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JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,
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NOVEMBER 22, 1963
MISC. - INFORMATION CONCERNING
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Re Bureau telephone calls to New Orleans, 5/29 and
5/30/67.

A review of the New Orleans files was conducted concerning allegations made by District Attorney JAMES GARRISON, Orleans Parish District Attorney, New Orleans, Louisiana, and any reported statements made by his staff. There is a possibility that other statements were made by GARRISON or members of his staff on radio, television, or to organizations, as well as statements to persons inside and outside the state of Louisiana, of which this office would have no knowledge.

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Source: GORDON DWANE NOVEL
Date: February 21, 1967
To Whom: New Orleans FBI Office
By Whom: District Attorney JAMES GARRISON
Individual: GORDON DWANE NOVEL
Date to New Orleans: May 6, 1967
Date to Bureau: May 6, 1967 (Teletype); May 10, 1967 - LHM

GORDON DWANE NOVEL advised District Attorney JAMES GARRISON knows of the laundry truck owned by LOUIS RABEL, New Orleans resident, alleged by District Attorney JAMES GARRISON as being used in the burglary of the munitions bunker at the Houma Air Base by SERGIO ARCACHA SMITH, DAVID FERRIE, two unknown Cubans, NOVEL, NOVEL's ex-wife, NOVEL's two unknown partners and the two ex-Marines, one of whom was JEROME ANDREW BLACKMON, very likely District Attorney JAMES GARRISON's star witness.

Newspaper: Times Picayune
Date: April 1, 1967
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District Attorney JAMES GARRISON Friday publicly linked key assassination probe figure GORDON NOVEL and the late DAVID W. FERRIE and SERGIO ARCACHA SMITH in an affidavit charging ARCACHA and NOVEL with conspiracy to commit simple burglary.

Source: Newspaper Article
Date: April 1, 1967
To Whom: Public Affidavit
By Whom: District Attorney JAMES GARRISON
Newspaper: New Orleans Times-Picayune
Date: April 1, 1967
Page: Not Indicated

Newspaper reported District Attorney JAMES GARRISON publicly linked GORDON DWANE NOVEL with DAVID WILLIAM FERRIE

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and SERGIO ARCACHA SMITH in an affidavit charging ARCACHA and GORDON DWANE NOVEL with conspiracy to commit simple burglary of a munitions bunker located in Houma, Louisiana, in order to obtain explosives and other forms of munitions belonging to Schlumberger Well Service.

Source: New Orleans Times-Picayune
Date: April 1, 1967
By Whom: District Attorney JAMES GARRISON
Newspaper: New Orleans Times-Picayune
Date: April 1, 1967
Date to New Orleans: April 1, 1967
Date to Bureau: May 10, 1967 (LHM); May 6, 1967 (Teletype)

District Attorney JAMES GARRISON filed affidavit charging GORDON DWANE NOVEL and SERGIO ARCACHA SMITH between August 1, 1961, and August 31, 1961, with conspiracy to commit simple burglary of a munitions bunker located in Houma, Louisiana, belonging to Schlumberger Well Service.

Newspaper: New Orleans States-Item
Date: April 5, 1967
Edition: Final Edition
Date to Bureau: April 5, 1967 (Teletype)

New Orleans States-Item reported that Orleans Parish Grand Jury indicted LAYTON PATRICK MARTENS for perjury in connection with the investigation of the murder of President JOHN F. KENNEDY. MARTENS was roommate of DAVID WILLIAM FERRIE at the time of the assassination and was arrested with FERRIE two days later.

LAYTON PATRICK MARTENS was indicted in connection with testimony he gave the Grand Jury relating to GORDON DWANE NOVEL. Indictment charged MARTENS appeared as witness March 29, 1967,

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and testified that he did not recall ever hearing of or meeting GORDON DWANE NOVEL, that he did not know the purpose of the trip where boxes were being removed from the Bunker, and that he did not remember SERGIO ARCACHA SMITH being on the trip. Grand Jury charged this testimony perjurious.

Source: Captain BERT BOYNE
Houma, Louisiana, Police Department
Date: April 5, 1967
To Whom: FBI - New Orleans Division
By Whom: Captain BERT BOYNE
Houma, Louisiana, Police Department
Date to Bureau: April 5, 1967 (Teletype)

Captain BERT BOYNE, Houma, Louisiana, Police Department, advised an agent of the New Orleans Division that charges of simple burglary filed against GORDON DWANE NOVEL and SERGIO ARCACHA SMITH by District Attorney WILMORE BROUSSARD, 17th Judicial District at the request of District Attorney JAMES GARRISON to support District Attorney JAMES GARRISON's charges of conspiracy against GORDON DWANE NOVEL and SERGIO ARCACHA SMITH.

Captain BOYNE was unable to locate Houma Police Department report regarding theft of dynamite at Houma Air Base, August 22, 1961. BOYNE believes report was given to FBI because Government ammunition was involved.

Captain BOYNE stated District Attorney WILMORE BROUSSARD requested that he contact FBI to determine if FBI had original copy of this report in their files.

Newspaper: Dallas Morning News
Date: April 7, 1967
Date to Bureau: April 7, 1967 (Teletype from Dallas Division)

SERGIO ARCACHA SMITH voluntarily appeared at Dallas County Sheriff's Office and posted \$1,000 bond on a charge of simple burglary at Houma, Louisiana, which charge is in connection with burglary of munitions bunker at Houma, Louisiana, 1961.

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Newspaper: New Orleans States-Item
Date: April 11, 1967
Edition: Red Comet
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A twenty-four-year-old music student (LAYTON PATRICK MARTENS), who once roomed with key KENNEDY assassination probe figure, DAVID W. FERRIE, was scheduled for arraignment today on charges that he lied about two mysterious burglaries of a Houma, Louisiana, munitions dump.

Newspaper: Times Picayune
Date: May 4, 1967
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GORDON DWANE NOVEL went before Municipal Court at Columbus while the SHAW hearing was in progress in New Orleans.

GORDON DWANE NOVEL was arrested Tuesday on a fourth Louisiana charge and released immediately on the \$10,000 bond under which he was placed on April 1, 1967.

This last arrest resulted from direct burglary charges filed by Terrebonne Parish authorities in connection with the disappearance of explosives from a Slumberger Well Service Munitions Bunker near Houma in 1961.

District Attorney JAMES GARRISON has charged GORDON DWANE NOVEL and former anti-CASTRO leader SERGIO ARCACHA SMITH with conspiracy to commit the burglary.

Source: GORDON DWANE NOVEL
Date: May 6, 1967
To Whom: New Orleans FBI Office
By Whom: Not stated, but apparently by District Attorney JAMES GARRISON or member of his staff.

Individual: GORDON DWANE NOVEL
Date to New Orleans: May 6, 1967
Date to Bureau: May 6, 1967 (Teletype) and May 10, 1967 (LHM)

District Attorney JAMES GARRISON contacted New Orleans Judge GERTLER, GORDON DWANE NOVEL's former attorney STEVE PLOTKIN,

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and (FNU) SAPIRE regarding GORDON DWANE NOVEL's appearance before the Grand Jury. GORDON DWANE NOVEL stated District Attorney GARRISON assured these individuals that if GORDON DWANE NOVEL came back to New Orleans, District Attorney JAMES GARRISON would only ask NOVEL one question, which was "Who was involved in the burglary of the Houma Base in 1961?" GORDON DWANE NOVEL said that District Attorney JAMES GARRISON told these three individuals that he, District Attorney JAMES GARRISON, had in his possession letters to substantiate his allegation of a conspiracy in connection with the assassination of President JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY.

Source:	Newspaper
By Whom:	Assistant District Attorney JAMES ALCOCK Orleans Parish, Louisiana
Name:	New Orleans States Item
Date:	May 9, 1967
Edition:	Red Flash
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"Alcock said extradition papers for both Novel and former New Orleans anti-Castro leader Sergio Arcacha Smith are being perfected by the DA's office. He said he hoped to mail both sets of papers to Gov. McKeithen today.

"Alcock said the extradition papers for Novel will be 'legally proper within the framework of extradition proceedings.' They will not bear the requested disclaimer, he added.

"Both Novel and Arcacha have been charged with the burglary of a well service company's munitions bunker at Houma in 1961. Garrison has called Novel a 'very important witness' in the Kennedy death case.

"Novel is free under \$10,000 bond at Columbus after his arrest April 1 on Garrison's charge that he conspired with Arcacha to steal munitions from the Houma bunker. Arcacha is free at Dallas under \$1,500 bond.

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Source: Newspaper
Date: May 25, 1967
To Whom: Newsman
By Whom: District Attorney JAMES GARRISON's Aides
Newspaper: New Orleans States-Item
Date: May 25, 1967
Edition: Red Flash

The New Orleans States-Item, Red Flash Edition, May 25, 1967, reported that an affidavit filed with new extradition papers sent to Columbus, Ohio, claims that GORDON NOVEL admitted his part in a burglary of a munitions bunker in Houma in 1961. According to the article, Assistant District Attorney JAMES L. ALCOCK said in the affidavit that GORDON NOVEL responded to questioning by District Attorney JAMES GARRISON and Investigative Aide WILLIAM GURVICH that he and the parties named therein did in fact commit the conspiracy and burglary outlined above.

The affidavit declared that GORDON NOVEL, SERGIO ARCACHA SMITH, DAVID W. FERRIE and other unnamed persons "did conspire, agree and combine" to burglarize a munitions bunker located in Houma, Louisiana. The conspiracy was entered into at the home of ARCACHA in New Orleans.

In the affidavit ALCOCK said the men went to Houma on or about August 21, 1961, in a Lincoln automobile owned and driven by GORDON DWANE NOVEL and in a panel truck. After arriving at the site of the bunker, which was leased by Schlumberger Well Services Company, GORDON NOVEL, SERGIO ARCACHA SMITH, DAVID W. FERRIE and others unnamed unlawfully entered the bunker by cutting the lock with a pair of bolt cutters which had been brought along for that purpose.

The article continued that after entering the bunker, these men took various forms of explosives and munitions and thereafter returned to New Orleans with the stolen munitions.

The article reported that the documents submitted to the Governor of Ohio also contained a copy of the simple burglary charge against GORDON DWANE NOVEL and SERGIO ARCACHA SMITH by the Sheriff of Terrebonne Parish.

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ALLEGATIONS REGARDING
INVOLVEMENT OF CUBAN REFUGEES

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Source: LAYTON PATRICK MARTENS
Date: March 27, 1967
To Whom: The New Orleans FBI Office

LAYTON PATRICK MARTENS, a student at the University of Southwestern Louisiana, residence address 404 South Wakefield Drive, Lafayette, Louisiana, whose New Orleans address is 3622 Constance Street, advised he had been subpoenaed to testify before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury on Wednesday, March 29, 1967, in connection with District Attorney JAMES GARRISON's investigation of the assassination of President KENNEDY.

MARTENS stated that from information in his possession it appears that District Attorney GARRISON is going to attempt to embarrass President JOHNSON and also to bring Senator ROBERT KENNEDY's name into his investigation. MARTENS stated that GARRISON has no cause to go in the direction in which he has gone with his investigation in regard to CLAY SHAW, DAVID FERRIE, and PERRY RUSSO.

MARTENS said that the inference is that District Attorney GARRISON is going to involve ARACHA SMITH into the assassination of President KENNEDY as the second trigger man. MARTENS advised that GARRISON was attempting to identify ARACHA SMITH with the assassination plot through ARACHA SMITH's association with FERRIE, through the Cuban Revolutionary Front (FRD), and through him (MARTENS). MARTENS related that he was an authorized representative of the Provisional Government of Cuba in New Orleans in 1961 and in this capacity had solicited funds for the organization from various citizens and businessmen. He stated that he had carried an identification card showing his affiliation with the organization for identification purposes. He stated that Senator ROBERT KENNEDY had approved this activity and he feels GARRISON may bring Senator KENNEDY's name into the assassination investigation in this manner.

MARTENS informed he was interviewed by GARRISON shortly before Christmas, 1966, and was told that at the time of the assassination the District Attorney's office had developed information concerning FERRIE, but that the FBI had stepped in and conducted investigation and the state file had never been closed. MARTENS said he was informed the District Attorney's office desired statements from everyone so that the state file could be closed. MARTENS stated he was questioned about DAVID FERRIE, the Cuban Revolutionary Front, about himself, the identities of any additional individuals who accompanied FERRIE to Texas on the day of the assassination of President KENNEDY, and the reason for FERRIE's trip to Texas. MARTENS stated he took a polygraph examination while at District Attorney GARRISON's office, which was positive in his favor.

MARTENS advised that approximately two weeks ago an unrecalled representative of GARRISON's office telephonically contacted him in Lafayette, Louisiana, asking him to report to the District Attorney's office for further questioning. MARTENS said he appeared at District Attorney GARRISON's office with his attorney, MILTON BRENER. MARTENS stated that Assistant District Attorneys ALCOCK and OSER went over practically the same ground covered on his prior interview but at this time also included questions concerning CLAY SHAW. MARTENS said he knows CLAY SHAW, whom he considers as an acquaintance. MARTENS stated that he has played chess with SHAW on several occasions. MARTENS said he told the representatives of GARRISON's office that CLAY SHAW and DAVID FERRIE were not associates and he doubts seriously if they knew one another.

MARTENS also commented that District Attorney GARRISON considers him to be the fourth ranking man in the Provisional Government of Cuba under ARKACHA SMITH. He also said that from information from various news representatives GARRISON is "pushing" to get the Central Intelligence Agency involved in the conspiracy to assassinate President KENNEDY.

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Newspaper:
Name: New Orleans Times-Picayune
Date: May 9, 1967
Edition: Final
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After claiming that accused presidential assassin LEE HARVEY OSWALD was actually associated closely with anti-CASTRO elements in New Orleans, District Attorney JIM GARRISON Monday had a grand jury subpoena issued for CARLOS QUIROGA, a former anti-CASTRO leader.

This move followed GARRISON's announcement Sunday night that he will seek a Senate investigation of what he called a Central Intelligence Agency cover-up of President JOHN F. KENNEDY's assassination.

GARRISON pegged OSWALD as a revolutionary working closely with anti-CASTRO organizations in New Orleans and Dallas rather than as a Communist. He claimed a Communist cover was used to mask his true activities.

GARRISON termed a recent New Orleans States-Item story concerning OSWALD and the CIA in New Orleans "essentially correct."

"OSWALD's Fair Play for Cuba actions in New Orleans constituted a transparent sham. These actions were designed as a cover, while he was in fact engaged in no Communist activity whatsoever.

"His associations here were exclusively--not merely frequently, but exclusively--with persons whose orientation was anti-CASTRO, all of whom were plainly connected with federal agencies here."

GARRISON said federal agents in New Orleans "would necessarily know the fact that OSWALD was employing a cover in his Fair Play for Cuba activities, and he would know well the true nature of his role here.

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"They would know well that he was hired to engage in this sham activity well before he came to New Orleans."

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ALLEGATIONS REGARDING SHOTS FIRED
AT SCENE OF ASSASSINATION, TYPE OF
BULLETS USED AND CONCEALMENT OF
ALLEGED ASSASSINS

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Source: New York teletype to Bureau
Date: January 19, 1967
To Whom: Toots Shor, New York City Restaurateur
By Whom: ~~REDACTED~~
Individual: Special Agent JAMES L. THORNTON, New York

District Attorney JAMES GARRISON contemplates conducting a press conference in which he will announce that the bullets which killed the late President were not fired from OSWALD's gun.

His solution is that it was a Cuban plot and that Cubans fired the shots that killed the late President.

Source: Miami airtel February 21, 1967 to Director, FBI
Date: February 21, 1967
By Whom: State Attorney General RICHARD GERSTEIN of Florida
Newspaper:
Name: The Miami Herald
Date: February 21, 1967

State Attorney General GERSTEIN, Miami, quoted he had a lot of confidence in District Attorney JAMES GARRISON's competence and integrity. Group of JAMES GARRISON's investigators spent about a week in Miami attempting to locate a Cuban.

District Attorney GARRISON visited Miami and told GERSTEIN that GARRISON disputes the findings of the Warren Commission concerning the bullet trajectory. District Attorney JAMES GARRISON contends the bullets were fired from another location from that which OSWALD occupied.

Source: DEAN ANDREWS
Date: April 6, 1967
To Whom: Special Agent, New Orleans, FBI
By Whom: DEAN ANDREWS

ANDREWS stated that GARRISON alleges that MANUEL GARCIA GONZALES is one of the assassins. ANDREWS said that District Attorney JAMES GARRISON showed him a pistol belonging to GONZALES and stated that GONZALES was arrested in Miami for carrying concealed weapons. GARRISON mentioned words "Triangulation of Gunfire."

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Source: DEAN ANDREWS

Date: April 6, 1967

To Whom: Special Agent, New Orleans, FBI

By Whom: DEAN ANDREWS

DEAN ANDREWS stated that District Attorney JAMES GARRISON will name JULIO BUZNEDO as one of the assassins of KENNEDY. District Attorney GARRISON believes BUZNEDO is the man in the photograph standing beside FERRIE near an airplane, and supposedly went to Dallas at the time of the assassination in a panel truck used in the burglary of the ammunition bunker at Houma, Louisiana. This truck contained three rifles and was parked on a hill near the scene of the shooting and ANDREWS is of the opinion this is where District Attorney GARRISON gets the "Triangulation of gunfire" idea.

Source: Times-Picayune

Date: May 22, 1967

To Whom: Television audience

By Whom: District Attorney JAMES GARRISON

Newspaper:

Name: Times-Picayune

Date: May 22, 1967

District Attorney JAMES GARRISON had stated "LEE HARVEY OSWALD did not kill President KENNEDY."

When asked if OSWALD fired the fatal shots in Dallas, District Attorney GARRISON stated, "No, LEE HARVEY OSWALD did not even shoot President KENNEDY. He did not fire a shot from the Book Depository building. He did not touch a gun on that day. He was decoy at first and then a patsy and then he was a victim."

Source: New Orleans States-Item

Date: May 23, 1967

To Whom: Newsmen

By Whom: District Attorney JAMES GARRISON

Newspaper:

Name: New Orleans States-Item

Date: May 23, 1967

Edition: Final

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District Attorney JAMES GARRISON said today "a group of Anti-Castro adventurers operating as a precision guerrilla team assassinated president JOHN F. KENNEDY. There is no question at all about the fact that LEE HARVEY OSWALD did not fire a shot there."

"The President was killed by a fatal bullet that was fired from the front", "That was not the only times he was hit from in front. There was a crossfire situation set up, which involved at least two pairs of men in the front - apparently two men behind the stone wall and two behind the picket fence, which is a little bit in back of the stone wall. The role of the second man in each case was to pick up the actual cartridges, taken on the bounce, so to speak, so that the cartridges could be disposed of as quickly as the guns, which were apparently tossed in the back of cars. There were cars parked immediately behind. In addition to those men in front, they had at least one man in the back who was shooting, although it is becoming increasingly apparent that he was not shooting from the sixth floor of the book depository."

"We have located one other person who was involved in the operation. He was one of the adventurers who was involved in the anti-Castro activities, who was not using a gun, but who was engaged in a row in Dealey Plaza in order to aid those who had guns. You had in effect a group of men operating as a guerrilla team. It was a precision operation, and was carried out very coolly and with a lot of coordination. It appears they used frangible bullets. They are forbidden by the Geneva treaty, but are the kind of bullets that are quite often used-or would be used for an assassination project by intelligence forces or forces employed by an intelligence agency, . . ."

According to the article in referring to the bullet found at Parkland Hospital in Dallas, District Attorney GARRISON said "It was discovered on one of the cots at the hospital."

The article reported that JAMES GARRISON described the men he said killed KENNEDY as "Cuban Adventurers" and that all were not necessarily Cuban in Nationality, but that they were all Anti-Castro oriented and had been engaged in Anti-Castro training.

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According to the article District Attorney GARRISON said he did not know exactly how the assassins escaped after the killing but said "We know they left the scene in cars...and headed in all different directions."

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ALLEGATIONS CONCERNING
JACK RUBY'S INVOLVEMENT
IN THE CONSPIRACY

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Newspaper:

Name: New Orleans States-Item
Date: May 29, 1967
Edition: Final
Page: 2

District Attorney JAMES GARRISON said yesterday during an appearance on the ABC Radio-Television program "Issues and Answers" that "we are going to defer any other arrests" until later but "there will be other arrests and they will probably be before the trial" of retired businessman CLAY L. SHAW..... GARRISON said he could link JACK RUBY, the man who shot OSWALD to death, to the conspiracy.....

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Source: District Attorney JAMES GARRISON
To Whom: Orleans Parish Criminal District Court
By Whom: District Attorney GARRISON's office

Newspaper:
Name: New Orleans States-Item
Date: March 3, 1967
Edition: Final
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"GARRISON's office, in applying for a warrant to search SHAW's French Quarter residence, said in an affidavit that at meetings held in September, 1963, 'there was an agreement and combination among CLAY SHAW (alias CLAY BERTRAND), LEE HARVEY OSWALD, and DAVID W. FERRIE, and others to kill JOHN F. KENNEDY.'

"The document says the evidence about the meetings came from an unnamed informant, whose statements were corroborated while he was under the influence of sodium pentothal, or truth serum."

Newspaper:
Name: New Orleans States-Item
Date: March 22, 1967
Edition: Final
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DEAN A. ANDREWS, JR., today pleaded not guilty to a charge of perjury in connection with the investigation of the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY.

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Newspaper:

Name: New Orleans Times-Picayune
Date: March 23, 1967
Edition: Final
Page: 1

The Orleans Parish Grand Jury returned an indictment against CLAY L. SHAW Wednesday afternoon relieving District Attorney JAMES GARRISON of having to file a bill of information against SHAW, whom GARRISON has accused of conspiring to murder President JOHN F. KENNEDY.

Newspaper:

Name: New Orleans Times-Picayune
Date: March 28, 1967
Edition: Final
Page: 1

A warrant was issued Monday for the arrest of an Omaha, Nebraska, woman (SANDRA MOFFETT McMAINES) whom PERRY RAYMOND RUSSO says was present the night he heard DAVID FERRIE, LEE HARVEY OSWALD, and CLAY L. SHAW allegedly plot the murder of President JOHN F. KENNEDY.

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Source: CARLOS QUIROGA and CARLOS BRINGUIER
Date: May 9, 1967
To Whom: New Orleans FBI Office

QUIROGA stated that on May 9, 1967, he was contacted by SALVADORE PANZECA, attorney for CLAY SHAW, who advised that District Attorney JAMES GARRISON plans to indict QUIROGA on perjury charges when he appears before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury on May 10, 1967. PANZECA stated that GARRISON will attempt to show that QUIROGA and BRINGUIER were at an anti-CASTRO training camp on the shores of Lake Pontchartrain with LEE HARVEY OSWALD. This camp was reportedly run by an individual known as RICHARD DAVIS and persons there were being trained to burn sugar cane in Cuba.

Newspaper:
Name: New Orleans Times-Picayune
Date: April 19, 1967
Edition: Final

Story reported that attorney DEAN ANDREWS, who was twice indicted by Orleans Parish Grand Jury in connection with District Attorney JAMES GARRISON's assassination probe, filed a \$100,000.00 damage suit in Federal Court Tuesday against GARRISON. ANDREWS alleged GARRISON caused him to be indicted two separate times for perjury, knowing that ANDREWS, the plaintiff, has and did not commit perjury at any time.

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Source: The New Orleans States-Item
Date: May 10, 1967
To Whom: The public, impromptu press conference

By Whom: District Attorney JAMES GARRISON

Newspaper:
Name: The New Orleans States-Item
Date: May 10, 1967
Edition: Red Flash
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"Obviously what is happening is that Federal Agents involved are taking the Fifth Amendment. This isn't going to stop our investigation. There's no way in the world they can stop it. All they can do is slow it down."

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"The District Attorney said he learned the truth behind the assassination and charged that the CIA has known all along that the Warren Commission Report is untrue in its conclusion that KENNEDY was shot by LEE HARVEY OSWALD, acting alone.

"He asserted that the intelligence agencies duped the Commission by flooding its members with a gush of irrelevant information in order to obscure the truth.

"The federal agents who concealed vital knowledge regarding President KENNEDY's assassination and their superiors, who are now engaged in a dedicated effort to discredit and obstruct the gathering of evidence in the case, are guilty of being accessories after the fact to one of the cruelest murders in our history."

Source: New Orleans States Item
Date: May 8, 1967
To Whom: New Orleans States Item
By Whom: District Attorney JAMES GARRISON
Newspaper:
Name New Orleans States Item
Date May 8, 1967
Edition Red-Comet

DA JIM GARRISON said he will seek a Senate investigation of what he calls a Central Intelligence Agency coverup of President JOHN F. KENNEDY's assassination. According to the article, in an exclusive interview last night, GARRISON said that the CIA and Federal Bureau of Investigation cooperated in concealing the facts behind the assassination from the Warren Commission and from the American Public. GARRISON reportedly said he will take steps this week to convince the Senate of the need for a full-scale investigation.

GARRISON also confirmed a copyrighted story appearing in the States-Item on Friday of last week which revealed that GARRISON's investigation centers around evidence of CIA involvement in KENNEDY's death. The District Attorney said he has learned the truth behind the assassination and charged that the CIA has known all along that the Warren Commission's report is untrue in its conclusion that KENNEDY

was shot by LEE HARVEY OSWALD acting alone.

According to the article, GARRISON asserted that the Intelligence Agency duped the Commission by flooding its members with a gush of irrelevant information in order to obscure the truth.

GARRISON said OSWALD was not a Communist, as depicted by the Warren Commission, but in actuality, a revolutionary working closely with anti-Castro organizations in New Orleans and Dallas, using his Communist cover as a mask for his real activities.

The article stated GARRISON did not say how he would convince the Congress that an investigation is necessary, but it was thought he may seek the aid of Senator RUSSELL B. LONG.

The article continued that GARRISON, stating his opinions strongly for the first time, charged, "The Federal Agents who concealed vital knowledge regarding President KENNEDY's assassination and their superiors who are now engaged in a dedicated effort to discredit and obstruct the gathering of evidence in the case are guilty of being accessories after the fact to one of the cruelest murders in our history."

The article further reported GARRISON as saying that Federal Agents in New Orleans "would necessarily know the fact that OSWALD was employing a cover in his Fair Play for Cuba activities, and would well know the true nature of his roll here; they would know well that he was hired to engage in this sham activity well before he came to New Orleans."

"And, yet, they remained silent while evidence was presented to the Warren Commission, to the American people and to the world that this man was an individual engaged in meaningless, lonesome activities - that he was a free-lance Communist who had no connection, no case agents or companions."

"These Federal Agents would know well that OSWALD was engaged in a clandestine operation with revolutionary anti-Castro Cubans and that he was shepherded everywhere he went in New Orleans by an individual known to have been in the employ of the CIA."

"And they would know well that when LEE OSWALD was in Dealey Plaza in Dallas, he was not alone."

The article continued that GARRISON said, "In spite of their detailed knowledge of OSWALD and his associates in New Orleans, these agents have remained silent while none of OSWALD's significant contacts were called before the Warren Commission." "They remained silent while the men of the Warren Commission were presented an endless parade of trivia, from OSWALD's grades in grammar school to a study of his hairs." According to the article, GARRISON asserted that missing from the material presented to the Warren Commission was any mention of significant evidence relating to "active Cuban revolutionaries and to Federal Agents who had close contact with them."

The article reported that GARRISON also said "The plain truth is that our Federal intelligence agencies are implacably determined to do whatever is necessary to block any further inquiry into the facts of the assassination." "The arrogant, totalitarian efforts of these federal agencies to obstruct the discovery of the truth is a matter which I intend to bring to light when we have finished doing the job they should have done."

GARRISON maintained that "It is my considered judgment that the members of the Warren Commission did not know that significant evidence was being withheld from them. I am sure that they did not know, for example, that a picture of OSWALD at the Cuban Embassy in Mexico City was kept hidden from them because his Cuban companion was a man who had worked for CIA."

The article stated that GARRISON concluded the interview with a plea for each citizen to ask his representatives in Washington for an investigation of the matter. GARRISON added, "No government agency, no matter how powerful, is more important than the truth. Whether these agencies are aware of it or not, JOHN F. KENNEDY was President of all of us and the truth about his death belongs to all of us."

Source: [REDACTED]
Date: May 9, 1967
To Whom: New Orleans FBI Office
By Whom: [REDACTED]

On May 9, 1967, a source of the New Orleans Office, who has provided reliable information in the past, advised that ANDREW SCAMBRIA, investigator for the Office of District Attorney, Parish of Orleans, was in contact with the former landlady of WILLIAM WAYNE DALZELL. This source advised that SCAMBRIA questioned the landlady regarding WILLIAM WAYNE DALZELL's possible activities regarding the purchasing of arms for Cuban Revolutionary groups.

Source indicated that the landlady mentioned to SCAMBRIA that DALZELL had been placed in contact with a CIA Agent in New Orleans, Louisiana, named LOGAN by a former New Orleans attorney named GRADY DURHAM.

Source advised that SCAMBRIA indicated to the landlady that the District Attorney's Office desired to question Special Agent REGIS L. KENNEDY regarding his contacts with WILLIAM WAYNE DALZELL.

Newspaper:

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"Dist. Atty. JIM GARRISON has subpoenaed a 30-year-old one-time anti-Castro leader to appear tomorrow before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury.

"The latest call for testimony in GARRISON's Kennedy death plot investigation was issued for CARLOS QUIROGA of 3134 Derby Pl.

"QUIROGA's subpoena was ordered as GARRISON revealed his investigation of the presidential centers on the militant anti-Communist Cuban activities here.

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"GARRISON yesterday charged the U. S. Central Intelligence Agency with duping the Warren Commission and covering up what he said was the truth behind KENNEDY's murder.

"His investigation is believed to pointing toward the possible involvement of CIA - employed persons in the assassination.

"The DA called for a U. S. Senate investigation of what he said was misleading information given the Warren Commission by both the CIA and the Federal Bureau of Investigation."

Source: New Orleans States-Item
Date: May 10, 1967
To Whom: The Public, via Press Interview
By Whom: District Attorney JAMES GARRISON
Newspaper:
Name New Orleans States-Item
Date May 10, 1967
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This article reported that the District Attorney's Office drew up a subpoena which will be directed to CIA Director RICHARD HELMS to produce a "true photograph" of the accused presidential assassin and a burly Cuban which GARRISON contends was taken by CIA Agents in front of the Cuban Embassy at Mexico City in November, 1963.

The article said the District Attorney stated the picture was taken by a concealed camera as the two men emerged from the Cuban Embassy at Mexico City a few days before the assassination.

According to the article, GARRISON said the CIA produced a "fake photograph" because "one or both of those men were employed by an agency of the Federal Government." That fake photograph is now immortalized in the Warren Commission Report as 'photograph of an unidentified man.'"

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Source: New Orleans States-Item
Date: May 11, 1967
To Whom: Reporters outside Orleans Parish Grand Jury Room
By Whom: BURTON KLEIN, Attorney for ALVIN BEAUBOUF
Newspaper:
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The article quoted KLEIN as responding to the District Attorney's statements as follows, "I emphatically deny the statement made by Mr. GARRISON that I contacted the CIA or spoke to anyone acting for that organization. There is no basis in fact for the statement. I am disappointed and amazed that Mr. GARRISON would have uttered such an irresponsible remark."

"I am answering the statement because I have no intention of permitting Mr. GARRISON to cloud the fact that a member of his staff attempted to bribe Mr. ALVIN BEAUBOUF. The evidence is irrefutable."

"I am equally amazed that he has not contacted me so that I may give him the opportunity of reviewing the evidence."

Source: New Orleans States Item
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"Early this week, GARRISON accused the CIA and the Federal Bureau of Investigation of participating in a massive coverup of what he says are the true circumstances surrounding KENNEDY's death. He charged the two agencies with duping the Warren Commission and flooding the investigators with a mass of irrelevant information.

"Yesterday an attorney for one of FERRIE's former roommates called a news conference and said he has turned over to Jefferson Parish authorities a tape recording of what he described as an attempt to bribe his client, ALVIN BEAUBOUF.

"BURTON KLEIN, representing BEAUBOUF, said his client was offered \$3,000 and a job if he would 'help substantiate the alleged plot' against KENNEDY.

"KLEIN said BEAUBOUF had signed an affidavit denying the bribery attempt 'because of threats and coercion.'

"The affidavit, signed by BEAUBOUF on April 12, has been forwarded to the Ethics and Grievances Committee of the State Bar Association by GARRISON.

"A story about the alleged bribe attempt appeared in a national magazine this week, and GARRISON contends the story and its supporting tape were offered for sale by still another lawyer who represented BEAUBOUF. In his April 12 statement, BEAUBOUF said a lawyer suggested to him that the tape could be sold.

"Asked for comment, GARRISON declared: 'It's not worth commenting on. The only important thing is the truth.'

"In still other developments yesterday, the DA's office directed a court-sanctioned subpoena to the CIA while the U. S. attorney general ordered an FBI agent not to testify before the grand jury here.

"The CIA subpoena seeks a photograph of LEE HARVEY OSWALD and a Cuban companion which GARRISON says was taken by a concealed camera outside the Cuban embassy in Mexico City 'the late fall of 1963.'

"The DA charged the CIA with suppressing the photograph and keeping it from the Warren Commission because 'one or both

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of the men in the picture were working for an agency of the United States government.'

"Special Agent REGIS KENNEDY was ordered not to appear before the grand jury by Atty. Gen. RAMSEY CLARK, U. S. Attorneys told Criminal District Court Judge BERNARD J. BAGERT.

"KENNEDY, who participated in a 1963 investigation of New Orleans angles of the President's death, was subpoenaed for testimony by GARRISON's office. U. S. Atty. LOUIS C. LACOUR moved to quash the subpoena, contending that an FBI agent's reports and information are the sole property of the Department of Justice."

Source: New Orleans States-Item
Date: May 11, 1967
To Whom: Reporters outside Orleans Parish Grand Jury Room
By Whom: District Attorney JAMES GARRISON
Newspaper:
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District Attorney JIM GARRISON charged today the U. S. Central Intelligence Agency is paying lawyers to represent key figures in his KENNEDY death plot investigation. According to the article, GARRISON answered questions of reporters outside the Orleans Parish Grand Jury Room area this afternoon, declaring, "Naturally, they are paying lawyers involved. There's no question about that." The article reported that referring to New Orleans Attorney BURTON KLEIN, Attorney for ALVIN BEAUBOUF, GARRISON asserted, "We have reason to believe that Mr. KLEIN has recently been to Washington, D. C."

GARRISON said, "We know that Mr. PLOTKIN has been receiving money, if only through an intermediary from the CIA."

According to the article, GARRISON referred to SANDRA MOFFETT MC MAINES, another witness, stating, "We know that SANDRA MC MAINES, up in Iowa, who has no money, is represented by the Chairman of a Thirteen State Regional Democratic

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Organization."

Source: New Orleans States-Item
Date: May 11, 1967
To Whom: Reporters outside Orleans Parish Grand Jury Room
By Whom: STEVEN PLOTKIN, Attorney for GORDON NOVEL
Newspaper:
Name New Orleans States-Item
Date May 11, 1967.
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PLOTKIN was reported to have replied, "I have never received any money from the CIA or from any known agent of the CIA."

Source: Times Picayune
Date: May 12, 1967

"District Attorney JIM GARRISON leveled more charges at the Central Intelligence Agency Thursday, this time claiming the CIA is paying lawyers of persons figuring in his assassination investigation.

"GARRISON's latest charges came during an impromptu press conference as he stepped out of a special session of the Orleans Parish Grand Jury, which spent the better part of the day hearing testimony of the author of a book critical of Warren Commission findings. The jury exited late in the afternoon without making returns.

"'Naturally, they are paying lawyers involved. There's no question about that,' GARRISON said.

"Answering a question about BURTON KLEIN, who represents ALVIN BEAUBOUF, a one-time roommate of key assassination probe figure DAVID W. FERRIE, GARRISON said: 'We have reason to believe that Mr. KLEIN has recently been to Washington, D. C.'

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"Contacted about GARRISON's statement, KLEIN said:

"I emphatically deny the statement made by Mr. GARRISON that I contacted the CIA or spoke to anyone acting for that organization.

"There is no basis in fact for the statement. I am disappointed and amazed that Mr. GARRISON would have uttered such an irresponsible remark.

"I am answering the statement because I have no intention of permitting Mr. GARRISON to cloud the fact that a member of his staff attempted to bribe Mr. BEAUBOUF. The evidence is irrefutable.

"I am equally amazed that he has not contacted me so that I may give him the opportunity of reviewing the evidence."

"STEVEN R. PLOTKIN, the New Orleans attorney who represents GORDON NOVEL, was also accused by GARRISON of CIA financing.

"We know that Mr. PLOTKIN has been receiving money, if only through an intermediary from the CIA," GARRISON said.

"When told of the statement, PLOTKIN replied: 'I have never received any money from the CIA or from any known agent of the CIA.'"

Source: New Orleans States-Item
Newspaper:

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"Garrison charged yesterday that lawyers representing certain key figures in the KENNEDY investigation are being paid by the U. S. Central Intelligence Agency. Both KLEIN and STEVEN PLOTKIN, who represents fugitive witness GORDON NOVEL, have denied taking CIA money."

Source: Dallas Times Herald
Newspaper:
Name Dallas Times Herald
Date May 17, 1967

"The New Orleans district attorney said:

"'We are particularly interested in clarifying now whether there is also coded in LEE OSWALD's address book the local (New Orleans) phone number of the Central Intelligence Agency,' GARRISON SAID.

"He claimed he had had evidence for some time that RUBY was working with CIA in Dallas during the same period OSWALD was working with the CIA in New Orleans.

"'This means that the CIA well knew that these two men (RUBY and OSWALD) knew each other,' GARRISON said.

"He claimed he also has evidence that OSWALD was not the only CIA Agent who was at Dealey Plaza that November afternoon in 1963 when President KENNEDY was slain.

"The CIA telephone number, GARRISON said, was found in the front of OSWALD's address book."

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Source: Television
Date: May 21, 1967
To Whom: TV Audience
By Whom: District Attorney JAMES GARRISON
TV Station: WWL - TV
Date: May 21, 1967
Time: 9 - 10:00 PM

District Attorney JAMES GARRISON was heard by an agent of the New Orleans Office to comment during the TV program that "CIA could furnish the names of all Cubans involved in the assassination in sixty minutes."

Source: New Orleans Times-Picayune
Date: May 22, 1967
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"Dist. Atty. JIM GARRISON said Sunday night Lee Harvey Oswald did not kill President John F. Kennedy and charged that the Central Intelligence Agency 'through devious ways and through intermediaries is actually paying lawyers to block the completion' of his investigation of the presidential assassination.

"GARRISON, who began his own probe last fall of the Nov. 22, 1963, slaying in Dallas, Tex., of KENNEDY said the CIA is guilty of 'a criminal act.'

"And if the director of the CIA and the top officials of the CIA were in the jurisdiction of Louisiana, I would charge them without hesitation,' GARRISON said in a 23-minute interview on WWL-TV.

"GARRISON, this city's unorthodox prosecutor for six years, said he would include CIA Director RICHARD HELMS 'because he has to know what he's doing.'

"The Warren Commission concluded that LEE HARVEY OSWALD a New Orleans-born ex-Marine who went to the Soviet Union for 2½ years, acted alone in killing the President.

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"OSWALD, who spent the summer of 1963 here before going to Dallas in October, was killed two days after the assassination by JACK RUBY, who has since died.

"Last March 1, GARRISON arrested CLAY SHAW, 54, a wealthy retired businessman, on charges of conspiring to murder the President. Since then, a grand jury has indicted SHAW on the same charge. He is free on \$10,000 bond.

"The Central Intelligence Agency began its criminal activities, in my judgement," GARRISON said, "immediately after the assassination when they failed to reveal to the Federal Bureau of Investigation in its entirety what its activities were in New Orleans when LEE OSWALD was working for it and it's compounded them since by essentially criminal activities by making every possible effort to block our investigation."

"Asked if OSWALD fired the fatal shots in Dallas, GARRISON replied: 'No, LEE HARVEY OSWALD did not even shoot President KENNEDY. He did not fire a shot from the Book Depository Building... he did not touch a gun on that day. He was a decoy at first. And then he was a patsy and then he was a victim.'

"This is how GARRISON answered the next question about who did kill the President:

"Oh I can say who did without any question, and we know the group and we know some of the names of the group. But we don't know which one was standing where and we can't find out with the CIA keeping its vaults locked.

"They were former employees of the CIA. We managed to get the names of some of them in a way I can't describe here, but we cannot find out through any government agency where they are located now and we have a stone wall there as far as identification of the other individuals.

"But I can say the rest of them are Cubans who were training in New Orleans."

"GARRISON said his investigation is now 'moving at a snail's pace' but quickly added, 'it isn't that fatal a problem for us because the essential elements we have clarified a long time ago.

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"I don't believe they can stop us. They can just delay us."

"GARRISON also said he learned from his investigation that the CIA 'has infinitely more power than the Gestapo and the NKVD of Russia combined.'"

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Source: Times-Picayune
Date: May 22, 1967
To Whom: TV audience
By Whom: District Attorney JAMES GARRISON
Newspaper:
Name Times Picayune
Date May 22, 1967

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"*The CIA has infinitely more power than the gestapo and the NKVD of Russia combined."

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Source: States-Item
Date: May 23, 1967
To Whom: Newsmen
By Whom: District Attorney JAMES GARRISON
Newspaper:
Name: States-Item
Date: May 23, 1967
Edition: Final

According to the article, District Attorney JAMES GARRISON did not comment on whether he thought the alleged assassins are still alive. He said their whereabouts are being concealed by the Central Intelligence Agency. The article also quoted District Attorney JAMES GARRISON as saying the Central Intelligence Agency was making every effort possible to prevent a trial.

In regard to GORDON NOVEL, the article quoted District Attorney GARRISON as saying when GORDON NOVEL first fled from New Orleans, he headed straight for Mc Clean, Virginia, which is the Central Intelligence Agency suburb. This is not surprising because GORDON NOVEL was a former Central Intelligence Agency employee in the early nineteen sixties. District Attorney JAMES GARRISON called NOVEL "a house guest of the Central Intelligence Agency", who was in the position of "a canary visiting a cat who he thinks is a friend of his."

The article further reported that District Attorney JAMES GARRISON said he did not believe the Central Intelligence Agency planned the KENNEDY murder or knew of it beforehand but added, however, that "It is entirely possible that at the working level there were individuals - who are still not clear that had an awareness of it, but as far as the individuals participating, they were not, in our regard, Central Intelligence Agency men as of the day of the assassination."

The article further reported that District Attorney JAMES GARRISON said the Central Intelligence Agency refused

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to give him a picture he had subpoenaed showing OSWALD and a Cuban leaving the Cuban embassy in Mexico in 1963, and that Central Intelligence Agency told him the picture never existed and he contends the agency is lying.

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Newspaper:

Name	New Orleans States-Item
Date	May 29, 1967
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"District Attorney JIM GARRISON has announced he will make further arrests later in his KENNEDY assassination probe and has reiterated his call for a congressional investigation of the Central Intelligence Agency. GARRISON said yesterday during an appearance on the ABC radio-television program 'Issues and Answers' that 'we are going to defer any other arrests' until later but 'there will be other arrests and they will probably be before the trial' of retired businessman CLAY L. SHAW. GARRISON said: KENNEDY was not killed by LEE HARVEY OSWALD who the Warren Commission concluded was the lone assassin. The President was killed by a group of conspirators made up of Latin Americans opposed to FIDEL CASTRO and of former CIA employees. OSWALD himself was not a CIA agent but an intelligence employee of the government. The CIA, although not involved in the plot, 'concealed from the Warren Commission, from the American people, from the President and from the world, the fact that its employees, its former employees, were involved in the assassination of the President."

ALLEGATIONS REGARDING ASSOCIATION
BETWEEN
CLAY SHAW (CLAY BERTRAND) AND LEE HARVEY OSWALD

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Source: Newspaper
Date: March 3 1967
To Whom: Court
By Whom: Office of District Attorney JAMES GARRISON
Name: New Orleans States-Item
Date: March 3, 1967
Edition: Final
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District Attorney JAMES "GARRISON's office in two separate legal documents made public yesterday, alleges that SHAW used the alias 'CLAY BERTRAND.'"

Source: BILL SLATTER, WDSU Radio
Date: March 16, 1967
Radio Station: WDSU
Date: March 16, 1967
Time: 10:10 AM
Announcer: BILL SLATTER

District Attorney JAMES "GARRISON says BERTRAND and SHAW are same man."

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Source:

FRANK MANNING, Investigator,
State Attorney General's Office
March 16, 1967
New Orleans Office of FBI
FRANK MANNING
March 16, 1967 (LHM)


Date:
To Whom:
By Whom:
Date to Bureau:

FRANK MANNING, Investigator, State Attorney General's Office, New Orleans, Louisiana, advised that, based on a review of the news story of the testimony of WILLIAM PERRY RUSSO, he saw LEE HARVEY OSWALD at the home of CLAY SHAW, and the description furnished of OSWALD, he is of the opinion that the man named OSWALD seen by witness RUSSO was ROGER RALPH OSWALD, a resident of 916 Governor Nichols Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, who was charged by the New Orleans Police Department, Item Number K 13836, Criminal District Court Docket Number 177728, with participation in various sit-ins in the City of New Orleans. MANNING advised that ROGER RALPH OSWALD answers the description of the individual reported by RUSSO as being at DAVID FERRIE's house.

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Source: DEAN ANDREWS
Date: April 6, 1967
To Whom: New Orleans Office, FBI
By Whom: DEAN ANDREWS

"DEAN ANDREWS advised that District Attorney JAMES GARRISON wants him to identify CLAY SHAW as CLAY BERTRAND and to identify a picture of a Mexican, Cuban or Latin-type man standing beside FERRIE near an airplane as a person who came to ANDREWS' office with LEE HARVEY OSWALD."

Source: 
Date: April 13, 1967
To Whom: New Orleans Office, FBI
By Whom: VERNON BUNDY

"Source advised that several weeks ago he talked with a fellow prisoner, VERNON BUNDY. VERNON BUNDY, an Orleans Parish prisoner, testified in District Attorney JAMES GARRISON's KENNEDY assassination probe that he, BUNDY, saw CLAY L. SHAW pass money to someone on the New Orleans lakefront. BUNDY indicated to source he had been offered a deal by District Attorney GARRISON if he would testify to a story about SHAW. According to source, this conversation allegedly took place several weeks ago in New Orleans Parish Prison prior to the time BUNDY testified at the hearing in Criminal District Court. At the time of the conversation, BUNDY was undecided what course of action to take but told source he, BUNDY, would do anything to get out of his sentence. BUNDY indicated indirectly, his testimony was not true without stating directly so, or that a story had been given to him to tell."

Source: JACK S. MARTIN
Date: April 21, 1967
To Whom: New Orleans Office, FBI
By Whom: JACK S. MARTIN

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"JACK S. MARTIN advised that District Attorney JAMES GARRISON's investigator, LEONARD IVON, contacted a notorious New Orleans burgler, [REDACTED], who allegedly entered residence of CLAY SHAW without a search warrant. Thus, District Attorney GARRISON, through prior knowledge, was able to make a subsequent search warrant 'look good'. MARTIN denied he was District Attorney GARRISON's investigator."

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Newspaper:

Name: The States-Item, New Orleans, Louisiana
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"GARRISON charges FERRIE was a pivotal figure in what the DA says was a plot conceived here in September, 1963, to kill President JOHN F. KENNEDY at Dallas two months later.

"He contends FERRIE conspired with LEE HARVEY OSWALD, whom the Warren Commission concluded was the President's lone assassin, and 54 year old CLAY L. SHAW to commit the slaying."

Source: The States-Item, New Orleans, Louisiana
Date: May 12, 1967
To Whom: Newspaper Reporters
By Whom: District Attorney JAMES GARRISON
Newspaper:

Name: The States-Item, New Orleans, Louisiana
Date: May 12, 1967
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"Dist. Atty. JIM GARRISON told Criminal District Court today his office has broken a telephone number code which he said appears both in the notebooks of LEE HARVEY OSWALD and accused KENNEDY murder conspirator CLAY L. SHAW.

"The result of the decoding, he asserted, was that the 1963 unpublished telephone number of JACK RUBY at Dallas was discovered in both OSWALD's and SHAW's notebooks.

"GARRISON made the disclosure in a formal answer to defense motions filed in Judge EDWARD A. HAGGERTY, JR.'s court.

"The answer was made by the DA to a motion filed by the defense last week. Defense attorneys sought the return of SHAW's notebook, which was seized March 1 along with five cartons of materials taken from teh defendant's handsome French Quarter home.

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"GARRISON has charged that OSWALD, SHAW and the late DAVID W. FERRIE conspired here in September, 1963, to kill President JOHN F. KENNEDY at Dallas.

"SHAW was indicted March 22 and is free on \$10,000 bond. OSWALD, the man the Warren Commission named as KENNEDY's lone slayer, was shot to death by RUBY in Dallas Police headquarters two days after KENNEDY was killed Nov. 22, 1963.

"Replying to a state attack on the relevance of the notebook, GARRISON's formal answer said:

"While the state considers the other items relevant also, the address book is so connected with the issue that it would be an injustice to allow it to be returned, with the possibility that it might be destroyed forever."

"OSWALD's address book, from which GARRISON said the code was broken, is published in full in the Warren Commission report.

"GARRISON said SHAW's address book 'contains a unique address which exists also in the address book of LEE HARVEY OSWALD, as printed in the Warren Commission exhibits (Volume XVI, Page 58).'

"The DA said the books contain the same Dallas post office box reference, 'P. O. Box 19106.' He filed photographs to support the assertion.

"SHAW's notebook, he added, carries a notation which is a 'reference to one LEE ODOM of Dallas, Texas.'

"What makes even more significant this interesting concurrence of address is the fact that in 1963 there existed no such post office box number in Dallas,' the GARRISON answer contends.

"When two parties each have precisely the same non-existent or fictional number,' the DA's answer continues, 'in their respective address books, the possibility of coincidence is removed because of the uniqueness of a selected non-existent number.

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"The fact is that P. O. 19106 has been found to be a coded description of an unpublished phone number in Dallas, Tex., in 1963. The code involved is one which is used in OSWALD's notebook quite systematically, apparently for the purpose of concealing phone numbers he regarded as sensitive . . ."

"The pleading goes on to indicate that the post office box number 'inevitably and unavoidable' produces the unpublished telephone number of RUBY during 1963.

"In the pleading, GARRISON said that with many five digit numbers found in OSWALD's notebook, the order of the letters A B C D E is transposed, for the purpose of coding, to A E B D C GARRISON said a reverse process is used in unscrambling.

"Referring to the prefix telephone exchange letters, the GARRISON papers declared:

"OSWALD invariably uses the dial of the telephone as conversion machinery to convert letters into numbers and back again. He systematically adds the number values resulting in a sum which can be later broken down into the real exchange listing."

"By using the telephone dial for conversion of letters to numbers, he explained, the letters 'P. O.' become the digit 13. The only exchange which the number 13 converts to in Dallas, he added, is Whitehall.

"The post office box number found in the SHAW and OSWALD address books, 19106, when unscrambled, becomes 1-6901, the DA continued. By subtracting 1300 from 1-6901, he added, the result is 1-5601.

"According to the GARRISON pleading, RUBY's unpublished telephone number at Dallas in 1963 was Whitehall 1-5601.

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"Explaining the use of the number 1,300 for final conversion, the DA said OSWALD's code uses an invariable process which is 'always done the same way.'

"He said OSWALD used a standard outside number for the 'obvious purpose' of superficially changing the appearance of the digits.

"The two standard numbers used by OSWALD in coding numbers in his address book,' GARRISON said, 'are 4900 and 1300.'

"Observers noted that OSWALD lived in the 4900 block of Magazine when he was here in the summer of 1963. SHAW's home is in the 1300 block of Dauphine.

"In other action today, the state replied to a defense motion for a bill of particulars and prayer for oyer in the case of LAYTON PATRICK MARTENS, a one-time FERRIE roommate charged with perjury.

"MARTENS, a 24 year old college student, was indicted for allegedly lying in connection with the mysterious disappearance of munitions from a dump at Houma in 1961.

"Asst. DA RICHARD V. BURNES defended the rule of secrecy surrounding grand jury proceedings and said the defense was not entitled to a transcript of the complete grand jury hearing at which MARTENS is accused of lying.

Source: The States-Item, New Orleans, Louisiana
Date: May 15, 1967
To Whom: CBS "Face The Nation"
By Whom: Senator RUSSELL LONG
Newspaper:
Name: The States-Item, New Orleans, Louisiana
Date: May 15, 1967
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"Meanwhile, Sen. RUSSELL B. LONG said yesterday he feels GARRISON has turned up 'significant evidence' of a conspiracy in the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY.

"In answer to questions on CBS television's "Face the Nation" yesterday, LONG said an important new development in the case came Friday when GARRISON reported that JACK RUBY's unlisted telephone number, in coded form, had been found in notebooks owned by CLAY L. SHAW and accused presidential assassin LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

"GARRISON seized SHAW's notebook and other personal effects in February, after he arrested the 54 year old former manager of the International Trade Mart on a charge of conspiring to assassinate KENNEDY.

"Since that time SHAW has been bound over for trial after a three-judge hearing, then indicted for conspiracy by the Orleans Parish Grand Jury.

"LONG said yesterday that in his mind the alleged telephone number is definite evidence that a conspiracy existed. The Warren Commission was able to establish no link between OSWALD and JACK RUBY, the late Dallas club owner who shot him to death.

"GARRISON said Friday he plans, at some future date, to disclose other significant coded entries in OSWALD's notebook, printed in its entirety in the Warren Report.

"The code, GARRISON explained, involves transposition of digits according to a definite pattern; then addition or subtraction of numbers familiar to OSWALD.

"On the broadcast from Washington yesterday, LONG commented, 'I think you would say it was somewhat strange that those two men whom GARRISON says were in conspiracy both had that number listed in their papers.'

"SALVADOR PANZECA, one of SHAW's attorneys, said today that the figure PA 19106 in LEE HARVEY OSWALD's address book represented a telephone number in Russia.

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"He said SHAW's attorneys will prove this and will also bring LEE ODOM into court either on or before SHAW's trial date. He said the numbers, although the same, had no relation to each other.

"So far, investigation in Dilas has turned up no evidence of a LEE ODOM, whose name was listed in SHAW's address book with the notation PO 19106, Dallas, Tex.

"Meanwhile, LAVIN BEAUBOEUF was scheduled to appear this afternoon at police headquarters to sign a statement regarding an alleged GARRISON office attempt to bribe him.

"LONG expressed long-standing doubts that OSWALD had carried out the assassination alone and said he feels that although GARRISON should seek the cooperation of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in his probe, he is justified in conducting an independent investigation.

"The murder of KENNEDY, LONG contended, 'was not a crime against federal law. It was a crime against the law of Louisiana. It was a crime against the law of Texas.'

"'Do you really think,' one reporter asked LONG, apparently half-jokingly, 'that the New Orleans district attorney is capable of conducting a more thorough investigation than the FBI?'

The senator replied, 'I'm just saying they wouldn't have handled it the way he has handled it . . . Furthermore, let's be fair about it. He felt it was his case and not theirs.'

"'Do you really think RUBY, OSWALD and SHAW were involved in a conspiracy?' an interviewer queried.

"'I'm sure there was a conspiracy,' LONG answered, adding that interest in GARRISON's investigation has been high for some time."

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Source: New Orleans Times Picayune
Date: May 16, 1967
To Whom: Reporters
By Whom: JAMES GARRISON
Newspaper:
Name Times Picayune
Date May 16, 1967

The New Orleans Times Picayune newspaper dated May 16, 1967, carries an article which states that on May 16, 1967, an attorney for CLAY L. SHAW, accused presidential assassin said that the figure P. O. 19106 in LEE HARVEY OSWALD's address book was a telephone number in Russia. The article noted that District Attorney JAMES GARRISON had previously said that the number was a code form for JACK RUBY's 1963 unlisted telephone number in Dallas and that the same figure exists in SHAW's seized address book.

The article stated that the figure in SHAW's book was listed to LEE ODOM of Dallas, Texas, whom SHAW said he met in 1965.

SHAW's defense attorney, SALVADOR PANZECA, according to the article, stated the defense will prove that the listing by OSWALD was a Russian phone number and will bring ODOM into court.

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By Whom: District Attorney JAMES GARRISON
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"Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison said today that he is well aware of the existence of a person by the name of Lee Odom, the man whose name appeared with the address P. O. Box 19106, Dallas, Tex., in Clay Shaw's address book.

"Garrison said Friday that the same P. O. number also appeared in the note book of accused presidential assassin Lee Harvey Oswald and that the two numbers, decoded, were the unpublished 1963 telephone number of Jack Ruby, the man who shot Oswald.

"Odom was found in a Dallas suburb and interviewed. He confirmed Clay Shaw's story that he and Odom had known each other only briefly in 1966.

"Garrison issued the following statement:

"We are well aware that there is a Mr. Lee Odom. As a matter of fact, he lives in Irving, Texas, just outside of Dallas. This is the suburb in which Ruth Paine and Marina Oswald lived while Lee Oswald was working at the book depository in Dallas. Mr. Odom's post office box number there now is P. O. 174.

"The fact that there is a real Lee Odom, however, is not the point. The point is that Clay Shaw and Lee Oswald have the same post office box number in their address books and this is in coded form, the unpublished phone number of Jack Ruby in 1963. The fact that someone acquired the post office box when it came into existence in late 1965 does not change the oddity of that circumstance at all.

"We are very interested in knowing who introduced Mr. Odom to Mr. Shaw, how many bullfights Mr. Odom has actually produced and a few other things. We are particularly interested in clarifying now why there is also coded in Lee Oswald's address book the local phone number of the Central Intelligence Agency.

"We have had evidence for some time that in Dallas, Tex., Jack Ruby was working for the CIA

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"at the same time Lee Oswald was working for the CIA here.

"This means that the CIA well knew that these two men knew each other. We also have evidence that Lee Oswald was not the only man in Dealy Plaza who was an employe of the CIA and now we have found the phone number of the CIA in the front of Lee Oswald's address book.

"Since it is obvious that it is no longer possible to get the truth in any form from officials of the CIA agency in Washington, no matter how highly placed, we are looking forward to talking to this businessman from Irving, Tex.; about some of these coincidences.'

"Lee Odom, very much a real person, said today he gave Clay L. Shaw his Dallas address--P.O. Box 19160--when he was in New Orleans last year trying to promote a bullfight.

"Odom's name and box number were found in Shaw's address book by Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison, who said Friday that the number 19160 was part of an ingenious code linking Lee Harvey Oswald and Shaw with Jack Ruby.

"I asked the manager of the Roosevelt Hotel about who would be a good man to see about finding a place for my bullfight' Odom said in an interview.

"He suggested Mr. Shaw, so I called him-- or the manager called him, I don't remember exactly.

"He (Shaw) came over to the hotel and we talked for 15 or 20 minutes. He gave me his business card--I bet I still have it around here somewhere-- and I gave my address in Dallas.

"The bullfight didn't come off and we never communicated again--that's all there was to it,' Odom said.

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"Garrison said Friday that the same number appeared in Oswald's notebook and that he had worked out a code used by Oswald, accused assassin of President Kennedy. The code, Garrison said, revealed that P.O. 19160 was actually the unlisted number of Ruby, the man who shot Oswald and later died himself of cancer.

"Odom said he could explain how his name and address got into Shaw's address book. 'As I said, I gave it to him. That was my post office box at the time-- 19160. I rented it, or my wife did for me, in the summer of 1966.'

"The box, located in the Medical Center Postal Substation in Dallas, was rented in the name of a barbecue company the L. & R. Barbecue Co., he was running at the time, Odom said. 'I used this address--P.O. 19160--for the barbecue and the promotion business.'

"The box was kept until October or November as Odom recalls it a total of three or four months.

"Garrison says the numbers PO 19160 also appeared in Oswald's notebook.

"Oswald was killed in 1963. Dallas postal authorities have said the box number there did not come into being until 1965.

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"During the course of the interview, ODOM said that he did not know anything about anyone connected with the assassination of President KENNEDY.

"We now have another box out here at the post office,' here being the Dallas County suburb in which ODOM now lives with his wife and two children.

"For reasons of privacy, ODOM asked that the city not be named. ODOM said that he was not aware that anyone was interested in talking to him until he was located yesterday for the interview.

"I didn't have a chance to read a newspaper over the weekend,' said ODOM, a tall, rangy man born in Lakeview, Tex., 31 years ago.

"He said he would be willing to tell his story to GARRISON or anyone else. 'I have nothing to hide--my goodness,' he said. 'You could tell Mr. SHAW I am ready to help him if I can.'

"ODOM also said he feels sure that his story of the trip to New Orleans and his brief meeting with SHAW can be corroborated. 'The man at the Roosevelt might remember it all. The records of the hotel should show I was there, too.'

"As he remembered it, ODOM was in New Orleans for 'two or three days' in the latter part of November, 1966. With a reporter present, ODOM rummaged through some of his personal papers in his apartment and came up with the stub of his airplane ticket he used to return to Dallas from New Orleans Nov. 22, 1966.

"I never throw anything away and I'll bet I'll eventually find Mr. SHAW's business card somewhere,' ODOM said.

"ODOM says he does not recall any of the specific things said during their brief discussion. 'I was trying to find a place for the bullfight and he said he might help me--something like that,' he said.

"But the bullfight did not come off, so that was it. That was the only time I've ever talked with Mr. SHAW or had any

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contact with him whatsoever. Asked to describe the man he talked to in New Orleans, Odom said he was 'very tall and big, about 50,' and pointed out other characteristics descriptive of SHAW.

"ODOM had lived in Dallas proper until a month ago in an apartment complex. He and his family were living with his sister and brother-in-law there and he worked with a shoestore.

"They now live in a multiunit apartment complex in the suburban city near Dallas."

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ALLEGATIONS REGARDING ASSOCIATION
BETWEEN DAVID FERRIE AND LEE
HARVEY OSWALD

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Source: GORDON NOVEL
Date: February 22, 1967
To Whom: New Orleans Office of the FBI
By Whom: GORDON NOVEL

On February 21, 1967, District Attorney JAMES GARRISON said he was six months ahead of the FBI in his investigation and said he was ready to arrest FERRIE in five days as a leader in the plot to assassinate President JOHN F. KENNEDY. District Attorney GARRISON asked NOVEL about quick ways of making FERRIE confess.

NOVEL said District Attorney GARRISON tried to call J. EDGAR HOOVER at Washington, D. C. - reason unknown. NOVEL said GARRISON is obsessed with the theory that a laundry truck or milk truck had something to do with the plot.

Source: The States-Item, New Orleans, Louisiana
Date: February 28, 1967
To Whom: The States-Item, New Orleans, Louisiana (Informant)
By Whom: District Attorney JAMES GARRISON's investigators
Newspaper:
Name: The States-Item, New Orleans, Louisiana
Date: February 28, 1967
Edition: Red Comet
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"The States-Item learned today that District Attorney JIM GARRISON has been given testimony that WILLIAM DAVID FERRIE and LEE HARVEY OSWALD were seen together in New Orleans shortly before President JOHN F. KENNEDY was assassinated in Dallas last Nov. 22, 1963.

"This is in direct contradiction to FERRIE's statements before his death that he did not know OSWALD.

"GARRISON'S investigators were told by a New Orleans area law officer that he was making a routine check on Breakwater dr. at the lakefront in the early morning hours in the fall of 1963 when he found two men sitting in a parked car.

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"One of the men identified himself as OSWALD, the officer said. The States-Item's informant was not clear on how the other man identified himself. But the officer has since identified FERRIE's body positively as that of the man he saw in the car.

"The officer took the pair to his headquarters where his superior declined to arrest them on the grounds there was insufficient evidence they were guilty of any wrongdoing.

"After the assassination, the officer said, he recognized OSWALD's face and name from the pictures when he was accused of killing the President. He said he took no action because it was well-known that OSWALD had lived in New Orleans.

"Last week, when FERRIE's name was prominently linked to the probe, the officer gave the DA's office his information.

FERRIE, who was found dead Feb. 21, has been called by GARRISON as a key figure in his investigation of a possible conspiracy in the slaying of the President.

"GARRISON planned later today to issue a summary of the progress made in his investigation."

Source: GORDON NOVEL (Phone Conversation with FBI Personnel)
Date: March 23, 1967
To Whom: GORDON NOVEL
By Whom: District Attorney JAMES GARRISON

On the day WILLIAM FERRIE died, District Attorney JAMES GARRISON contacted NOVEL and instructed him to procure a gun that shoots Atropine darts. GARRISON planned to use the dart gun to inject FERRIE with Atropine to make him immovable and then kidnap FERRIE, inject him with truth serum and interrogate him regarding the assassination of President KENNEDY, recording results of interrogation. The gun was not obtained due to FERRIE's death."

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Source: HUGH AYNESWORTH
Date: April 26, 1967
To Whom: Houston Office of the FBI
By Whom: HUGH AYNESWORTH
Magazine:
Name: Newsweek Correspondent - Not From Magazine

PERRY RAYMOND RUSSO, a former friend of DAVID FERRIE, testified he had been present in FERRIE's apartment in September, 1963, when LEE HARVEY OSWALD, FERRIE and others discussed the assassination conspiracy. RUSSO, under cross examination, was unable to provide much information that he should have possessed if he had actually witnessed these activities. To buttress RUSSO's testimony, GARRISON produced a 27 year old Negro, VERNON BUDNY, a narcotics addict beginning at age 13, who was then in the Orleans Parish Prison. BUNDY testified he observed SHAW give money to OSWALD.

PERRY RUSSO stated he had offered aid to GARRISON only after FERRIE had died. RUSSO was initially interviewed by Assistant District Attorney ANDREW J. SCIAMBRA on February 25, 1967, which was two days after GARRISON had "solved" the case.

[redacted] learned that SCIAMBRA wrote up the interview of RUSSO in a 3,500 work memorandum to GARRISON. [redacted] has stated that GARRISON let him read this memorandum and nothing in it made any mention about a party, plot or a "BERTRAND," a name RUSSO later stated was used by CLAY SHAW. In this memorandum, RUSSO reportedly stated he had seen CLAY SHAW only twice, once while attending a New Orleans speech delivered by President KENNEDY and once in an automobile with FERRIE. When challenged by [redacted] SCIAMBRA claimed he must have simply forgotten to include the crucial details of the conspiracy session in his report.

[redacted] stated information available to him indicated that it was only after "repeated prodding" while under hypnosis and the influence of a so-called "truth serum" that RUSSO had been able to recall the meeting in FERRIE's apartment.

Newspaper:
Name: The States-Item, New Orleans, Louisiana
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"District Attorney GARRISON contends FERRIE conspired with LEE HARVEY OSWALD, whom the Warren Commission concluded was the President's lone assassin, and 54 year old CLAY L. SHAW to commit the slaying.

"SHAW, a retired New Orleans businessman, was indicted in the conspiracy March 22. He is free on \$10,000 bond pending trial.

"In recent days GARRISON has declared that OSWALD was not a Communist, as the Warren Commission said, but a federal undercover agent who aided the cause of anti-Castro Cuban organizations here."

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Source: GORDON DWANE NOVEL
Date: May 6, 1967
To Whom: New Orleans Office, FBI
By Whom: District Attorney JAMES GARRISON or a member
of his staff

"According to GORDON NOVEL, District Attorney JAMES GARRISON has in his possession the following letters:

"(1) Letter from CLAY SHAW to DAVID FERRIE
"(2) Letter from LEE HARVEY OSWALD to CLAY SHAW
regarding certain monies for services rendered.
"(3) Letter from DAVID FERRIE to JACK RUBY
"(4) Letter from JACK RUBY to LEE HARVEY OSWALD
"(5) Letter from former Attorney General ROBERT
KENNEDY to DAVID FERRIE which supposedly is a letter thanking
FERRIE for FERRIE's alleged anti-CASTRO activity."

Source: GORDON DWANE NOVEL
Date: May 7, 1967
To Whom: New Orleans Office, FBI
By Whom: District Attorney JAMES GARRISON

"GORDON DWANE NOVEL, fugitive witness in District Attorney JAMES GARRISON's investigation into the assassination of President JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY, telephonically contacted the New Orleans Office of the FBI on May 7, 1967, and advised that in the near future, District Attorney JAMES GARRISON will accuse the FBI of possessing originals of five letters; namely, letter from CLAY SHAW to DAVID FERRIE; letter from LEE HARVEY OSWALD to CLAY SHAW; letter from DAVID FERRIE to JACK RUBY; letter from JACK RUBY to LEE HARVEY OSWALD, and letter from former Attorney General ROBERT KENNEDY to DAVID FERRIE.

"NOVEL further informed that District Attorney GARRISON is in possession of the typewriter owned by DAVID FERRIE in 1963, and is also in possession of the typewriters of CLAY SHAW, both personal and business. According to NOVEL, the business typewriter was the one reportedly used by SHAW's secretary, (first name unknown) HUG.

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"NOVEL advised that District Attorney GARRISON plans to ask the FBI Agents who have been subpoenaed the following two questions: (1) 'Was DAVID FERRIE a communist acting under an anti-communist cover?' (2) 'Did an FBI Agent, to your knowledge, have a meeting with GORDON NOVEL on February 20, this year?' "

Source: [REDACTED]

Date: May 10, 1967
To Whom: New Orleans Office, FBI
By Whom: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that VERNON BUNDY had made a deal with District Attorney JAMES GARRISON which caused BUNDY to testify against CLAY SHAW at the preliminary hearing. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] colored male, [REDACTED], date of birth July 1, 1936, and [REDACTED] colored male, [REDACTED], date of birth December 13, 1942, were arrested by the New Orleans Police Department on January 28, 1966, for burglary. [REDACTED] received 14 years and [REDACTED] received 9 years by Judge BRANIFF in Orleans Parish Criminal Court on March 8, 1967. [REDACTED] claimed that if VERNON BUNDY had testified in their behalf at the trial, [REDACTED] would not have been convicted. [REDACTED] claimed they were innocent of the burglary charge. [REDACTED] alleged that at the trial of [REDACTED] BUNDY was in the Central Lockup on a different charge but for some reason did not testify in behalf of [REDACTED] even though there was a subpoena for BUNDY to testify at the trial of [REDACTED] alleged that subsequent to the trial of [REDACTED] for burglary, BUNDY was moved from the New Orleans Police Department, Central Lockup, to the Orleans Parish Prison where [REDACTED] were being kept prior to their removal to Angola Prison. [REDACTED] claimed that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] beat up BUNDY when BUNDY was moved from X tier to the JB tier in the Orleans Parish Prison and that BUNDY knew that if BUNDY was sentenced to Angola Prison (which BUNDY knew was likely), [REDACTED] would make life difficult for BUNDY. [REDACTED] alleged that [REDACTED] beat up BUNDY on a Monday, that BUNDY had

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a visitor on the next Wednesday, and that on the following day, Thursday, BUNDY was separated from the other men and that BUNDY subsequently testified against SHAW at the preliminary hearing. [redacted] alleged that after BUNDY had made the rumor in the Orleans Parish Prison was that BUNDY had made up the story of seeing SHAW and OSWALD together in order to get a deal from District Attorney GARRISON. [redacted] alleged that the rumor was that BUNDY had started to formulate his story by testing out two versions to some of the inmates. One version was that BUNDY related to some of the inmates that BUNDY had seen SHAW and OSWALD together in front of a department store on Canal Street while BUNDY was waiting for a bus. The other version was the one that BUNDY testified to at the preliminary hearing. [redacted] alleged that BUNDY never spoke to him about the different versions. [redacted] refused to say who BUNDY spoke to about the two versions. [redacted] stated that although one inmate [redacted] refused to give the identity of the inmate) in the prison has alleged that BUNDY started to put together his story before [redacted] beat up BUNDY, it was [redacted] opinion that the beating plus the anticipated bad time BUNDY would get at Angola from [redacted] was very instrumental in causing BUNDY to testify against SHAW. In return for this, BUNDY wanted District Attorney GARRISON to keep BUNDY out of Angola Prison and away from [redacted]

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ALLEGATIONS REGARDING CUBAN TRAINING CAMPS IN
THE VICINITY OF LACOMBE AND SLIDELL, LOUISIANA

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Source: GORDON NOVEL
To Whom: New Orleans Office of the FBI
By Whom: GORDON NOVEL

District Attorney JAMES GARRISON met with NOVEL this date (February 22, 1967) also with (First Name Unknown) ELLINGTON, District Attorney, implied the FBI was monitoring his switchboard, also implied if his investigation went badly, the FBI would be sc a pegoat. District Attorney GARRISON questioned GORDON NOVEL about meaning of "Doquiri" and "Marti"- asked if NOVEL had any information about anti-Castro camps in Slidell and Covington.

Source: GORDON NOVEL
Date: March 23, 1967
To Whom: New Orleans Office of the FBI
By Whom: GORDON NOVEL

NOVEL believes that District Attorney JAMES GARRISON is interested in proving that a WILLIAM SEYMOUR (phonetic), who was supposedly associated with a Cuban liberation camp near Lacombe, Louisiana, was directly involved with the assassination of the President in Dallas.

Source: GORDON NOVEL
Date: March 27, 1967
To Whom: New Orleans Office of the FBI.
By Whom: GORDON NOVEL

HUBERT BADEAUX, Investigator, Jefferson Parish District Attorney's Office, formerly associated with W. GUY BANNISTER, is supposed to furnish District Attorney JAMES GARRISON with information regarding an assassination camp run by the Cubans in the "Cross the lake area" north of New Orleans on the north shore of Lake Pontchartrain, also,

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BADEAUX is supposed to identify the photograph of a Cuban standing by an airplane, described as about five feet, nine inches, 180 pounds, good appearance, which GORDON NOVEL said was "secret stuff in 1961."

Source: Dr. CARLOS BRINGUIER

Date: April 2, 1967

To Whom: Letter addressed to Congressman E. WILLS. Copy furnished to the New Orleans Office, FBI.

By Whom: Dr. CARLOS BRINGUIER

Dr. CARLOS BRINGUIER, in his letter, said around the end of January, 1967, agent VOLZ, from the District Attorney's Office, visited me at my store and was asking me questions in regard to my testimony to the Warren Commission. He was particularly interested in what I could know in regard to Mr. SERGIO ARCHACHA SMITH, former Delegate of the Cuban Revolutionary Council in New Orleans.

Dr. BRINGUIER next relates in detail of his being questioned in the District Attorney's Office by GARRISON's investigators.

"They were particularly interested in Mr. SERGIO ARCHACHA SMITH and Mr. RICARDO DAVIS. They were trying to implicate me in a training camp that RICARDO DAVIS had across Lake Pontchartrain in the Summer of 1963, and in which training camp they assured me that LEE HARVEY OSWALD was seen."

Dr. BRINGUIER's letter continues:

"On February 14, 1967, I arrived at Mr. GARRISON's Office.... Minutes later, Mr. GARRISON started to outline his case to me. JIM GARRISON stated, plain and cool, that LEE HARVEY OSWALD was not a Communist, but instead OSWALD according to GARRISON, was really an anti-Communist... OSWALD

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was brought to New Orleans by Conservatives.... Immediately afterwards, Mr. GARRISON asked me if I knew a 'CLAY BERTRAND: "'

Questions asked of BRINGUIER during lie detector test: 1.) If I, BRINGUIER, knew if ARCACHA and OSWALD had met; 2.) If I knew if DAVIS and OSWALD had met; 3.) If I knew if CARLOS QUIROGA and OSWALD had met; 4.) If I had met with LEE HARVEY OSWALD in any other occasion that those stated by me to the Warren Commission.

BRINGUIER continues in his letter:

"On March 9, 1967, an investigator from District Attorney JAMES GARRISON's Office showed to CARLOS QUIROGA a picture of FERRIE with another person, which person Mr. QUIROGA identified as JULIAN BUZNEDO, a Cuban who had been in New Orleans in early 1962, and who is a veteran of the Bay of Pigs invasion."

Source: DEAN ANDREWS
Date: April 6, 1967
To Whom: New Orleans Office of the FBI
By Whom: DEAN ANDREWS

DEAN ANDREWS stated that GARRISON alleges that there was a Central Intelligence Agency assassination camp across Lake Pontchartrain which was operated by Central Intelligence Agency to train assassins to send to Cuba. This camp was abandoned and the assassins were left to move around the area freely.

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Source: CARLOS QUIROGA
Date: April 16, 1967
To Whom: New Orleans Office of the FBI
By Whom: CARLOS QUIROGA

CARLOS QUIROGA stated District Attorney JAMES GARRISON asked him what he knew about the camp across Lake Pontchartrain. He stated District Attorney GARRISON asked what he knew about GAY BANNISTER, and if he knew that OSWALD used to visit GAY BANNISTER's Office. Then, District Attorney GARRISON stated, suppose he told me that OSWALD was not a Communist but an anti-Communist? District Attorney GARRISON accused QUIROGA of being with OSWALD, FERRIE and ARCHACHA SMITH at Mancuso's Restaurant at Camp and Lafayette Streets. District Attorney GARRISON said there were some witnesses who recognized QUIROGA today as being in the restaurant. QUIROGA said District Attorney GARRISON took his open letter to the President and said, "When I am finished with this investigation, I am going to clean my (obscene) with this,"

QUIROGA stated District Attorney JAMES GARRISON then accused him of being at the camp too. District Attorney GARRISON then said he had better tell the truth because he was going to accuse him, QUIROGA, and bring him before the Grand Jury.

QUIROGA stated that the next day, District Attorney JAMES GARRISON stated JACK MARTIN was the one who threatened QUIROGA on the phone as the word had leaked out to MARTIN that QUIROGA had gone to the District Attorney's Office. QUIROGA advised that District Attorney GARRISON stated he believed QUIROGA.

QUIROGA said District Attorney GARRISON's thesis was as follows:

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LEE HARVEY OSWALD had been brought to New Orleans by Anti-Communist who owns a coffee industry here. OSWALD was really not a Communist, but an anti-Communist. His actions on Canal Street and his Communist activities were really a front for OSWALD in order that OSWALD could get into Cuba as a Communist and kill FIDEL CASTRO. OSWALD was being backed by a group of anti-Communist Americans who, according to Mr. GARRISON, were Conservatives who belonged to an organization called "The Guardian of the Caribbean."

He then went on to explain that after the plan to kill CASTRO failed, they decided to kill President KENNEDY. He also told me that one of the persons who was in the photograph with OSWALD the day he was distributing the Communist propaganda was a Cuban by the name MANUEL GARCIA GONZALES. He then told me that this Cuban was definitely implicated because there are pictures of this man and other Cubans behind a "billboard" close to where the late President was shot. He also told the names of two other anti-Communist Americans, that I knew, that he said were definitely implicated.

Source: CARLOS QUIROGA

Date: April 16, 1967

To Whom: New Orleans Office of the FBI.

By Whom: CARLOS QUIROGA

CARLOS QUIROGA submitted to a lie detector test on April 15, 1967, at request of District Attorney JAMES GARRISON. QUIROGA advised that it is evident through the questions asked him that he is suspected by District Attorney JAMES GARRISON of having some connection with the Anti-Castro Cuban Training Camp across Lake Pontchartrain in the early 1960's and is also suspected of having met with FERRIE and SERGIO ACCACHA SMITH at Mancuso's Restaurant, New Orleans, in 1961.

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ALLEGATIONS CONCERNING ALLEGED
NEW ORLEANS BASED CONSPIRACY

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Source: District Attorney JAMES GARRISON's Chief Investigator
Date: January, 1967
To Whom: DAVID WILLIAM FERRIE
By Whom: District Attorney JAMES GARRISON's Chief Investigator
Newspaper:
Name: New Orleans States-Item
Date: February 18, 1967
Edition: Final

A New Orleans pilot has revealed to the States-Item that District Attorney JAMES GARRISON's Chief Investigator said last month the District Attorney's Office has "positively uncovered a plot in New Orleans to assassinate KENNEDY."

Source: DAVID WILLIAM FERRIE
Date: February, 1967
To Whom: New Orleans States-Item
By Whom: DAVID WILLIAM FERRIE
Newspaper:
Name: New Orleans States-Item
Date: February 18, 1967
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"Supposedly I have been pegged as the get-away pilot in an elaborate plot to kill KENNEDY."

He contends, however, that he did not go to Dallas. FERRIE says he was at the Federal Court here that day.

Source: A reliable source who refuses to be quoted in print
Date: February 18, 1967
To Whom: New Orleans States-Item
By Whom: Above source
Newspaper:
Name: New Orleans States-Item
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District Attorney JAMES GARRISON and members of his staff were in Miami in January looking for a Cuban man described as physically powerful and dangerous.

The man is being sought by the District Attorney in connection with the death of President KENNEDY. He is believed to be one of a group of Cubans who, according to a report under investigation, hid behind a billboard on the parade route in Dallas November 23, 1963.

The Cuban sought by the District Attorney's Office is believed to have fled the country-to Cuba, Puerto Rico or possibly the Bahamas-a few steps ahead of investigators.

Source: JACK S. MARTIN

Date: January 13, 1967

To Whom: Special Agent REGIS L. KENNEDY

By Whom: JACK S. MARTIN

District Attorney GARRISON has located a witness who is unknown to the FBI named THOMAS BECKHAM, also known as MARK EVANS. BECKHAM, according to MARTIN, was associated with OSWALD and assisted OSWALD in passing out leaflets.

Another witness allegedly located by GARRISON is named DAVID LEWIS, a former employee of W. GUY BANISTER, former Private Investigator at New Orleans and former Special Agent in Charge of the FBI. According to MARTIN, LEWIS indicated that he met LEE HARVEY OSWALD while working for BANISTER in the company of SERGIO ARACHA SMITH and CARLOS QUEROGA. ARACHA SMITH and CARLOS QUEROGA were allegedly active in the Cuban movement in the New Orleans area.

Source: JACK S. MARTIN

Date: January 27, 1967

To Whom: Special Agent REGIS L. KENNEDY

By Whom: JACK S. MARTIN

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MARTIN advised that the scope of District Attorney JAMES GARRISON's investigation is that there was a conspiracy which originated in the rooms above W. GUY BANNISTER's (deceased) office in New Orleans, and that there was a second assassin firing at President KENNEDY in Dallas, Texas.

[REDACTED] interviewed LEWIS in connection with [REDACTED] and during this interview LEWIS advised that he had been interviewed by the District Attorney's Office and told the District Attorney's Office he had met LEE HARVEY OSWALD in the office of W. GUY BANNISTER. LEWIS claimed that the District Attorney's Office had given him a polygraph test and that he, LEWIS, had passed this test.

Source: Doctor CARLOS BRINGUIER
Date: February 14, 1967
To Whom: New Orleans Office of the FBI
By Whom: Doctor CARLOS BRINGUIER

BRINGUIER advised that he has been given a lie detector test in which he was asked questions regarding OSWALD's being a member of the Communist Party, and "did he believe OSWALD acted alone?" He was also questioned as to where he may have met OSWALD; if ARCACHA SMITH knew OSWALD; if RICHARD DAVIS knew OSWALD, and if DAVID FERRIE knew OSWALD. BRINGUIER advised that based upon information received from ALBERTO FOWLER, publicity director, City of New Orleans, he has learned that District Attorney JAMES GARRISON is of the opinion that OSWALD was contacted to assassinate FIDEL CASTRO by a group in New Orleans and this plan could not be carried out. An alternate plan was that some of the individuals in the first plan contacted OSWALD to kill President KENNEDY.

BRINGUIER advised that FOWLER believes the FBI is tapping his telephone. BRINGUIER advised the District Attorney's Office is attempting to locate ARCACHA SMITH.

Also mentioned in questioning by the District Attorney's Office representative was the name W. GUY BANNISTER, former New Orleans private detective, and CARLOS MARCUS, Cuban Consul General, who BRINGUIER said died in Venezuela prior to the assassination.

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BRINGUIER stated that ALBERTO FOWLER told him that Mayor VICTOR SCHIRO of the City of New Orleans had told FOWLER that Congressman HALE BOGGS had first brought this investigation to the attention of District Attorney JAMES GARRISON.

BRINGUIER advised that it is his understanding that a man named JACK MARTIN, whom he does not know, originally developed the information being investigated by District Attorney JAMES GARRISON.

"When I am writing you this letter I have just returned from a lie detector test which was offered to me by Mr. GARRISON. Some of the general ideas of Mr. GARRISON are that:

- 1) OSWALD was brought to New Orleans by Mr. RILEY from the Riley Coffee Co., and according to Mr. GARRISON this man Mr. RILEY is an anticommunist conservative.
- 2) OSWALD was not a communist but an anticommunist and as that he carried on the assassination.
- 3) They are trying to tie facts and issues that are

BRINGUIER advised that GARRISON is supposedly getting bad information, as an individual (FNU) SANTANANA, who is on probation in Miami, Florida, was brought to New Orleans and questioned by the District Attorney's office and this individual identified ARACHA SMITH as being in New Orleans in 1964. BRINGUIER advised that (FNU) SANTANANA had SMITH confused with an individual by the name of LOUIS BRETOS, Alfa 66 representative in New Orleans in 1964, who is now living in Miami.



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Source: District Attorney JAMES GARRISON
Date: February 18, 1967
To Whom: News Conference
By Whom: District Attorney JAMES GARRISON
Newspaper:

Name The Times-Picayune, New Orleans, Louisiana
Date February 19, 1967
Edition Unknown
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"District Attorney JIM GARRISON said Saturday that 'arrests will be made, charges will be filed and convictions will be obtained' as a result of his intensive investigation of a New Orleans plot preceding the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY, Nov. 22, 1963.

"During a news conference in his office, GARRISON asserted that a plan was developed here which resulted in KENNEDY's death in Dallas. He said the investigation, which records show has been under way since late last year, has proven that the Warren Commission was wrong in its conclusion that LEE HARVEY OSWALD acted alone in murdering the President.

"The district attorney would not elaborate.

"'We already have the names of the people in the initial planning,' he told newsmen. 'We are not wasting out time and we will prove it. Arrests will be made, charges will be filed and convictions will be obtained.'"

Source: [REDACTED]
Date: February 19, 1967
To Whom: SA REGIS L. KENNEDY
By Whom: [REDACTED]

Source said that DON LOUIS, former employee of GUY BANNISTER, [REDACTED] that he (LOUIS) had been interviewed by District Attorney's investigators and said the following were persons who were suspects of District Attorney's Office as being in plot to kill JOHN F. KENNEDY: RAUL TORRES, SERGIO ARCACHA SMITH, and CARLOS QUIROZA. He said District Attorney is also looking for BOB GUZMAN. He said District Attorney was upset about leak of information in his office to local newspapers and other news media.

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Source: Channel 6 Newscast, 10:00 p.m.

Date: February 19, 1967

TV:

Station WDSU-TV, Channel 6

Date February 19, 1967

Time 10:00 p.m.

On this same newscast, District Attorney JIM GARRISON was quoted as saying he would not turn over his information to anyone; that he is running the investigation and not the Attorney General.

Source: GORDON NOVELL

Date: February 21, 1967

To Whom: Special Agent PETER CHASE

By Whom: GORDON NOVELL

"On the night of February 21, NOVELL was again interviewed pursuant to his request. NOVELL advised he was contacted during late afternoon of February 21, 1967, by WILLARD ROBERTSON, a Volkswagen distributor in New Orleans, a multi-millionaire and close social friend and financial backer of GARRISON. ROBERTSON allegedly told NOVELL it was imperative they meet, which they did, whereupon ROBERTSON told NOVELL that GARRISON wanted to meet him. Therefore, NOVELL met with ROBERTSON and GARRISON at approximately 5:30 p.m., February 21, 1967. NOVELL said GARRISON opened conversation with inquiry concerning possible places where he, GARRISON, and his staff could hold conferences.

"NOVELL said GARRISON stated he felt the FBI is carefully scrutinizing every move he makes and even possibly has sources within his own ranks. NOVELL said GARRISON asked him if he had been interviewed by the FBI and he informed GARRISON that he had contacted the FBI. GARRISON wanted to know whether his name had come up during the contact with the FBI and NOVELL replied in the negative.

"NOVELL said that GARRISON felt that DAVID FERRIE and his 'nutty' associates were involved in a conspiracy to assassinate KENNEDY. NOVELL said it was GARRISON's contention that the conspirators were anti-Castro, who hoped through the assassination of KENNEDY to be able, through national publicity, to place the blame for the assassination on CASTRO which would result in influencing public opinion to the point where national retribution would be directed against Castro.

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"NOVELL said GARRISON expressed concern about contamination of his investigation by other investigative agencies, namely, the FBI. NOVELL quoted GARRISON as saying that he would arrest and handcuff any agent he caught becoming involved in his investigation and would submit him to public scrutiny. NOVELL said GARRISON stated, "If they want my files that bad they can buy them."

Source: EDWARD McCLUSKER
Date: February 22, 1967
To Whom: Special Agent REGIS L. KENNEDY

"EDWARD MC CLUSKER, Associated Press, Night Manager, New Orleans, La., advised that Coroner's Office, Parish of Orleans, reported that FERRIE apparently died of natural causes from a ruptured blood vessel in the brain. Coroner's Office also has received information that FERRIE had been depressed. Because of this information, toxicology examination will be made.

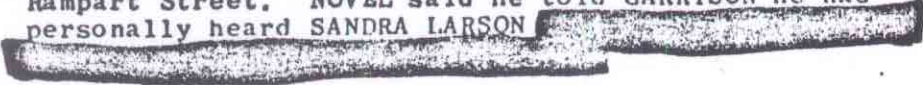
"District Attorney JIM GARRISON, according to McCLUSKER, has issued a statement describing death of FERRIE as apparent suicide."

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Source: GORDON DWANE NOVEL
Date February 21, 1967
To Whom: New Orleans Office of the FBI
By Whom: GORDON DWANE NOVEL

GARRISON asked NOVEL whether SERGIO ARCACHA SMITH or FERRIE owned a laundry truck. NOVEL said he told GARRISON that he had observed a step van laundry truck, dark in color, on one occasion parked in front of the Balter Building where SERGIO ARCACHA SMITH had his office. NOVEL said GARRISON then commented "there is a laundry truck mentioned in the files of the FBI in Dallas."

Novel stated GARRISON also asked him if he was acquainted with a girl by the name of SANDRA LARSON. He advised that he told GARRISON he knew a SANDRA LARSON, who was a "sharp gal" who sometimes dated BOB SONGE (phonetic) one of his, NOVEL's, associates in the Jamaican Village Lounge on North Rampart Street. NOVEL said he told GARRISON he had personally heard SANDRA LARSON



NOVEL stated that District Attorney GARRISON had stated or at least implied that he felt DAVID FERRIE and his "Nutty" associates were involved in a conspiracy in the assassination of President KENNEDY. NOVEL reiterated that GARRISON repeatedly emphasized the name "ROLLAND" as being a possible clue in the conspiracy. NOVEL stated that it is GARRISON's contention that the conspirators were anti-CASTRO who hoped through the assassination of President KENNEDY to be able to, through national publicity, place the blame for the assassination on FIDEL CASTRO, which would result in influencing public opinion to the point where national retribution would be directed against CASTRO.

NOVEL advised GARRISON expressed concern about contamination of his investigation by other investigative agencies, namely, the FBI. NOVEL quoted

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GARRISON as saying that he would arrest and handcuff any Agent he caught becoming involved in his investigation and would submit him to public scrutiny. NOVEL said GARRISON stated "if they want my files that bad they can buy them." NOVEL stated that he did not furnish GARRISON information concerning his involvement with SERGIO ARCACHA SMITH at the blimp base at Houma, Louisiana, which he had previously furnished to the FBI. However, since GARRISON plans to interview him, NOVEL's, partner, RANCIER EHLINGER, aka Ranny, at 9:30 A.M., February 22, 1967, he felt he would tell GARRISON the whole story prior to the interview with his partner because he felt that RANNY would probably tell GARRISON about it and, secondly, because he felt that by telling GARRISON he would gain his confidence and would be in better graces with GARRISON. NOVEL advised that since he planned to tell GARRISON everything concerning his involvement with SERGIO ARCACHA SMITH, he desired to mention something he had not previously furnished to the FBI concerning the ammunition bunker on the Houma Air Base. NOVEL advised that he and his partner, RANNY, approximately two weeks before taking ARCACHA SMITH and his party to the bunker had cased the bunker and knew pretty well what SMITH would find.

NOVEL telephonically contacted the New Orleans Office on the late afternoon of February 22, 1967, and advised that he and EHLINGER met with District Attorney GARRISON on that date and had furnished GARRISON the information that he had previously furnished to the FBI.. NOVEL said GARRISON questioned them concerning any knowledge that they possessed of any relationship between CLAY SHAW and DAVID FERRIE. NOVEL said that GARRISON implied that SHAW was identical with a CLAY BERTRAND who had contacted Attorney DIAN ANDREWS to represent LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

NOVEL further informed that GARRISON and his associates felt the FBI was monitoring their switchboard and that it appears that if things go

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According to NOVEL, GARRISON stated that he feels the FBI is carefully scrutinizing every move he makes and even possibly has sources within his own ranks. NOVEL said GARRISON discussed several methods he felt he would utilize in the future in order to keep his investigation into the assassination of President KENNEDY a secret. GARRISON advised NOVEL that the purpose of his contact was that he knew of NOVEL's ability to obtain information and further that NOVEL was very knowledgeable as to happenings in the New Orleans area.

NOVEL related that GARRISON inquired of him as to whether he had been interviewed by the FBI and that he had informed GARRISON that he, NOVEL, had contacted the FBI. GARRISON then inquired as to whether his name had come up during the contact with the FBI, to which NOVEL said he replied in the negative. GARRISON then began to question him about people or names he might know and specifically inquired about DAVID LOUIS, "ROLLAND"; DAVID FERRIE, and MARTIN LAYTON (possibly identical with LAYTON P. MARTENS), associate of FERRIE. NOVEL informed he told GARRISON he knew only DAVID FERRIE of those mentioned. GARRISON then asked him if he knew anyone with the Riley Coffee Company and that he told GARRISON he knew an individual named TEX MEYER, a person with whom he had worked in the past. GARRISON asked him if he had any knowledge of where SERGIO ARCACHA SMITH obtained his financial support while in New Orleans, to which he replied that he did not know with the exception of supporting contributions that SMITH obtained from various individuals.

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Source: District Attorney JAMES GARRISON
Date: February 23, 1967.
To Whom: New Orleans States-Item
By Whom: Above source
Newspaper:
Name: New Orleans States-Item
Date: February 23, 1967
Edition: Unknown
Page: One.

"The apparent suicide of DAVID FERRIE ends the life of a man who, in my judgment, was one of history's most important individuals.

"Evidence developed by our office has long since confirmed he was involved in events culminating in the assassination of President Kennedy.

Source: New Orleans States-Item Newspaper (AP)
Date: February 24, 1967
By Whom: District Attorney JAMES GARRISON
Newspaper:
Name: New Orleans States-Item
Date: February 24, 1967
Edition: Final
Page: One.

"GARRISON, investigating the possibility that LEE HARVEY OSWALD was a tool of conspirators in the slaying of KENNEDY in Dallas November 22, 1963, has said he will not divulge to federal officials any evidence he has obtained.

Source: New Orleans States-Item Newspaper
Date: February 24, 1967
To Whom: New Orleans States-Item

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By Whom: District Attorney JAMES GARRISON

Newspaper:

Name: New Orleans States-Item

Date: February 24, 1967

Edition: Final

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"District Attorney JAMES GARRISON said today he has 'positively solved the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY and will arrest every individual involved-- in the course of time.'

"He said, however, that 'it may be 30 years before we finish. We will make arrests, but they are not imminent.' What he said was largely repetition of previous statements which he has made about the case.

"GARRISON talked with newsmen as he emerged from a luncheon at the Petroleum Club. His remarks at the luncheon were not made public.

"Asked if he had definitely solved the assassination plot, GARRISON said, 'We solved it weeks ago.'

"He said, 'We're working out details of evidence, which probably will take months.'

" 'We know that we're going to be able to arrest every person involved-- at least every person who is still living. I'm sure that there will be convictions.'

"GARRISON said the case is 'very complicated' and posed a riddle for newsmen. He said:

" 'The key to the whole case is through the looking glass. Black is white; white is black.'

"He added: 'I don't want to be cryptic, but that's the way it is.'

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"GARRISON said he knows the people of the world are 'champing at the bit' to get details of his investigation. He said he would give the world all the answers.

" 'You have my word of honor on that,' he added.

"The District Attorney contends the plot was hatched in New Orleans.

"GARRISON said the death of WILLIAM DAVID FERRIE would not slow up his investigation. He repeated his belief that FERRIE, who was found dead Wednesday, committed suicide.

" 'The only way people involved can avoid arrest is by committing suicide,' he said.

"GARRISON, who contends that President KENNEDY's death resulted from a plot hatched in New Orleans, has promised there will be arrests and convictions within a few months."

Source: New Orleans States-Item
Date: February 25, 1967
To Whom: A New York Times reporter
By Whom: A member of GARRISON's staff
Newspaper:
Name: New Orleans States-Item
Date: February 25, 1967
Edition: Final
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"A member of GARRISON's staff told a New York Times reporter that the conspiracy, hatched by anti-Castro Cubans, revolved around LEE HARVEY OSWALD as the gunman.

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When OSWALD could not get into Cuba, so the story goes, the plot was then redirected at KENNEDY, for his failure to launch a second military action against Cuba after the Bay of Pigs fiasco.

"Yesterday, GARRISON said he has 'solved' the assassination plot and that death is the only escape for those he believes are involved.

"GARRISON claims that his office discovered the answers he was seeking 'weeks ago' and that now he and his staff are working to build air-tight cases against the individuals involved.

"Although the district attorney says that arrests are 'months away,' he said yesterday: 'The only way they are going to get away from us is to kill themselves.'

"GARRISON said that he would not say they had solved the KENNEDY murder unless he had evidence, 'beyond a shadow of a doubt.'

"He went on to say: 'We know the key individuals, the cities involved and how it was done.'

"A reporter, joking with GARRISON, asked, 'Are you expecting a contribution from the Central Intelligence Agency?'

"GARRISON laughed and replied, 'No, but I'm expecting some from the FBI.'

"GARRISON admitted for the first time he had accepted some aid from Life Magazine in developing his case. 'But our office initiated the investigation,' he said.

"He told newsmen on his 'word of honor' he will give them the story when arrests are made. 'But it may be months away. We want to get jury verdicts, and we are confident we will.' "

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Source: The Times Picayune, New Orleans, Louisiana
Date: February 25, 1967
To Whom: The Times Picayune, New Orleans, Louisiana
By Whom: District Attorney JAMES GARRISON
Newspaper:
Name: The Times Picayune, New Orleans, Louisiana
Date: February 25, 1967
Edition: Unknown
Page: Section I, Pages 1, 2, 3

"District Attorney JIM GARRISON said Friday his office solved the Kennedy assassination plot 'weeks ago' but is now working to get air-tight cases against the individuals involved. GARRISON said, however, arrests 'are months away.'

"Earlier, GARRISON said the arrests may be '30 years away.'

"However, he later explained that he had been tired and had 'snapped' at questioning newsmen, not actually being serious about the '30 years' statement.

"GARRISON conducted two impromptu press conferences in the lobby of the Shell Oil Co. bldg. The first created a worldwide furor, apparently, when a wire service quoted GARRISON as saying he had solved the plot and arrests were imminent.

"On emerging from the luncheon, GARRISON was confronted with the wire service story that he had solved the plot. 'Why we did this weeks ago,' was GARRISON's reply. 'We're working out details of evidence which probably will take months.'

"'We know that we are going to be able to arrest every person involved - at least every person who is still living. I'm sure that there will be convictions.'

"'BEYOND . . . DOUBT'

"GARRISON began by saying, 'My staff and I solved the case weeks ago. I wouldn't say this if we didn't have evidence beyond the shadow of a doubt. We know the key individuals, cities involved and how it was done.'

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"According to GARRISON, there were 'several plots.' He said there was a change, 'but that's more than I wanted to say.'

"GARRISON suggested there may be suicides among those actually involved in the plot and those who knew of it but kept quiet. 'The only way they are going to get away from us,' he said, 'is to kill themselves.'

"As reporters crowded closer GARRISON was asked what he had to say about the Warren Commission's chief investigator's charge that he was 'conducting a performance.' GARRISON replied, 'The chief investigator has conducted a performance that will be remembered in history.'

"GARRISON said his office had jurisdiction over the case.

'FINANCED BY LOAN'

"The tall district attorney further revealed that he would be glad to accept funds from private sources to continue the investigation. 'In fact,' said GARRISON, 'our investigation has been financed by a \$2,500 loan from a bank since about 48 hours after the story was revealed in the newspapers.'

"A reporter quipped, 'Are you expecting a contribution from the Central Intelligence Agency?' This referred to recent disclosures that the CIA has contributed substantially to organizations such as the National Student Association.

'No,' laughed GARRISON, 'but I'm expecting some from the FBI.'

"GARRISON, for the first time, admitted that he had accepted some aid from Life Magazine in developing his case. 'But our office initiated the investigation,' said GARRISON. He added other news media have also helped.

"'You have my word of honor and promise,' continued GARRISON to the newsmen, 'I will give you the story when we make arrests. But it may be months away. We want to get jury verdicts and we are confident we will.'

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"During GARRISON's second impromptu press conference in the Shell Oil Company bldg., the district attorney made the following additional comments, given in part here, in narrative form:

'We know what cities were involved, we know how it was done, in the essential respects; we know the key individuals involved, and we are in the process of developing evidence now. I thought I made that clear days ago.

'On the other hand though, that does not mean any arrests are imminent. There are some individuals that I would like to arrest now, some that I know . . . will be around to arrest later. I have to take the risk that they will stay around because you can develop a better case if you prolong arrests until you can have the whole group of key individuals.

'Now I may have contributed to some misunderstanding about imminence because I am so darn tired I guess I snap at some reporters who keep questioning me, and they said, "will arrests be imminent?" and I said no, they'll be maybe in the next 30 years.

SIDESTEPS QUESTION

'Sorry, it won't take that long but they're not that imminent because we're now building a case, and I might add, it's a case we will not lose. And anybody that wants to bet against us is invited to, but they will be disappointed.'

"Asked if he believes that OSWALD did not shoot President KENNEDY, GARRISON replied: 'I don't want to get involved in speculations as to individuals, but I will say

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that there's no question about the fact that there was a plot and there were a number of individuals involved, and we will make arrests based on that and we will make charges based on that and we will obtain convictions based on that.'

"Asked again if OSWALD was involved, the district attorney answered, 'I can't answer that.'

"Questioned about the initiation of the plot, GARRISON said there 'were several plots, and a change of course did occur. Now, that's more that I wanted to say.'

"Replying to a question as to whether FERRIE's death will hamper the investigation, GARRISON stated, 'No, no, it created a problem as to time because I think Mr. FERRIE possibly would have . . . told us in time, but I'm not going to pretend that it entered the case.'

OTHER SUICIDES

"'You know I could say, well, we had a great case but it ended here, but I'm not going to say that. We're building a case that is not going to be ended by the death of anyone.'

"Asked if he feels there is a possibility that other principals in the investigation may be killed or may commit suicide, he replied, 'I think that there will probably be other suicides, yes.'

"Locally, GARRISON is known to have considered a theory that a group of anti-Castroites had been plotting to assassinate Cuban Prime Minister FIDEL CASTRO. The group then later changed its target to President KENNEDY.

"When GARRISON said there had been 'several plots,' it was believed that this plan was one he had in mind.

"One aspect of the theory was that OSWALD was to have been the gunman in the CASTRO plot which supposedly collapsed when he failed to enter Cuba.

"When the accused Presidential assassin was denied entry to Cuba, the target was switched to KENNEDY, according to the theory."

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Source: New Orleans Times Picayune
by EDGAR POE
Date: February 25, 1967
To Whom: Senator RUSSELL B. LONG
By Whom: JAMES GARRISON
Newspaper:
Name: Times Picayune
Date: February 25, 1967
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'The text of Sen. Long's statement pertaining to the Garrison investigation follows:

'Sometime during the month of October, 1966, about five months ago, I was with Mr. Garrison on an airplane from New Orleans to New York. During the trip we discussed at some length my theory that someone besides Lee Harvey Oswald might have been involved in the assassination of President Kennedy. Jim Garrison examined me in very searching detail about this matter, and he subsequently told me that as a result of our conversation, he had decided to reopen his investigation on the subject.

'He had previously arrested a suspect, a person who he thought might know something about the matter, but he had turned the man loose when the news media had released information indicating that Lee Harvey Oswald had acted alone. When I saw Mr. Garrison from time to time during the succeeding months, he reported each time he was making progress and that in due course he expected to have an announcement and that he expected arrests would be made.'

Source: New Orleans States Item
by JACK WARDLAW
Date: February 25, 1967

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To Whom: New Orleans States Item
By Whom: JAMES GARRISON

Newspaper:

Name: New Orleans States Item
Date: February 25, 1967
Edition: Final
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"Garrison, however, says, 'I have no reason to believe Oswald killed anybody on Nov. 22, 1963.'

"The DA says he has solved the assassination case and promises arrests and convictions. But the timetable for these actions has ranged all the way from a few weeks away to 30 years, depending on which statement of Garrison's you read. He later said he was joking about the 30 years.

"Ironically, the person least happy about all the attention is Garrison, according to his own public statements.

"When the story first broke, he refused to confirm or deny it. Two days later he acknowledged the probe was under way, and castigated the States-Item for revealing it, complaining that the 'premature publicity' had slowed down his investigation.

"He said that instead of having arrests within 'a few weeks' it would now be 'a few months.'

"Garrison said, 'Anyone who says I had seen that story before it was published is a liar.'

"That story' is the original story published Feb. 17 by the States-Item. The fact is that a reporter showed him a copy of the story the previous day. He looked at the first page, threw it down and said: 'I will not comment on this. I refuse to confirm or deny it.'

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"Garrison did not ask that the story be withheld. He did not say that it would damage his investigation.

"The reporter then told Garrison the States-Item planned to use the story.

"'Go ahead,' said Garrison.

"The dead man is David William Ferrie, the self-styled psychologist, pilot, hypnotist and private investigator who Garrison calls 'one of the most important individuals in history.'

"This assessment of Ferrie is curious in the light of a previous statement by Garrison that 'none of the people so far named' are very important in the investigation. Ferrie's name was the first to be mentioned, largely because he came forward of his own accord to tell his story after it was revealed that the investigation was under way.

"The day before Ferrie died, Garrison said no arrests were planned in the case 'for months.' After Ferrie died, Garrison said he had planned to arrest Ferrie within a week.

"When Ferrie died, Garrison said his office had reason to believe the death was a suicide. As of yesterday afternoon, Garrison was still maintaining his contention that Ferrie took his own life.

"But Coroner Nicholas Chetta says Ferrie died from natural causes. The autopsy revealed he was killed by a brain hemorrhage. The coroner says there is no way for a suicide-bent person to induce such a hemorrhage at will.

"Even Garrison admits that Ferrie was nowhere near Dallas on the day of the assassination.

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"Garrison has refused to give any findings he may have made thus far to federal authorities, on the grounds that they would slow his progress and that any crimes committed are punishable under Louisiana law, not federal law."

Source: GEORGE LARDNER, JR.
Date: February 25, 1967
Newspaper: Washington Post
Date: February 25, 1967

LARDNER stated "that GARRISON's theories resolve around Cubans was clear from an interview with private detective WILLIAM GURVICH, one of GARRISON's chief aides in the investigation. He referred several times to testimony before the Warren Commission about a 'powerful' Cuban which conflicted with the preponderance of testimony pointing to OSWALD."

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Source: The Times Picayune, New Orleans, Louisiana
Date: February 26, 1967
To Whom: The Times Picayune, New Orleans, Louisiana
By Whom: District Attorney JAMES GARRISON
Newspaper:
Name: The Times Picayune, New Orleans, Louisiana
Date: February 26, 1967
Edition: Unknown
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"FERRIE's death was a shock. He was found in bed Wednesday morning at his messy, incredibly cluttered apartment, already rigid in rigor mortis.

PLANNED ARREST - DA

"Suicide, said GARRISON. He said he had planned to arrest FERRIE within a few days. He added that:.

'Evidence developed by our office had long since confirmed that he was involved in events culminating in the assassination of President KENNEDY.'

"Coroner CHETTA, after two days of tests, said death was due to natural causes, but that it will remain officially unclassified until final toxicological tests are completed Tuesday.

"However, GARRISON repeated his belief that FERRIE was a suicide.

"Investigation continued, he said, and the only way 'people involved can get away from us is to kill themselves.'

DENIES ANY DEAL

"GARRISON denied making any deal. But his little pussycat of a probe was swiftly changing. He made it into a tiger by his next move.

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"He complained vigorously about 'premature' publicity. Then, instead of letting the story die for lack of comment or information, he told the Associated Press Saturday:

'There will be arrests, charges and convictions. This is no Mickey Mouse investigation. There were other people involved besides LEE HARVEY OSWALD.'

"I have been wrong before - I was wrong once back in the early 1930's," he told newsmen. "If you want to bet against me, you will lose your bet."

Source: The Times Picayune, New Orleans, Louisiana
Date: February 26, 1967
To Whom: The Times Picayune, New Orleans, Louisiana
By Whom: District Attorney JAMES GARRISON
Newspaper:
Name: The Times Picayune, New Orleans, Louisiana
Date: February 26, 1967
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"District Attorney JIM GARRISON says he does not expect anything to happen 'in the next few days' in his probe of an alleged plot to assassinate President JOHN F. KENNEDY.

"It was not immediately clear if something was expected to happen later, and GARRISON, in answering newsmen's questions, did not go into any detail.

"Arriving at his office in the Criminal District Court Bldg. Saturday, he said he had nothing new to report except that he had assigned someone to question a Baton Rouge man who claims the late DAVID FERRIE told him of President KENNEDY about a month before the assassination. 'We will get him and it won't be long.'

"Asked if he would see JACK MARTIN, a private investigator who told an assistant DA that FERRIE was supposed to have been the getaway pilot in a conspiracy and later said the whole thing was a figment of his imagination, GARRISON answered: 'No comment.'

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"A development in the story came Friday when GARRISON explained what he meant by saying he had solved the case. He said he had the names of persons involved, the cities involved, and in some cases had enough information to make arrests.

"Instead, said GARRISON, he'd wait until he had an air-tight case. Death or suicide, he indicated, would be the only way those guilty could escape.

Source: The Times Picayune, New Orleans, Louisiana
Date: February 27, 1967
To Whom: The Times Picayune, New Orleans, Louisiana
By Whom: District Attorney JAMES GARRISON
Newspaper:
Name: The Times Picayune, New Orleans, Louisiana
Date: February 27, 1967
Edition: Unknown
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"GARRISON contends a plot to kill the chief executive was conceived here and actually carried out on Nov.-22; 1963 - the day KENNEDY was shot and killed in Dallas. Last word from the district attorney's office is that the plotters are known to him and he is biding his time until arrests are made."

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Source: New Orleans States-Item
Date: February 27, 1967
To Whom: New Orleans States-Item
By Whom: District Attorney JAMES GARRISON
DAVID F. LEWIS
JACK S. MARTIN

Newspaper
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Date February 27, 1967
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"GARRISON contends that assassination plotters are known to him and that arrests and convictions will be forthcoming."

Source: New Orleans States-Item
Date: March 2, 1967
To Whom: Reporters
By Whom: District Attorney JAMES GARRISON
Newspaper:
Name New Orleans States-Item
Date March 2, 1967
Edition Final

"District Attorney JAMES GARRISON charged CLAY SHAW, LEE HARVEY OSWALD, DAVID WILLIAM FERRIE, and others plotted the death of President JOHN F. KENNEDY in meetings in New Orleans in September, 1963."

Source: New Orleans States-Item
Date: March 7, 1967
To Whom: Reporters
By Whom: District Attorney JAMES GARRISON
Newspaper:
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Date March 7, 1967
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"GARRISON alleged that SHAW, OSWALD and pilot DAVID W. FERRIE met and discussed 'how they would kill JOHN F. KENNEDY'".

Source: Radio Station WDSU, New Orleans, Louisiana
Date: March 8, 1967
Time: 11:30 A.M.
Announcer: Not mentioned

By District Attorney JAMES GARRISON: "I maintain there was a conspiracy in the death of KENNEDY and the people involved in this plot are living. I know them. I intend to unmask them."

Newspaper:
Name New Orleans States-Item
Date March 14, 1967
Edition Unknown

"PERRY R. RUSSO testified today that he overheard LEE HARVEY OSWALD, DAVID FERRIE and CLAY L. SHAW plot the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY. RUSSO told a special criminal court hearing that in September, 1963, he overheard a conversation among FERRIE and two men introduced to him as LEON OSWALD and CLEM BERTRAND. He identified LEON OSWALD from photos as LEE HARVEY OSWALD, the accused assassin of President KENNEDY and, in a dramatic moment, he placed his hand over the head of defendant CLAY SHAW, identifying him as the man he knew as CLEM BERTRAND.

"He identified SHAW as one of three men who discussed ways to escape after he said they plotted assassination of JOHN F. KENNEDY. RUSSO said a man he knew as LEON OSWALD, whom he later identified as LEE HARVEY OSWALD from pictures, that OSWALD, DAVID FERRIE and BERTRAND, who he called CLEM BERTRAND, met in DAVID FERRIE's apartment."

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Newspaper

Name New Orleans States-Item
Date March 14, 1967
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"PERRY RAYMOND RUSSO identified a photograph of DAVID FERRIE. RUSSO identified photographs of a hallway, the living room and a second hallway leading to a back entrance to the apartment of DAVID FERRIE at 330 Louisiana Avenue Parkway. RUSSO claimed he had gone to FERRIE's house often and that FERRIE had visited his house on many occasions in 1963 and 1962. RUSSO testified that during the summer of 1963, FERRIE had visited his home late at night on several occasions and claimed that FERRIE had given him an 'open book' invitation to come to his house at any time.

"RUSSO testified that around the middle of September, he had occasion to go to FERRIE's house and as he walked in there seemed to be some sort of party in progress. RUSSO testified that about ten persons were sitting around drinking. After a while there were only four persons left in FERRIE's apartment and he, RUSSO, had waited around because he did not have a ride home. He identified the others as FERRIE, a person he had seen several times known to him as LEON OSWALD, and a third person, CLEM BERTRAND. RUSSO was asked by District Attorney GARRISON whether or not he saw the man he knew as BERTRAND in the court room and RUSSO replied in the affirmative and pointed to the defendant CLAY SHAW.

"In describing the conversation that went on in the room, RUSSO testified that DAVID FERRIE began the conversation pacing back and forth as he talked. RUSSO said FERRIE stressed 'diversification' in a plot to kill the president."

Source: DEAN ANDREWS
Date: April 6, 1967
To Whom: New Orleans FBI Office
By Whom: DEAN ANDREWS

ANDREWS stated that District Attorney JAMES GARRISON's interest in GORDON NOVEL is to get NOVEL to tie ANDREWS with CLAY SHAW.

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Source: JIM HARRIS, newscaster, KPEL Radio,
Lafayette, Louisiana

Date: Prior to April 3, 1967

To Whom: JULES A. D'HEMECOURT, Radio Station WJBO,
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

By Whom: District Attorney JAMES GARRISON

According to JAMES GARRISON, there are four conspiracies involved in his investigation and the basis for the conspiracies was Pro-Cuban during the Cuban conflict. One of the four conspiracies was the one actually pulled off and that would be the assassination of former President JOHN F. KENNEDY. The "KENNEDY crowd" and President LYNDON B. JOHNSON knew of these conspiracies and had done nothing about them.

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Source: DEAN ANDREWS
Date: April 6, 1967
To Whom: New Orleans FBI Office
By Whom: DEAN ANDREWS

"ANDREWS stated that District Attorney JAMES GARRISON got the idea of a conspiracy in connection with the assassination of President KENNEDY from a PASCUAL GONGORA who claimed to be a member of one of six to eight assassination teams sent to the United States by CASTRO."

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"GARRISON has charged that BERTRAND is an alias for CLAY L. SHAW, who is under indictment for criminal conspiracy in the KENNEDY murder."

Source: [REDACTED]
Date: April 13, 1967
To Whom: New Orleans FBI Office
By Whom: [REDACTED]

"During polygraph examination of GORDON DWANE NOVEL by LLOYD B. FURR, NOVEL answered 'yes' to following questions:

"G. Did GARRISON tell you that FERRIE passed a lie detector test, and according to the test was not involved in the conspiracy to kill the President?

"H. Did GARRISON tell you that MARTENS passed a lie detector test, and according to the test was not involved in the conspiracy to kill the President?

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"L. During the meeting at the Roosevelt Hotel, did GARRISON agree (endorse) a bizarre plan to obtain a confession from FERRIE?

"(Note: The plan to some extent was shooting an atropine dart into the unsuspecting FERRIE, taking him to a secret place, giving him sodium pentathol, and otherwise abusing him until he confessed. This included tearing off his artificial hair and eyebrows.)

"N. Did BILL GERVICH threaten (intimidate) you in an effort to make you cooperate with GARRISON in his investigation?

"O. Did GARRISON agree to endorse your plan for anti-surveillance equipment and security for him and his office?"

Source: CARLOS QUIROGA
Date: April 15, 1967
To Whom: A list of questions to be asked of
By Whom: CARLOS QUIROGA during course of lie detector test.

"April 15, 1967

"I am hereby requesting that the questions stated herein be asked to me during the course of a lie-detector test, in regard to the present investigation of the assassination of the late President JOHN F. KENNEDY being conducted by you, Mr. JIM GARRISON, and your members of the District Attorney's office.

"As I stated to your office investigator, Mr. LOUIS IVON, in a telephone conversation last night, April 14, 1967, I'm willing to take a lie-detector test at this time provided the following questions are asked to me.

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"Question No. 1.

"Have I ever met LEE HARVEY OSWALD and talked to him at any other time in my life besides that of August 16, 1963, when I visited his house on Magazine St., New Orleans, when I tried to infiltrate his Communist organization, 'Fair Play for Cuba Committee' and of which visit I immediately reported to Lieutenant MARTELLO of the New Orleans Police Department and of which visit I gave full details to the FBI and the Secret Service days after the assassination of the late President KENNEDY?

"Answer to question No 1.-- No.

"Question No 2.

"In talking to Mr. LEE HARVEY OSWALD on August 16, 1963, what impression did I receive about him? "

"Answer to question No. 2.

"Mr. LEE HARVEY Oswald was intelligent and a very well instructed Communist.

"Question No. 3.

"Have I ever met LEE HARVEY OSWALD in the company of DAVID FERRIE and SERGIO ARCACHA SMITH at Mancuso's Restaurant on Camp and Lafayette Streets.

"Answer to Question No. 3.-- No.

"Question No. 4.

"Isn't it true that on January 21, 1967, you, Mr. GARRISON, told me that several witnesses had testified that they had seen me with LEE HARVEY OSWALD, DAVID FERRIE and SERGIO ARCACHA SMITH at Mancuso's Restaurant on Camp and Lafayette Streets.

"Answer to question No. 4.-- Yes.

"Question No. 5.

"Based upon this testimony by these witnesses stated in question No. 4 in regard to me being with LEE HARVEY OSWALD, do I believe that these witnesses be prosecuted by law for giving false testimony?

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"Answer to question No. 5.

"Because these witnesses are lying, I believe that they all must be prosecuted by law.

"Question No. 6.

"Have I ever been at the anti-CASTRO training camp of the Christian Democratic Movement which was located across Lake Pontchartrain from New Orleans in the year of 1963?

"Answer to question No. 6.

No. I have never been at that training camp.

"Question No. 7.

"Isn't it true that you, Mr. GARRISON, told me on January 21, 1967, that you had witnesses that would testify that they had seen me at that training camp?

"Answer to question No. 7.--- Yes.

"Question No. 8.

"Based upon the testimony of these witnesses, what should the District Attorney's office do about these witnesses.

"Answer to question No 8.

"Because these witnesses have lied, they must all be prosecuted by law.

"Question No. 9.

"Have I ever been threatened to be killed by an individual, who appears to me to be one of your witnesses, because I had come to your office on several occasions?

"Answer to question No. 9.

"Yes, my life has by an individual on January 23, 1967, who in a telephone conversation with my wife told her that he was going to kill me if I continued going to the District Attorney's office to give them information.

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"After my wife recognized the voice of JACK MARTIN on a tape recorded conversation in your office on January 24, 1967, you Mr. GARRISON, told me that you also thought it was JACK MARTIN because information about my visits to your office had leaked out to him.

"On January 28, 1967, Mr. JACK MARTIN confessed in front of Mr. LOUIS IVON and myself that he had called my house and threatened to kill me.

"Question No. 10.

"Have I ever been present at any time, at any place where there has been a discussion about a plot to assassinate the late President JOHN F. KENNEDY?

"Answer to Question No. 10.

"No. I have never been present nor did I ever overhear any conversation in regard to a plot to kill the late President JOHN F. KENNEDY.

"I am also requesting that a copy of all your questions and the answers by me be given to me for my record purposes before I leave this office this date, April 15, 1967, in the company of my wife Mrs. MARIA S. QUIROGA. I also request that the lie-detector test be given in the presence of my wife.

"Sincerely yours,

"Signed before going to JIM GARRISON's office on this date, 4/15/67

"/S/ CARLOS QUIROGA
"/S/ Mrs. MARIA S. QUIROGA
"Mr. JIM GARRISON"

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"District Attorney JIM GARRISON maintains BERTRAND and SHAW are the same person. GARRISON also says SHAW, OSWALD, and the late DAVID W. FERRIE conspired in September, 1963, to kill President KENNEDY."

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"GARRISON charges the assassination was plotted in New Orleans two months before the President was shot in Dallas on November 22, 1963."

Newspaper:

Name New Orleans States-Item
Date May 8, 1967
Edition Red Comet

"District Attorney JAMES GARRISON said OSWALD was not a communist, as depicted by the Warren Commission, but in actuality, a revolutionary working closely with anti-CASTRO organizations in New Orleans and Dallas, using his communist cover as a mask for his real activities."

Source: CARLOS QUIROGA and CARLOS BRINGUIER
Date: May 9, 1967
To Whom: New Orleans FBI Office
By Whom: CARLOS QUIROGA and CARLOS BRINGUIER

"ALBERTO FOWLER, investigator for District Attorney JAMES GARRISON, said GARRISON plans to prove that it was GORDON NOVEL who pulled the trigger in Dallas and not OSWALD."

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Source: HUGH AYNESWORTH
Date: April 26, 1967
To Whom: The Houston FBI Office
By Whom: HUGH AYNESWORTH, "Newsweek" correspondent.

A summary of the information contained in Aynesworth's written notes is set forth below. Everything appearing below in this memorandum is taken directly from material Aynesworth made available.

Garrison's investigation of the alleged "conspiracy" began in November, 1956. The central figure of Garrison's "plot" from the very first was David W. Ferrie, a New Orleans pilot. Ferrie is reported to have been a brilliant misfit, who had worn several disguises, engaged in provocative talk, and in the role of an anti-Castro freedom fighter had often denounced President Kennedy because of the Bay of Pigs invasion disaster. He had been involved with Cuban exiles in several abortive plots, and had been discharged as an airline pilot on grounds of homosexuality. Although the FBI reportedly had checked on Ferrie carefully, no evidence was developed in 1963 or thereafter that Ferrie was actually involved.

Garrison concluded otherwise. During the early stages of his investigation, Garrison questioned Ferrie for hours, tested his statements with a polygraph, and interrogated his acquaintances. Ferrie steadfastly denied any involvement. Personal acquaintances of Ferrie insisted that Ferrie called Garrison's investigation a "farce" until his death in February, 1967.

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After Ferrie's death, Garrison declared the Warren Report had been a complete failure and remarked "You don't send boys to do a man's job." Shortly thereafter Clay L. Shaw was formally charged and a search of his apartment produced articles such as chains and whips which were widely publicized.

Perry Raymond Russo, a former friend of David Ferrie, testified he had been present in Ferrie's apartment in September, 1963, when Lee Harvey Oswald, Ferrie, and others discussed the assassination conspiracy. Russo, under cross examination, was unable to provide much information that he should have possessed if he had actually witnessed these activities. To buttress Russo's testimony, Garrison produced a twentyseven year old Negro, Vernon Bundy, a narcotics addict beginning at age thirteen, who was then in the Orleans Parish Prison. Bundy testified he observed Shaw give money to Oswald.

Perry Russo stated he had offered aid to Garrison only after Ferrie had died. Russo was initially interviewed by Assistant District Attorney Andrew J. Sciambra on February 25, 1967, which was two days after Garrison had announced he had "solved" the case.

[redacted] learned that Sciambra wrote up the interview of Russo in a 3,500 word memorandum to Garrison. [redacted] has stated that Garrison let him read this memorandum and nothing in it made any mention about a party, a plot, or a "Bertrand," a name Russo later stated was used by Clay Shaw. In this memorandum, Russo reportedly stated he had seen Clay Shaw only twice, once while attending a New Orleans speech delivered by President Kennedy and once in an automobile with Ferrie. When challenged by [redacted] Sciambra claimed he must have simply forgotten to include the crucial details of the conspiracy session in his report.

[redacted] stated information available to him indicated that it was only after "repeated prodding" while under hypnosis and the influence of a so-called "truth serum" that Russo had been able to recall the meeting in Ferrie's apartment.

Another dubious "fact" was the recollection by Russo of the presence of a "Glen Bertrand" at the session in Ferrie's apartment. This recalled information in the Warren Report that a New Orleans lawyer, Dean Andrews, had stated "Cley" Bertrand had telephoned him to represent Oswald. Andrews specializes in defending homosexuals and has often contradicted himself. Andrews has given at least two conflicting descriptions of Bertrand and has stated the alleged telephone call received from Bertrand occurred while Andrews was under sedation in a New Orleans hospital. After Garrison had Andrews indicted for perjury, Andrews insisted that "Bertrand" positively was not Cley Shaw.

The most persistent critic of Garrison is Gordon Novel, a night club owner and former electronics salesman, who claims he helped Garrison until he found out what a "ridiculous farce" the whole thing was. Novel was interviewed by Aynesworth several weeks ago and stated Garrison asked him to drug Ferrie with an atropine dart and was to use other "bizarre ways" to soften Ferrie up, in Garrison's words, "to tell us what we want to know."

Garrison has also received countless tips, bits and snatches of information from the kinds of characters who are always attracted to a sensational case. However, up to this date, Garrison's case rests primarily on the testimony of Perry Russo and Vernon Bundy.

In order to figure out this shaky brief, Garrison has been forced to resort to unorthodox tactics. Considerable proof has been developed that several peripheral characters involved in the investigation have had their lives threatened, have been intimidated and harassed and have even been offered bribes for favorable testimony.

In Dallas, Sergio Arcacha, a former Cuban exile leader in New Orleans is fighting extradition on a charge of munitions burglary which was also brought against Gordon Novel. Garrison has repeatedly admitted that Arcacha is not involved in his plot. Arcacha has informed Garrison he would gladly talk in the presence of someone from the Dallas Police Department, the FBI, or an attorney being present. Garrison recently stated "We don't want to talk in front of them."

Mrs. Sandra Koffett McMaines, a former girlfriend of Russo residing in Omaha, Nebraska, contradicted Russo's testimony she was at the "party" at Ferrie's apartment in 1963, and stated she did not meet Ferrie until 1965. Garrison's men visited her at midnight one night, and promised her new clothes and "expenses" if she would return to New Orleans. She refused and fled to Iowa. Her attorneys claim she is afraid to return to New Orleans for fear of physical harm.

One John Cancler, a notorious burglar, has told attorneys of Clay Shaw that he was released from jail in a "deal" provided he would enter Shaw's apartment and "Plant something."

Alvin R. Beaubouef, 6708 Villery, New Orleans, Louisiana, was perhaps the closest person to David Ferrie in 1963. Beaubouef was a teenager then and was single. He is now married and has a small child. The following account of the bribery attempt against Beaubouef can be documented with testimony of reputable attorneys and a tape recording.

Beaubouef was arrested in November, 1963, when he returned to New Orleans from a trip to Texas in the company of Dave Ferrie. Ferrie dropped Beaubouef off in front of Ferrie's apartment to run in and obtain hypodermic needles and some photographs from Ferrie's apartment. As Beaubouef was running from the front door of this apartment, he ran directly into an investigator from the District Attorney's Office and the photographs were taken from him. These photographs are now in Garrison's possession and are being held over Beaubouef's head.

A few days after Ferris died in February, 1967, Louis Iven, Garrison's Chief Investigator, and Iynn Loisel, City Police Officer assisting Garrison in his probe, went to the home of Beaubouef. They told him they had plenty of money and influence and they wanted him as a witness for the prosecution. Beaubouef insisted that his discussion with them be continued after consulting his attorney, Hugh Exnicics. Iven telephoned Exnicics and set up the appointment for March 10, 1967.

On March 10, 1967, Iven did not appear but Loisel did. Exnicics had set up equipment to make a tape recording of the entire conversation, which lasted more than thirty minutes. The following transpired:

Loisel stated he had talked with Beaubouef the previous evening and had offered him liberal expense money. He also told Beaubouef "the boss" is in a position to put him in a job. Loisel also stated they would make a hero out of Beaubouef instead of a villain. Loisel stated everything would be to Beaubouef's satisfaction and that by changing the story around they could eliminate any possibility that Beaubouef could be charged in the conspiracy. Loisel said the story could be typed up in such a way that Beaubouef would be free and clear.

The attorney asked just what Loisel meant by "expense" money and Loisel replied "I would venture to say... Well I'm, you know... fairly certain we could put \$3,000 on him just like that, you know." "I'm sure we'd help him financially and I'm sure we, real quick, we would get him a job." Loisel went on to explain that Garrison was not interested in Ferris's "personal" life, obviously meaning that any reference to homosexuality would be forgotten.

Exnicics stated "Well now Iynn, you're speaking about the District Attorney, Jim Garrison, and his ability to place Al in a responsible pilot's position with an airline?"

Loisel replied "That's correct according to Al's own ability."

Exnicios asked Loisel whether Garrison was aware of this offer and he replied "That's right."

Exnicios then asked what Beaubouef could testify to and Loisel replied that Garrison had a witness (obviously Russo) who placed Ferrie, Clay Shaw, Oswald, and two Cubans in a room together, he believed in Ferrie's apartment. Loisel added "Al was as close to Dave as anyone could have been." Loisel then laid out the plot scene, with the three men talking about the assassination, discussing cross fire and escape routes, with Ferrie and Shaw arguing, and stated Beaubouef's testimony would be "along that line."

Exnicios then asked Loisel whether Beaubouef was actually at the meeting and Loisel acknowledged he was not.

Exnicios then asked how Beaubouef could testify and Loisel replied "Well, Al is in...Al, being as close to Ferrie...as to know the whole thing from beginning to end."

Exnicios pointed out if Beaubouef knew about this and did not tell it, he was committing a crime and Loisel replied since Dave Ferrie was gone, Beaubouef would pretend he was afraid of Ferrie and had only come forward with this information after Ferrie was dead. Loisel went on to point out that Beaubouef now has a family and that Ferrie could have threatened to harm Beaubouef's family if Beaubouef revealed this. Loisel pointed out Beaubouef's action in releasing his information could now be considered his patriotic duty and he would be placing his family at the mercy of the District Attorney's Office in order to clear his conscience.

At this point Exnicios sent Loisel out of the room and had Beaubouef come in. Beaubouef's statement was "No matter what he says I don't know anything about the assassination." Beaubouef apparently was not aware of what Garrison's men wanted. Beaubouef said he felt he should tell them something or they would not pay him. Finally Beaubouef told his attorney to determine if Loisel would still get him the airline job even if he was not of any value to them.

Loisel then returned to the room and he agreed to check with "the boss" to determine if they would get Beaubouef the job. Exnicios then had Loisel repeat the three offers, involving \$3,000, a job with an airline, and no involvement of Beaubouef in the case.

After the above meeting was over Exnicios rushed the tape recording over to the Jefferson County District Attorney Langridge inasmuch as the bribe attempt had occurred in that jurisdiction. Langridge played this tape for several people, including Attorney Monk Zeldon. He also played this tape for Shaw's attorneys, Bill Wegmann and Irvin Dymond. Exnicios then travelled to Washington, D. C., and tried to sell the tape to Walter Sheridan, an NBC newsmen, for \$5,000. Exnicios claimed he was offered \$500 but refused and came back to New Orleans with the tape.

When Garrison's office learned that this tape existed, Loisel returned to Beaubouef's house and, in the presence of Beaubouef's wife, told him that if he did anything with the tape he would be hurt. Beaubouef was taken to the District Attorney's Office and kept for six or seven hours, during which time he was intimidated again with the pictures and made to sign a statement that he did not take the visit by Loisel and Ivon as a bribe offer.

Aynesworth personally visited Beaubouef on April 24, 1967, and talked with him for two hours. Beaubouef said he did not want to say or do anything because of the possible embarrassment of the photographs which Garrison had. When asked what he would do if this matter came up in court, Beaubouef stated he would tell the truth. Beaubouef stated he feared for his life if anything happened.

In addition to the above, Aynesworth heard rumors involving alleged threats to two other individuals:

Carlos Quiroga, a Cuban Refugee, was allegedly threatened twice by one Jack Martin. Garrison admitted this and had Martin apologize.

One Layton Martens, reportedly a homosexual, was allegedly threatened but details are unknown to Aynesworth.

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Source: CARLOS BRINGUIER
Date: May 9, 1967
To Whom: New Orleans FBI Office
By Whom: ALBERTO FOWLER, Investigator for District
Attorney JAMES GARRISON

"BRINGUIER stated that he received a telephone call on April 30, 1967, from ALBERTO FOWLER, investigator for District Attorney GARRISON. FOWLER stated that GARRISON plans to prove that it was GORDON NOVEL who pulled the trigger in Dallas and not OSWALD. BRINGUIER advised that he tape recorded this conversation with FOWLER."

Source: CARLOS BRINGUIER
Date: May 11, 1967
To Whom: New Orleans FBI Office
By Whom: CARLOS BRINGUIER

"ANDREW SCHAMBRIA, Assistant District Attorney, indicated that CARLOS QUIROGA should admit that he knew about the firearm used to kill President KENNEDY and also admit that the 'Fair Play for Cuba Committee' was just a front organization for LEE HARVEY OSWALD's anti-CASTRO activities. SCHAMBRIA told QUIROGA that if he did not change his testimony he would be indicted by the Orleans Grand Jury on May 12, 1967. QUIROGA stated he refused to change his testimony and has hired an attorney."

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ALLEGATIONS ALLEGING CIA INVOLVEMENT IN THE CONSPIRACY

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Source: The Times Picayune Newspaper, New Orleans, Louisiana

Date: February 24, 1967

To Whom: Times-Picayune

By Whom: District Attorney JAMES GARRISON

Newspaper:

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"*Just in case I have not made myself clear,' he said, 'let me say that under no circumstances will I turn over any evidence we have gathered to any other agency, and this most specifically applies to agencies of the federal government which have withheld - and continue to withhold - material which should have been turned over to law enforcement agencies having proper legal jurisdiction.' He added that the 'federal government has as much jurisdiction over a murder conspiracy in New Orleans as has the SPCA (Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals)."

Source: HUGH AYNESWORTH

Date: April 26, 1967

To Whom: Houston Office of FBI

By Whom: HUGH AYNESWORTH, Newsweek Correspondent

Magazine:

'GARRISON is reliably reported to believe that CLAY SHAW was in reality a CIA agent involved in an anti-CASTRO plot which either backfired or was redirected against President KENNEDY. This is only the latest theory that GARRISON has adopted during this investigation. The District Attorney's composite conspirator, assembled from all his theories to date would probably be equal parts homosexual, Cuban exile, right-wing extremist, FBI agent, Mafia hood, CIA operative, and Russian double-agent. '

Source: CARLOS QUIROGA

Date: May 6, 1967

To Whom: New Orleans FBI Office

CARLOS QUIROGA called on 5/6/67 and advised that CARLOS BRINGUIER has been informed by ALBERTO FLOWER, Investigator

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for DA JIM GARRISON that GARRISON plans to subpoena CIA to produce a photograph that they reportedly took of LEE HARVEY OSWALD entering the Cuban Embassy in Mexico City.

"GARRISON believes that photo shows another individual to be accompanying OSWALD, and it is GARRISON's contention that this second individual is a CIA agent."

Source: New Orleans States Item
Date: May 6, 1967
To Whom: States Item
By Whom: District Attorney JAMES GARRISON
Newspaper:
Name New Orleans States Item
Date May 6, 1967
Edition Final

"District Attorney JIM GARRISON today took issue with U. S. Central Intelligence Agency testimony before Warren Commission and charges CIA gave Warren Commission 'fake photograph' of LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

"GARRISON's reply made after CIA denied published reports that OSWALD may have been acting as undercover agent for CIA.

"This article reported that GARRISON accused CIA of producing 'fake photograph' when Warren Commission asked for a picture of OSWALD and a 'Cuban companion' leaving Cuban Embassy at Mexico City. GARRISON claimed photograph of OSWALD and a burly Cuban taken by concealed camera operated by CIA Agents.

"GARRISON claimed when Warren Commission asked for photograph of OSWALD and companion, CIA presented photograph of a balding, stocky, middle aged man who obviously was neither LEE OSWALD nor his companion.

"GARRISON stated that the Director and Deputy Director of CIA were very careful not to mention to Warren Commission they had produced wrong picture.

"The article also stated that GARRISON said testimony which CIA authorities gave Warren Commission necessarily must be taken with grain of salt. GARRISON also stated he challenged CIA to produce what he indicated was an important photograph of OSWALD which has been suppressed for more than three years."

Newspaper:

Name Times Picayune, New Orleans, Louisiana
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"The District Attorney said the CIA produced a 'fake photograph' when the Warren Commission asked for a picture of OSWALD and a Cuban companion leaving the Cuban Embassy in Mexico City. According to GARRISON, OSWALD and the Cuban with whom he was photographed in Mexico a few days before KENNEDY's assassination were seen frequently together in New Orleans and Dallas in November, 1963."

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"GARRISON also confirmed that his investigation centers around evidence of CIA involvement in KENNEDY's death.