

# Dead Man Not Involved in Assassination Plot, Oswald Probe Figure Says

From Our Wire Services  
NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 23.—President Kennedy's assassin, a man of airline pilot found dead Wednesday, was not one of the "possible members" of a conspiracy investigation.

Another figure in District Attorney Jim Garrison's investigation, he said David W. Ferrie, a Garrison spokesman, believes existed in New Orleans.

## DROPS FROM SIGHT

David Lewis, 26, who handles baggage at a Continental Trail A. M. Ways bus depot and claims to have been a private detective who knew "four or five" members of a 1963 plot against the starting President, dropped out of sight Wednesday night.

He showed up again late

Thursday morning at Garrison's office to say he did not believe Warren Report but never linked

Kerrie was one of the group with the assassination.

He knew the nude body of Ferrie, a 49-year-old former Eastern Air Lines pilot, was found in his apartment Wednesday.

Garrison used the occasion to call a news conference and declare the dead man was "involved in the events culminating in the assassination of President Kennedy."

## MURDER RULED OUT

Dr. Nicholas Chetta O'Leans, parish coroner, ruled out murder in Kerrie's death. Chetta said he made the decision because there was no evidence of tissue damage which would have resulted if the brain hemorrhage that caused death had been due to a blow.

The district attorney already had said Kerrie's death apparently was suicide. But there was no official ruling as to whether the hemorrhage was natural or had been caused by a drug.

The coroner's toxicological report, which could shed more light on the cause of death, will take a week to complete.

## NO RELAPSE SHOW UP

Chetta said officials of the New Orleans Hospital, where Kerrie was admitted to judicial care, had informed him of his recovery.

Lane said he would let him know if he had any new information on the new aspect of the assassination.

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