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CIA, FBI Role in 'Duping'

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Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison says he will seek a Senate investigation of what he calls a Central Intelligence Agency cover-up of President John

F. Kennedy's assassination.

In an exclusive interview last night, Garrison told the States-Item that the CIA and the Federal Bureau of Investigation cooperated in concealing the facts behind the

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assassination from the Warren Commission and from the American public. He said he will take steps this week to convince the Senate of the need for a full-scale investigation.

Garrison also confirmed a copyrighted story in the

States-Item Friday, which revealed that his investigation centers around evidence of CIA involvement in Kennedy's death.

THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY said he has learned the truth behind the assassina-

tion and charged that the CIA has known all along that the Warren Commission's report is untrue in its conclusion that Kennedy was shot by Lee Harvey Oswald, acting alone. He asserted that the intelli-

gence agencies duped the commission by flooding its members with a gush of irrelevant information in order to obscure the truth.

Garrison said Oswald was not a Communist, as he was depicted by the Warren Commission, but in actuality a revolutionary working closely with anti-Castro organizations in New Orleans and Dallas, using his Communist cover as a mask for his real activities. Garrison did not say last night how he would convince the Congress that an investigation is necessary, but it is thought that he may seek the aid of Sen. Russell B. Long.

LONG AND GARRISON are personal and political friends and the senator reportedly was instrumental in prompting Garrison's investigation into the New Orleans angle of the assassination.

Stating his opinions strongly and publicly for the first time, the district attorney charged, "The federal agents who concealed vital knowledge regarding President Kennedy's assassination, and their superiors who are now engaged in a dedicated effort to discredit and obstruct the gathering of evidence in the case, are guilty of being accessories after the fact to one of the cruelest murders in our history."

The DA said, "The recent States-Item article concerning Lee Oswald in New Orleans, his association with anti-Castro Cubans and the role of United States intelligence agencies in New Orleans in 1963 is essentially correct.

"Oswald's Fair Play for Cuba actions in New Orleans constituted a transparent sham. These actions were designed as a cover, while he was in fact engaged in no Communist activity whatsoever.

"HIS ASSOCIATIONS here were exclusively—not merely frequently, but exclusively—with persons whose political orientation was anti-Castro, all of whom were plainly connected with federal agencies here."

Garrison said Oswald's associates in New Orleans were "involved in a variety of revolutionary activities, rang-

ing from planning guerrilla strikes to procuring ammunition for smuggling into Cuba."

These activities, he charged, were carried out with the full knowledge and consent of the CIA and the FBI.

"Federal agents were in close proximity to and well aware of these activities," said Garrison.

"They would positively—not just probably—know of Oswald's total involvement with these individuals engaged in anti-Castro planning and operations."

Garrison has subpoenaed one FBI agent and another federal agent for questioning before the grand jury Wednesday.

ORDERED TO report were Regis Kennedy, the FBI man who questioned former airline pilot David W. Ferrie for the Warren Commission, and Warren DeBrueys, 4827 Michoud Blvd., whose name appears frequently on records of the assassination investigation in the National Archives.

Agents of the CIA are seldom identified as such by the federal government.

Garrison expressed fear last night that the two men might be told by higher government officials not to answer the subpoenas. He has had trouble in recent weeks trying to secure witnesses for questioning before the jury and has indicated he believes there has been direct government interference.

The district attorney said federal agents in New Orleans "would necessarily know the fact that Oswald was employing a cover in his Fair Play for Cuba activities, and would know well the true nature of his role here.

"THEY WOULD know well that he was hired to engage in this sham activity well before he came to New Orleans.

"And yet they remained silent while evidence was presented to the Warren Commission, to the American people and to the world that this man was an individual engaged in meaningless lonesome activities—that he was a free-lance Communist who had no connections, no case agents or companions.

"These federal agents," Gar-

ison continued, "would know well that Oswald was engaged in a clandestine operation with revolutionary anti-Castro Cubans, and that he was shepherded everywhere he went in New Orleans by an individual known to have been in the employ of the Central Intelligence Agency.

"AND THEY WOULD know well that when Lee Oswald

was in Dealey Plaza in Dallas, he was not alone."

The Warren Commission alleged that Oswald, acting alone, shot Kennedy from a window of the Texas School Book Depository building, which stands in Dealey Plaza, near a grassy knoll.

In spite of their detailed knowledge of Oswald and his associates in New Orleans, Garrison continued, "these agents have remained silent while none of Oswald's significant contacts were called before the Warren Commission.

"They remained silent while the men on the Warren Com-

mission were presented an endless parade of trivia, from Oswald's grades in grammar school to a study of his hairs."

Missing from the material presented to the Commission, asserted the DA, was any mention of significant evidence relating to "active Cuban revolutionaries and to federal agents who had close contact with them."

MOST REPORTS OF federal investigators which touch on Cuban activity "continue to be classified as secret and remain hidden from the American people."

"The plain fact," said Garrison, "is that our federal intelligence agencies are implacably determined to do whatever is necessary to block any further inquiry into the facts of the assassination.

"The arrogant, totalitarian efforts of these federal agencies to obstruct the discovery

of the truth is a matter which I intend to bring to light when we have finished doing the job they should have done."

HE MAINTAINED, however, that "It is my considered judgment that the members of the Warren Commission did not know that significant evidence

was being withheld from them. I am sure that they did not know, for example, that a picture of Oswald at the Cuban embassy in Mexico City was kept hidden from them because his Cuban companion was a man who had worked for the CIA."

Garrison concluded the interview with a plea for each citizen to ask his representatives in Washington for an investigation of the matter.

He added, "No government agency, no matter how powerful, is more important than

the truth . . . Whether these agencies are aware of it or not, John F. Kennedy was president of all of us, and the truth about his death belongs to all of us." **END**

Novel Return To Be OK'd --Rhodes Aide

The chief assistant to the governor of Ohio said today that his office is not attempting to keep fugitive witness Gordon Novel from testifying in Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's Kennedy death plot investigation.

John McElroy, assistant to Gov. James A. Rhodes, said the 29-year-old former New Orleans bar owner would be returned as soon as proper extradition papers are filed at Columbus.

"If your governor will get the papers in order, Gov. Rhodes will return him," McElroy declared, adding: "Why don't we get this show on the road and quit talking about it."

AT NEW ORLEANS, Asst. DA James Alcock expressed surprise at McElroy's statement and pointed to a request in Rhodes' recent letter to Gov. John J. McKeithen which says:

"Persistent press reports in Ohio papers state that Dist.

Atty. Garrison is seeking the extradition of Gordon Novel in order to have him available for questioning or as a witness in the grand jury investigation . . ."

"It would be helpful in your letter of transmittal if your requisition could contain a statement expressly disclaiming the foregoing as the purpose of the extradition."

ALCOCK SAID extradition papers for both Novel and former New Orleans anti-Castro leader Sergio Arcacha Smith are being perfected by the DA's office. He said he hoped to mail both sets of papers to Gov. McKeithen today.

Alcock said the extradition papers for Novel will be "legally proper within the frame-

work of extradition proceedings." They will not bear the requested disclaimer, he added.

Both Novel and Arcacha have been charged with the burglary of a well service company's munitions bunker at Houma in 1961. Garrison has called Novel a "very important witness" in the Kennedy death case.

M'ELROY, ASKED whether his office had been pressured to slow or halt Novel's extradition, replied: "That's a ridiculous question."

"Perhaps you should read the letter," McElroy told a reporter. Informed that a reporter had read it, McElroy asserted: "He'd better read it again. He misinterpreted it."

Novel is free under \$10,000 bond at Columbus after his arrest April 1 on Garrison's charge that he conspired with Arcacha to steal munitions from the Houma bunker. Arcacha is free at Dallas under \$1,500 bond.

Extradition papers were returned from Ohio and Texas because of what authorities in each state said were technical deficiencies.

At New Orleans, meanwhile, Garrison has subpoenaed a 30-year-old onetime close associate of Arcacha to appear tomorrow before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury.

The latest call for testimony in Garrison's Kennedy death plot investigation was issued for Carlos Quiroga of 3134 Derby pl.

Quiroga's subpoena was ordered as Garrison revealed his investigation of the presidential slaying centers on the militant anti-Communist China activities here.

GARRISON YESTERDAY charged the U. S. Central Intelligence Agency with duping the Warren Commission and covering up what he said was the truth behind Kennedy's murder.

His investigation is believed to be pointing toward the possible involvement of CIA-employed persons in the assassination.

The DA called for a U. S. Senate investigation of what he said was misleading information given the Warren Commission by both the CIA and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Cuban sources here described Quiroga as an erstwhile close associate of Arcacha, who led the Cuban

Revolutionary Council, an anti-Castro organization.

THE CRC WAS headquartered at 544 Camp st., a building which housed the offices of former FBI official Guy Banister whom associates have described as a key government intelligence liaison man in Latin American anti-Communist activities.

Lee Harvey Oswald, the man the Warren Commission blamed as the lone killer of Kennedy, used the same address on left wing pro-Castro leaflets he handed out here during the summer of 1963.

Garrison contends that Oswald was not a Communist, as he was pictured in the Warren Report, but a U.S. intelligence operative who was working closely with anti-Castro Cubans here and in Dallas.

THE GARRISON contention about Oswald was disputed yesterday by Dr. Carlos Bringuier, head of the New Orleans delegation of the Cuban Student Directorate.

He said his organization sent a letter to the House Committee on Un-American Activities

several months ago asking it to "investigate Mr. Garrison's investigation."

"This delegation had four encounters with Lee Harvey Oswald in the summer of 1963," Bringuier declared, "and even on Aug. 21 of that year we were asking for a congressional investigation of Oswald as a confessed Marxist."

HE CHALLENGED the CIA and the FBI to "answer charges made against them" by Garrison.

Quiroga has been questioned extensively by the DA's office since the Garrison investigation began. Arcacha, charged with the burglary of munitions from an explosives bunker at Houma, is free on \$1,500 bond at Dallas.

Quiroga told the States-Item today that he is "convinced that Oswald was a Communist" and he said that he has "proofs" to this effect.

He said that he first was associated with the CRC in September of 1961 and that is when he met Arcacha.