

# CONFUSION GROWS IN KENNEDY PROBE

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 24 — with reporters came in a news release, which in substance said he would not turn over his findings to Federal investigators.

Only one thing is certain about the events surrounding the probe — one man has died.

Garrison himself, irate about what he called the premature release of information about his investigation, would not speak to newsmen. His only communication

If he did, he said, his research would be "converted into a colossal fact-gathering enterprise in which relevant leads would become lost among truck loads of trivia."

As the district attorney continued his probe in as much secrecy as possible with reporters from around the globe in town, the true cause of the death of David

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## Jumble of Rumors Cloud JFK Probe

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William Ferrie was still being sought.

Ferrie, 49, a sometimes brilliant, always pathetic figure was found dead in his apartment Wednesday with bottles of pills everywhere and a note nearby. He was in bed, nude, with a sheet over his body.

Ferrie had been in his time an airline pilot, a private investigator, had studied for the priesthood in a seminary and had worked on a doctor's degree in psychology.

### MIXED UP LIFE

Strangely disfigured by a lack of hair and eyebrows as a result of an explosion, he wore false ones.

His life paralleled the investigation launched by Garrison, mixed up, out of focus. Garrison called Ferrie "one of history's most important figures" and said after his death he had planned to arrest him in a few days as a figure in a plot to kill the President. "Apparently we waited too long," said Garrison, who termed Ferrie's death an apparent suicide.

Dr. Nicholas Chetta, Orleans Parish (county) coroner, ruled out neither murder nor suicide and said autopsy reports indicated it

could have been a natural death.

Chetta said there were no signs of violence.

### PATHOLOGIST QUOTED

Louisiana State University pathologist Dr. Ronald A. Welsh said Ferrie died of a ruptured blood vessel at the base of the brain.

He said the autopsy showed Ferrie had "moderate to moderately severe" high blood pressure and may have suffered a similar ruptured blood vessel before.

Ferrie's death apparently scared other persons whose names have figured in the probe.

David Lewis, a bus station baggage clerk who claims he had knowledge of a possible conspiracy to kill Kennedy, went to Garrison's office yesterday. Lewis again expressed fear for his life.

Miguel Torres, a Cuban exile who lived a block from Lee Harvey Oswald's 1963 residence here, was transferred from a jail cell to the Orleans Parish Prison hospital. Reportedly there was a telephone call threatening his life. Torres was returned to New Orleans from the Louisiana State Penitentiary at Angola last month for questioning by Garrison's investigators.