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Sick Ferrie Felt Life Unjust

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The man labeled "one of history's most important individuals" by Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison was also sick, sometimes scared, and bitterly sure that there was no justice for him in this world.

At the end of his life, the mysterious David William Ferrie lived in the clutter of a second-floor duplex on, as he said, a diet of "coffee, cigarettes and Jello."

THERE ALSO WERE PILLS—bottles and bottles of them.

The bottles were clustered, a hodgepodge of shapes, sizes and colors, like some sort of surrealist centerpiece on a coffee table in the middle of his living room.

~~My first~~ contact with Ferrie was a telephone ~~call~~ late Friday afternoon following the appearance of the initial

story in The States-Item on a new investigation ~~launched~~ by the district attorney into the slaying of President John F. Kennedy.

FERRIE'S VOICE WAS NASAL and almost inaudible. He said he was physically sick and mentally tired of remaining silent on the investigation. He wanted to talk.

He did talk—about everything under the sun—for a span of four and a half hours that night. Until the day of his death he stayed in contact by telephone.

The man investigated on two different occasions by the DA's office in connection with the slaying met me at the downstairs entrance to his apartment at 3330 Louisiana Ave. Pkwy.

HIS STEPS WERE FEEBLE AS he climbed the stairs to the second floor. He apologized for the slowness, but

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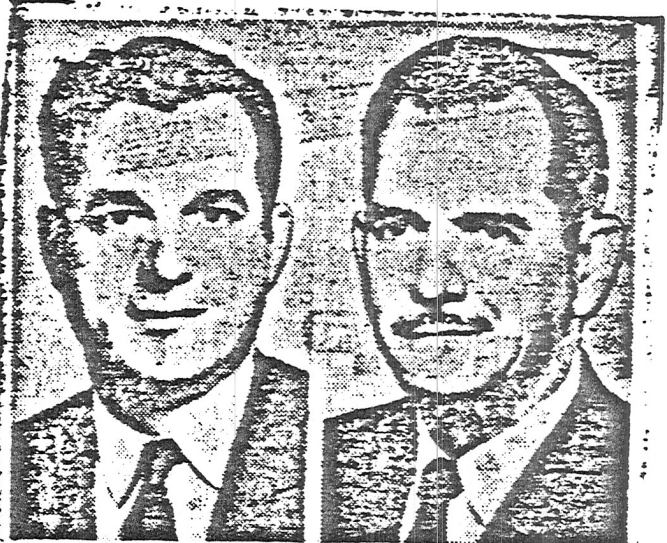
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David Lewis, a bus station baggage clerk who claims he had knowledge of a possible conspiracy to kill Kennedy, went to Garrison's office yesterday, again expressing fear for his life.

Miguel Torres, a Cuban exile who lived a block from Oswald on Magazine st. in 1963, was transferred from a jail cell to the Parish Prison hospital. Reportedly, there was a telephone call threatening his life.

Torres was returned to New Orleans from the Louisiana State Penitentiary at Angola last month for questioning by Garrison's investigators.



WHERE THE MONEY IS reportedly coming from to back District Attorney Jim Garrison's probe of a plot to assassinate President Kennedy, is from **JOSEPH RAULT**, left, and **WILLARD ROBERTSON**. Rault, an oil company president, and Robertson, an automobile dealer, are among a group of New Orleans businessmen who have pledged to privately finance Garrison's investigation. "No questions asked."