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GARRISON'S TURN

WASHINGTON.

The Orleans Parish grand jury is investigating a charge that New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison sexually molested a 13-year-old boy at the city's posh Athletic Club.

The allegation, based on statements by the boy's father, was filed by the New Orleans Crime Commission with grand jury foreman William J. Krummel Sr. A November 5, 1969 letter from Crime Commission Director Aaron Kohn to Krummel, detailing the charge, has now been obtained by this column.

Krummel, on the record, would concede only that he received the letter. Nevertheless, an authoritative official source confirmed that the grand jury was "looking into it."

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Garrison has denied the charge, the same official said. The controversial DA's friends said he was a "devoted family man." Persistent efforts by this column to reach Garrison for comment failed.

The allegation was made by a prominent member of the New Orleans "establishment" whose brother is one of the most respected men in the South. To spare the young man embarrassment, we will leave out names.

Kohn, as director of the privately financed Crime Commission, has often been at odds with Garrison. He would confirm for the record only that the text of the letter obtained by this column was authentic.

"On a Sunday in June, 1939," the Commission letter to the grand jury Club, District Attorney Jim Garrison states, "at the New Orleans Athletic Club, District Attorney Jim Garrison conducted himself in a manner which, if true, would be in violation of Louisiana criminal laws."

The laws in question punish "Indecent Behavior with Juveniles" and "Crime Against Nature, Attempt."

Under Louisiana law, the "Indecent behavior" count carries a maximum year in jail and \$500 fine. A "crime against nature" carries a \$2,000 fine and five years in jail.

There is an irony in the charges. Garrison has frequently brought the element of perversion and sex into his cases. He made his name by cleaning up prostitution in New Orleans.

In his most famous national case, the prosecution of Clay Shaw for conspiring to kill President Kennedy, Garrison's office made much of Shaw's alleged homosexuality. The jury threw out Garrison's conspiracy charge.

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Small Business boss Hillary Sandoval has told the White House in a "him or me" letter that he wants to fire his deputy, W. Donald Brewer, for insubordination and undercutting.

The letter, sent February 9 to the White House, was addressed to Presidential assistant Peter Flanigan. Dis-

TODAY IN

Today's Highlight: In 1836, the siege of the Alamo began at San Antonio.

On this date in:

1861, President-elect Abraham Lincoln arrived secretly in Washington to take office. A plot to assassinate him in Baltimore was foiled.

1905, a Chicago lawyer Paul Percy Harris, and three friends founded the first Rotary Club.

1942, during WW II, a Japanese submarine fired 25 shells at an oil refinery near Santa Barbara, Calif.