGESS HAD CONTACTED HIM STATING THAT SHE DID NOT FURNSIH ALL THE INFORMATION TO THE AGENT OF THE FBI WHO CONTACTED HER SINCE PETE GUARISCO WAS PRESENT AT TIME AND SHE WAS AFRAID TO FURNISH ALL THE INFORMATION SHE KNEW SINCE GUARISCO HAD PREVIOUSLY TOLD HER TO KEEP QUIET AND THAT HE DID NOT KNOW JACK RUBY.

MRS. BURGESS NOW CLAIMS INDIVIDUAL WHO APPEARED AT MOTEL ON NOV. FOURTEEN, SIXTYTHREE, IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS JACK RUBY, ASKED TO SEE PETER GUARISCO AND INQUIRED ABOUT VICK GUARISCO, A COUSIN OF BETE GUARISCO. HE ALSO MENTIONED HE WAS A FRIEND OF CARLOS MARCELLO AND PETE GUARISCO.

ASOCTA ADVISED THAT PETE GUARISCO APPARENTLY WAS NOT AT THE MOTEL AT THE TIME AND THE INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFYING HIMSELF TO END PAGE TWO

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BE RUBY DID NOT SEE OR TALK TO GUARISCO. MRS. BURGESS ALSO CLAIMS THAT THERE WAS ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL WITH RUBY AND IT IS HER FEELING THAT THIS INDIVIDUAL COULD POSSIBLY HAVE BEEN OSWALD.

ACOSTA ADVISED MATTER BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE FBI SINCE MRS. BURGESS STATED SHE PLANNED TO FURNSUH THIS INFO TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY GARRISON.

FILES OF THIS OFFICE SHOW OSWALD'S PRESENCE IN DALLAS ON THAT DATE HAS BEEN VARIFIED BY THE DALLAS DIVISION.

FILES ALSO SHOW THAT PRESENCE OF JACK RUBY- IN DALLAS ON NOV. FOURTEEN, SIXTYTHREE VERIFIED THROUGH ACQUAINTANCES

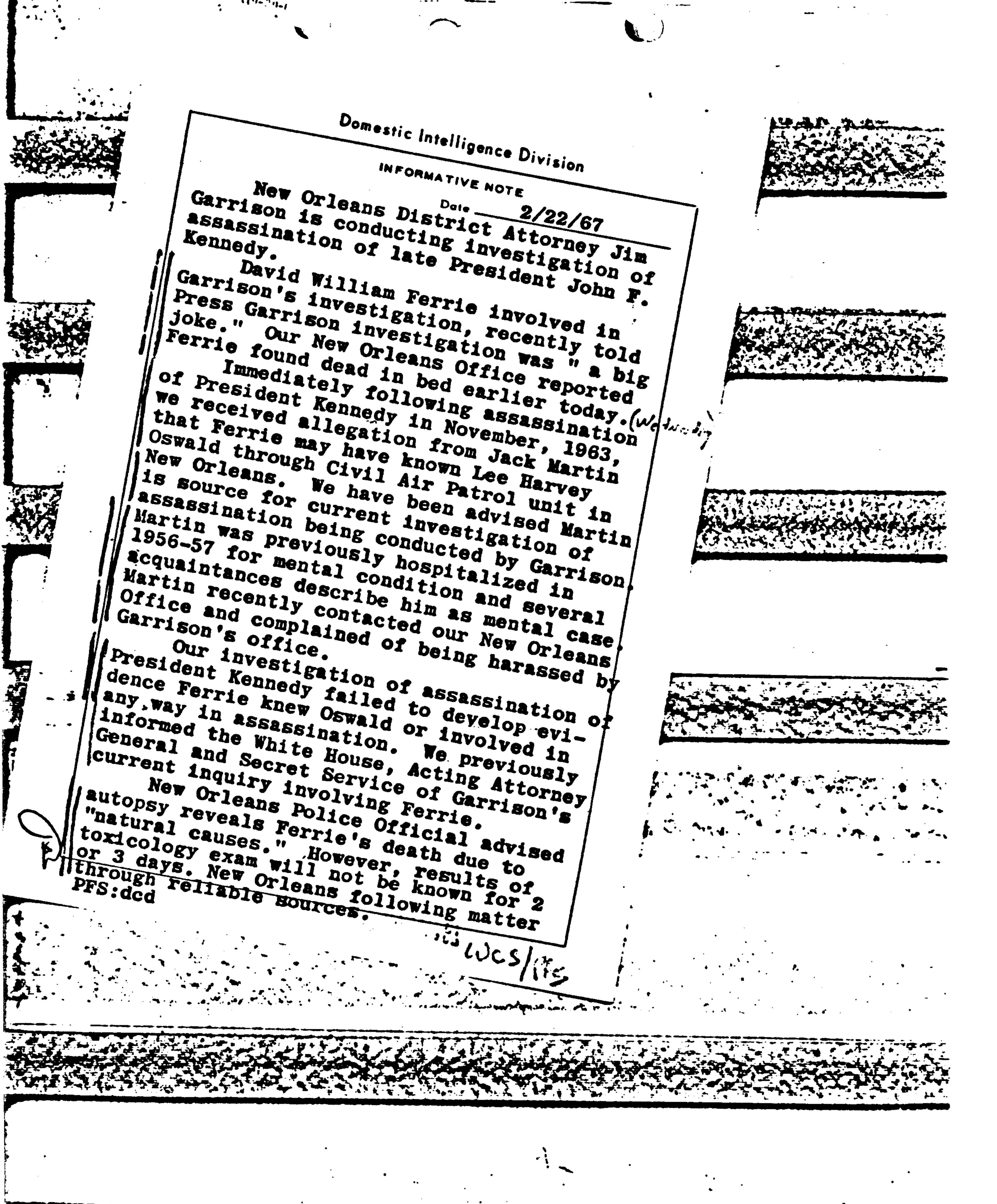
AND EMPLOYEES OF RUBY.

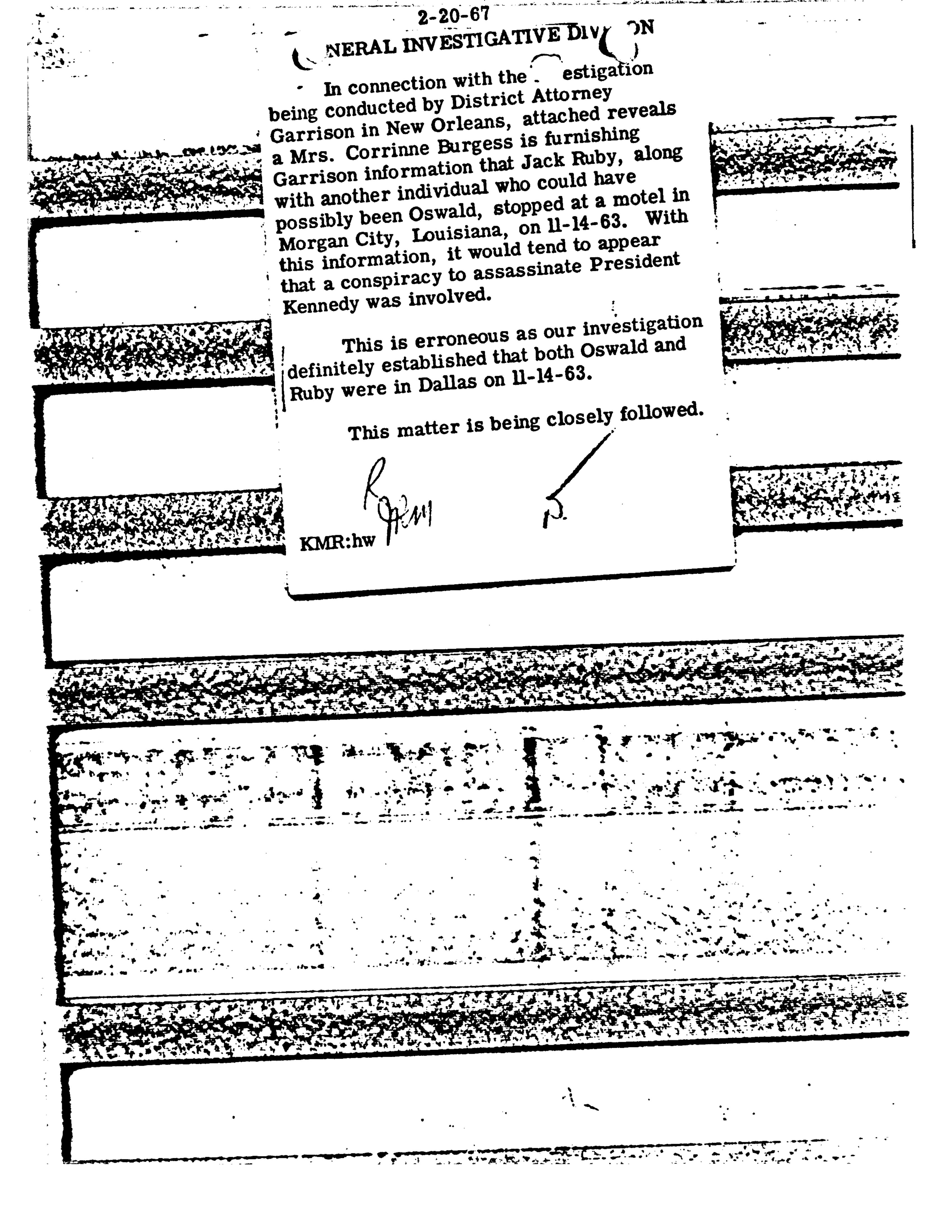
SACE, NO ACTION IS BEING TAKEN BY THIS OFFICE TO REINTERVIEW MRS. BURGESS RELATIVE TO INFORMATION SHE CURRENTLY POSSESSES.

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DAVID RERRIE knew OSWALD. BRINGUIER advised that based upon information received from ALBERTO FOWLER, publicity director City of New Orleans he has learned that GARRISON is of the opinion that OSWALD was contacted to assassinate FIDEL CASTRO by a group in New Orleans and this plan could not be carried out. An alternate plan was that some of the individuals in the first plan contacted OSWALD to kill President KENNEDY.

BRINGUIER also advised [TIME-LIFE" magazine working with GARRISON and that the wife of the "TIME-LIFE" reporter, whose name he does not know, is of French nationality, and is suspected of hedral and i and is suspected of being a communist and is supposed to | represent two communist magazines in Europe. These individuals have access to GARRISON's investigation because FOLWER had GARRISON, and shortly afterwards the wife of "TIME-LIFE" magazine reporter contacted FOW ED difficulty with a telephone call and reported the matter to magazine reporter contacted FOWLER and commended him for the manner in which he handled the incident. BRINQUIER advised that FOWLER believes the FBI is tapping his telephone.

BRINGUIER advised the District Attorney's office is attempting to locate ARCACHA SMITH, and he located SMITH in Dallas, Texas, and furnished this information to the District Attorney's office. He also contacted SMITH and determined the District Attorney's office had already located him but had not interviewed him and that SMITH is supposed to have contacted the FBI regarding this matter in Dallas.

BRINGUIER advised that GARRISON is supposedly getting bad information, as an individual (FNU) SANTANANA, who is on probation in Miami, Florida, was brought to New Orlcans and questioned by the District Attorney's office and this individual identified ARCACHA SMITH as being in New Orleans in 1964. BRINGUIER advised that (FNU) SANTANANA had SMITH confused with an individual by the name of LOUIS BRETOS, Alfa 66 representative in New Orleans in 1964, who is now living in Miami. Fla

SANTANANA also indicated that he had been employed by CIA for two years.

BRINQUIER estated: he, was making this information available because kerfeels that the District Attorney's office

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is attempting to implicate the Cuban refugees in the assassination of President KENNEDY. Also mentioned in questioning by the District Attorney's office representative was the name W. GUY BANNISTER, former New Orleans private detective, and CARLOS MARCUS, Cuban Consul-General, who BRINGUIER said died in Venezula prior to the assassination.

BRINGUIER stated that ALBERTO FOWLER told him that
Mayor VICTOR SCHIRO of the City of New Orleans had told
FOWLER that Congressman HALE BOGGS had first brought this
investigation to the attention of JIM GARRISON.

BRINGUIER advised that it is his understanding that a man named JACK MARTIN, whom he does not know, briginally developed the information being investigated by GARRISON.

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# MEMORANDUN

From: Dr. Carlos Bringuler.

To: District Attorney's Office. New Orleans, La.

Subjet: Investigion in reggrd to a possible New Orleans plot to take the life of President Kennedyi

Date: February 20th., 1967.-

POSSIBLES REASON WHY LEE HARVEY OSWALD CONTACTED 5th., 19631

As there was a Castro's spy infiltrated in an anti-castro training camp in existence at that moment across the Lake Pontchartrain, and the Castro's Spy (Er. Fernanda Fernandez Barcenas alias "el Chinito") was sending his information to the ouban anbassador in Mexico city (Mr. Carlos Lachuga). it is possible and loggical that the cuban government could have mexico put that situation in the aknowlegment of any of the pro-Castro organizations in this Country. In that way Lee Harvey Oswald; from the Fair Play for Cuba Committee, could have received the order of infiltrate the anti-castro movement in New Orleans, La. We could not forget that Oswald visited that very same Cuban. Embassy at Mexico City were the Castro's spy was sending his information, and that Oswald visit was carried out just few weeks before the assassinationi

2) On the spring of 1963 I went to the Makson square in a Sunday in which was supposedly to be carried out a march hel by the "New Orleans Council for Peaceful alternatives". That march was not allowed in that day because the city of New Orleans was helding; a celebration in the Cathedral. At the time I was watching; the celebrations from the Jackson Square I met a man by the name of Donald Savary (Quaquer) who was among the pacifists that gathered there. I gained Mr. Savery simpathy when I introduced myself to him as a pro-castro cuban. Mr. Savery invited me to drink some coffe at the "Cafe Dumonde". During our conversation Mr. Savery explained to me that the communist will take over the United States by evolution, because, according to him. 75% of the american people have a "robot mentality". that that 75% just take care of making some dollars and will not pay attention to the communist infiltration and that when the communist would already had taken over, then those 75% will try to survive and the other 25% would be wiped out by the communists. Some weeks later. on a saturday afternoon. the New Orleans Council for Peaceful alternatives held his march this time on Canal St. IN 19 As they gathered just half a block from the place where I worked communist placard, in other words I went to picket against them. the march was over they disbanded it just in front of the place where I was working, and I recall Mr. Savery telling me he would have know that I was an anticommunist he would have not

of the New Orleans Council for Peaceful alternatives knew that I was an anti-castro cuban and even they knew where I was working. All of this just few weeks before Oswald came to my place of business asking if there were the offices of the Cuban exile headquarters.

B) POSSIBLES CONECTIONS OF LEE R. OSWALD IN THE CITY OF N.O. : 1) Testimony of Lt. Francis L. Martello-Volume X. p51-62 W.C. \*Oswald was asked how many members of the FPCC were in the New Orleans Chapter and he stated there were 35. I asked him to identify the members of the FPCC in New Orleans and he refused to give names of the members or any identifying data regarding them. Oswald was asked why he refused and he said that this was a minority group holding umpopular views at this time and it would not be beneficial to them if he gave their names. Oswald. was asked approximately how many people attended meetings of the New Orleans Chapter of the FPCC and he said approximately five attended the meetings. Which were held once a month. He was asked where and he said at various places in the city. He was asked specifically at what addresses of locations were the meetings held and stated that the meetings were held on PINE STi He was asked at whose residence the meetings were held and he refused to give any further information. It should be noted at this time during prior investigation conducted. while I was. a member of the Intelligence unit, information was developed that! PPCC literature was found in the 1000 block of PINE ST. N.O. which was near the residence of Dr. LEONARD REISSEAN a priessor at Tulane University. This investigation was conducted by be. La "As I remember. Dr. REISSMAN was reported to be a member of the New Orleans Council FOR PEACEFUL ALTERNATIVES which is a "ban the bomb" group recently established in the city and had conducted meetings and two or three demostrations in the city. Knowing that Dr. REISSMAN was reportedly a member of the WEW ORLEANS COUNCIL FOR PEACEFUL ALTERNATIVES. I thought there might be a tie betteen this organization and the FPCC. When Oswald stated that meetings of the FPCC had been held on PIRB St. the name of Dr. REISSMAN came to mind. I asked Oswald if he knew Dr. REISSMAN or if he held meetings at Dr. REISSMAN's house. Oswald did not give me a direct answer to this question, however I gathered from the expression on his face and what appeared to be an inmediate nervous reaction that there WAS POSSIBLY A CONNECTION BETWEEN DR. REISSKAN AND OSWALD; this, however, is purely an assumption on my pwn part and I have nothing on which to base this. I also asked OSWALD if he knew a DR. FORREST EXLA VIOLETTE a profesor at Tulane University. I asked him this question because I remembered that LA VIOLETTE allegedly had possesson. of PPCC literature during the year,

2) INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY MR. RAFAEL AZNAREZ. 118 S. Pierce N.O. La This man had referred to me that he saw Lee Harvey Oswald working at the Bookstore that is in Canal St. near Royal St.

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-3- TRVING, TEXAS 3)a) Bichard/Rayne in which house Oswald lived on keek ends Just prior to the assassination admited that his father is either a communist or a troskyste, says that he is a member of the Unitarian Church in Dallas, and member of the American Civil Liberties Union. He said that he visited his father at Los Angeles. Calif. just a few months before the assassination and they expend one whole week end discussing the REVOLUTION that is going on in the United States headed by the racial conflicts. At that meetingwhere some other persons were presents they started talking good in regard to Castro and the Communist Revolution in Cuba. The Cuban Student Directorate received information that the Fair Play for Cuba Committee was helding their meetings at the local of the First Unitarian Church in Los Angeles. Calif. and that in one of their meetings the members of the FPCC decided to infiltrate the Dolegation of the Alpha 66 in los Angeles. Calif. at axione Jenne, Texas

b) Ruth Payne Wrote to Mrs. Ruth Kloepfer. Clerk of the Quaker meeting in New Orleans, and possible working with the Unitarian Church in Ecw Orleans, and to Mrs. Paul Elanchard. Secretary of the Unitarian Church in N.O. to help the -Oswalds while in New Orleans. ( Which by the way contradict your theory that Lee Harvey Oswald was brought to New Orlean by "conservative" new orlenequa and more specifically that he could not have brought by Mr. Riley from the Riley Coffe Co. as you mentioned to me in our meeting of-February 14th.

1) Mrs. Ruth Kloepfer, who is a Quaquer as Mr. Donal Savery 1967). is it too. (the smae one from the New Orleans Council for Peaceful alternatives) visited Oswald while in New Orleans, she went with her daughter who had came back

recently from Russia. 2) Mrs. Paul Blanchard: Belong to the Unitarian Church to which also belong Mr. Richard Payne, and it which local in Los Angeles. Calif. the FFCC held meetings and conspired to infiltrate the Delegation of Alpha 66.

V- TEXUS Cuba 4) As I heard Silvia Qdio's name pronounced by you at our conversation of February 14th.. 1967. I would like to suggest to you the questioning of: Mr. Loran Eugena Hall, Lawrence Roward and William Seymour to clarified that situation. TEXUS.

5) Saturday evening( February 18th..) Kr. Eorgio Arcacha call me to explain that he had talked to your office, and he expressed to me that he was willing to more and clarify and thing that you want. He prefers if is possible that someone from your office go to Dallas and question him, because in that way he would not have to lost any day of work.

6) In the today's papers it is already printed the possibilite

that some cubana refugees could have been dicapointed with the Kennedy's rol on the Bay of Pigs Invasion and that they could have plotted to elizinate President Kennedy. As I told you on our two conversations this theory is the theory that the communist would like the best to fit their interest in brainwash the american people in regard to the Kennedyss assassination. I believe that you should pay some attention to the following:

"As Far as the other author, United States imperialism and its President, Kennedy, who admitted this great crime and took the responsability for it, they will not be tried here. But President Kennedy and the U.S. Imperialists will have to answer for their crime before the court of the peoples of the worl which will punish them fully as their crimes merit". April 3rd., 1962-Statemente by Santiago Cubas. Cuban Attorney General.) (-

should think that if they are aiding terrorist plans to eliminate cuban leaders, they themselves will not be at safe i Fidel Castro, beginning of September 1963, less than three months before the assassination:

As I told your office, I don't know the evidence that you could have, but to my aknowledge it is impossible any anti-castro involvement in the assassination of President Kennedy. Beside the human consideration and the Christian point of view that nobody should take the live of any person by his own hand, and less than all to assassinate, besides that point is it a political point of view. What could have been gained by any cuban anti-castro with the killing of President Kennedy? As far as Kennedy would be President of The United States he had a moral obligation to the cuban people. I will tell you by my own thoughts and reactions when Kennedy was in power I always had the hope that in whe way or other Fidel Castro would disapear as the Cuban leader, after Kennedy was killed I have not had the slightest hope to return to our country:

# RECOMENDATIONS

Questionning of the following persons:

1) Fernando Fernandez Barcenas (allas "El Chinito").

2) Donald Savery, quaker, member of the New Orleans Council for Peaceful alternatives.

- 3) Bruce Waltzer. Chairman of the New Orleans Council for Peaceful Alternatives.
- 4) Dr. Leonard Reissman.

5) DR. Forrest B. La Violette.

6) Mr. Bafael Aznarez, 118 8. Pierce.

7) Mrs. Ruth Kloopfer.

8) Ars. Paul Blanchard.

- 9) Edward S. Butler, from INCA, who debated Oswald with me while Oswald was in New Orleansi.
- 10)Loran Eugene Hall.

Lawrence Howardi

William Seymour

Edward Woebel, who testified to the Warren Commission and whom it La is possible, but I am not sure, could have been present at the time of the trial of Bombrowsky, Smith & Waltzer.

14) Check on you files to see if Lee H. Oswald wontacted that office in

Finally I would like to ask you for a tesimony or certification of the results of the lie detector test much at which I volunteered on February 14th., 1967. Also I would like to know the situation of the person who according to informations that I have threatened Carlos Quiroga life.

Respectfully yours!

Dr. Carlos Bringuier. P.O. Box 2506 New Orleans, La.

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Pobruary 14th., 1967.-

Er. John Edgar Hoover. Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigations. keshington. D. C.

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As you have to know I am the same persona who was arrested in New Orleans on August 9. 1963 with Lee Harvey Oswald and the same who debated him on a radio debate.

The reason of this letter is to let you know of an amazing thing that is going on in this city. The District Attornyy Mr. Jim Garrison 18 carrying on on investigation in regard to the conections of Lee Barvey Camald in the city as if Oswald were in contact with some anticomunists . people en New Orleans.

then I am writing you this letter: I have fust returned from a lie detector teste which was offered to me by Mr. Garrison. Some of the general ideas of Mr. Garrison are thats

- 1) Oswald was brought to New Orleans by Mr. Riley from the Riley coffee co. end ecoording to Mr. Garrison this man Mr. Riley is an anticomunist commrative.
- 2) Oswald was not a communist but en anticommunist and as that he carried on the assassination.
- They are trying to tie facts and issues that are impossible to be tied, showing contacts of Oswald with Cubin refugges.

As I understand that this whole thing will finish in zero in regard to try to find any posible Cuban refugge participation in the assassination, I don't have any fear as a single person or as part of the group of Cuten refugges in the city. but as an anticomunist I am convinced (alread I received the information that Life Magazine will carry an article on / this investigation) that the ones who are going to use this thing are C the communists. They first put the blamen on the CIA, the PBI and evenon you. Later they put the blame, as Radio Havana Cuba implied on Novemb. 22nd., 1966, on President Lyndon P. Johnson. Non they are ready to put . the blame on us "Cuban refugges". We don't have the power, that the CIA the F5I or the President of the United States have to oppose the smear that they will use against us. For that reason I am asking that you direct a complete investigation in those who are spreading these false, who are spreading these false, which was followed the second of the se

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TO:

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FROM:

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SUBJECT:

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY, DALLAS, TEXAS, 11/22/63 MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION

CONCERNING OO: DALLAS

Re New Orleans airtel to Bureau dated 2/3/67.

CHARLES R. CARSON, retired FBI Agent, who operates Southern Research Compliny of New Orleans,-Inc., 333 St. Charles Avenue, at 8:35 AM, 2/17/67, telephonically advised he had received information that District Attorney JAMES GARRISON, Orleans Parish, had been conducting d Grand Jury investigation concerning the shooting of President JOHN F. -- KENNEDY.

CARSON advised he heard that JACK/MARTIN, Private Investigator, who had worked for numerous investigative agencies in New Orleans, reportedly had made the statement that DAVID WILLIAM FERRIE and LEE HARVEY OSWALD were working together in the Jorganization for Fair Play for Cuba. Diaminia 3

CARSUN stated he understood that in one or two days, GARRISON intended to break a big story in the newspapers concerning this, and that both MARTIN and FERRIE had been subpoenaed to testify before the Orleans Parish REC 32 62-109060 4.515 Grand Jury.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT - Mr. DeLoach Memorandum - Mr. Wick - Mr. Rosen : Mr. W. C. Sullivan 2/19/67 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan - Mr. J. R. Malley - Mr. W. A. Branigan - Mr. Raupach SUBJECT: - Mr. Lenihan' PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY NOVEMBER 22, 1963 DALLAS, TEXAS BACKGROUND: The Sunday editions of the "Washington Post" and the "Washington Evening Star" for February 19, 1967/ carried articles indicating that District\_Attorney Jim Garrison in New Orleans was conducting an investigation of the assassination and was claiming that the Warren Commission Report is inaccurate in stating Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone in the assassination of President Kennedy. Garrison did not furnish details of his investigation to the press but stated that arrests will be made, charges will be filed, and convictions will be obtained. The newspaper articles indicated that Miguel Torres, a 26-year-old Cuban who formerly lived only a block from Oswald's last known New Orleans address "is known to be connected with the District Attorney's investigation." The "Washington Evening Star" article also reported that David William Ferrie, part-time private investigator and operator of a . New Orleans flying service, informed the press that the District Attorney's Office informed him it had "positively uncovered a plot in New Orleans to assassinate Kennedy." DATA REGARDING GARRISON: Bureau files reveal James C./Garrison was a former Bureau Agent who entered on duty 3/5/51 and resigned 7/24/51 for military purposes. His services were listed as satisfactory. He took office as District Attorney in New Orleans in May, 1962, and immediately became involved in a dispute with the New Orleans Police Department over his professed desire to clean up the so-called "minor vice" in New Orleans. In November, 1962, Garrison accused eight judges of delaying justice in New Orleans which resulted in the judges filing a defamation suit against Garrison. He was found guilty of such charges on 2/6/63 and was threa \$1,000. He appealed his conviction and on 11/24/64 the U.S. Supreme Court reversed

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was lacking in the statements attributed to Garrison regarding 62-109060 Enclosures Enclosures \_ REL: KMR: sal -- 105-82555 (Lee Harvey Oswald) CONTINUED OVER -62 - 109090

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Memorandum W. A. Branigan to W. C. Sullivan RE: THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY 62-109060

a reliable source, has the judges in New Orleans. informed the New Orleans Office that Garrison is politically ambitious and plans to run for Lieutenant Governor in Louisiana during the Fall of 1967.

ALLEGATIONS OF CONSPIRACY IN NEW ORLEANS:

During the course of our investigation of the assassi nation, we received a number of allegations indicating Oswald was in contact with Cuban or pro-Castro Cubans in New Orleans. Each allegation was very carefully and thoroughly run out and we found no evidence of any contact between Oswald and pro-Cuban sources in New Orleans. Furthermore, our investigation uncovered no evidence indicating Fidel Castro or officials of the Cuban Government were involved with Lee Harvey Oswald in the assassination of President Kennedy.

RE: Miguel/Torres During the course of our investigation of the assassination, we developed no information indicating acquaint. anceship or contact between Oswald and Miguel Torres, mentioned above. On 10/25/62 we received information from a U.S. Custom: investigator in New Orleans that Miguel Torres, his father, mother, and two brothers were all in his opinion pro-Castro in their beliefs and reportedly had a short-wave radio in their home for the purpose of receiving Cuban broadcasts. We initiated investigation of Miguel Torres and other members his family on the basis of such allegations but found no information to corroborate such allegations.

David William Farrie Immediately following the assassination, we received allegations that Ferrie was acquainted with Oswald and was involved in the conspiracy to assassinate President Kennedy. According to sources of the allegations, Ferrie, a qualified ipilot, was to fly Oswald from Dallas following the assassinat We conducted extensive investigation of such allegations incluinterviews of Ferrie. No evidence was found to show that Ferknew Oswald or was involved in the assassination.

Memorandum W. A. Branigan to W. C. Sullivan RE: THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY 62-109060

Our New Orleans Office advised on 2/19/67 that a New Orleans newspaper carried an article on 2/19/67 quoting Ferrie as saying that the Garrison investigation of the assassination in New Orleans is a "big joke." Ferrie reportedly told the New Orleans newspaper that he had been "pegged"as the getaway pilot in an elaborate plot to kill President Kennedy. Our New Orleans Office also reported that Ferrie had contacted the New Orleans Office and indicated he planned to take civil action against those accusing him of being involved in a plot to kill President Kennedy.

## **OBSERVATIONS:**

As early as December, 1966, New Orleans advised Garrison was conducting some type of an investigation regarding the assassination. Upon instructions, New Orleans has been following this through reliable and confidential sources. One source with whom we were in contact advised Garrison did not want this information furnished to the FBI.

We do not know what evidence Garrison possesses, if any, corroborating his claim that other individuals besides Oswald were involved in the assassination of President Kennedy. We recognize Garrison is politically ambitious and this may be an attempt by him to keep his name before the public. It is not known what part Miguel Torres plays in Garrison's investigation. However, he may be furnishing information of some type to Garrison in exchange for a reduction in his prison sentence.

In view of Garrison's background and political ambitions, it is not felt we should lend any credence to Garrison's investigation by interviewing him at this time.

## ACTION:

Attached are letters to the White House and the Acting Attorney General with copies to the Deputy Attorney General and the Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, enclosing a letterhead memorandum setting forth data concerning Garrison's statements to the press and results of our inquiries and file reviews in this matter.

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DIRECTUR, FEI (62-109060)

FROM:

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SUBJECT:

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# Fearsfor Life, Asserts Ex-Private Investigator

Says 'People Involved in Plot Are Vicious

David F. Lewis Jr., a former private investigator, said Monday he fears for his life as a result of his role in District Attorney Jim Garrison's investito uncover a New Orleans - based plot in the assassination of President Kennedy.

Lewis admitted being questioned by Garrison several days ago and singling out four or five persons as implicated in the plot.

"The people involved in this. plot are very vicious and capable of anything. If they're capable of assassinating a United tection. States president, they would not liberty to reveal anything about hesitate in getting rid of any the investigation. Asked how he of the witnesses," Lewis asserted.

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Lewis said he was not at gained his information, Lewis maintained he was in the "right The 26-year-old New Orlean-place in the right time" back in

Lewis said he met Oswald several times in 1963, but would not disclose where or when or the circumstances leading to the meetings. He also refused to discuss whether Cuban exiles are involved in the alleged plot.

"Garrison's got himself 2 case. I'm convinced of that. He's doing something that should have been done a long time ago. This investigation definitely is not a hoar on anyone's part. There was a plot. I know about it. And I know the involved,"

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# Oswald's Mother Offers to Help Garrison Probe

Believes Conspracy hind Death of JFK

Oswald told the Times-Picayune Orleans attorney Sam Monk Monday night she believes a Zelden to defend her son. She conspiracy was behind the death of President John F. Kennedy contact a lawyer. but that her son had nothing to do with it.

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tended, as does Garrison, that tified as Bertrand. a conspiracy was involved and that the Warren Report is full of errors.

OFFERS TO HELP DA mirs: Oswald said she has not been contacted by the New Orleans DA in his investigation, but she added, "If I can help him in any way at all I will."

She expressed the hope that Garrison will conduct the investigation with an "open mind" about the innocence of her son. Mrs. Oswald said she is "devoting my life" to proving that Lee was "framed."

At a Monday afternoon press conference, Garrison said he believed that no foreign country was behind the conspiracy. Mrs. Oswald said she too had always

She said that although Cubans had been mentioned in press dispatcines on Garrison's probe-

"I certainly hope no one tries to link Lee to Cuba."

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# Confident He Can Show JFK Killing Was Plotted--DA

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(The Associated Press) Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison said ·londay he is quite confident he an prove there was a conspircy behind the assassination of 'resident John F. Kennedy. But! jarrison said arrests "are most ertainly months away."

The district attorney of Orcans Parish, appearing at a rowded news conserence, reiterated that his investigation into the assassination has made progress. He began his probe last October.

"There is no question there will be arrests, charges and convictions," he said.

But he said premature disclosure of the probe by New iy hampered the investigation.

NO INTERVIEWS

zive out interviews," he said. We don't want publicity."

Garrison said arrests of those ne believes conspired to kill the late President "probably were just a few weeks away until the disclosures by the local newspapers. Now they are most certainly months away."

Asked if he thought any foreign country or any official was involved in the assassination, Garrison said, "No."

The district attorney, waving a long green cigar, said he exnects to obtain convictions for conspiring to kill Kennedy and for being accessories after the fact—that is, "having substantial knowledge and withholding information."

BARS N.O. REPORTERS

Emphasizing his displeasure with the two New Orleans newspapers, he barred their reporters from the news conserence. held at a local motel.

Garrison's probe, first reported last Friday, has drawn worldwide attention. It has been received with both praise and skepticism.

In Washington, Sen. Thomas J. Dodd, D-Conn. called for the Warren Commission to reopen its investigation of the assassination to determine if Lee Harvey Oswald had Communist conspirators. The commission. in its report, named Oswald as the slayer and said it found no! evidence of a plot.

WILL SHOW PLOT-DA

Garrison has said he has no intention of turning his information over to the Warren Commission or other federal agencies. He said he will show the conspiracy was plotted in New Orleans newspapers has serious- Orleans, where Oswald lived during the summer of 1963.

In Dallas, Asst. Dist. Atty. "After this, I am not going to Bill Alexander said he places little faith in Garrison's claim a plot existed and was hatched in New Orleans. Kennedy was shot fatally in Dallas Nov. 22, 1963.

Two days later Oswald was shot and killed by Jack Ruby, Dallas nightspot operator.

One of Ruby's former attorneys, Sol A. Dann of Detroit, called Monday for an immediate inquiry by either a. Federal or Louisiana grand jury: into whether a plan was developed in New Orleans—as' Garrison claims—which culminated in Kennedy's assassina-

Dann said he made the request in telegrams to Garrison and Louisiana Atty. Gen. Jack Gremillion.

"The Warren report is unsuccessful and not complete," Garrison told the news conierence.

Asked to pinpoint any sections of the Warren report that were shaky, he said: "There is too much information about some Freas, and not enough about others."

Garrison said ne has set up "a small task force of unusually competent police officers, assistant district attorneys and a private detective" to handle the investigation. "We have made progress. Arrests will be made and convictions will be obtained."

'SOME CONTRIBUTIONS'

The remainder of the investigation, he said, will be financed from money borrowed from banks and "some contributions I think I will receive." |--

Garrison said this would prevent New Orleans newspapers from checking expense vouchers in the clerk's office and determining where his investigators are going. The States-Item last week published records which showed his office has spent over \$8,000 to date on its: investigation.

### T-P REPORTER BARRED

When reporter Joe Darby of The Times-Picayune attempted to enter the room at the start of the press conference, his way was barred. Garrison shouted, "Remove 'em by force. Throw them out if necessary."

The district attorney spent better than half of the hourlong news conference explaining his reasons for excluding the two local newspapers. He said questioning of his witnesses by the two newspapers caused a serious setback to his investi-! gation.

"We can't chance a risk to jour witnesses," he said. "I am not trying to punish them (the newspapers) . . . I can't take any further risks."

Garrison said a talk he had last fall with Sen. Russell Long. D-La., touched off the investigation. He said the Cerate majority leader talked about

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way."

## Garrison Bars T-P, States Reporters

Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison held a press conference Monday afternoon in Patio Room 1 of the Fontainebleau Motor Hotel but reporters and photographers from The Times-Picayune and New Orleans States-Item were barred.

The press conference had been called by Garrison for what was thought would be announcements of further developments into his investigation of an alleged plot hatched in New Orleans in connection with the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Wire service reporters, New

Orleans television newsmen and, reporters representing news agencies all over the nation and from Europe attended.

Kept out were reporters Joe Darby and Bob Ussery of The Times-Picayune and Rosemary James and Bert Hyde of the States-Item and photographers Mike Bates and Robert Steiner.

As Garrison walked up the corridor toward the room, Darby asked him if he would be allowed to attend the press conference and Garrison said no. He was then asked if the reporter would be barred by force and the DA said "No. I'll just call off the press conference."

SHOVED OUTSIDE

However, when Darby entered the room, an unidentified aide of the DA told him to leave. When the reporter said he would not, the aide shoved him Lout the door into the corridor. Garrison had earlier called out-of-town newsmen to his of-

to tell the local newspapers.

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Garrison or his office to my knowledge If Mr. Garrison would request assistance we would be most happy to cooperate with him as we have done in the past."

Questioned further whether he knew of the investigation, Burbank said, "I'll have to stick to my statement."

Garrison had praised the assistance of William Gurvich, executive vice-president of New Orleans Private Patrol, in the investigation.

New Orleans Private Patrol is a detective agency.

Gurvich, contacted Monday night, said the DA had asked him to make no comment on the matter and "I feel I should respect his wishes."

However, be did say his firm's role was one that covered every phase of the investigative procedure, from locating persons to protography. He said he began assisting the DA's office in the probe in December.

When asked if most of his work had been in New Orleans or outside the city, he had no comment.

# Ruby Ex-Attorney Calls for Inquiry

DETROIT (AP) - Sol A. Dann of Detroit, former attorney for Jack Ruby, asked Monday for an immediate inquiry by a sederal or Louisiana grand jury into whether a plan was developed in New Orleans which culminated in the assassi-

nation of Precident John F. Kennedy.

Such a plan was reported Saturday by New Orleans Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison, who said, "There were other people besides Lee Harvey Oswald involved."

### COMMISSION FINDING

A U.S. investigation commission headed by Chier Justice Early Warren said its exhaustive probe showed there was no credible evidence that anyone' else but Oswald was implicated; in the 1963 assassination.

Ruby was the convicted killer of Oswald, shot down as television cameras were focused on his transfer from one Dalias. Tex., jail to another two days after Kennedy was slain.

Ruby died last month of cancer while appealing his murder onviction. Until the end he instead no conspiracy existed and he did not know Oswald. Relaives said that opinions of conpiracy held by some people reyed on Ruby's mind.

Dann wired Garrison Moniay: "Respectfully request you
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misprision or conspiracy in connection with President Kennedy's assassination."

### MESSAGE TO GREMILLION

Dann sent an identical telegram to Louisiana Atty. Gen. lack P. Gremillion, except that it asked inquiry into. "Jim Garrison's information or evidence."

Garrison said Saturday in New Orleans that others were nvolved besides Oswald and hat "New Orleans was a factor in the planning beyond doubt."

Dann was brought into the Ruby case by Ruby and his relatives, including his brother, Earl Ruby of Detroit, months after Jack Ruby's on.

Oswald lived in New Orleans or six months shortly before he Dallas assassination Nov. 2, 1963.

# Keep to Solving Cace' Here-Butler

Edward Se Butler, executive lirector of the Information ouncil of the Americas, said in follywood, Calif., Monday that list. Atty. Jim Garrison's probe an alleged New Orleans plot o kill President John F. Kenedy must be "relentlessly purued."

Butler said there is no doubt n his mind that keys to solv-

ing the case exist in New Orleans, where (Lee Harvey) Oswald" was born, grew up and
first made the attachment to
Communism which shaped his
life.

The INCA leader said he was contacted by the DA's office in December and "I assume I was one of the first questioned in this regard. I hope this search will uncover further facts soon."

Butler asserted that Oswald was undoubtedly incited to act by Communist propaganda.

He said he debated Oswald 93 days before the assassination about his political beliefs and was later called to Washington within 48 hours after the tragedy

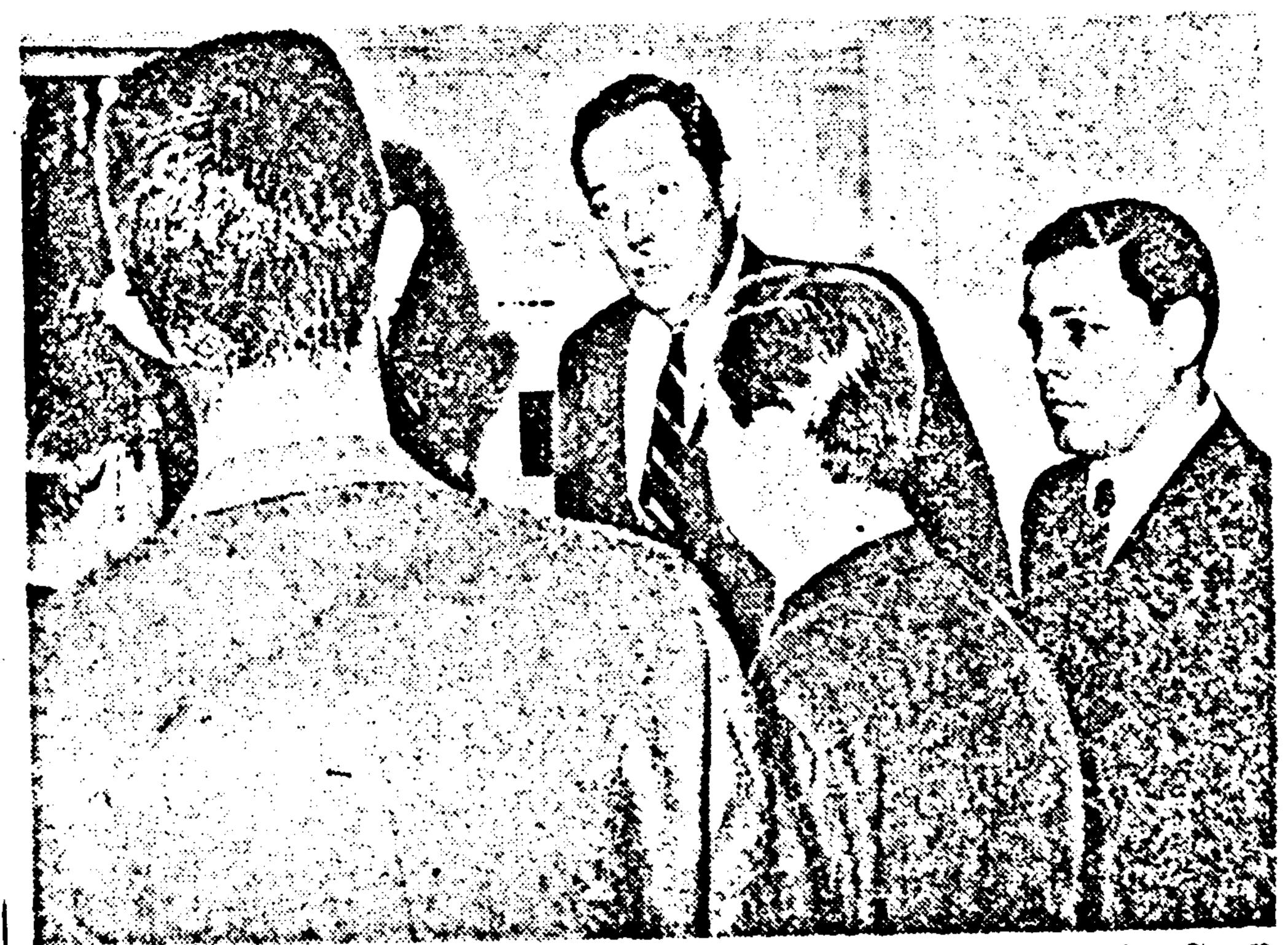
to testify before the Senate Internal Security Subsammittee.

Butler said he has written Garrison to offer INCA's facilities, contacts and know-how in the area of Communist "phychopolitical warfare."

"I have given instructions that the individual tape recordings (of Oswald's political beliefs) be made available to Dist. Atty. Garrison for his investigation.

Butler is in Hollywood in connection with an INCA-produced television documentary, "Oswald: Self-Pertrait in Red." and will return to New Orleans within the next few days.

# Garrison Bans T-P Reporter



JUST BEFORE ENTERING Patio Room I in the Fontainchieau Motor Hotel a surprised-looking District Attorney Jim Garrison eyes Times-Picayune reporter Joe Darby (back to camera, fortground) who has just told the SALL desires entrance to a Monday after-

moon press conscrence. Garrison said he would call a halt to the press conscrence if Darby entered, but moments later an investigator for Garrison shoved Darby from the room. Assistant DA Andrew J. Sciambra is at right. Others are unidentified.

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# DA Calls News

# Parley, Bars



District Attorney Jim Garrison called a news conference this afternoon, apparently to announce further developments in his investigation of the assassination

of President John F. Kennedy.

The conference was called at the Fontainebleau Motor Hotel.—

GARRISON, apparently angry at The States-Item for

breaking who story last week, barred local newspaper reporters from the conference.

The DA reportedly wanted to use the story in a national magazine first.

Before the news conference, representatives of various

news media were called into Garrison's office, some singly, some in groups, and told of the scheduled conference. Thery were told not to give this information to the States-Item.

Specificially barred from the conference were Rosemary James and Bert Hyde of the States-Item staff. Mrs. James was one of three reporters who broke the original story last Friday. Also barred by name was the Times-Picayune reporter, Bob Ussury.

MRS. MANTES was called into Garrison's office after all the other reporters had been briefed and spoke with William Gurvich of the DA's staff. She asked him if the were

to be barred from the conference.

"Yes," said Gurvich. "Mr. Garrison does not want any representative of local newspapers at this press conference."

EARLIER today, a parish prison inmate linked to the probe declined to be moved to a private cell despite assertions by Garrison that the lives of some witnesses are in jeopardy.

Miguel Torres, in jail on a burglary count, reportedly was under questioning in the case. He lived near accused presidential assassian Lee Oswald on Magazine st. in 1963.

Criminal Sheriff Louis Heyd said Torres was kept in the same public tier as usual at his own request. He quoted Torres as saying he doesn't feel his life is in danger.

HEYD SAID HE will ask Garrison for specific details of threats against witnesses. The sheriff said Torres has declined to speak to newsmen.

Garrison said earlier that publicity in the case has endangered the lives of some of the principals. He did not name anyone.

about further developments in his investigation, which he has promised will lead to arrests and convictions. He re-

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portedly planned a news conference later in the day. Dozens of out-of-town newsmen were standing by.

A MIAMI Cuban exile who helped guard Kennedy and has been working with Garrison on the probe was reported planning to come to New Orleans today.

However, the exile, Bernardo Torres, 33, was contacted in Miami by the States-Item and said he "doesn't know yet" if or when he will come here.

Asked if he thought Garrison has a valid investigation, he replied, "I think so, but I am not allowed to give any information until Jim Garrison give me an OK."

RICHARD GERSTEIN, Florida state attorney for the Miami area (Dave County), confirmed he had conferred with Garrison at length last month on the investigation.

"I lent them an investigator to help the men they had here," he said. "I expedited their activities with several law enforcement agencies. Garrison is convinced he will be able to show that the Warren report is in error."

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In Dallas, Assistant District Attorney Bill Alexander said today his office places little faith in Garrisons allegations.

Alexander, along with DA Henry Wade, helped prosecute at the 1964 murder trial of Jack Ruby, the man who killed Oswald. Ruby died Jan. 3 in a Dallas jail.

Phil Burleson of Dallas, one of Ruby's lawyers, said he doubts that Ruby and Oswald ever met in New Orleans.

MARVIN BELLI of San Francisco, who also defended Ruby at his murder trial, said Ruby and Oswald were in New Orleans at the same time but it was just a coincidence.

Wade was unavailable for comment.

In a not her development here today, it was learned that Garrison's person nel have changed the locks on the doors to the DA's office for security reasons connected with the probe.

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"If he's gone to all the trouble of an investigation he must have some pretty bot lead."

Manual Gil, New Orleans delegate to the Witanti-based Movimiento Insu eccional de

Recuperacion Revolucionaria, asserted that "the hand of Castro was directly behind the suspected plot."

Gil said there is a possibility of a conspiracy having been hatched in New Orleans and he expressed the belief that Oswald had other people working with him at the time of the assassination.

In Baton Rouge, Gov. John McKeithen said today he has kept in confidence since Christmas the knowledge that the New Orleans district autorney was probing a presidenial assassination plot.

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would be wire to prove there was a plot leading to the assassination of President Kennedy.

"What he told me was of a confidential nature, and I left it that way," McKeithen said in an interview.

The governor said Garrison had said nothing to him about any extra funds from the state to conduct the investigation.

McKeithen was asked whether the state was cooperating with Garrison's office in the probe. He indicated if any cooperation should be needed it would be provided, and he referred further questions along this line to State Police Capt. Thomas Burbank.

THE STATE police superintendent gave a carefully worded statement on this matter.

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"If be's gone to all the trou-

ble of an investigation he must have some pretty bot lead."

Manuel Gil, New Orleans delegate to the Miami-based Movimiento Insurreccional de Recuperacion Revolucionaria, asserted that "the hand of Castro was directly behind the suspected plot."

Gil said there is a possibility of a conspiracy haveing been hatched in New Orleans and he expressed the belief that Oswald had other people working with him at the time of the assassination.

COMMENT ALSO was heard from another part of the country.

In San Diego, Calif., attorney Melvin Belli said yesterday that it was just a coincidence that Jack Ruby and Oswald were in New Orleans at the same time.

Belli, who defended Jack Ruby, the slayer of Oswald, said the two were in New Orleans at the same time but this was coincidental. He said he does not believe there was a conspirate to kill President Kennedy.

- Mr. DeLoach Mr. Sullivan 1 - Mr. Wick - J. R. Malley 1 - Mr. Felt

The Acting Attorney General

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Director, FBI

PRESIDENT AEE AEE IRATION OF IN PITECERALD KENKEDY POYEUBER 22, 1963

On Pubruary 20, 1967, F. S. Attorney Louis C. Lacour, Eastern District of Louisiana, contacted our Hew Orleans Office and requested to be advised whather Levid Franklin Levis, Jr., or Jack E. Fartin had a criminal record. Ur. Lacour requested be be furnished Rientificstion records of Lowie and Eartin if the FBI possesses such Identification records. A check of the files of our Identification Division disclosed no record identifiable with David Franklinglevie dr. Under Martin's true name, Edward Eldwart furge, this Bursau does have an arrest record, Eberiff Bryan Clemmns, Eset Baton nouse Parish: Sheriff's Office, Louisiana, inforced this Bureau in October, 1955, that Jack Martin had an arrest record in Toxas voice the name of Edward Stewart Succes.

During January, 1057, a detective of the limitate Division, New Orleans, Louisiana, Police Department, informed a Special Azent of this Eureau that Nrs. Payle Mas Kartin had advised that Eartin was then appatient in the Psychopathic Ward, Charity Hospital, Met Orleans, Louisians; that Martin's true name is Edward Stovert Suggs.

1C: .. Two copies of Martin's arrest record as maintained by the Identification Division of this Europu REC-511 62-104060- 4518 are enclosed.

For your information and to avoid duplication, have instructed our New Orleans Office to inform Er. Lacour that we are furnishing all inforcation in this matter directly to Jou.

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# The Acting Attorney General

# Enclosures (2)

- 1 The Deputy Attorney General
- l Mr. Fred M. Vincon, Jr. Assistant Attorney General
- 1 Mr. J. Walter Yeagley
  Assistant Attorney General

NOTE: In order to avoid duplication, the Identification Division record of Martin is being furnished to the Acting Attorney General. This record of Martin indicates he used the name of Suggs in other areas of the country. He has had a number of arrests for

Arrest record in 1953 indicated Martin (Suggs) was no longer wanted in connection

is the individual who has a mental limess history and reportedly is the individual who furnished information to New Orleans District Attorney Garrison which touched off Garrison's investigation of the assassination.

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EXXTELETYPE,

2:48PM CST 2-23-67 URGENT TCS

TO DIRECTOR

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FROM NEW OR LEANS 232015

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY, DALLAS, TEXAS NOVEMBER 22, 1963, MISCELLANEOUS, INFORMATION CONCERNING.

REFERENCE RE NEW ORLEANS TELETYPE 9:52PM FEBRUARY 22 LAST.

REFERENCED TELETYPE ADVISED THAT DR. NICHOLAS CHETTA, ORLEANS PARISH CORONER HAD STATED ON NEWS MEDIA THAT AN UNDATED NOTE WAS FOUND IN THE DINING ROOM AT FERRIES RESIDENCE AND DR. CHETTA READ THE FIRST TWO LINES OF THIS STATEMENT AS FOLLOWS: "TO LEAVE THIS LIFE, IS FOR ME, A SWEET PROSPECT. I FIND NOTHING IN IT THAT IS DESIRABLE AND ON THE OTHER HAND EVERYTHING THAT IS LOATHESOME."

DR. CHETTA VOLUNTARILY AND CONFIDENTIALLY ADVISED SA DONALD L. HUGHES OF THIS OFFICE THIS DATE THAT HE DOES NOT CONSIDER THE NOTE REFERRED TO ABOVE AS A SUICIDE NOTE. HE DESCRIBED IT AS PHILOSOPHICAL IN NATURE AND THE PAPER WAS AN RAMBLING ACCOUNT OF FERRIES AND ARENT FRIEVANCES AGAINST

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PAGE TWO FROM NEW ORLEANS 232015

VARIOUS PUBLIC OFFICIALS, AND POINTS OUT ALL OF THE
INJUSTICES WHICH HE FEELS HAS BEEN DONE TO HIM. THERE WAS
NOTHING IN THE NOTE CONCERNING SUICIDE.

DISTRICT ATTORNEYS OFFICE.

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FROM NEW ORLEANS

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TEXAS, NOVEMBER 22, 1963, MISCELLANEOUS, INFORMATION

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" LYAT APPROXIMATELY 11:45 AM, FEBRUARY 23 INSTANT, DR NIOHOLAS CHETTA, CORONER, ORLEANS PARISH, RELEASED TO THE. PRESS THE FOLLOWING PATHOLOGISTS REPORT INVOLVING DAVID

FERRIE: Results of Autopsy

AUTOPSY BY DR. RONALD A. WELSH ON FEBRUARY 22, 1967.

AT 3 PM INDICATES FOLLOWING DIAGNOSTS:

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DR, CHETTA ADVISED FURTHER PATHOLOGICAL FINDINGS WILL BE MADE PUBLIC AS COMPLETED

DR, CHETTA CONFIDENTIALLY, AND VOLUNTARILY ADVISED AN AGENT OF THE NEW ORLEANS FBI THAT HE INTENDS TO TREAT THE FERRIE CASE ON MEDICAL BASIS ONLY, AND THAT HE WILL NOT COMPLY WITH THE INDICATED DESIRE OF DISTRICT ATTORNEY GARRISON THAT THE CORONERS OFFICE ATTEMPT TO FIND SUICIDE ANGLE IN DEATH OF FERRIE, HE SAID GARRISON WANTS A SUICIDE REPORT BUT IS GOING TO GET THE FACTS ONLY.

REGEIVED: 3:25 PM FBC

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## Domestic Intelligence Division

# INFORMATIVE NOTE 2/23/67

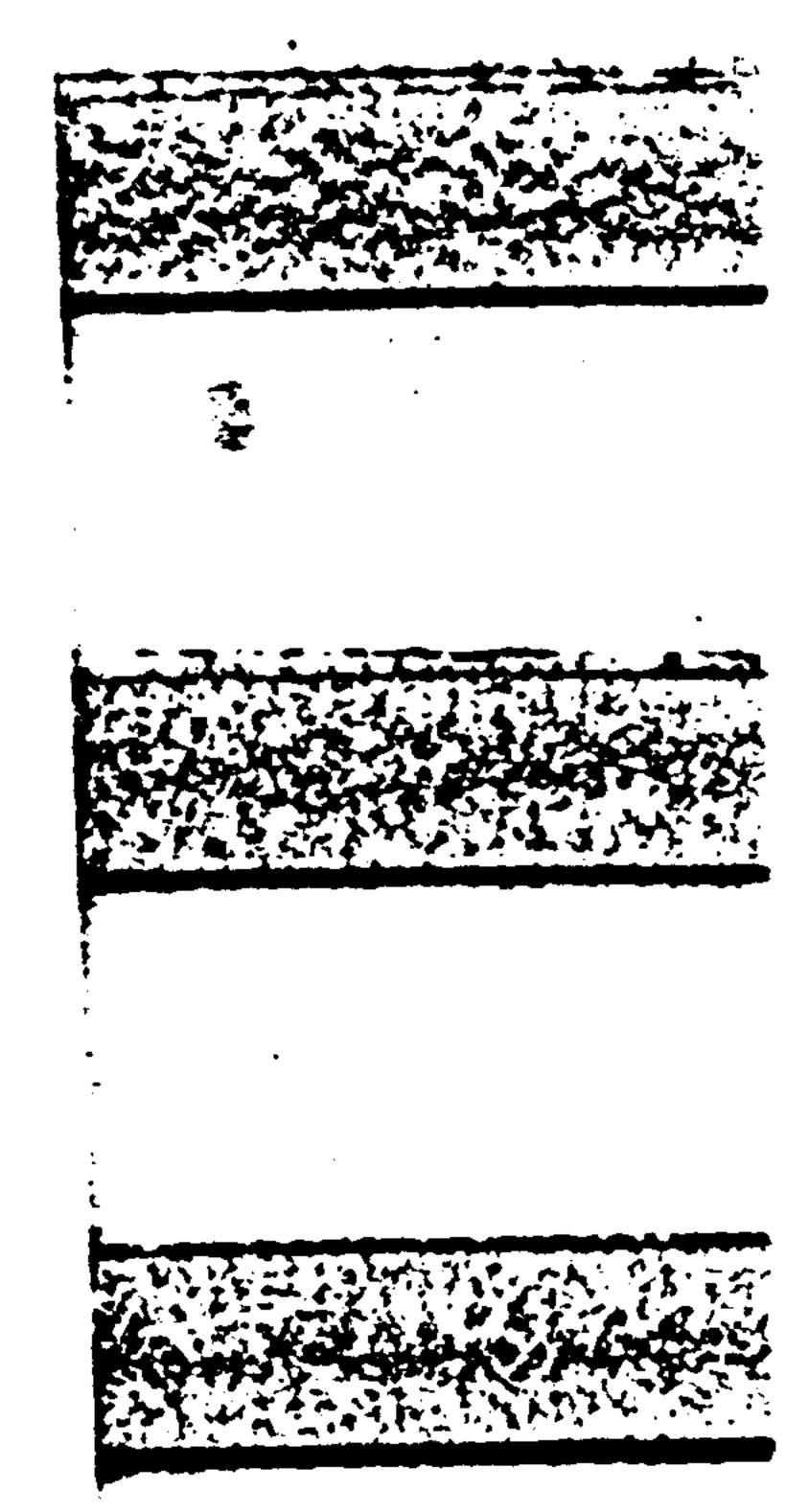
The attached two teletypes relate to the death of David W. Ferrie, whose name has figured prominently in the current publicity being afforded claims of New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison that he has evidence showing that persons besides Lee Harvey Oswald were involved in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

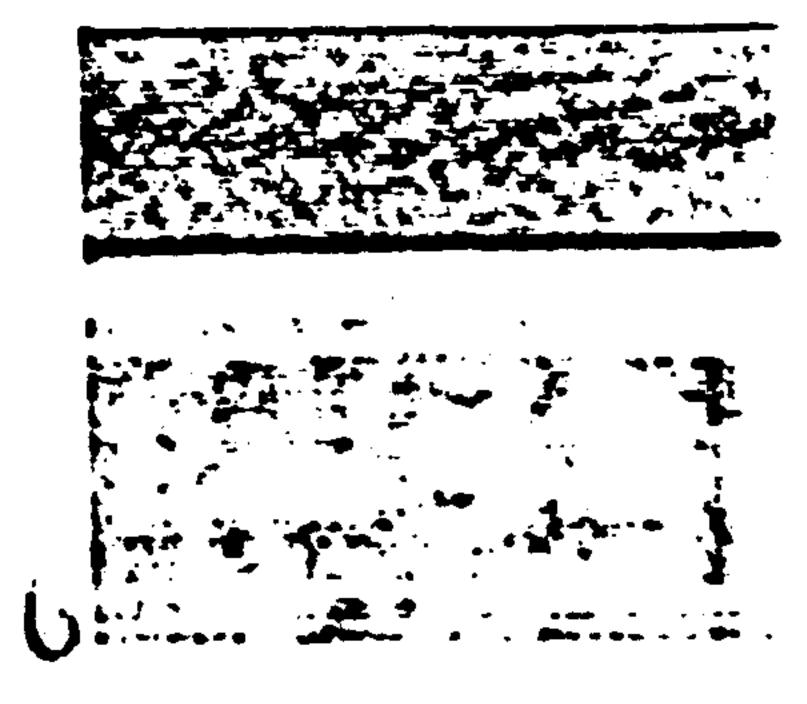
The New Orleans coroner has stated publicly that Ferrie appeared to have died from natural causes. However, Garrison has termed Ferrie's death a suicide.

The two attached teletypes report that the coroner's findings to date have definitely indicated that Ferrie died from natural causes. The coroner confidentially advised that the District Attorney has been wanting a suicide report from the coroner's office, but that all he will get will be the facts. The coroner also confidentially advised that with respect to a note found in Ferrie's residence, he does not consider the note to be a suicide note.

Upon receipt of complete pathology report and full text of the note mentioned above, the information will be furnished by letter to the White House and the Acting Attorney General.

TJS: chs





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10-27AM URGENT 2-23:67 LWH

TO DIRECTOR 62-109060

FROM NEW ORLEANS 89-69

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY, DALLAS, TEXAS, NOVEMBER TWENTYTWO, SIXTYTHREE, MISCELLANEOUS, INFO CONCERNING.

RE NEW ORLEANS TELCALL FEBRUARY TWENTYTHREE INSTANT. USA LOUIS C. LACOUR, EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA, REQUESTED THAT BACKGROUND INFORMATION CONSISTING OF INTERVIEW

WETH DAVID W. FERRIE AT TIME OF ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY, AND COPIS OF LETTERS WRITTEN BY FERRIE IN CONNECTION WITH INVESTIGATION ENTITLED "CARLOS MARCELLO, AKA, FAG, CONSPIRACY", BE MADE AVAILABLE TO HIM AT NEW ORLEANS. USA LACOUR DESIRES THIS INFORMATION TO ANSWER INQUIRES OF AAG SANDERS OF THE DEPARTMENT. EX-113 62-109060 -4521

COPIES OF LETTERS WERE FORWARDED TO BUREAU BY NEW ORLEANS
LETTER DATED MARCH TWENTYONE, SIXTYFOUR, ENTITLED "CARLOS" MARCELLO, AKA, FAG, CONSPIRACY", BUFILE FORTYSIX DASH FOUR TWO SIX ZERO MERO, AND COPIES HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO USA LACOUR.

Mr. Aulivan.... Mr. Trotter\_\_\_ Tele. Roson.... M.38 II. 1: 1. 8 .... Mise Gandy \_\_\_\_.

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INTERVIEW OF DAVID W. FERRIE REFLECTED IN REPORT OF SA WARREN C. DEBRUEYS, DALLAS, DECEMBER TWO, SIXTYTHREE, ENTITLED "LEE HARVEY OSWALD, AKA, IS DASH R".

BUREAU ADVISE REQUESTED AS TO MAKING THIS INFORMATION AVAILABLE.

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L - Mr. DeLoach - Mr. Wick

The Acting Attorney General

February 28, 1967

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Director, FBI

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- Mr. Linton

HN FITZGERALD KENNEDY MOVEMBER 22, 1963. DALLAS, TEXAS

On February 23, 1967, U. S. Attorney Louis C. Lacour, Eastern District of Louisiana, contacted our New Orleans Office. He requested background information consisting of interview with David W. Ferrie, at the time of the assassination of President Kennedy, and copies of letters written by Ferrie in connection with investigation entitled "Carlos Marcello, also known as, Fraud Against the Government, Conspiracy" be made available to him at New Orleans, Louisiana. Lacour desires this information " to answer inquiries of Assistant; Attorney General Sanders.

For your information and to avoid duplication, we have instructed our New Orleans Office to inform Mr. Lacour, that we are furnishing all information in this matter directly to you.

Enclosed are two copies of the reporting of interviews of David William Ferrie on Movember 25 and 27, 1963. (105-80555 454-)-1965

The pertinent letters requested, written by Ferrie, were previously made available to Mr. Lacour and to the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice under the Marcello caption on March 24, 1964.

Enclosures - 4

62-109060

1 - The Deputy Attorney General

1 - 62-109090 (Warren Commission)

NOTE: W SAC, New Orleans was telephonically advised by Inspector Malley, on 2-23-67, which was confirmed by teletype same date, in accordance with paragraph two above. Ferrie was involved in the investigation of Carlos Marcello. The letters Ferrie wrote were obtained by NO police officer, illegally, and this was clearly set out in memorandum under the Marcello caption which we sent to the Criminal Division 3-24-64 (46-42600-127),

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SEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE COMMUNICATION SECTION FEB24 1967 TELETYPE

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2-24-67 LMB 949AM

TO DIRECTOR (62-109060) AND NEW

DALLAS (89-43)

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY, DALLAS TEXAS,

NOV. TWENTYTWO, NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE, MISCELLANEOUS-INFORMATION

CONCERNING. OO DALLAS

ROBERT L. OSWALD, FOUR SEVEN TWO ZERO, ALAMO, WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS, BROTHER OF LEE HARVEY OSWALD, CONTACTED WICHITA FALLS BA FEB. TWENTYTHREE LAST AND ADVISED SOMETIME DURING PAST THREE YEARS HE HAS HEARD FROM SOME UNKNOWN SOUREG THAT DAVID FERRIE HAD AT ONE TIME BEEN ACTIVE IN CIVIL AIR PATROL IN NEW ORLEANS AND SOME OTHER UNKNOWN CITY. HE ADVISED HE HAD NEVER MET AND DID NOT BUT DUE TO RECENT PUBLICITY AT NEW ORLEANS INVOLVING FERRIE-HE-THOUGHT IT POSSIBLE THAT FERRIE COULD HAVE BEEN ACTIVE IN CIVIL AIR PATROL AT SAME TIME LEE HARVEY OSWALD WAS ACTIVE IN IT. HE STATED HE HAD NO INFORMATION TO THIS EFFECT BUT MERELY CONSIDERED IT A POSSIBLITY AND WATER TO MAKE SUCH POSSIBILITY KNOWN TO FBI.

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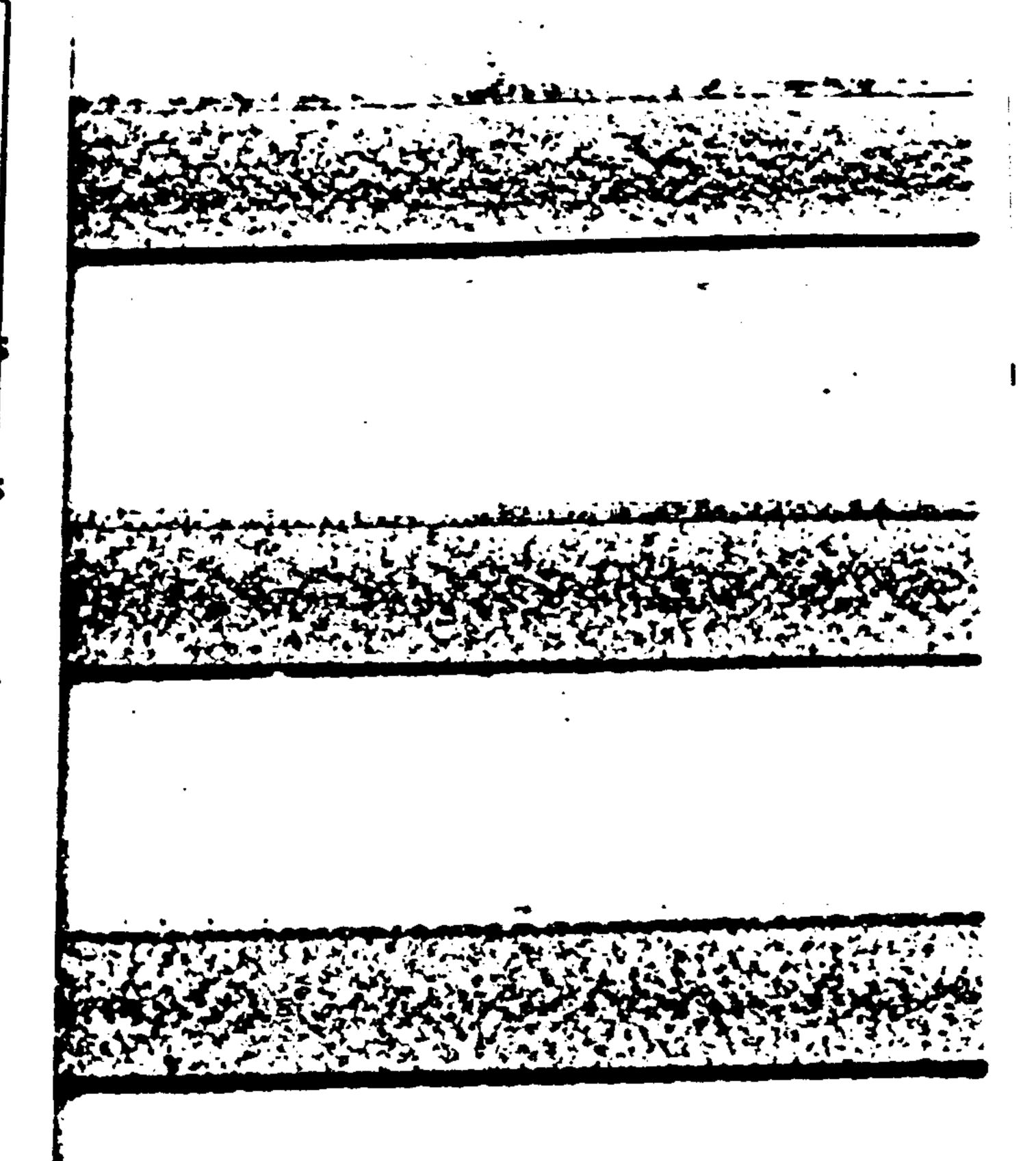
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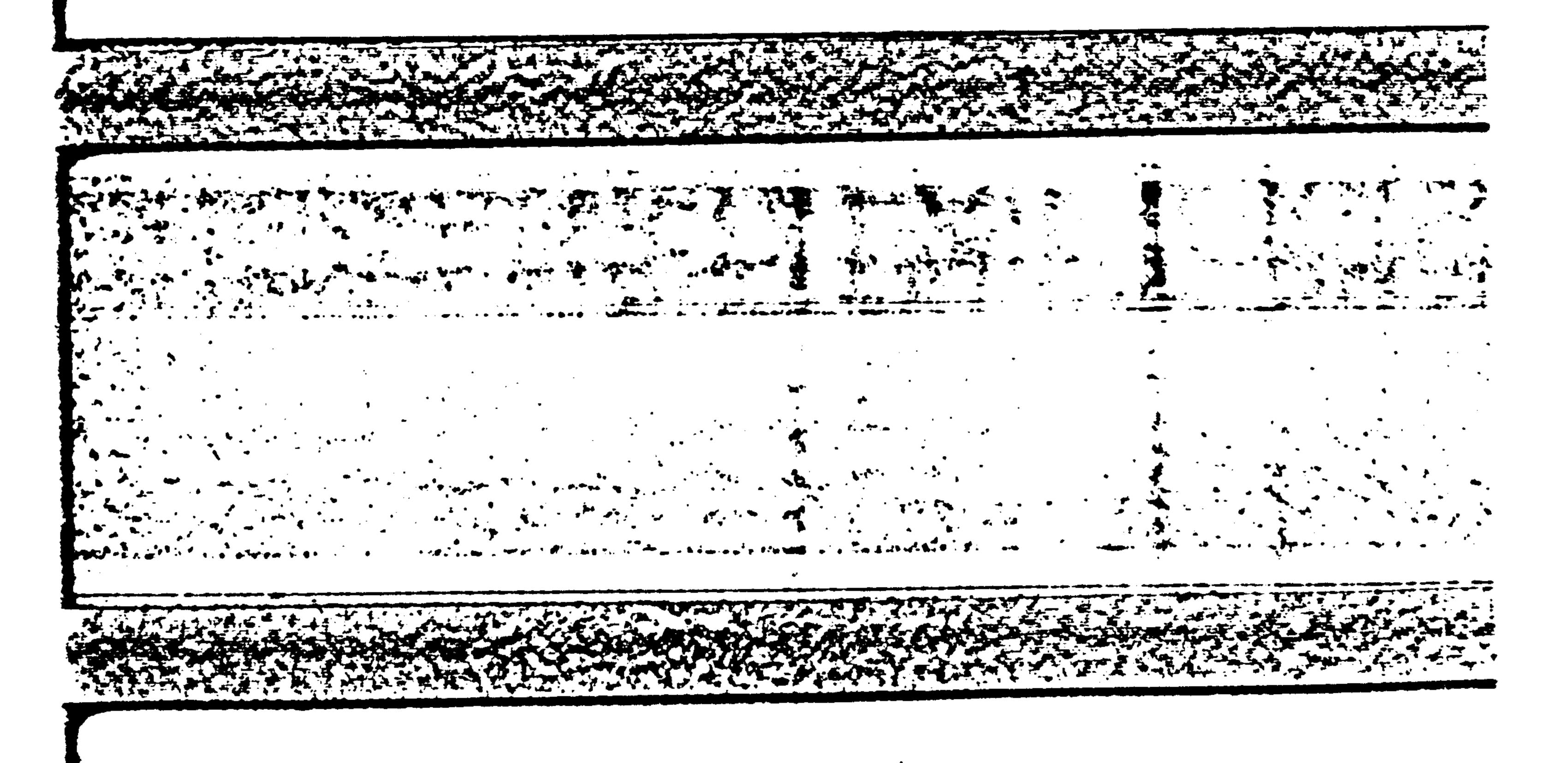
The information furnished by Robert L. Oswald, brother of Lee Harvey Oswald, has been thoroughly investigated by this Bureau and no evidence developed David Ferrie was acquainted with Lee Harvey Oswald through Civil Air Patrol. Jack Martin, reported mental case who is source for District Attorney Garrison's investigation in New Orleans, made the allegation immediately after the assassination that Oswald acquainted with Ferrie through Civil Air Patrol.

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An investigator for ive w Orleans District Atty Jim Garrison has been investigating three men who spent the night in a Houston motel on the eve of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. The Houston Post learned Wednesday, /

Lum E willigear Jr, manager of the Helena Motel at 2401 South Wayside Drive, confirmed that he had cooperated with Garrison's investigator last December when he wanted to check the notel's registration records for he night of Nov 21, 1963.

"I CO-OPERATED with the fistrict attorneys' offices here uld in New Orleans, but under

The circumstances I will have to say 'No comment,' " Twill ligear said.

A source who wished to remain unidentified told a Houston Post reporter that Garrison's office wasn't able to get permission from the motel until local authorities asked the motel to co-operate.

At the time Garrison's investigator told local authori-, ties that his office was investigating "a massive dopos ring involving Houston, Dallis and New Orleans."

HOWEVER, Twilligear adhitted that he believed the investigation involved Garrison's current investigation into an elloged consniracy to

assassinate President Kennedy.

The three men contacted someone in Dallas that night from the motel, the source said. "They may have contacted Oswald or Ruby, but that is speculation as far as know."

David W. Ferrie, a central sigure in Garrison's current investigation, was found dead in New Orleans Wednesday.

FERRIE SAID Saturday he and two friends drove to Texas the day of the assassination.

"We went to Houston, Galveston and then back to Alexandria, La." Ferrie was quoted as saying.

Whether or not Ferrie and his two friends were the three men who stayed at the ... Helena Motel on the eve of the assassination was unknown Wednesday night. Twilligear won't comment on what the New Orleans investigator found in the motel's records. Harris County District Att

Carol Vance said he hali no recollection of a New Orleans investigator's contacting his office in December.

"We must have been told it was a dope ring investigat tion, and it was probably bandled in a routine way by our staff." he said.

"THE HOUSTON POST" HOUSTON, TEXAS

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	ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY, 11/22/63, DALLAS TEXAS MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING	
	On 2/23/67, Mr. W. K. DECKARD, Special Agen U.S. Secret Service, Cleveland, Ohio, advised that his had received an anonymous telephone call this date from who furnished the following information:  In 1946, 1947 and 1948, DAVID FERRIE had a psychoanalysis by a Dr. FINLAYSON of Cleveland, who is deceased. Dr. FINLAYSON's widow resides at 1331 Yell Rd., Cleveland Heights, Ohio (telephone 382-8098).	s office om a woman complete s now owstone
	The caller also said that FERRIE had a nervelown in Fla. a number of years ago. The caller admit she had worked as a receptionsist for this doctor and actually signed the doctor's will as a witness.	ted that
	Mr. DECKARD advised he had called his headque who had instructed that this matter be immediately reto this office.	uarters ferred
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Date: 2/21/67 Transmit the following in (Type in plaintext or code) AIRTEL AIRMAIL Via (Priority) Director, FBI/(\$2-109060) TU SAC, New Orlkans (89-69)(P) FROM SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY DALLAS, TEXAS, 11/22/63 MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING (00: Dallas) ho has been subject of limited contact, reliability undetermined, advised he observed DAVID LEWIS on television in New Orleans commenting on the KENNEDY assassination investigation. at the time of the KENNEDY assassination LEWIS 1407 Conti Street, Apartment C, and was a close confidant of LEWIS at that time. He advised at no time during period of KENNEDY assassination did LEWIS ever indicate he had any knowledge of the KENNEDY assassination. At no time did LEWIS ever indicate that he was acquainted with any Cuban refugees. Dallas (89-43) - New Orleans RLK:epk EX 101 12-1091111 -4526) REC 45 17 FEB 2/3 1967 C C- Wick Special Agent in Charge

UNITED STATES GO RNMENT

### Memorandum

: Mr. W. C. Sullivan TO

. W. A. Branigan

SUBJECT:

JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY DALLAS, TEXAS NOVEMBER 22, 1963

1 - Mr. DeLoach

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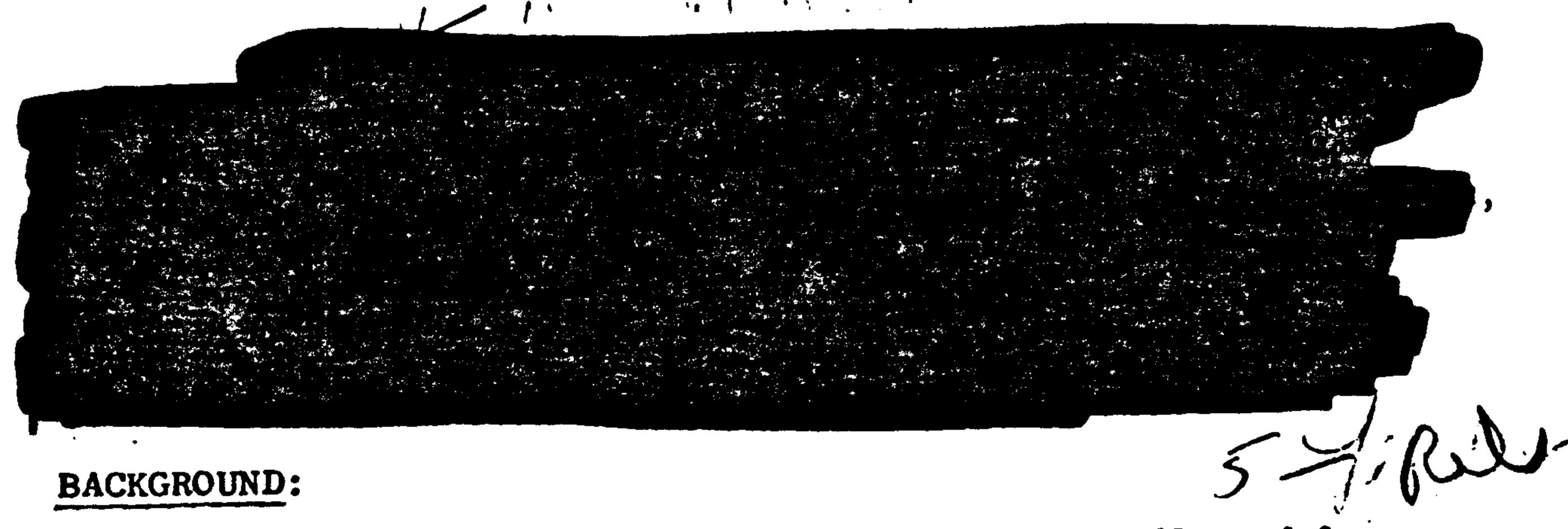
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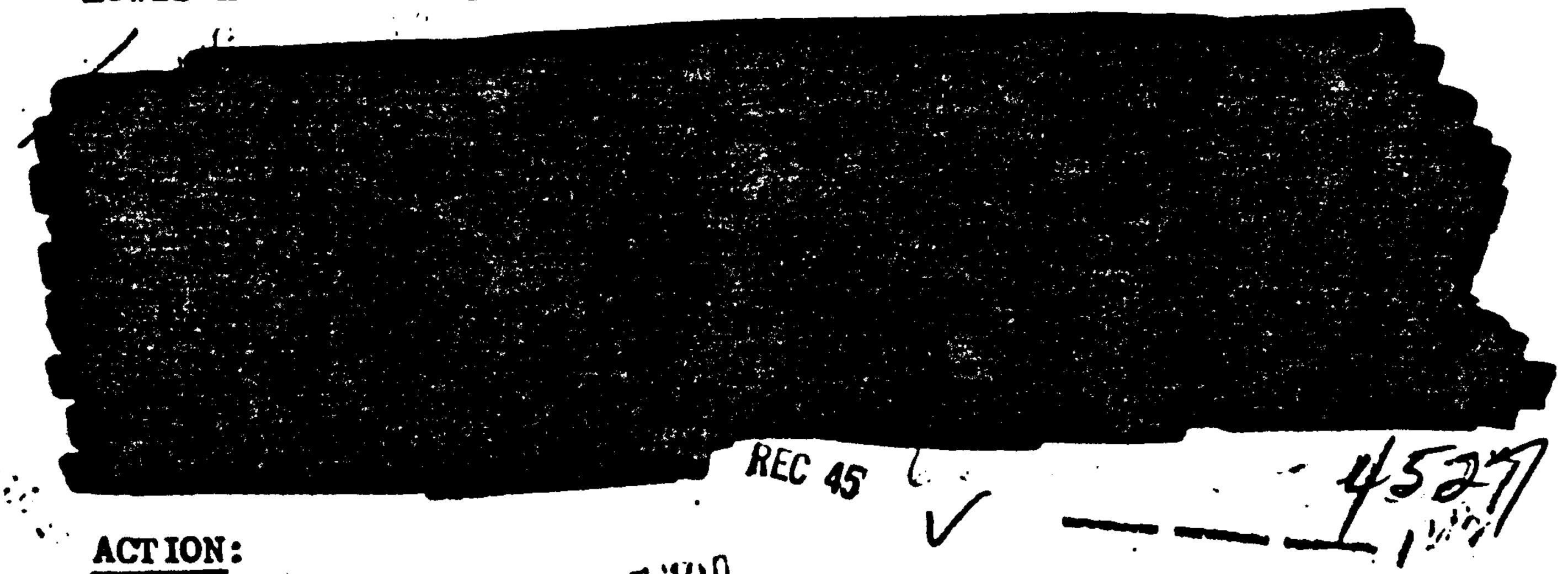
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- Mr. Goble



David Lewis, a bus station express handler, has been frequently mentioned in the publicity concerning the investigation being conducted by New Orleans District Attorney James Garrison. It has been reported that Lewis possesses the names of five individuals who plotted the assassination of President Kennedy. Information has also been developed that Lewis had been acquainted with Lee Harvey Oswald.



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District Attorney Jim Garrison says that, while he is quite confident he will prove the existence of a plot to murder President Kennedy, that arrests in his probe are "months away."

Garrison, at an hour-long press conserence yes-

terday afternoon, said that he is clamping strict secrecy on his investigation and will set up a special fund so he won't have to file public expense vouchers which give a clue to the activities of his investigators.

The district attorney contends there was a conspiracy born in New Orleans which resulted in the assassination of Mr. Kennedy Nov. 22, 1963.

THE OFFICIAL report by the Warren Commission said Kennedy was shot by Lee Harvey Oswald — a former New Orleans resident—and that it found no credible evidence anyone else was involved.

The press conference was by special invitation to all interested newsmen except representatives of the States-Item and The Times-Picayune.

Representatives of dozens of newspapers, television companies and wire services were called into a small room in Garrison's office a few at a time and told there would be a press conference at the Fontainebleau Motor Hotel.

They were asked not to reveal this information to other newsmen.

ALL PRESS repreesntatives who had been waiting for Garrison since 10 a. m. were asked to sign their names and news affiliations on a sheet of paper about 1:30 p. m.

All of these persons were called into the room except representatives present from the States-Item and The Times-Picayune.

Private Detective William Gurvich, who has been hired by Garrison as a special aid in this investigation, told Mrs. Rosemary James of the States-Item she would be barred.

Other representatives barred from the conference were Bert Hyde of the States-Item. Bob Ussery and Joe Darby of The Times-Picayune and photographers Mike Bates and Robert Steiner.

Garrison said he was displeased with the States-Item for disclosing that he was conducting an investigation.

IN THE hour-long conference he revealed no new information of any significance concerning the distributing tigation. One reporter remarked after

the conference that Garrison gave an "hour-long no comment".

Garrison said that the disclosure of his investigation ENCLOSURE put the life of one witness in danger and then said this

witness was not very important to the case.

Garrison complained that he was short-staffed. When asked by one reporter present at the conference why he doesn't turn his information over to a federal agency to pursue, Garrison's reply was, "What? And wait three years?"

- Asked if he thought any foreign country or any official was involved in the alleged conspiracy, Garrison said no.

He turned aver most questions with "no comment."

GARRISON'S investigation has stirred both interest and skepticism.

In Washington yesterday, Sen. Thomas J. Dodd, D-Conn., urged that the Warren Commission reopen its investigation.

Detroit attorney for the late Jack Ruby, Sol A. Dann, telegraphed Garrison urging him to arrange for a federal or state grand jury probe. Dann sent a similar letter to state attorney general Jack P. F. Gremillion requesting that an inquiry be made into "Jim Garrison's information or evidence."

Garrison said he has no intention now of turning

over his information to either sederal or state officials.

IN BATON Rouge, Gov. John J. McKeithen said he will provide state cooperation if Garrison needs it.

Mrs. Marguerite Oswald of Fort Worth, Tex., mother of Lee Harvey Oswald, offered any help she could give to Garrison in his investigation.

Dean A. Andrews Jr., assistant Jefferson Parish district attorney, said he was contacted by a man named Clay Bertrand shortly after the assassination and asked to defend Oswald. The Warren Commission was unable to locate the man identified as Bertrand. 

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Louisiana Sen. Russell B. Long said today in Washington that he is convinced Orleans Parish District Attorney Jim Garrison has "some information the Warren Commission didn't have" about a possible conspiracy to assassinate President John F. Kennedy.

Long, the assistant Democratic leader in the Senate told an informal news conference he discussed the possibility of a con-ENCLOSURE trip last October.

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