

One of Dead Pilots Lewallen Lawyer

George Piazza II, one of the pilots killed early today in the crash of a Delta DC-8 jet, was an attorney for a key figure in the probe of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Piazza was counsel for James Lewallen, a one-time roommate of David William Ferrie. District Attorney Jim Garrison claims Ferrie is one of a group which plotted the President's slaying here.

IRONICALLY, FERRIE AND LEWALLEN roomed together in Kenner, scene of today's tragic crash.

Piazza was both an attorney and a pilot. When he graduated from Loyola University school of law in 1964, he won the school's top law award.

In 1965, he became an assistant district attorney under Garrison, but resigned in 1966.

Lewallen, Piazza's client, is also a pilot, as was Ferrie.

Piazza is the nephew of George Piazza, also an attorney and a long-time local political figure. He is a cousin of Marguerite Piazza, the opera singer.

THE ELDER PIAZZA WAS FOR many years attorney for the Sewerage and Water Board, and served in the Legislature.

The younger Piazza lived at 2104 Airline Park blvd., Metairie.