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Probe of Garrison Is Urged

Crime Unit Writes Letter to Governor

The Metropolitan Crime Commission of New Orleans Inc. said Thursday it sent a letter to Gov. John J. McKeithen stating the commission did not request State Atty. Gen. Jack P. Gremillion to stop Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's Kennedy assassination probe.

"We did ask," the letter says, "the attorney general to investigate allegations that various crimes have been committed by Mr. Garrison and members of his staff during the past several months, in the course of the probe.

"Accusations of Crimes

against persons to whom we entrust the administration of justice cannot be ignored without creating an atmosphere of distrust for our justice machinery."

The letter added that Garrison has a responsibility to investigate allegations of an assassination plot.

Similarly, it is the responsibility of the governor and the attorney general to investigate allegations of crimes committed by a district attorney and members of his staff, the letter said, "and, based on all the evidence, to prosecute or exonerate those accused."

The MCC said it believes Garrison's investigation should not be prematurely terminated and

urged the governor to help the attorney general to "initiate the exercising of his duty in this matter."