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Photos reveal new evidence, Garrison says

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Last week in New Orleans, District Attorney Jim Garrison released to the press photographs which he says show an official picking up one of the bullets used to kill President John F. Kennedy. He said the bullet, evidently fired from a '.45' pistol and not from the rifle found in the Texas School Book Depository, was never shown to the Warren Commission.

"This is just another instance," said Garrison, "of the pattern of deception by the federal government in which evidence has been systematically concealed or destroyed. In this instance, however, the fraudulent activity of federal agencies and officials is here exposed by these photographs."

(Starting on page three of this issue, we print a transcript of Garrison's speech at the University of New Mexico on December 14 in which he discusses this alleged pistol shot from a sewer

opening on Elm Street in Dealey Plaza, Dallas, Texas).

Garrison said one of the pictures shows a man "obviously holding official investigative status" leaning down to pick up the bullet as he is observed by a Dallas police officer and deputy sheriff.

"Our inquiry into the status of this official picking up the bullet has indicated that he is apparently an investigative agent of the federal government — employed either by the Federal Bureau of Investigation or the Secret Service."

Garrison said the dark splotches on the ground in the picture are pieces of matter from President Kennedy's head. A large portion of the President's skull was subsequently found near the scene of the pictures, he added.

The sign-clock on the top of the Texas School Book Depository, which is visible in the background of the second picture (see page 3), reads 12:40. Kennedy was shot ten minutes earlier.

"These photographs indicate," the district attorney said in a press release with the pictures, "that long before the fraudulent announcement describing Lee Harvey Oswald as the lone assassin, the federal government had to know

that this large calibre bullet was used in the assassination. Consequently, the federal government had to know that — inasmuch as it is impossible to fire a .45 calibre bullet from a 6.5 Mannlicher-Carcano — there had to be a number of individuals firing at the president."

Garrison said in a copyrighted interview by Murphy Martin of WFAA-TV subsequently that he believes the man who fired the fatal pistol shot stood inside a sewer drain and then escaped through a drainage system under the streets of Dealey Plaza. (See photographs on this page showing the drain opening on Elm Street, the access to the Elm Street opening behind the picket fence on the grassy knoll, and a photo shot by a Free Press photographer concealed in the drain itself).

Garrison said the photographs of the pistol bullet being picked up "explain why the federal government has so long concealed the color photographs and 18 black and white photographs — and has kept them under lock and key in concrete vaults."

The photographs also explain, he said, why not a single member of the Warren Commission dared

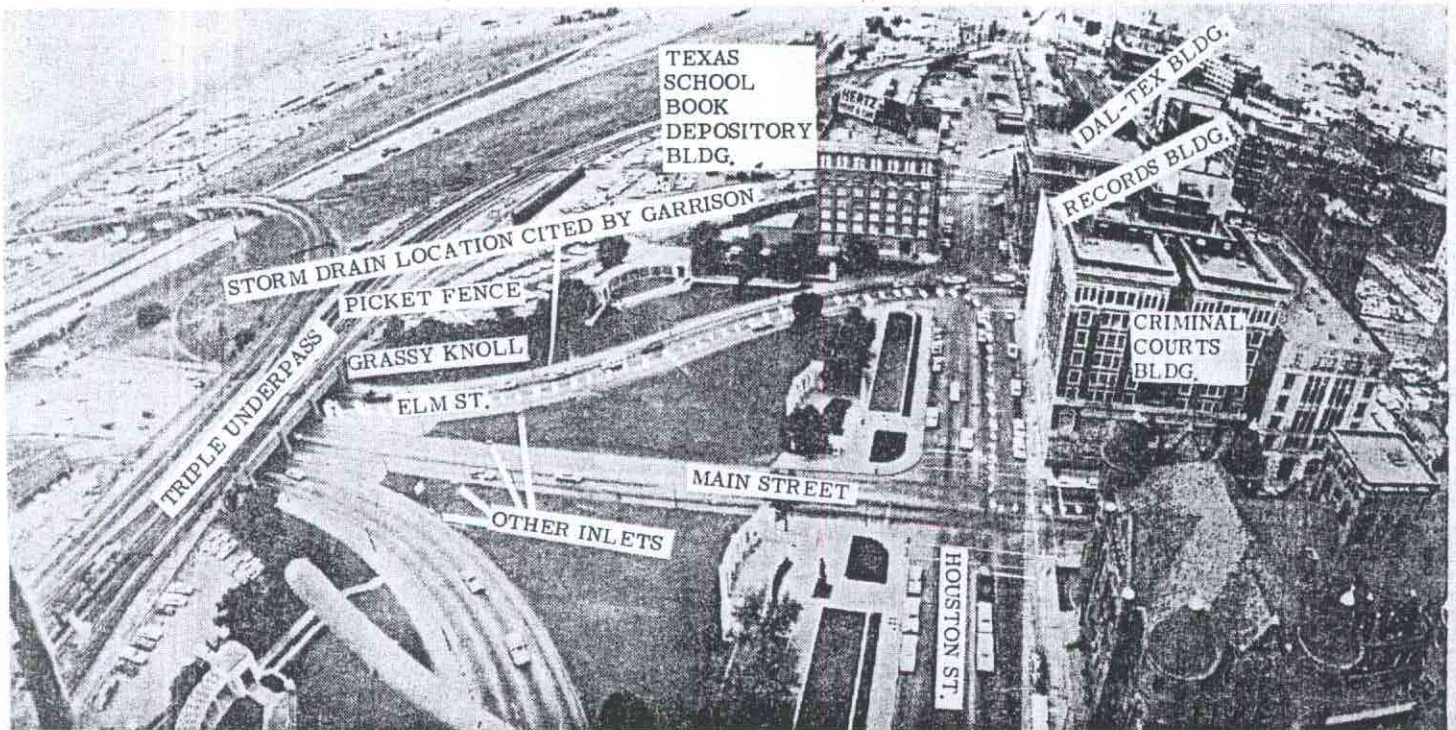
to look at the autopsy photographs as they knew that they would see wounds caused by gunshots from a number of directions.

Garrison said he believes there was a plan to kill Kennedy in Chicago and the site was later moved to Dallas.

Garrison said of his investigation, "I have no political aspirations at all but I do feel strongly about my government lying to the people of this country."

He was asked in the TV interview if he would turn evidence over to the Warren Commission if the Commission reopened the investigation.

That would be like using a fox to guard your chickens," Garrison said. "The Warren Commission conclusion is a fraud."



Aerial Photo of Dealey Plaza, Texas, by Arthur Schatz

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