

U.S. Seeks to Block Subpoena By Garrison for FBI Agent

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The Justice Department asked yesterday for dismissal of a subpoena ordering an FBI agent to testify before a New Orleans grand jury about his work in investigating President Kennedy's assassination.

District Attorney Jim Garrison quickly assailed the move, charged that it amounted to "taking the Fifth Amendment," and obtained another subpoena directed this time at the Central Intelligence Agency.

"This isn't going to stop our investigation," the District Attorney declared. "There's no way in the world they can stop it. All they can do is slow it down."

Oswald Photo Sought

The new subpoena orders CIA Director Richard Helms to produce what Garrison claims is a photograph of Lee Harvey Oswald and a burly Cuban in front of the Cuban Embassy in Mexico City in the fall of 1963.

Garrison claimed several months ago to have "solved" the assassination, but in recent days he has been concentrating on charges that the

FBI and the CIA were covering up evidence he needs.

The District Attorney again had no comment on an offer of money and a job made by one of his investigators to a supposed witness — Alvin R. Beaubouef—for testimony in the case.

At a press conference in New Orleans yesterday, Beaubouef's attorney, Burton G. Klein, said Beaubouef "confirms in all details" Newsweek magazine's account of the offer.

Newsweek called it a "bribery attempt" and said that Beaubouef subsequently signed an affidavit disclaiming that interpretation of the offer only in the face of threats from Garrison's office.

Klein said Beaubouef was told he would be shot if he made trouble, or that photographs of him would be circulated "which would put him to shame," United Press International reported.

The 21-year-old Beaubouef had been picked up along with airline pilot David W. Ferrie in 1963 shortly after President Kennedy's assassination on rumors that Federal agents concluded were baseless.

Shortly after Ferrie died in

February, however, Garrison charged that Ferrie conspired with Lee Harvey Oswald and New Orleans businessman Clay Shaw to kill the late President.

Agent Questioned Oswald

The FBI agent Garrison sought to subpoena yesterday was Regis L. Kennedy, who questioned Ferrie and several others in New Orleans in 1963 in the aftermath of the assassination. Oswald spent six months in New Orleans in 1963.

U.S. Attorney Louis C. LaCour told Criminal District Court Judge Bernard C. Bagert in New Orleans that Kennedy, who is still stationed there, had been ordered not to testify by Attorney General Ramsey C. Clark.

FBI agents, the Justice Department said, traditionally do not testify before state grand juries under long-standing departmental regulations forbidding them from disclosing information to sources outside the Department.

Judge Bagert set a hearing for Tuesday on the Government's motion to quash the subpoena.

Garrison was also reported to have obtained a grand jury



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REGIS KENNEDY
... not to testify

subpoena for FBI agent Warren C. DeBrueys, who also investigated New Orleans aspects of the assassination in 1963, but the subpoena was apparently misdirected. The Justice Department said it had no knowledge of it. DeBrueys is now with the FBI in Washington.

Others subpoenaed to testify before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury were Carlos Quiroga, a former Cuban exile leader in New Orleans, and Oscar DesSlatte, a truck salesman who reportedly says he was approached in 1961 by a man named Oswald about buying a truck. (Lee Harvey Oswald was in Russia at the time.)