

JFK 'Plot' DA Checking Cubans Trained by CIA

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New Orleans District Attorney Garrison is checking the possible involvement of CIA-trained Cuban exiles in a plot to assassinate President Kennedy the New York Post has learned.

A source in Garrison's office told The Post that "the CIA has been mentioned" several times in various facets of the controversial investigation into Kennedy's death in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963.

The CIA involvement, a source disclosed, entails the training of Cuban exiles for an invasion of Cuba and a report that some of the trained men may have wanted to kill Kennedy after the invasion of Cuba failed.

The source in Garrison's office confirmed that investigations had been made at two reported CIA training sites in the New Orleans area; one at the unused Algiers Naval Base on the Mississippi River and the other in a wooded area near Slidell, a town across Lake Pontchartrain from New Orleans.

Garrison thus far has named a dead man as a principal in the assassination. He has also arrested another man for conspiracy to murder Kennedy.

Both men were questioned by the FBI. Warren Commission members and the Attorney General have discounted any connection of the two men with the assassination.

One report of CIA involvement was that a dozen Cuban exiles had been trained in the Slidell area prior to the ill-fated Bay of Pigs invasion in 1961.

The 12 men, according to the story, were being trained as would-be-assassins who would be sent into Cuba with a specific assignment "to kill Castro."

But when the invasion failed, some of these men—as many other exiles did—blamed Ken-

nedy and the United States for bungling the planned invasion.

One report was that "four or five" of the exile assassins then vowed "to get Kennedy." Nothing so far has linked these men to Lee Harvey Oswald.

Garrison's investigation has involved the questioning of a number of Cuban exiles in Miami and one who was serving a prison term in a Louisiana state prison. The prisoner has since been transferred to the local jail in Orleans Parish where he would be closer to the Garrison investigation.

It is also known that Garrison's men were interested in several Cubans who had been photographed with Oswald in New Orleans in the summer of 1963 while distributing "Fair Play for Cuba" literature.

Garrison has said that he has "no reason to believe" that Oswald "killed anyone in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963."

One man named in the investigation, David W. Ferrie, was characterized by Garrison as "one of history's most important individuals" after he was found dead last week.