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Where's the Evidence?

Apparently the 27,000 interviews and combined efforts by the FBI, CIA, Secret Service, and police authorities in a host of state and city governments couldn't do the job. The Kennedy assassination now has a new theorist in Jim Garrison, New Orleans district attorney.

Garrison is betting on a conspiracy. He claims there is "no question at all" but that others besides Lee Harvey Oswald were involved in the assassination, and that the plot was hatched in New Orleans.

The DA has managed to keep in the headlines for several days. That's not an easy thing to do in this case. So many others are competing with their own theories.

Part of Garrison's success lies in his own personality. He is 6-foot-6 and carries a snub-nosed revolver plus a strong set of vocal chords. After denying a newspaper report of his investigation, he reversed himself and staked out an

exclusive claim to the case. In refusing to share information with Washington he declared, "I am running this investigation, not the President, not the Attorney General."

He criticized the Warren Commission, a standard procedure, of course. He promised darkly that arrests will be made, charges will be filed, and convictions will be obtained. "This is no Mickey Mouse investigation," he insisted.

The impression lingers here that Mr. Garrison, like the lady in Shakespeare, doth protest too much. Perhaps the excitement of his first venture into a national case, even on a trail now more than three years old, accounts for his outburst.

Without passing judgment, we can only suggest he stop talking and present his evidence. We've already heard enough rhetoric on the subject from others to last a lifetime.