

EXCLUSIVE

In First Interview Since Clay Saw That New Orleans D.A. Jim Garrison Says:

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Controversial New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison remains as convinced as ever that the assassination of President John F. Kennedy was the result of a giant conspiracy within the U.S. government.

And, although the acquittal of businessman Clay Shaw — the man Garrison tabbed as a co-conspirator — has discredited Garrison in the eyes of many Americans, the unanswered questions brought up in his investigation remain as intriguing and mysterious as ever.

Garrison says the tragedy of Nov. 22, 1963, was the first military "coup d'etat" in U.S. history. Behind it, he claims, were the Joint Chiefs of Staff of the American armed forces and the powerful, secretive Central Intelligence Agency.

To obtain this exclusive interview — the first Garrison has given since the Shaw trial — required several months of repeated unsuccessful attempts by this writer to communicate with Garrison.

After the district attorney had agreed to answer this reporter's questions, I found that my registered airmail letters to him were never delivered. The first one wound up in the "dead letter" office after a return receipt was allegedly "lost." A second was returned to me "unclaimed."

I later learned that Garrison, in the meantime, had been having equal difficulty in repeated attempts to communicate with me. One letter I did receive from him bore two New Orleans postmarks, one dated April 14 and another dated April 19, meaning that his letter was held up for some

JFK Slaying Was Part of Military Takeover Of the U.S. Govt.

Reason for four days at the New Orleans Post Office.

Just what was going on during this period one can only guess. But it appears certain that someone tried very hard to keep me from obtaining the Garrison interview.

Even after the interview was completed, Garrison warned me:

"I am really very pessimistic that you will find any publisher willing to print this. The grip of the military-intelligence combine, not only on America, but on much of the Western world, is so strong that I feel you will have difficulties."

"For my country's sake, I hope the truth will come out somewhere."
Was President Kennedy really mur-



D.A. JIM GARRISON
Blames military-industrial complex

dered on the orders of the U.S. military leaders in the Pentagon and the Central Intelligence Agency? Is the Congress and the White House really in the grasp of the "industrial-military alliance" of which President Eisenhower once warned?

The reader is free to judge Garrison's conclusions for himself. The following questions and the answers given by Garrison reveal his charges in detail:

Q. Mr. Garrison, you have been kind enough to grant me the first interview that you have given to any newspaperman since the verdict in the Clay Shaw trial. Can you tell me why you have decided at this time to make a public statement?

A. It has not been possible for a long

time to make any public statement to the national press in America without having it distorted or completely misunderstood. Yours was the first request from Europe since the Clay Shaw trial so I decided to see if there was somewhere in the world where it

is possible to have the truth about the assassination printed.

Q. Who do you think killed President Kennedy?

A. President Kennedy was killed in a coup d'etat — a government sponsored assassination. The preparation for the assassination and the creation of a tableau to make it appear to be a meaningless incident, caused by a single demented young man, were accomplished by the Central Intelligence Agency. The CIA, it must be understood, had long since ceased to be merely an intelligence coordinating agency and had become, as well, the clandestine arm of the warfare interests in the United States government.

Q. What was the political objective of the people who conspired to kill the President of the United States in 1963?

A. The objective was to remove from office a man who was taking steps to end the Cold War, and who would have thereby reduced the economic and political power of the industrial-warfare

complex in America. The Cold War had become by far America's biggest business.

The military-industrial complex had become by far the most powerful force in America.

On the other hand, beginning with the Bay of Pigs disaster in Cuba, John Kennedy had acquired an early and significant disenchantment with the military-intelligence combine. The split grew larger by the time of the Cuban missile crisis when Kennedy refused to take the advice of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (with the notable exception of General Shoup of the Marine Corps) to bomb Cuba.

By the summer of 1963 President Kennedy was on a clear collision course with the military-industrial complex.

On Sept. 1, 1963 — against the ad-

vice of a majority of the Joint Chiefs of Staff — he caused to be signed the Nuclear Test Ban Treaty in Moscow.

Then, most unforgivable of all to the proponents of maintaining peace by violence, President Kennedy began the removal of troops from Vietnam. Between Aug. 1, 1963, and Oct. 1, 1963, he reduced the then-small contingent of military advisers from 15,000 to 14,000.

He ordered Secretary of Defense McNamara to have all American troops out of Vietnam by 1965. This would have left no foothold in Asia and would have eliminated the best market on the horizon for military hardware — and would have eliminated a major source of the monstrous Pentagon-CIA power in Washington.

Consequently, they disposed of the President in an ambush at Dealey Plaza in Dallas. The Central Intelligence Agency carefully set Lee Harvey Oswald up as the scapegoat by assigning him to engage in "pro-Castro" demonstrations in New Orleans.

The real function of the FBI investigation and the Warren Commission inquiry was to conceal the involvement of United States intelligence agents in the murder of John Kennedy, although in fairness it must be stated that it is quite possible that all of the members of the Warren Commission were not aware of how they were being used.

The American press unwittingly disseminated the series of fraudulent official pronouncements and news leaks to the people of the country so that the President's death appeared to be just an unfortunate accident.

Actually, Oswald clearly did not shoot anyone that day nor was there the slightest evidence to that effect against him even as late as the time when he in turn was removed. However, this mattered little because by then the false information from the government, having been whirled around the world by the electronic media, had jelled into history. It was at this point, when the scapegoat's voice was stilled forever, that being accused of assassinating the President became very much the same thing as having assassinated him.

Q. Have you any reason to suspect that the murders of President Kennedy, Robert F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King are linked?

A. In terms of probability they are all linked and have all been authorized.
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GARRISON

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ed by the same force. The particular missions apparently were all accomplished or instigated by the Central Intelligence Agency — the hidden altar ego of our nominal democracy which, by virtue of its clandestine character, its totalitarian philosophy and its secret marriage to the high command of the military, is free to do many things our traditions would never tolerate. Each of these victims were effective opponents of the Vietnam war.

In the case of Martin Luther King, the modus operandi in many instances resembles that used in John Kennedy's murder.

The similarities between the Kennedy and King assassinations — the obviously professional marksmanship, the prompt U.S. government announcements prior to any investigation that no conspiracy existed, the transparent use of scapegoats and the immediate dissemination of jackstraws of misleading data — are too familiar to require elaboration. In my considered judgment there is no doubt that the murders of John Kennedy and Martin Luther King were accomplished by the Central Intelligence Agency of the United States.

It is a probability that Senator Robert Kennedy was removed by the same organization, although by a slightly different technique.

At the present time the Cold War, including the Vietnam conflict, is a business grossing \$80 billion a year in America. The men who profit from this business and the men who have acquired incredible power as a result of the perennial war tensions will not tolerate for very long any peace talk from individuals whose charisma or whose political power make them a threat to the continuation of the economic and power benefits of the Cold War.

Q. Are any other prominent Washington leaders, including President Nixon and Senator Edward Kennedy, in danger of the same fate that befell President Kennedy?



COL. PIERRE FINCK
Pathologist at JFK autopsy

A. President Nixon is in no danger because the warfare does not recognize that the Vietnam war has become a lost cause.

As for Ted Kennedy, he will be killed without any question if he runs for President. He would be a victim of the same kind of "lone assassin," and the Justice Department would promptly say there was no conspiracy. But if Kennedy is permanently discredited by his accident and does not run, then he is in no danger.

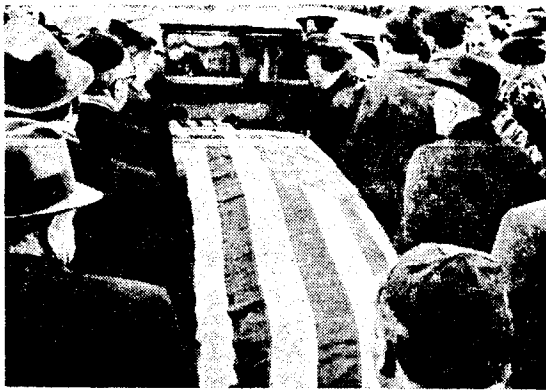
Q. What was David Ferrie's role in the activities occurring in New Orleans?

A. David Ferrie was a contract employee of the Central Intelligence Agency since the mid-1950s. He had flown for the CIA in Nicaragua and at Swan Island in the Caribbean. He had made night flights into Cuba for the CIA with weapons and passengers on special assignments.

Ferrie's relationship with Lee Oswald dates back to the 1950s when he was a captain in the Civil Air Patrol, and Oswald was a cadet. In 1963 when Oswald returned to New Orleans from Dallas for his assignment to engage in "left wing" activities he was seen frequently in Ferrie's company by a number



TWO DAYS LEFT: President Kennedy and wife Jackie pose with the Earl Warrens at a White House reception held Nov. 20, 1963.



RUBY'S FUNERAL: Jack Ruby killed key assassination witness — Lee Oswald — but authorities let Ruby be buried in flag-draped coffin because of his Air Force service.



VICTORY SMILE: Clay Shaw prepares to toast triumph over Jim Garrison after being acquitted of conspiracy charges.

Baltimore-born Thomas G. Buchanan has, in the past 20 years, become one of the best-known American journalists working in Europe, serving as a correspondent for publications in 15 countries.

Educated at Yale and George Washington Universities, the 50-year-old Buchanan rose to the rank of captain in the U.S. Army during World War II. In the years immediately after the war he was a top reporter for the Washington Evening Star, but he lost his job because of a controversial series of articles he wrote exposing racial segregation practices in Washington hospitals.

Since 1948, he has worked in Europe. He covered the trial of Jack Ruby in Dallas for the Paris publication, L'Express, and is the author of "Who Killed Kennedy?," a provocative book challenging the theory that Lee Harvey Oswald acted as a "lone assassin."

Here, in the first interview with District Attorney Jim Garrison since the Clay Shaw trial in New Orleans, Buchanan explores — exclusively for ENQUIRER readers — Garrison's explosive theories of a sinister plot within the U.S. government to kill President Kennedy.



WARREN COMMISSION: (From left) Rep. Gerald Ford, Rep. Hale Boggs, Sen. Richard Russell, Supreme Court Chief Justice Warren, Sen. John Cooper, John McCloy and Allen Dulles, with counsel, J. Lee Rankin.

of witnesses.

On the evening of the assassination Ferrie drove nine hours through a thunderstorm into Texas, later explaining that he made the trip to go ice skating. On the afternoon of Saturday, Nov. 23, 1963, he stood by a pay phone in a Houston skating rink where he made and received phone calls. That night he drove to Galveston. Ferrie was in Galveston on Saturday night when Jack Ruby made his call there shortly before midnight.

During the course of the investigation by the New Orleans District Attorney's office, just prior to his intended arrest, Ferrie suddenly died. The New Orleans coroner concluded that death was due to natural causes. Prior to his death, however, Ferrie wrote two lengthy suicide notes, leaving one on his piano and one on his table. His signature on each note was typed.

Q. Was the International Trade Mart, which Clay Shaw managed for 18 years, of any special interest to the government intelligence forces which you have described?

A. Yes. The International Trade Mart in 1963 was a building virtually filled with foreign consuls, other representatives of foreign governments, import agencies, export agencies and CIA cover operations.

When our office stumbled across the fact that the director of this unusual building was having clandestine meetings with Lee Harvey Oswald prior to the assassination we stumbled across

a governmental domestic intelligence operation, although we did not know it at the time.

Q. One of the mysteries about President Kennedy's murder is just where the "lone assassin" theory originated. It is common knowledge by now that most of the people in Dealey Plaza heard shooting from more than one direction, most of the shooting being heard from the grassy knoll to the President's front. Yet if one examines the news stories several days after the assassination, the official account of the "lone assassin" to the rear is as firmly jelled as if no other facts had ever been available. Why?

A. The first dissemination of the "lone assassin" story was broadcast to Air Force One, carrying the new President back to the nation's capital shortly before 6 p.m. (E.S.T.) on the afternoon of the assassination. Yet at this time back in Dallas all of the evidence distinctly pointed to the involvement of a number of men in the President's



DEAD WITNESS: Body of Dave Ferrie, close associate of Lee Oswald, is carried from his home by police officers.

Announcing that a lone assassin did it all and that there was no conspiracy — on the very afternoon of the assassination, before any investigation had begun — was roughly equivalent to announcing the final score of a football game right after the opening kick-off. The source of this prophetic announcement was the Joint Chiefs Communications Center in Washington.

By now the government has destroyed the original tape of this transmission just as it has destroyed everything which contradicts history's greatest fairy tale.

Q. The Warren Commission relied entirely on reports furnished by the investigators of government agencies, but the District Attorney's office in New Orleans has its own detectives. On the basis of the evidence they have uncovered in the last two years, how many people would you now arrest, if they were in your own jurisdiction, and what role did each play in the Kennedy assassination?

A. For a long time, I have tried to communicate the fact that the assassination of President Kennedy was a major government operation, more comparable in scope to the invasion of Inchon in the Korean war than to a lonely action by a random individual armed with an ancient gun and an obscure hate.

The New Orleans portion of the assassination was merely a small corner of the entire operation. So many people would have to be involved in the execution of President Kennedy that no single office as small as mine could pretend to define the scope of such a large federal operation in terms of numbers of individuals.

Q. During the Clay Shaw trial, Col. Pierre Finck, the pathologist at the Kennedy autopsy, testified that the President's neck wound was never probed because an Air Force or Army general directing the proceedings gave specific orders that this wound was not to be examined. He testified further that this general who appeared and took

over the autopsy was not a doctor. Who was this officer?

A. It is unlikely that the true name of the general who took over the autopsy will ever be made known to anyone. The autopsy was a delicate situation, fraught with the potential of exposure. Consequently, the government had to have it supervised — not merely by a doctor but an individual who knew what had to be kept hidden and what the official government fiction was going to be, a high-ranking individual with the power to forbid completion of the autopsy. The general ordered the pathologists conducting the autopsy not to examine the neck wound.



DAVE FERRIE

Left typed suicide notes

From the description of the civilian doctors at Parkland Hospital in Dallas the neck wound was received from the front. However, there was no corresponding exit wound to the rear of the neck. Of course, the immediate meaning of such evidence is that the federal investigation and the solemn Warren Commission inquiry were fakes.

Q. What likelihood does there appear to be that awareness will develop in the United States with regard to the situation?

A. The prospects for any timely insight are very dim.

In 1964 when it certified that the impossible indeed had occurred, the Warren Commission declared a large sector of reality as being officially off-limits. In the warfare state there are approved and unapproved realities.

The fact that President Kennedy was thrown backwards by the force of the fatal shot is unapproved reality because the official scapegoat was behind the President — in the opposite direction from the source of the shot — and general recognition of this fact would threaten the base of power.

Consequently the Zapruder film, which clearly shows what actually happened to the President, remains hidden from the people.

It is not true that we are in Vietnam in great force because we are fighting for democracy. We are in Vietnam, and have lost more than 35,000 men there, because it is a source of huge economic and power benefits for the warfare conglomerate which dominates the government.

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