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ASSASSINATION 3/14 DA17

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1ST ADD 1ST NIGHT LD ASSASSINATION NEW ORLEANS (231A) XXX THE OTHERS.

BOTH OSWALD AND FERRIE ARE DEAD. OSWALD WAS SHOT TWO DAYS AFTER THE ASSASSINATION BY DALLAS NIGHTCLUB OWNER JACK RUBY. FERRIE DIED OF A BRAIN HEMORRHAGE IN HIS NEW ORLEANS APARTMENT FEB. 22, A FEW DAYS AFTER GARRISON CALLED HIM A "MAJOR FIGURE" IN HIS PROBE OF THE ASSASSINATION.

RUSSO SAID FERRIE ADVISED SHAW AND OSWALD THAT THREE PERSONS SHOULD BE INVOLVED, ONE A "GOOD SHOT"; AND THAT ONE MIGHT HAVE TO BE SACRIFICED AND THE OTHERS SHOULD BE IN THE "PUBLIC EYE" ON THE DAY OF THE KILLING.

HE SAID SUCH TECHNICAL BALLISTIC SUBJECTS AS "TRIANGULATION OF CROSS-FIRE" WERE DISCUSSED AND FERRIE, A PILOT, EXPLORED THE POSSIBILITIES OF ESCAPING BY AIR.

RUSSO'S REVELATION AS GARRISON'S "CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT" CAME LATE IN THE MORNING SESSIONS OF THE PRELIMINARY HEARING BEFORE A THREE-JUDGE DISTRICT COURT PANEL IN A PACKED ROOM IN NEW ORLEANS CRIMINAL COURT BUILDING.

IN THE FEB. 24 INTERVIEW WITH THE BATON ROUGE STATE TIMES, RUSSO DID NOT MENTION ANYTHING ABOUT THE 1963 MEETING. HE SAID HE SAW FERRIE'S PICTURE IN THE NEWSPAPER IN CONNECTION WITH GARRISON'S INVESTIGATION AND WROTE GARRISON ABOUT A CONVERSATION HE ONCE HAD IN

WHICH FERRIE ALLEGEDLY TOLD THAT "WE WILL GET HIM (KENNEDY) AND IT WON'T BE LONG."

RUSSO SAID THEN HE HAD FORGOTTEN THE STATEMENT UNTIL HE SAW FERRIE'S PICTURE. TUESDAY HE TALKED ABOUT THE SEPTEMBER, 1963, MEETING FOR WHAT WAS APPARENTLY THE FIRST TIME.

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