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'Tramps' Deny Any Role in JFK Killing

FBI interviews 2 of 3 men found near assassination scene

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Two of the three "tramps" arrested in Dallas shortly after the assassination of President John F. Kennedy have told the FBI that they had nothing to do with the Nov. 22, 1963 shooting.

Oliver B. Revell, agent in charge of the FBI's Dallas office, said yesterday that John F. Gedney and Harold Doyle were found and questioned recently after years of anonymity. The third, Gus W. Abrams, probably is dead, Revell said.

Their arrest sheets were found recently among Dallas police records on the assassination.

"We're not reopening the Kennedy case per se, but we are factually checking out any leads that do not appear to have been adequately handled," Revell said.

Many conspiracy theorists have said that the tramps were involved in the killing. Clean-shaven and relatively well-groomed, they were found in a freight car near the assassination site not long after Kennedy was killed Nov. 22, 1963.

They were held as "investigative" prisoners on vagrancy charges and released four days later, according to their arrest records.

Gedney, of Melbourne, Fla., and Doyle, of Klamath Falls, Ore., told the FBI that "they had spent the night at the rescue mission and

were treated very nicely," Revell said.

"Both commented that they had gotten fresh clothes, showered, shaved and had a meal. They headed back to the railroad yard when they heard all the commotion and sirens and everything. ... They were told the president had been shot."

The FBI also plans to perform a new image enhancement of an 8mm film taken six or seven minutes before the assassination that seems to show movement in the sixth-floor windows of the Texas School Book Depository, from which Lee Harvey Oswald is said to have fired the fatal shots.

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