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Fears for Life, Asserts Ex-Private Investigator

Says 'People Involved in Plot Are Vicious'

David F. Lewis Jr., a former private investigator, said Monday he fears for his life as a result of his role in District Attorney Jim Garrison's investigation to uncover a New Orleans-based plot in the assassination of President Kennedy.

Lewis admitted being questioned by Garrison several days ago and singling out four or five persons as implicated in the plot.

CAPABLE OF ANYTHING

The people involved in this plot are very vicious and capable of anything. If they're capable of assassinating a United States president, they would not hesitate in getting rid of any of the witnesses, Lewis asserted.

The 37-year-old New Orleans man, who is a freight agent for a local firm, said he believes his life and the lives of his wife and four children have been placed in jeopardy as a result of the probe, and he plans to



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DAVIS F. LEWIS JR.

ask the district attorney for protection.

Lewis said he was not at liberty to reveal anything about the investigation. Asked how he gained his information, Lewis maintained he was in the "right place in the right time" back in 1963 when Oswald lived in New Orleans prior to moving to Dallas, scene of the assassination Nov. 22, 1963.

MET OSWALD, HE SAYS

Lewis said he met Oswald several times in 1963, but would not disclose where or when or the circumstances leading to the meetings. He also refused to discuss whether Cuban exiles are involved in the alleged plot.

"Garrison's got himself a case. I'm convinced of that. He's doing something that should have been done a long time ago. This investigation definitely is not a hoax on anyone's part. There was a plot. I know about it. And I know the people who were involved," Lewis stated.