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# A-WON'T CONFIRM 'FK PLOT PROBE ON

## sn't Have to Explain Trips, He Retorts

District Attorney Jim Garrison reacted tersely and somewhat profanely Friday to questions about an investigation by his office concerning the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Garrison would say was "it's very possible that an investigation is being conducted."

It was learned later from a reliable source that the Federal Bureau of Investigation in New Orleans has been aware of the probe for some weeks. The attorney would not comment further.

The usual suave district attorney bristled when questioned further, in particular about trips made by his investigators to several cities.

"I don't have to explain my trips to any newspaper," he said. "I will have members of my staff make trips anywhere, anytime, in connection with work I think is the best for my office."

He then resorted to an unimpeachable phrase in telling a reporter what his editors and the public could do about it.

### CUT OFF SHORT

Garrison had told a reporter several weeks ago that his office was looking into the matter of Lee Harvey Oswald's activities in New Orleans.

Earlier Friday, Garrison told a second reporter it was possible that first Asst. Atty. Charles Ray Ward was handling such an investigation. It was when this reporter asked for more details that Garrison refused to question Garrison further, stating that the district attorney would be off in short fashion.

Several weeks ago Ward was quoted as saying an investigation was in progress, although he believed that little new information would be revealed.

The investigation received nationwide attention Friday when it was learned that the district attorney's office was spending thousands of dollars on the project.

The expenditures, totaling over \$8,000, indicated more than a routine check was being made.

Garrison said Friday that "so much goes on in my office" there could be an investigation going on of which he might not be aware.

### RESIDENTS QUIZZED

However, it was learned Friday that at least two New Orleans residents who knew Oswald, while he was living here in 1963 have been interrogated in recent weeks by representatives from the district attorney's office. They included Charles LeBlanc, who worked with Oswald in a coffee plant on Magazine st., and Adrian Alba, a garage operator who befriended Oswald.

LeBlanc, still employed at the William B. Reily & Co., Inc., coffee enterprise, 440 Magazine st., said he was quizzed for about five minutes.

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