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Cabbie Links Ruby, Oswald and Ferrie

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DALLAS (AP)—A former Dallas cab driver has told the New Orleans district attorney's office that he once drove David Ferrie and Lee Harvey Oswald to Jack Ruby's Dallas nightclub, the Associated Press has learned.

Raymond Cummings, 35, said he contacted Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's office again after he saw a picture of Ferrie in a Dallas newspaper, and an accompanying story that said Ferrie said he had never been in Dallas, a source said.

Cummings, who was a part-time Dallas cabbie from Jan. 11, 1963, till March 15, 1963, would not talk with reporters today.

BUT A QUALIFIED source divulged his sensational story to the AP.

Garrison's office is investigating what he claims is a conspiracy hatched in New Orleans which may have led to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963.

The Warren Commission said Oswald killed Kennedy and that there was no credible evidence of conspiracy.

RUBY KILLED OSWALD Nov. 24, 1963, in the basement of the Dallas City Hall as Oswald was being transferred to the county jail. Ruby himself died of cancer Jan. 3 of this year while awaiting

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a second trial for the Oswald killing.

Ferrie, a New Orleans pilot, was found dead in his bed Feb. 22. The coroner said death was from natural causes but Garrison says it was suicide.

Garrison says Ferrie, Oswald and others plotted the assassination.

Cummings has indicated that he would take a polygraph examination in Louisiana but not in Texas, the source said.

THE SOURCE gave this account of what Cummings told New Orleans investigators, as well as representatives of the Dallas district attorney's office:

Cummings was driving a cab when he took a man from the Dallas bus station to suburban Irving. He said the passenger was Lee Harvey Oswald. He said he remembered this man because both men were ex-Marines and talked about the service. Also, Oswald, he said, said he didn't have enough money for the fare but he took him anyway.

A few weeks later, Cummings said, according to the source, he picked up three men on a Dallas street and was told to take them to Ruby's Carousel Club. He said these three men were Oswald, Ferrie and an unidentified man.

HE SAID HE recognized Oswald, and they talked more about the Marines. He said Ferrie's unusual face caused him to keep glancing at it in the mirror. Ferrie's face was burned once, and he wore a wig and false eyebrows.

Cummings said he used to be a policeman in a small south Texas town.

The Dallas district attorney's office has planned to meet with him again. He has retained a lawyer.