

Garrison Increases His Kennedy Total To 7 Conspirators

District Attorney Jim Garrison of New Orleans, expanding on his earlier charges that former employes of the Central Intelligence Agency were involved in the killing of President Kennedy, has raised to at least seven the number of men he says took a direct part in the assassination.

The new estimate appears in an interview in the October issue of Playboy magazine, out tomorrow.

On one earlier occasion he said that at least three men were involved, and on another he said five.

"The President was assassinated," Mr. Garrison said in the 21-page magazine interview, "by a precision guerrilla team of at least seven men, including anti-Castro adventurers and members of the paramilitary right."

Describing the scene in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963, Mr. Garrison said, "There were at least four men on the grassy knoll—at

least two behind the picket fence and two or more behind a small stone wall to the right of the fence. One man fired at the President from each location, while the role of his companion was to snatch up the cartridges as they were ejected."

He said that "in addition to the assassins on the grassy knoll, at least two other men fired from behind the President—one from the Book Depository Building and one in all probability from the Dal-Tex Building." Another conspirator, he said, distracted attention from the snipers by screaming and simulating an epileptic fit.

The plotters, Mr. Garrison said, were men who were disturbed by President Kennedy's peace overtures to Cuba and the Soviet Union.

A key figure in the peace overtures, he said, "was the late television commentator Lisa Howard, who met secretly with Ernesto Che Guevara [then a chief Castro aide] to prepare peace terms between the United States and Castro."

"Miss Howard," he added, "was arranging a conference between Bobby Kennedy and Guevara when the President was shot in Dallas."