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Ex-Dallas Taxi Driver Links Ferrie to Oswald

DALLAS, Tex. (AP)—A man who used to drive a Dallas taxicab says he once drove Lee Harvey Oswald and David Ferrie to Look Ruby's Dallas nightclub.

Raymon Cummings, 35, has told this story to New Orleans Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's office, it was learned.

Garrison, investigating an alleged plot in the assassination of President Kennedy, says Ferrie, Oswald and others conspired to kill the President.

Ferrie, Oswald and Ruby all are dead.

A source said the former cabbie decided to contact Garrison's office after he saw a picture of Ferrie in a Dallas newspaper in February. The picture was accompanied by a story that quoted Ferrie as saying he had never been in Dallas.

Cummings drove a cab part-time in Dallas from Jan. 11, 1963, until March 15, 1963.

While a cabbie, the source said, Cummings once picked up three men and drove them to Ruby's Carousel Club. The three passengers were Ferrie, Oswald and an unidentified man, the source quoted Cummings as saying.

Both Ex-Marines

Cummings, according to the source, recognized Oswald as having been a man he had driven a few weeks earlier from the bus station to suburban Irving. Both he and Oswald were ex-marines, Cummings said, and they had talked about the service.

The Warren Commission said Oswald assassinated Kennedy in Dallas Nov. 22, 1963, and that there was no credible evidence of a conspiracy of any kind.

Cummings has been employed with a large Dallas company for the last 11 years. He has worked at various part-time jobs in that period, including cab driving.

In New Orleans, a judicial curtain was lowered today over a phase of Garrison's investigation.

A set of guidelines was issued for newsmen by the three criminal district judges who will preside at Tuesday's preliminary hearing for Clay Shaw, a retired executive, accused of conspiracy in the probe.

The 27-paragraph set of rules specified that witnesses, all lawyers in the case, law officers and many others in official and unofficial capacities "are forbidden from making any extrajudicial statements of any kind concerning this case from this date and until such time as this case is concluded."

Grand Jury Hears Andrews

The Orleans Parish (county) grand jury, taking up the case for the first time, yesterday heard testimony from Dean Andrews Jr., who was consulted by Oswald several times in the summer of 1963, and Mrs. Josephine Hug, who worked for Shaw when he was managing director of the International Trade Mart.

Andrews, now an assistant district attorney in neighboring Jefferson parish, was asked by the Warren commission if he thought Oswald had killed Kennedy.

"I know good and well he did not," Andrews said. "This boy could have connived the deal, but I think he is a patsy. Somebody else pulled the trigger."