

PROBE SUBPENA IS WITHDRAWN

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The district attorney's office issued, then thought better of, a Kennedy assassination probe subpoena for a man with reported former New Orleans anti-Castro connections.

The district attorney's office subpoena was issued for William Dalzell, reported to be a petroleum engineer and petroleum adviser to the Ethiopian government. It was later withdrawn by Assistant District Attorney James L. Alcock after unsuccessful efforts were made to serve the subpoena.

District attorney's office sources said Dalzell became an incorporator of a militant anti-Castro organization in New Orleans in early 1961.

District Attorney Jim Garrison has claimed that accused assassin Lee Harvey Oswald's connections in New Orleans were exclusively with anti-Castro elements, and that the Central Intelligence Agency and the Federal Bureau of Investigation collaborated to cover up these affiliations.

The organization, Friends of Democratic Cuba, reportedly merged into other anti-Castro Cuban groups.

Listed as incorporators with Dalzell were the late Guy Banister, a former FBI official and one-time assistant superintendent of New Orleans police, Grady C. Durham, a former New Orleans attorney, and William Klein, brother of an attorney representing one Garrison investigation figure.

Dalzell's subpoena, directed to the Roosevelt Hotel, ordered him to appear in Garrison's office at 1 p.m. He was reportedly in town on a visit.

Garrison's investigators staked out Dalzell's hotel room, but a deputy of Criminal Sheriff Louis A. Heyd Jr. was sent to the law office of Steven Plotkin after the district attorney's office received information Dalzell might be there.

Plotkin is an attorney representing Gordon Novel, fugitive witness in Garrison's probe.

Dalzell reportedly was not found at Plotkin's office, and the subpoena was subsequently withdrawn.