Garrison Investigation

To the Editor: The editorial staff of the Star should be commended on their relic-tance to speculate concerning the Garrison investigation in New Orleans. Unfortunately, magazines such as Newsweek have angaged in unethical pre-trial discussion of what little they know about Garrison's first case. This can only serve to prejudice future juries.

For those who doubt that attempts are being made to stop Garrison, I offer the following pieces of information. Just after the Garrison investigation made headlines, attempts were made simultaneously in various parts of the country to get critics of the Warren Commission to release false information, probably to throw a smokescreen over Garrison.

The "information" was provided by persons who approached the critics with "new evidence." These persons had detailed knowledge of the assassination and sheir stories stood up to lengthy interrogation by attorneys. Only one of them has been identified thus far: Lulu Belle Holmes, alias Rita Rollens, a CiA agent. She was identified just recently when she appeared en radio in the Philadelphia area to announce that she had quit the CiA and written a book about her life as an informant.

She then approached a Philadelphia attorney with the information that the CIA is helping Garrison and that the real culprits in the assassination were Pres. Johnson, J. Edgar Hoover, and Gen. Wheeler. This second attempt on her part to spread confusion only serves to underline Jim Garrison's recent statement that the CIA is himdering his investigation.

There has also been tampering with witnesses. Former Asst. District Atty. (of Jefferson Parish) Dean Andrews, who 3½ years ago shrugged off FBI harrassment to go out and find a man connected with the assassination, now claims he knows nothing and is thus being tried for perjury. When asked why he would suddenly ruin his legal career and risk prison, he replied that all he could say was that a big political figure had told him he'd better keep his mouth shut if he wanted to stay bealthy.

Furthermore, a few days ago a saiper took five shots at Gordon Novel, one of Garrison's witnesses, wounding him in the shoulder. If this trend continues, there will be no trial because there will be no witnesses left to testify.

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