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Rev. Raymond Broshears interviewed

Reverend Raymond Broshears returned from New Orleans stunned, as if someone had just informed him that George Wallace had picked Julian Bond as his running mate.

The Reverend, who had been a friend and roommate to the late David Ferrie in 1965, said that he had been in New Orleans for six days to make a deposition to the office of District Attorney Jim Garrison about what he had learned from Ferrie regarding the assassination of President Kennedy.

What actually shocked Broshears was that in pronounced contrast to the image of Garrison which he had come to know from accounts in "the Establishment Press", the D.A. and his staff treated him with respect and consideration throughout his visit.

A profound change in Reverend Broshears' life took place after an appearance he made on the Stan Bohrman, Tempo I television show, in Los Angeles on the 8th of July. There, for the first time publicly, Broshears disclosed that he had been a roommate of David Ferrie's in 1965 and Fer-

rie had confided to him the plot which he participated in which culminated in the Dallas assassination of the President.

After the program Broshears was visited by Attorney Mark Lane and an investigator for the office of the New Orleans District Attorney. According to the Reverend, Lane convinced him that his knowledge was valuable to the investigation of the assassination and urged him to consider going to New Orleans to make a deposition. Broshears had been threatened by agents of the Federal Government not to divulge anything about his association with Ferrie and definitely not to travel to New Orleans. Broshears said that the agent told him "it would not be in his best interest or in the best interest of the security of the country" for him to do so.

Broshears decided that to remain silent was to obstruct his own belief in the law as well as to withhold information which might help the American people to know who killed their President. On August 9th, he appeared at the District Attorney's office in New Orleans

where he was interviewed by Assistant District Attorney James Alcock and other members of the staff. Following that interview he met with Jim Garrison, who had just recovered from an operation.

Once back in Los Angeles, Broshears was again the guest of the Stan Borman show. "Last time you were on the show you said that you did not trust Garrison and that he was on the wrong track with his investigation, what did you tell Garrison when you met with him?" Bohrman asked.

"I told him about David Ferrie and some of his work for the Central Intelligence Agency," replied the Reverend. "I told him of my first meeting with Clay Shaw, and at the time I did not know who the man was, he was only identified to me as Bert." Clay L. Shaw has been indicted for conspiracy to murder President Kennedy, the D.A. implicating Shaw as the man named "Clay Bertrand" who sought to secure a defense attorney for Lee Harvey Oswald.

The Free Press asked Broshears why, when he was on Bohrman's show the first time,

did he not disclose his association with Clay Shaw. Broshears explained that at that time he did not trust Garrison and was extremely reluctant to allow himself to become involved in the investigation. He said that he told Bohrman off camera, during a commercial, not to ask him anything about Shaw because he would have to answer him truthfully and he did not want anyone to know that he had met Shaw.

Garrison had given Broshears the assurance that he was free to discuss what he pleased, at his own discretion, after his deposition had been legally taken. "For my own protection I am appearing on this program to tell you what I know," Broshears told Bohrman. As in the past with witnesses in this particular case, such as with the former Dallas Deputy Sheriff Roger Craig, it has proved less dangerous to make public record what knowledge a witness had about the events of the assassination of President Kennedy. This theory of safety acquired great credence if one examines the record. Research of this aspect done by Warren Commission critic Penn

by Garrison

Jones Jr., author of two volumes of a book entitled "Forgive My Griet", has revealed that more than thirty relevant witnesses have met with strange deaths.

If the Reverend was skeptical of the integrity of Jim Garrison and his staff from what he learned through the national news media he had a different view of them when after meeting them and participating in the legal process of the State of Louisiana. In a newspaper which the Reverend published weekly in Long Beach, called "The Light of Understanding" (P. O. Box 1027, Long Beach 90801) he related his experience in New Orleans. "Jim Garrison, is leading a fight for JUSTICE (sic) in a 'fear-ridden' land... working to bring to light the most vile plot against America by 'so-called' American patriots... the CIA moves rapidly to impede the progress of the case as does the FBI and Secret Service. The 'invisible government' scores one more. Are you going to stand by and see the 'chains applied to you' and do nothing?" the special issue reported.

Broshears was aware of the "chains" of which he spoke, for

in New Orleans, he found where Federal records regarding himself were conspicuously removed from the files of the hospital. These records were from a period when Broshears had been taken into custody by Federal agents and questioned about his association with Ferrie.

Many people wonder what they can do to assist in bringing the truth to the surface about the murderers of President Kennedy. Broshears has done something. One might ask, at this point, what the new Presidential candidates of the "democratic process" are planning to do. Where is the courageous reporter or the interested citizen, who sits today awaiting his chance to put the question to Mr. Nixon, Mr. Humphrey or even Wallace?