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Latest development in the Garrison probe was the appearance of the controversial DA on the Johnny Carson "Tonight" show on NBC. Garrison said that a Dallas woman he identified as Julia Ann Mercer told him she had seen Jack Ruby at the scene of the assassination shortly before President Kennedy was shot. He reiterated his denunciation of elements he said conspired to conceal the truth surrounding the killing of the President, naming President Johnson as the chief architect of the alleged concealment.

Thomas Edward Beckham, the entertainer-evangelist sought for questioning by DA Jim Garrison, was ordered to return to New Orleans to testify before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury in the presidential assassination probe. The action came in district court in Omaha, Neb., after Beckham was arrested for failing to appear for a hearing. Meanwhile, Eugene Davis, bar operator whose name has been mentioned prominently in connection with the probe, was arrested here and booked with obscenity involving a 16-year-old boy.

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