

Man Who Wasn't Surprised Was Garrison

Former New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison is not surprised by recent disclosures of illegal intrigue involving the CIA and other intelligence agencies.

"Nothing has surprised me," Garrison told the Washington Star in a recent interview. "I felt ultimately it would come to the surface, but not

so soon." In the late 1980s, Garrison conducted an abortive investigation in an attempt to link Clay Shaw, David Ferrie and Lee Harvey Oswald in a conspiracy to murder President John F. Kennedy. Garrison didn't say the CIA as an agency was involved in the con-

spiracy, but that elements within the superspy agency were involved. He suspects now that government intelligence was involved not only in the JFK murder, but the assassinations of Sen. Robert Kennedy and Dr. Martin Luther King as well.

"EACH OF THEM bears consistent earmarks of the involvement of government intelligence operations or men somehow associated with government intelligence activities," Garrison said. Once considered a crackpot, the man on the street is now stopping Garrison and saying: "You're right. You said it first."

"Now the climate is different," Garrison said. "People are prepared to deal with what was once dismissed as outrageous."

In the intelligence scenario, he says, the public seeks "a scapegoat...before he's snatched away forever."