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Testimony in JFK Case Being Sought

After claiming that accused presidential assassin Lee Harvey Oswald was actually associated closely with anti-Castro elements in New Orleans, District Attorney Jim Garrison Monday had a grand jury subpoena issued for a former anti-Castro leader.

The subpoena was for Carlos Quiroga, 30, 3134 Derby Pl. Deputies of Criminal Sheriff Louis A. Heyd Jr. served the subpoena at Quiroga's residence. Quiroga was not home at the time.

Informed sources said Quiroga was leader of the Cuban Liberation Democratic Front in the early 1960s with Sergio Arcacha Smith and the late David W. Ferrie.

It was learned that Quiroga was questioned extensively by the district attorney's office in recent months and submitted to a lie detector test concerning the assassination of President Kennedy. Quiroga is a Cuban refugee.

Assistant District Attorney James L. Alcock said he requested issuance of the subpoena.

PLOT ALLEGED

Arcacha Smith, an anti-Castro leader in New Orleans in 1961, was charged with conspiracy to commit simple burglary of a munitions bunker by Garrison's office. Ferrie, a pilot, was being kept under surveillance by the district attorney before his death Feb. 22.

Quiroga was ordered to appear Wednesday.

This move followed Garrison's announcement Sunday night that he will seek a Senate investigation of what he called a Central Intelligence Agency cover-up of President John F. Kennedy's assassination.

Garrison said in an interview that the CIA and the Federal Bureau of Investigation cooperated in concealing facts of the assassination from the Warren

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wald, during his time in New Orleans, was continually and exclusively surrounded with, and even under the control of, persons connected with federal police agencies."

It is thought that Garrison may seek the aid of Sen. Russell B. Long in convincing Congress that an investigation is necessary.

Long, a personal and political friend of Garrison, reportedly was instrumental in prompting Garrison's investigation.

However, the district attorney told The Times-Picayune, "I have no time to travel to Washington to convince Congress or to try to convince anybody else. I do hope that in the course of time some interest does develop in Washington about the collusion of federal agencies, all of which are supported by tax money from citizens, in fraudulently withholding from the American people the true facts of Lee Oswald's activities and relationships."

Garrison accused federal agents of being accessories after the fact in the assassination by concealing facts.

"The federal agents who concealed vital knowledge regarding President Kennedy's assassination, and their superiors who are now engaged in a dedicated effort to discredit and obstruct the gathering of evidence in the case, are guilty of being accessories after the fact to one of the cruelest murders in our history," he said.

'STORY CORRECT'

Garrison termed a recent New Orleans States-Item story concerning Oswald and the CIA in New Orleans "essentially correct."

"Oswald's Fair Play for Cuba actions in New Orleans constituted a transparent sham. These actions were designed as a cover, while he was in fact engaged in no Communist activity whatsoever.

"His associations here were exclusively — not merely frequently, but exclusively — with persons whose orientation was anti-Castro, all of whom were

plainly connected with federal agencies here."

Oswald's associates, Garrison said, were involved in a variety of revolutionary activities which were carried out with the full knowledge and consent of the CIA and the FBI.

These activities ranged from planning guerrilla strikes to procuring ammunition for smuggling into Cuba, he said.

"Federal agents were in close proximity to and well aware of these activities," said Garrison.

"They would positively — not just probably — know of Oswald's total involvement with these individuals engaged in anti-Castro planning and operations."

AGENTS CALLED

Garrison has subpoenaed two federal agents, one of them an FBI man, for grand jury testimony Wednesday.

The FBI agent, Regis Kennedy, questioned Ferrie for the Warren Commission.

The other agent, Warren DeBrueys, 4827 Michoud blvd., appears frequently in records of the assassination investigation in the national archives.

Garrison expressed fear that the agents may be told by higher government officials not to answer the subpoenas.

Garrison said federal agents in New Orleans "would necessarily know the fact that Oswald was employing a cover in his Fair Play for Cuba activities, and would know well the true nature of his role here.

"They would know well that he was hired to engage in this sham activity well before he came to New Orleans."

'REMAINED SILENT'

"And yet they remained silent while evidence was presented to the Warren Commission, to the American people and to the world that this man was an individual engaged in meaningless lonesome activities — that he was a free-lance Communist who had no connections, no case agents or companions.

"These federal agents," Garrison continued, "would know well that Oswald was engaged in a clandestine operation with

Commission. He said he will take steps this week to convince the Senate of a need for a full-scale investigation.

Saying he has learned the true facts behind the assassination, Garrison charged that the CIA has knowledge that the Warren Commission's conclusion that Oswald, acting alone shot Kennedy is untrue.

'COVER' CLAIMED

Garrison pegged Oswald as a revolutionary working closely with anti-Castro organizations in New Orleans and Dallas rather than as a Communist. He claimed a Communist cover was used to mask his true activities.

"There is no doubt whatsoever," he said, that Lee Os-

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revolutionary anti-Castro Cubans, and that he was shepherded everywhere he went in New Orleans by an individual known to have been in the employ of the Central Intelligence Agency.

"And they would know well that, when Lee Oswald was in Dealey Plaza in Dallas, he was not alone."

The Warren Commission alleged that Oswald, acting alone, shot Kennedy from a window of the Texas Schoolbook Depository building which stands in Dealey Plaza.

Despite detailed knowledge of Oswald and his associates in New Orleans, Garrison said, "These agents have remained silent while none of Oswald's significant contacts was called before the Warren Commission.

"They remained silent while the men on the Warren Commission were presented an endless parade of trivia, from Oswald's grades in grammar school to a study of his hairs."

There was no mention of significant evidence relating to "active Cuban revolutionaries and to federal agents who had

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close contact with them," stated Garrison.

Most reports of federal investigators which touch on Cuban activity "continue to be classified as secret and remain hidden from the American people," he said.

"The plain fact is that our federal intelligence agencies are implacably determined to do whatever is necessary to block any further inquiry into the facts of the assassination.

"The arrogant, totalitarian efforts of these federal agencies to obstruct the discovery of the truth is a matter which I intend to bring to light when we have finished doing the job they should have done."

However, Garrison did say, "It is my considered judgment that the members of the Warren Commission did not know that significant evidence was being withheld from them. I am sure that they did not know, for example, that a picture of

Oswald at the Cuban embassy in Mexico City was kept hidden from them because his Cuban companion was a man who had worked for the CIA."

Garrison concluded the interview with a plea for each citizen to ask his representatives in Washington for an investigation of the matter.

He added, "No government agency, no matter how powerful, is more important than the truth . . . Whether these agencies are aware of it or not, John F. Kennedy was President of all of us, and the truth about his death belongs to all of us."

Exile Leader Denies Garrison's Charges

A Cuban exile leader here Monday denied charges by District Attorney Jim Garrison that his people had any connection with United States federal agencies conspiring against Fidel Castro and declared President John F. Kennedy was killed in a Communist plot.

Dr. Carlos Bringuier, head of the New Orleans Delegation of the Cuban Student Directorate, said his organization sent a letter months ago to the House Committee on Un-American Activities asking it "to investigate Mr. Garrison's investigation."

The Cuban leader said it is up to the Central Intelligence Agency and the Federal Bureau of Investigation to "answer charges made against them" by Garrison that Lee Harvey Oswald, lone Kennedy assassin named by the Warren Commission, was working with them in anti-Castro Cuban activities.

"This delegation had four encounters with Lee Harvey Oswald in the summer of 1963," said Dr. Bringuier, "and even on Aug. 21 of that year we were asking for a congressional investigation of Oswald as a confessed Marxist."

"When a conspiracy is made to put the blame of that infamous crime on us," he added, "then we have to tell all the new Quislings infiltrated in this country that we prefer to die than to allow all our prestige cut to pieces."

He added, "Oswald was a Communist, he was a Castro agent in this country, and as that he took the life of the President of the United States."

Asked about the Cuban leader's statements, Garrison said he had no comment.