

More Money for Garrison JFK Probe

NEW ORLEANS — (AP) — Two principal contributors to the private fund that finances District Attorney Jim Garrison's inquiry into the Kennedy assassination vow they'll keep putting up the money as long as they believe he has a case.

"We're in hopes that it's a short term deal," said Willard E. Robertson, a wealthy New Orleans civic leader, "but we're not going to disband until Mr. Garrison's case is proved or disproved."

KEEPS SECRET

Robertson referred to Truth and Consequences of New Orleans, Inc., an organization of 50 businessmen that has been backing Garrison since the district attorney's undercover investigation be-

came public knowledge last February.

At that time, Garrison said he couldn't maintain the secrecy he needed if public funds were used in the probe. Such expenditures would be a matter of public record.

"I knew he couldn't conduct it in a goldfish bowl," said Joseph M. Rault Jr., head of Rault Petroleum Corp., and a member of Truth and Consequences.

"I believe he should be allowed to carry this thing through. We provide him with a tool — in this case, money."

IN DISPUTE

Garrison disputes the verdict issued by the Warren Commission after its official investigation of the murder

of President Kennedy in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963.

The commission ruled Kennedy was killed by a rifle bullet fired by Lee Harvey Oswald, and concluded that Oswald acted alone.

Robertson, chairman of Truth and Consequences, said last June 9 the organization had donated \$9418 to

Garrison's probe, and that all but \$386 had been spent.

This month, he said Garrison's expenditures had totaled "a little over \$10,000, but not much more."

"He's not a big spender," said Robertson.

'ALL HELPS'

The money, he said, comes in regular donations from the

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50 members of Truth and Consequences. "Everyone gives what he can, and it all helps."

Robertson said Garrison reports to his supporters from time to time on his progress, but Rault denied he has any inside information said Joseph M. Rault Jr.,