

'Plot' Figure Back In New Orleans

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NEW ORLEANS (UPI)—J. S. (Jack) Martin, mentioned as the informant who triggered Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy, has returned to New Orleans and gone into hiding.

Garrison said last week he had "solved the mystery of the assassination" and will arrest every individual involved. He said the only way the conspirators can escape is to die or kill themselves.

Martin, a private investigator, was out of town for several days on a trip to Houston. He said yesterday he became concerned with news accounts of Garrison's probe and returned to offer his assistance.

"Now I'm hid out," he said. "I'm stuck in an unpleasant and nasty situation," said Martin.

Testimony Called a Lie

The Secret Service said Martin lied during the investigation of Kennedy's murder in saying he knew of a connection between assassin Lee Harvey Oswald and David W. Ferrie.

Ferrie, whom Garrison said was "involved in events culminating in the assassination," was found dead Wednesday in his apartment.

Martin called news media yesterday to deny that he ever retracted his accusations.

Martin's statements in 1963 brought Secret service and FBI questioning of both Martin and Ferrie. As reported in the Warren Report, the government investigators found no evidence to support a conspiracy theory. Martin, it was pointed out, had been known for heavy drinking.

Denials by Ferrie

Ferrie denied that he ever knew Oswald or that he was to have been the "getaway pilot" for the assassin.

In Dallas, the Times Herald said Garrison's investigators checked airports in and around Dallas last month to see if Ferrie was there about the time of the assassination.

The investigator carried three photographs, one of them Ferrie. The newspaper said two persons indicated they recognized Ferrie but couldn't say when they saw him.

Martin said he is solidly behind Garrison's investigation and regards Garrison as an intelligent and resourceful official.

He said he doubts he gave Garrison any information the district attorney did not already know, but he would like to help and cooperate in the investigation. He said he will take his cue from Garrison.