

as well as many other critical problems, will stand out in stark contrast. "The gap between the economic status of the 'have' nations and that of the

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JFK, judge said killed by hit man

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (UPI) — A convicted hit man claimed he killed both President John F. Kennedy and federal Judge John H. Wood Jr. and planned to use that information to bargain with the government, El Paso lawyer Joe Chagra testified yesterday.

Chagra said Charles Harrelson insisted he had killed Kennedy and even drew a map of the area in Dallas where Kennedy was shot in 1963. But Chagra said Harrelson also told him that he hoped the information could get him a life sentence in a comfortable federal prison instead of the Texas penitentiary.

Although Harrelson claimed to have been cleared by a 1980 grand jury in Wood's 1979 shooting death, he said he could still prove he killed Wood with "an ace in the hole — the murder weapon itself," Chagra said.

In the same visit with Chagra Sept. 24, 1980, Harrelson drew a second map of the area east of Dallas where he said he tossed from a bridge the rifle he used to kill Wood. Chagra reproduced the map later and the FBI found it in a search of his home in February 1981.

Harrelson, his wife Jo Ann and Elizabeth Chagra — wife of the man accused of hiring Harrelson to kill Wood — are on trial on charges relating

to Wood's death. Joe Chagra arranged a plea bargain in exchange for his testimony.

Chagra testified that Harrelson promised to take the entire blame for Wood's death and clear others suspected in the case. He also had come up with a motive, Chagra said.

"He said his motive was that when he was in Leavenworth [federal prison], he saw many young people sentenced to long terms of years by Judge Wood," Chagra said. "He felt Judge Wood deserved to die. That would explain his motive for killing Judge Wood without anybody hiring him."

Joe Chagra had testified Monday that Harrelson admitted he killed Wood, and boasted of a "clean shot."

Monday Chagra said he twice encouraged his brother Jimmy to kill Wood but learned only later that Jimmy had hired Harrelson for the job.

The plot was hatched April 2, 1979, as the brothers were still sitting at the defense table in Wood's empty courtroom in Midland, Texas — angry that Wood had refused to step down in Jimmy Chagra's upcoming drug smuggling trial, Joe Chagra said.

Wood, 63, was shot in the back outside his San Antonio apartment on his way to work May 29, 1979 — the day Jimmy Chagra had originally been scheduled for trial in his court.

Harrelson, convicted in another murder-for-hire case, has been accused of killing Wood for \$250,000 from Jimmy Chagra, a high-rolling gambler at the time. Joe Chagra, 36, was charged with conspiracy but pleaded guilty in September and agreed to testify against Harrelson.