

Dallas Cabbie 5-1-2/16/67 Arrives Here For DA Probe

Raymon Cummings, the Dallas taxicab driver who claims he once drove Lee Harvey Oswald, David William Ferrie and a third man to a Dallas nightclub operated by Jack Ruby, arrived in New Orleans today.

He flew into New Orleans International Airport and later appeared at the district attorney's office on the eve of a suspense-laden hearing in DA Jim Garrison's probe of the death of President John F. Kennedy.

Oswald is the man the Warren Commission named as the slayer of the President. Ruby, who died of cancer in January, shot Oswald to death shortly after Kennedy's murder, but always maintained he never knew Oswald before then.

FERRIE, WHO DIED here Feb. 22, was named by Garrison as one of a group of conspirators who plotted JFK's death in New Orleans.

At the airport today, Cummings and his attorney were met by two uniformed policemen and two men presumed to be from Garrison's office.

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Cummings said he received anonymous telephone threats Friday night, Saturday and Sunday night warning him that if he went to New Orleans "you're definitely going to get it. You won't return to Dallas. You're going to get it in New Orleans."

CUMMINGS SAID, "I'm not particularly worried. They're possibly pranks." His lawyer, Frank Wright, said he would ask for police protection here.

The district attorney's office plans to question Cummings about his claim to have driven Oswald, Ferrie and another man to Ruby's night club early in 1963.

Cummings appeared briefly at the DA's office this morning, and came back later.

Wright said he returned at the request of first assistant DA Charles Ray Ward. He would make no further comment.