

Answers Awaited
On Garrison Quiz

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Cuban Says 'Warren Report Will Crumble'

Does District Attorney Jim Garrison really have a solid investigation brewing into an alleged New Orleans plot which led to the assassination of President Kennedy in Dallas?

The world was waiting for an answer Sunday.

The greying 44-year-old district attorney remained incommunicado over the weekend following his explosive disclosure two days ago that his office had uncovered a presidential assassination plot involving Cubans and that "arrests will be made."

Meanwhile, a press dispatch from Miami Sunday quoted a Cuban exile as admitting he has made several trips between Miami and New Orleans in connection with the Garrison probe.

The exile, 32-year-old Bernardo Torres predicted that "The Warren Report and the FBI report (on the assassination) will crumble when the investigation is released."

Torres, a private detective helped the Secret Service guard

chief executive was in the Florida metropolis four days before his assassination on Nov. 22, 1963.

HELPED GUARD JFK

Torres said he was one of 10 Cubans who helped protect Kennedy in Miami, which has a large Cuban colony. He claimed the Secret Service had asked trusted Cubans to spot suspicious Cubans, because it was "definitely expected" that an attempt would be made on the President's life.

The exile said Garrison had engaged him to look into the background of some Cubans reported to have been with Oswald shortly before the Dallas tragedy. Torres said he had seen photographs of Oswald with some Cubans, although he was not acquainted with them.

The photographs in question reportedly were taken in New Orleans shortly before the assassination.

Torres refused to discuss a report that Oswald had visited Miami to talk with Cubans. Nor

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Press Calls Pour From Over Globe

News offices of The Times-Picayune were besieged with calls Sunday from newspapers across the country and in Europe. Foreign correspondents based in New York and representing major newspapers in London and Paris said public interest in Europe had been considerably stirred by the New Orleans developments. Some of these reporters were being dispatched to New Orleans for on-the-scene news gathering.

President Kennedy when the

would he talk about reports that some exiles — angry at Kennedy's failure to take action which might have saved the unsuccessful 1961 Bay of Pigs invasion — were talking about killing the President.

Torres was a member of the invasion brigade. He now is military coordinator of its veterans' organization, called Brigade 2506.

'IN PUBLIC INTEREST'

Stressing that the Warren Report will be proved wrong, Torres said he was helping Garrison's investigation "in the public interest" without pay, receiving only expense money.

Garrison, alarmed by the public notice his investigation has received, could not be contacted Sunday for any new developments in the case.

The district attorney had

promised earlier that charges will be filed and convictions obtained against conspirators who plotted Kennedy's assassination in New Orleans and which "culminated in what happened in Dallas."

Thus far, Garrison has not released any names of persons involved in the alleged conspiracy, although the district attorney admitted that a man's life has been placed in jeopardy because of widespread newspaper publicity.

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Garrison's weekend revelations touched off a world-wide chain reaction. European periodicals were said to be treating the news disclosures as front page news.

Garrison reluctantly confirmed Saturday that an intensive probe was in progress, but felt that public knowledge of the affair would endanger people's lives and throw cold water on his investigation activities. He would not elaborate.

Oswald, who lived in New Orleans a few months prior to the assassination, was a member of the pro-Castro Fair Play For Cuba Committee. As a result of his activities with the group, Oswald became involved in several controversies here, including a scuffle with an anti-Castro group while distributing pamphlets.

Several of Oswald's acquaintances in New Orleans have

been questioned by the district attorney's office in recent weeks, ostensibly to find out if Oswald was ever seen in the company of certain persons. Those questioned include a co-worker in a coffee plant on Magazine st., Oswald's landlady and a garage operator who befriended Oswald.

MOVED TO N.O. JAIL

Other developments in the Garrison probe involved a 26-year-old Cuban, Miguel Torres (no relation to the Miami exile), who was serving a jail term at Angola State Penitentiary for burglary and who was transferred to the Orleans Parish prison last month by request of the district attorney.