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Garrison Plot Probe

The States-Item's disclosure yesterday that District Attorney Jim Garrison has been conducting an intensive investigation into the circumstances of President John F. Kennedy's assassination raises anew doubts about events surrounding that tragedy.

The usually loquacious district attorney remains tight-lipped on the subject. His chief assistant, however, confirms that such an investigation is in progress.

The investigation is understood to center on the possibility of a plot to assassinate the president involving New Orleans and persons living here.

A major figure in the investigation reportedly has been interviewed by a national magazine which plans a story based on the district attorney's findings.

This man, according to the list of witnesses in the Warren Report, was not questioned by the presidential commission.

The Warren Report states there was no evidence of a plot to kill the president.

The commission, however, has been criticized in some quarters for failing to question several obvious witnesses.

Virtually all attacks on the commission's findings questioned whether Lee Harvey Oswald, the alleged assassin who once lived in New Orleans, acted alone.

No one to date has come forward with evidence to show this actually was the case, however.

Mr. Garrison's own silence on the subject has itself raised some interesting questions, particularly since more than \$8,000 has been spent on unexplained travel and "investigative expenses" since last Nov. 25.

Has the district attorney uncovered some valuable additional evidence or is he merely saving some interesting new information which will gain for him exposure in a national magazine?

Mr. Garrison, it seems, should have some explanation.