

Persons, Groups Known: Garrison

More JFK Plots

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NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison said Friday his investigation of President John F. Kennedy's assassination indicates "there were several plots" involved.

He would give no further details except to say, "The names of the individuals and the groups are known."

"There were several plots and a change of direction (in them) did occur," the New Orleans district attorney said. Garrison maintains Kennedy was killed

as a result of a conspiracy hatched in New Orleans.

Garrison is known to have considered a theory that a group of anti-Castroites had been plotting to kill Premier Fidel Castro of Cuba. This group then later changes its target to President Kennedy.

One element of the theory was that Lee Harvey Oswald was to have been the gunman in the Castro plot. The plot supposedly collapsed when Oswald, named by the Warren Commission as the president's assassin, failed to enter Cuba. When Oswald, according to theory, was denied entry to Cuba, the target was switched.

The disclosures concerning plots came following a luncheon at which he received promise of a private fund that could amount to \$50,000 or more per month to finance his controversial investigation.

The fund has a base of an estimated \$5,000 a month pledged at the luncheon, to which 50 New Orleans businessmen had been invited. The meeting was called to create a formal organization for receiving and dispersing funds.

The organization was given the name "Truth and Consequences."

After the luncheon, Garrison

was surrounded by newsmen, checking on a report that he had just announced the Kennedy assassination was solved. Garrison explained that he merely used a different word to state what he had said previously: Arrests will be made and convictions obtained.

"What I've been trying to emphasize is that arrests are not imminent," he said. "For them
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(newsmen) to say arrests will take place any day is ridiculous. They asked me if it might be in the next few days, and I said it might be months — that it might be 30 years."

As to the emphasis on his reported statement that the case was now "solved," he made clear this represented no revelation.

I wouldn't have said days ago that there would be arrests if we hadn't had the case solved. I thought I made that explicit. But that doesn't mean arrests are imminent."

He again stressed that arrests in the case may be months away and that he "was building a case that I can take into court." He expressed confidence that these would produce convictions.

"We are going to be able to arrest every human involved, that is every human involved who is still alive."

This apparently referred to the death of David W. Ferrie, a man Garrison had labeled as important to his investigation. Ferrie was found dead in his apartment Wednesday morning. Garrison again called it "suicide — without any question."

But the coroner, Nicholas Chetta, said Friday chemical tests produced no evidence of barbiturates, alcohol or other drugs or chemicals which could have produced death. The coroner said death resulted from natural causes — a massive brain hemorrhage. Dr. Chetta said there was no evidence whatsoever of violence.