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Detective 'Knows' Identities

NEW ORLEANS (UPI)—A former private detective says five persons were involved with Lee Harvey Oswald in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, and he knows their identities.

David Lewis, a bus station express handler who worked as a private investigator here in the months before the assassination, said Sunday he has the names of the five persons allegedly involved in the plan-

ning phase of the plot on the president's life.

Bue Lewis said he would not disclose the names of the alleged conspirators until permitted to do so by Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison, who this weekend said the plot to assassinate Kennedy was hatched in New Orleans. Garrison charged that Oswald had plenty of help in devising the scheme, and vowed he would prove it.

Garrison promised several arrests and convictions from his investigation into the murder of Kennedy.

Lewis, who identified himself as one of the witnesses upon whose testimony Garrison's case will be constructed, said the five persons allegedly

involved are still in New Orleans. Oswald was here for six months before the assassination in Dallas, Nov. 22, 1963.

Garrison, who has blasted the Warren Commission report which ruled there was no conspiracy, said he would not turn over his investigation either to the FBI or the Department of Justice.

"I am running this investigation," Garrison said Sunday, "not the attorney general. I am in charge of this operation and I'm not about to turn it over to anybody."

Garrison said he would welcome federal assistance, but would not relinquish control.

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