Discounts Two Notes

Chetta Officially Rules Ferrie Death Natural

Orleans Parish Coroner Dr. Nicholas Chetta today officially ruled that David William Ferrie died of natural causes.

The coroner said he did this despite a second note found in Ferrie's apartment, apparently to a friend, in which he indicated he expected to die very soon.

"It would be easy for the public to say this is emotional suicide, but we cannot classify it as such," said Chetta.

HE DESCRIBED FERRIE as an "intelligent psychopath." He called him a "dangerous man, capable of doing anything." He said Ferrie was a "manic depressive with paranoiac tendencies."

Ferrie, who was found dead in his apartment last Wednesday, has been called by District Attorney Jim Garrison a key figure in the DA's investigation of a conspiracy to kill President John F. Kennedy.

The note, the existence of which was not revealed until today, said:

"Dear —:

"When you read this I will be quite dead and no answer will be possible. I wonder

"Tell me you treated me as you did because I was the one who always got you in trouble. The police arrest. The strip car charge. The deal at Kohn School. Flying Barragona in the Beech.

"Well, I guess that helps ease your conscience, even if it is not the truth. All I can say is that I offered you love, and the best I could. All I got in return in the end was a kick in the teeth. Thus I die alone and unloved.

"You would not even straighten out—about me, though this started when you were going steady.

"I wonder what your last days and hours are going to be like. As you sowed, so shall you also reap."

The note, which was typewritten, was signed "Dave." The signature was also typed. The letter was not dated.

In these respects, it was similar to another note, part of which was revealed earlier, in which Ferrie described death as "a sweet prospect."