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We have rechecked our files for February, 1969, and cannot find any specific reference to a JG telegram saying that the government appeal made the question moot.

We shall ask HV to check his files when we see him.

In the meantime we do find a probable reference to such a message in AP copy. The night lead filed at 2:37 p.m. from New Orleans Feb.. 20 was all about the DA and his prosecution team resting its case after losing an appeal to the Louisiana Supreme Court to reverse Judge Haggerty's refusal to admit Ptn. Habighorst's testimony.

Long after this story was cleared on the wire, a brief add was filed (probably from New York, judging from the punching) which said simply:

"In Washington, the Justice Department said it had been notified that Garrison is dropping his request for the autopsy documents."

That is all. Presumably the Washington bureau got the word from the DJ and phoned it to New York, where the add was put on the story from New Orleans.

We checked beyond, ~~xxxx~~ in the days following, and could find no further reference to it.

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