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One is inevitably reminded of the late Senator Joseph McCarthy when one hears the District Attorney of New Orleans escalating the roster of participants in the Kennedy assassination "plot." Dismissing the Warren Report assumption that a lone assassin shot the President, District Attorney Garrison first estimated that three ruffians had engaged in the conspiracy. Some time later, he raised the number to five. Now, in the October issue of *Playboy* magazine, he has asserted in an interview that the crime was committed by "a precision guerrilla team of at least seven men, including anti-Castro adventurers and members of the para-military right."

It is interesting that Mr. Garrison says all these conspirators belonged to the Central Intelligence Agency. The renowned cloak and dagger organization gets blamed, perhaps, beyond its deserts. Its personnel really can't be everywhere, murdering everybody. If the D. A. decides to enlarge the conspiracy any further, simple justice suggests that he ought to give a couple of places to the neglected FBI, and perhaps one at least to the Secret Service.