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Questioned if he felt a new federal probe should be launched into the Kennedy assassination, Garrison replied, "There should be several concurrent investigations and the important thing is that the evidence should be evaluated."

The States-Item said Garrison's office is seeking a "physically powerful and dangerous" Cuban man who "is believed to be one of a group of Cubans who reportedly hid behind a billboard on the parade route in Dallas Nov. 22, 1963."

Supposedly, the Cuban was photographed in New Orleans handing out "Fair Play for Cuba" pamphlets.

Garrison and some aides are supposed to have covered the Miami waterfront extensively looking for the Cuban. But he is now thought to have left the country.

Miami area police were reported to have believed that the Cuban was wanted on a narcotics charge, unaware that he is a suspect in the Kennedy murder. Only Miami State Atty. Gen. Bernard Gerstein had been taken into confidence by Garrison, according to The States-Item.

Later Saturday, there were numerous comments from officials and other persons concerned with the case from throughout the nation. The comments included:

In Washington, Rep. Gerald R. Ford, R-Mich., who was a member of the Warren Commission, said, "If the district attorney has such information he should transmit it to the attorney general, whom I assume would transmit it immediately to the President."

The Secret Service, the Justice Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, contacted in Washington, said there would be no comment. Likewise, comment was withheld by Chief Justice Earl Warren, who headed the Warren Commission and Allen W. Dulles, former head of the Central Intelligence Agency, who was a Warren Commission member.

"I know nothing of it," said Dulles. "I have no comment."

Although Sen. Richard B. Russell, D-Ga., who was a

commission member, was not available for comment, an aide indicated the senator had previously said he would not comment on any stories which might develop since the commission issued its report.

In Stamford, Conn., John J. Foley, another commission member, said, "Let's see what (Garrison's) evidence is. We are always aware that some ~~things might come up later~~ **later and we know that time**

of events, the assassination. If they have any evidence, or if any indictments are to be issued, they will not indict a dead man. So that leaves Jack Ruby out. I wish them all the success in the world."

"A BIG JOKE"

Meanwhile, David W. Ferrie, a pilot and sometime investigator, called the Garrison investigation "a big joke." Ferrie said he has been pegged as the get-away pilot in an elaborate plot to kill Kennedy.

No official source has pegged Ferrie as the get-away pilot. But Ferrie said an acquaintance of his has. He did not wish to identify the acquaintance.

Sitting in his uptown apartment, Ferrie told of how he came to be linked with the investigation currently being undertaken by Garrison's forces.

Ferrie said he was working in November, 1963, as an investigator for attorney G. Wray Gill who was trying a federal court case involving Carlos Marcello.

TELLS OF TRIP

About 3:20 p. m. Nov. 22, 1963—the day of the assassination of President Kennedy—Ferrie said he and two friends on the spur-of-the-moment decided to go to Texas.

"We drove by car to Vinton, La., then to Houston and Galveston, where we hunted geese," explained Ferrie. "Our route brought us back by Alexandria on the Sunday after; and it was there I learned that 130 law officers, including Garrison and former assistant district attorney Frank Klein, had broken into my home and carted off books, photographs and some other personal belongings."

Ferrie said the district attorney's office "took a substantial amount of my property to Tulane and Broad (lo-

cation of the DA's office)."

When he returned, Klein questioned him and his companions, said Ferrie. "We were all thrown in jail and booked with being fugitives from Texas," said Ferrie bitterly.

Ferrie said he asked Gill to call the FBI and Secret Service. He said that he had interviews with both organizations after being released by Klein.

Recently, Ferrie said he received a subpoena to appear before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury. But as he arrived at the Criminal Courts bldg., he was intercepted and asked to come to first Assistant District Attorney Charles R. Ward's office.

ASKED QUESTIONS

Ferrie was asked to go to Ward's office by chief investigator Louis Ivon. Ivon led him to ~~the~~ **trial assistant was waiting.**

Harvey Oswald, accused killer of President Kennedy and a one-time New Orleans resident.

According to Ferrie, the FBI became interested in him when a New Orleans man saw Oswald on television and told a local TV station that he served with Oswald in a Civil Air Patrol unit under Ferrie.

Ferrie claims the man, whom he identified as Ed Vobie, was in the Moisant Squadron and was in the Lakefront Squadron.

Ferrie has been looking into possible local leads to the assassination on his own. Asked if he thinks Oswald had an accomplice, Ferrie said, "I believe it would be fruitless to look for an accomplice."

ASSESSES OSWALD

Listed in the city directory as a psychologist, Ferrie said, "My assessment of Oswald is that he would be incapable of conspiring because he would be incapable of any interpersonal relationship, especially anything as delicate as a conspiracy to kill."

Ferrie said he is a native of Cleveland, Ohio, but he has been living in New Orleans for 15 years.

Told that he will become a national celebrity now, Ferrie said, "What will being a national celebrity get me? Thirty-five cents and being a national celebrity will get you a hamburger. I want to be left alone to my flying."

Ferrie said he had been ill

at his home for about three weeks with encephalitis.

When The Times-Picayune contacted Garrison Friday to ask him about the status of the investigation -- or to confirm that one was going on--the district attorney hinted that he didn't have to account to the newspaper for trips by his attorneys. He accented this message with a profane sentence.

Records show that the district attorney's office has already spent more than \$8,000 on the investigation.