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GARRISON INVESTIGATION SEEMS TO POINT TO C.I.A.

ANNOUNCER: "The New Orleans inquiry into President Kennedy's assassination appears to be saying that Lee Oswald was a U.S. undercover agent. This would contradict the Warren Commission report which pictured President Kennedy's alleged assassin as a communist oriented man.

"The New Orleans State's Item' quoted sources close to New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison's inquiry. Garrison's office is said to believe that Oswald was an operative, working closely with militant anti-communist Cubansgroups. Oswald, a native of New Orleans, returned to the city in the summer of 1963. He was active on behalf of a pro-Castro group. Garrison's office is said to believe this was a cover for Oswald's true activities.

"Garrison has charged that Oswald, the late David Ferrie and Clay Shaw, were involved in a conspiracy to kill President Kennedy. Shaw is awaiting trial.

"The 'State's Item' account said Garrison's continuing investigation is said to have taken a definite trend toward what are believed to be indications that persons employed by the Central Intelligence Agency were responsible for President Kennedy's death.

"Meanwhile, the C.I.A. -- ah -- has refused to comment directly on the report that Oswald acted as a C.I.A. agent -- ah -- the agency referred only to testimony its officials made before the Warren Commission. At that time -- ah -- the then head of the C.I.A., John McCone, denied that Oswald was ever connected, directly or indirectly, with the agency."