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NEW ORLEANS PLOT THICKENS

In his latest press conference New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison dropped another hot boiler into the Kennedy assassination case.

Five days before the assassination, says Garrison, Lee Harvey Oswald, who was an agent of the CIA, says Garrison, sent a telegram to FBI director J. Edgar Hoover warning that an attempt would be made on the President's life in Dallas, says Garrison.

Garrison did not produce the telegram nor promise to do so when the first of his alleged conspirators goes on trial in New Orleans in February. But he said that if the American people were convinced that it existed they would not tolerate the continuation in places of power of those (including not only Hoover but Chief Justice Earl Warren and evidently President Johnson himself) who suppressed the truth about the assassination and made Oswald the pat- sy.

That is the understatement of the century.

One question, however, still

goes unanswered. Indeed, it has scarcely been asked by any of the growing number of investigators, who have attempted to tear apart the Warren Commission report.

If there were any substance to these theories that John F. Kennedy was the victim of a conspiracy — before his death and/or after it — why would those who were closest to him, who were most deeply affected by his murder who had the most compelling personal interest in seeing that the truth be known, have expressed their satisfaction with the official explanation?

The idea that the Kennedy family, with its wealth, prestige, influence and ambition, was brought or pressured into silence by somebody or just sold a bill of goods like the rest of us is as fantastic as any expose of the assassination that has yet been offered to the public.

LOVE -BLIND COMPUTER

Automation has suffered a setback—automated romance, that is.

Two Stanford University psychology students computer-

matched 350 men and 210 women on the basis of personalities, mutual interests and opinions. The results of the machine-made dating were disappointing.

They found that how closely two people were matched seemed completely unrelated to how much they liked each other.

"Apparently the blindness stays in blind dating even when you use a computer," they report. While they concede that the number of people involved in the experiment was too small to be statistically significant, computer dating seems "just like roulette — you pay your money and take your chances." The students concluded that it's just "too unscientific a way to meet dates."

Only one marriage resulted from the dating experiment—but neither partner had been matched with the other. They met elsewhere and fell in love the old-fashioned way.

Which brings to mind an old (?) saying: The computer disposes, but it's still the man who proposes.