

WANTS GARRISON TO REVIEW PROBE

D. A. Aide Tells 'Misgivings'

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NEW YORK — District Attorney Jim Garrison's chief aide in the New Orleans investigation into the assassination of President Kennedy, who has "grave misgivings" about the inquiry, will ask the district attorney to take "an entirely new nook at the whole matter."

The aide, William H. Gurvich, was interviewed here last weekend a few hours before he left for New Orleans. He said his misgivings concerned "the behavior of certain people in the district attorney's office and the criminal procedures employed in this case." In the last few weeks

several key witnesses in the investigation have said they were offered concessions for their testimony.

"When I return to New Orleans I expect to confront Mr. Garrison as a gentleman's a friend and as his chief aide," Gurvich said. "I will thoroughly explain my feelings to him and ask him to take an entirely new look at the whole matter. The results of this meeting will determine my status as a member of his staff."

Gurvich declined to list his specific misgivings but said he "would like to see more extensive and thorough searches made in the gathering of evidence to

clarify questions that develop."

"Up until now this standard and professional method of criminal investigation was not always used in all

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phases of this investigation," he said.

Garrison contends his investigation uncovered a conspiracy to kill President Kennedy that originated in New Orleans. Clay L. Shaw, 54, a retired businessman, has been bound over for trial after a preliminary

sues in contention and compare what the commission volumes said with what the critics said they said. Such a comparison may not convince the two-thirds of those questioned in a recent poll who said they doubted the commission's conclusions.

But, at least, it may serve to have asked of the critics what they have asked of the commission—the facts. All of them.

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SURELY, one can fault the commission. Why didn't it call this witness, investigate more deeply in that area? When there was doubt, too often the commission spoke, needlessly, in more positive language than the facts allowed. Maybe it should have behaved more as a court than a commission.

Maybe it would have been better for Oswald to have been represented posthumously by counsel. Maybe the commission did have an eye on the political clock in turning in its report while some investigation was still under way. Maybe. Maybe. Maybe.

Without question, the commission was not infallible. But it has too long been the target of critics who have not received the same scrutiny they gave the Warren report. This does credit to no one.

But recently books have begun to appear attacking the critics, one by Charles Roberts of Newsweek Magazine and another by Richard Warren Lewis, a magazine writer, and Lawrence Schiller, a photo-journalist.

(Next: Commission staff lawyers speak back.)

hearing at which Garrison alleged that Shaw, Lee Harvey Oswald and the late David W. Ferrie had plotted to shoot Kennedy. The Warren Commission concluded that Oswald was the lone assassin.

Asked if he felt the apprehension he had about the investigation also made him believe that the evidence against Shaw was insufficient, Gurchich answered: "if done properly, we could have a better case against the defendant. Or we could have had a weaker case. But any responsible person would accept the findings of such a professional and reliable investigation and no matter if the findings support your case or weaken it, you have no choice other than to accept it."

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HE DECLINED to comment when asked if he thought Shaw should stand trial. Gurchich said he had "no reason to believe Garrison does not believe that there was a conspiracy to assassinate President Kennedy hatched in New Orleans."

"He is sincere in his belief," Gurchich said.

Gurchich, 41, was reported to have told Sen. Robert F. Kennedy during a meeting June 8 the Garrison investigation "had no basis in fact." He declined to comment on the substance of their talk but said: "We talked about the investigation. What else was there of interest between me from New Orleans and Robert Kennedy, the brother of John Kennedy?" Gurchich said he had "no comment" on whether he had told the senator the Garrison investigation was a hoax.
